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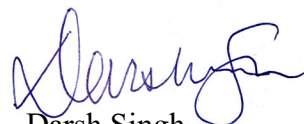
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Finland and NATO flags flutter at the courtyard of the Foreign Ministry in Helsinki, Finland on Tuesday.

Finland joins NATO alliance

BRUSSELS (AP) — Finland joined the NATO military alliance Tuesday, dealing a major blow to Russian President Vladimir Putin with a historic realignment of Europe's post-Cold War security landscape triggered by Moscow's invasion of Ukraine.

The Nordic country's membership doubles Russia's border with the world's biggest security alliance. Finland had adopted neutrality after its defeat by the Soviets in World War II, but its leaders signaled they wanted to join NATO after Moscow's invasion of Ukraine sent a shiver of fear through its neighbors.

"The era of nonalignment in our history has come to an end — a new era begins," President Sauli Niinistö said before his country's blue-and-white flag was raised outside NATO headquarters. A short distance away, outside the security fence, a few dozen people wrapped in flags of their own chanted, "Ukraine needs NATO."

In praising Finland's membership, U.S. President Joe Biden noted it came on the 74th anniversary of the signing of NATO's founding treaty on April 4, 1949.

"When Putin launched his brutal war of aggression against the people of Ukraine, he thought he could divide Europe and NATO. He was wrong," Biden said in a statement. "Today, we are more united than ever. And together — strengthened by our newest ally, Finland — we will continue to preserve transatlantic security, defend every inch of NATO territory, and meet any and all challenges we face."

The move is a strategic and political setback for Putin, who has long complained about NATO's expansion toward Russia and partly used that as a justification for the invasion.

"I'm tempted to say this is maybe the one thing that we can thank Mr. Putin for because he once again here precipitated something he claims to want to prevent by Russia's aggression, causing many countries to believe that they have to do more to look out for their own defense and to make sure that they can deter possible Russian aggression going forward," U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said before accepting the documents that made Finland's membership official.

The U.S. State Department is the repository of NATO texts concerning membership.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy sent his congratulations to Finland, writing on Telegram that "amid Russian aggression, the Alliance became the only effective guarantee of security in the region."

Russia warned it would be forced to take "retaliatory measures" to address what it called security threats created by Finland's membership. It had also warned it would bolster forces near Finland if NATO sends any additional troops or equipment to what is its 14th member country.

The alliance says it poses no threat to Moscow.

Alarmed by Moscow's invasion of Ukraine last year, Finland, which shares a 1,340 kilometer (832 mile) border with Russia, applied to join in May, seeking protection under the organization's security umbrella.

"Russia tried to create a sphere around them and, well, we are not a sphere. I'm sure that Finns themselves feel more secure, that we are living in a more stable world," Niinistö said.

Neighboring Sweden, which has avoided military alliances for more than 200 years, has also applied. But objections from NATO members Turkey and Hungary have delayed the process.

Niinistö said Finland's membership "is not complete without that of Sweden. The persistent efforts for a rapid Swedish membership continue." Finland even gave its ratification of Sweden's application to Blinken as it joined.

In Stockholm, Swedish Defense Minister Pål Jönsson congratulated Finland and said he believed it would improve Sweden's security but added that "it's no secret that we would like to have concluded it hand-in-hand."

Earlier, Russia's Foreign Ministry said Moscow "will be forced to take military-technical and other retaliatory measures to counter the threats to our national security arising from Finland's accession to NATO."

It said Finland's move marks a fundamental change in the situation in Northern Europe, which had previously been one of the most stable regions in the world. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Finland's membership reflects the alliance's anti-Russian course and warned that Moscow will respond depending on what weapons NATO allies place there. But he also sought to play down the impact, noting that Russia has no territorial disputes with Finland.

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Business

Wall Street dips, snaps win streak after weak economic data

By STAN CHOE
and DAMIAN J. TROISE
AP Business Writers

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks fell on Wall Street Tuesday after reports on the economy came in weaker than expected.

The S&P 500 dropped 23.91 points, or 0.6%, to 4,100.60 to break a four-day winning streak. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 198.77, or 0.6%, to 33,402.38, and the Nasdaq composite sank 63.13, or 0.5%, to 12,126.33.

Investors are still split on whether the U.S. economy will fall into a recession and how badly corporate profits are set to drop. The biggest question remains what the Federal Reserve will do next with interest rates after hiking them furiously over the last year to get high inflation under control.

The reports on job openings and factory orders released Tuesday may have heightened recession fears. But they may also give the Fed reason to hold rates steady at its next meeting, for the first time in more than a year, offering a possible upside for markets.

One report showed employers advertised 9.9 million job openings in February, a sharper fall-off than economists expected. The Fed has been paying close attention to the numbers because the job market has remained so strong despite higher rates. The hope is that a softening in the number of openings could take some pressure off inflation without having to throw many people out of work.

A separate report showed that factory orders weakened in February more than economists expected. That could give the Fed another reason to hold off on hiking rates again to beat inflation, which has been slowing but remains too high.

"It's all suggesting that the economy is slowing down, which was the Fed's intent all along in terms

Local oil purchasers increase prices

Two local oil purchasers have increased the price they will pay for Penn Grade Crude Oil.

Effective Monday, American Refining Group and Ergon Oil Purchasing raised their prices by \$4.75 to \$76.42 per barrel.

of raising rates," said Michael Arone, chief investment strategist for SPDR business at State Street Global Advisors.

What the Fed does has such a grip on Wall Street because higher interest rates mean a slowdown by slowing the entire economy, which raises the risk of a recession. They also hurt prices for stocks, bonds and other investments.

A potentially more impactful report will arrive Friday, when the U.S. government gives the latest monthly update on how many jobs were created across the country. Some relatively encouraging data on inflation came in from other parts of the world Tuesday.

In Europe, a survey by the European Central Bank showed expectations for inflation in the coming year is falling among consumers in the region. That's key because lower expectations can help the economy avoid a vicious cycle where inflation keeps building momentum.

A separate report also showed inflation at the wholesale level in the region slowed by more in February than economists expected.

In Australia, the country's central bank kept its key interest rate unchanged at 3.60%. It said it wanted time to see how its past hikes to interest rates are working through the system.

While Australia's economy is much smaller than that of the U.S. or European Union, its central bank and that of New Zealand tend to "set the tone for monetary policy

Wall Street roundup

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Source: AP

cycles," Ipek Ozkardeskaya of Swissquote.com said in a commentary.

In the U.S., traders flipped bets back toward the Fed holding steady on rates at its meeting next month. A day earlier, a slight majority was betting on another increase in rates. That helped yields in the bond market to fall.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 3.34% from 3.42% late Monday. It helps set rates for mortgages and other important loans. The two-year Treasury, which moves more on expectations for the Fed, dropped to 3.82% from 3.97%.

New IRS leader promises faster, easier tax filing process

By FATIMA HUSSEIN
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — New IRS Commissioner Danny Werfel delivered a tax-season pledge Tuesday that the agency will use an \$80 billion infusion of cash to become faster, more tech-savvy and provide "real-world improvements" to taxpayers.

Werfel, as he was ceremonially sworn in on Tuesday, said he would release a Strategic Operating Plan later this week laying out how the agency will use the money approved in last year's Inflation Reduction Act. "This is our moment in history to transform the IRS," said Werfel, who began working at the agency in mid-March.

"We have a great deal of work ahead of us to ensure a more modern and high-performing IRS that provides world-class services to taxpayers," he said.

Some of the planned improvements include hiring more people to end long call wait times, additional locations for IRS staff to provide in-person service and expanded online accounts, so taxpayers and professionals will be able to address tax issues through electronic means, instead of paper mail.

President Joe Biden nominated Werfel

to steer the IRS as it receives the new funding, which has come with much political consternation. Republicans have suggested without evidence that the agency would use the new money to hire an army of tax agents with weapons. They also say the IRS would increase audits on middle-class taxpayers.

Werfel navigated some of that controversy during his February confirmation hearing. He pledged before senators not to expand tax audits on businesses and households making less than \$400,000 per year, as he faced rounds of questions before the Senate Finance Committee on how he would spend the agency's big new infusion of money. He drew praise for being willing to leave a private consulting job to take on the top job at the troubled agency.

Werfel formerly led Boston Consulting Group's global public sector practice and has previously served as an acting IRS commissioner. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, who presided over Werfel's swearing in, said in a speech to IRS and Treasury employees that he will be tasked with "drastically improving taxpayer service and ensuring that large corporations and the wealthy pay the taxes they owe."

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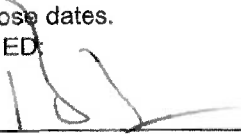
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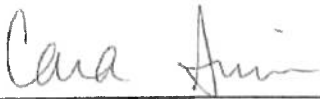
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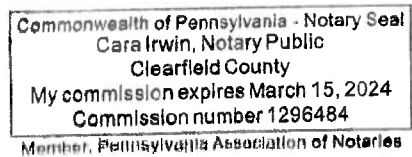
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Vice President Mike Pence reads the final certification of Electoral College votes cast in November's presidential election during a joint session of Congress, after working through the night, at the Capitol in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 7, 2021.

Pence won't appeal order compelling grand jury testimony

By JILL COLVIN and ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A spokesman for Mike Pence said Wednesday that the former vice president will not appeal a judge's order compelling him to testify in the Justice Department's investigation into efforts by Donald Trump and his allies to overturn the results of the 2020 election.

The decision sets up a possible appearance by Pence in the coming weeks before a federal grand jury scrutinizing attempts by the former president and supporters before the riot at the Capitol on Jan. 6, 2021, to undo Democrat Joe Biden's victory.

Multiple Trump administration officials have testified in that investigation, as well in a separate inquiry examining Trump's possession of classified documents, but Pence would be the highest-profile witness to answer questions before a grand jury. His closed-door testimony could offer investigators a firsthand account of Trump's state of mind in the pivotal weeks after he lost to Biden and further expose the rift in their relationship since the end of their administration.

The strain could grow as Pence approaches a likely 2024 run for the presidency and a challenge to Trump who is already in the race for the Republican nomination. After Pence was subpoenaed months ago by the Justice Department's special counsel, lawyers for Trump objected on executive privilege grounds. But a federal judge in Washington last week rejected those arguments, forcing Pence to testify.

U.S. District Judge James Boasberg did give Pence a win by accepting arguments from Pence's lawyers that, for constitutional reasons, he could not be questioned about his actions on Jan. 6. They had argued that because Pence was serving in his capacity as president of the Senate that day, he was protected from being forced to testify under the Constitution's "speech or debate" clause, which is intended to protect members of Congress from questioning about official legislative acts.

"Having vindicated that principle of the Constitution, Vice President Pence will not appeal the judge's ruling and will comply with the subpoena as required by law," Pence spokesman Devin O'Malley said in a statement Wednesday. The Trump team could still appeal the executive privilege ruling from Boasberg. The Jan. 6 and classified records investigations are being led by Jack Smith, a former war crimes prosecutor who was named by the Justice Department in November to serve as special counsel. It is not clear when the investigations might end or whether anyone will be charged.

Pence has spoken extensively about Trump's pressure campaign urging him to reject Biden's victory in the days leading up to Jan. 6, including in his book "So Help Me God: Pence as Vice President, had a ceremonial role overseeing Congress' counting of the Electoral College vote but did not have the power to affect the result, despite Trump's contention otherwise.

Pence has said that Trump endangered his family and everyone else who was at the Capitol that day and history will hold him "accountable." "For four years, we had a close working relationship. It did not end well," Pence wrote, summing up their time in the White House.

Trump's attacks on families after being warned to tone it down criticized as 'despicable'

By Molly Crane-Newman
New York Daily News

NEW YORK (TNS) — Donald Trump's decision to ignore a request from the judge overseeing his Manhattan "hush money" case to tone down ramped-up rhetoric against New York authorities was condemned as "despicable" Wednesday — and unbecoming of a media chief never mind a former president.

"You do not have this behavior from a mob boss. There is a rule in organized crime. You do not do this with respect to prosecutors. You don't do this with respect to the judge. You certainly don't go after their families. It's bad business to do that," former federal prosecutor Andrew Weissman said on MSNBC.

"There's no level to which he is not stooping," Weissman said, describing Trump's comments as "despicable." Trump wasted no time ignoring a request from Judge Juan Merchan to tone down threats against authorities involved in his criminal case with the former president, including out the jurist and his family members in fervid remarks



Former President Donald Trump arrives at an event at Mar-a-Lago on Tuesday, April 4, in West Palm Beach, Florida. Earlier in the day, Trump pleaded not guilty to 34 felony counts stemming from hush money payments in 2016 to two women, becoming the first former U.S. president in history to be charged with a criminal offense.

after returning to his Florida home. Addressing the media at a press conference at Mar-a-Lago, the ex-president referred to the well-respected Judge Juan Merchan as a "Trump hating judge" and invoked his daughter, alluding she was involved in a Democrat conspiracy.

"I have a Trump-hating judge with a Trump-hating wife and family whose daughter worked for Kamala Harris and now receives money from the Biden-Harris campaign," he said. Prompting further criticism was an online post by Trump's son, Don Jr., featuring an article with a photo of Merchan and his daughter.

"Seems relevant ... yet another connection in this hand-picked Democrat show trial. The BS never ends folks. Daughter of Judge on Trump Case Worked on Biden-Harris Campaign. Don Jr. wrote on Twitter."

At his Supreme Court arraignment Tuesday, which marked the first time in history a U.S. president post or present has faced charges — prosecutors presented Merchan with a series of provocative postings Trump has made in recent weeks in anticipation of his indictment.

"This defendant has made a series of threatening and escalating communications on social media and on other public remarks. This includes irresponsible social media posts that target various individuals involved in this matter and even their families. Assistant District Attorney Chris Conroy said.

"His public statements have, among other things, threatened potential death and destruction and that is a quote, and World War II, another quote, if these charges were brought and he was indicted. They have directly addressed the grand jury and disparaged witnesses who have purportedly participated in our investigation."

Conroy said the judge is issuing a protective order that would prohibit him from disseminating evidence online.

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2 teens wounded in Columbus Park shooting

Ed Palattella and Tim Hahn
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A confrontation at a west Erie park possibly connected to an earlier school fight led to gunshots and the wounding of two teenage boys on Monday afternoon.

City police investigators are now looking at two people as possible suspects in the shooting at Columbus Park in Erie's Little Italy neighborhood.

The shooting victims, both 17, were undergoing surgery on Monday and detectives were not yet able to interview them about what happened at the park, Erie police Deputy Chief William Marucci said Tuesday.

Marucci said police are looking at a couple of possible suspects in the shooting, based on witness information. He said investigators are also looking into whether the shooting is possibly related to a fight that occurred at Erie High School sometime in early March.

One of the boys was shot in the right foot and was found lying in the roadway on West 15th Street after officers were sent to Columbus Park to investigate reports of multiple gunshots at



An Erie police cordons off Columbus Park, at West 16th and Poplar streets, after a shooting shortly before 3:50 p.m. on Monday. Police searched the park for shell casings. ED PALATTELLA/ERIE TIMES-NEWS

about 3:45 p.m. Monday, Marucci said.

Officers followed a blood trail from the area to a nearby residence on Cherry Street, where they found the other 17-year-old victim with a gunshot wound through the biceps, Marucci said.

Both boys were taken to UPMC Hamot for treatment.

Erie police officers found several

shell casings on the basketball court at Columbus Park, which sits east of Poplar Street between West 15th and West 16th streets. Casings were also found in a grassy area to the south of the basketball court, Marucci said.

Officers at the scene were interviewing people at West 16th and Cherry streets as other officers responded to

the scene at Columbus Park late Monday afternoon. That location is a block east of Columbus Park.

One person at the park said he heard gunshots fired in a rapid succession.

Anyone with information that could assist in the ongoing investigation is asked to call Erie police Detective Sgt. Matthew Berarducci at 814-870-1221 or Detective James Langdon at 814-870-1154.

The shooting occurred as Erie police continue to respond to multiple calls involving gunfire, often involving youth in gangs.

Two months ago, on Feb. 8, police converged on the neighborhood of West 29th and Cherry streets after gunfire broke out. Some of the suspects fled from an SUV, police said.

A 14-year-old boy who was not in the vehicle was struck in the neck by a bullet, police said. Police in that case have charged six people, including a 15-year-old boy.

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Shooting

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who might be prone to violence.

Mary Theuerkauf, the president of the 840-member EEA, said she is also pleased with the cooperation with the administration, but she said the school district must do more. Theuerkauf referred to the "swatting" incidents nationwide that sent police to Erie High to investigate a hoax shooting report on March 29.

"With the EEA and District administration working together, we have come a long way since that day (of the shooting), but as the recent 911 hoax call made clear, we still have a long way to go," Theuerkauf said in a statement to the Erie Times-News.

"We must have a unified plan for clear, consistent protocols, procedures and communication across all buildings. Our evacuation plans for active shooter/lockdown need to be evaluated, updated and clearly communicated throughout the district.

"The reality is that right now, teachers are first responders, but we're not trained or trained like first responders. We need to do better. I am hopeful that we will be working together this summer as a committee of police officers, administrators, teachers, parents and school board members to make this happen. We are all responsible for student safety and nothing is more important than that."

The school district administration is working on an update to its emergency management plan and safety procedures, said Brokman, the assistant superintendent. He said the changes include moving away from paper-based plans to web-based plans that teachers and others can access immediately during a crisis.

"We have done a good job of protecting the building envelope," Brokman said of the security improvements, such as installation of metal detectors.

With that job nearly finished, he said, the district is turning to improving its emergency management plan.

What happened in the Erie High shooting?

The victim in the Erie

High shooting was a 16-year-old in 10th grade.

Crosby, the defendant, is accused of using a 9 mm pistol to shoot him six times, hitting the victim three times — in the left leg, the buttocks and the abdomen — District Attorney Hirz said at a hearing for Crosby in June. She said the victim was shot as he was standing in the hallway with a group of nine other students. Crosby and the victim knew each other,

Hirz said.

Crosby stood in front of the victim and fired at him, Hirz said. She did not provide a motive, but the defense said at another hearing in the case that a feud between juveniles might have spurred the shooting.

Hirz said Crosby ran out of Erie High after the shooting, and that the Erie police and other law enforcement agencies were at the school within 90 seconds. She said the

gun used in the shooting has not been recovered.

The victim suffered severe intestinal damage and must use a colostomy bag, Hirz also said.

The shooting happened on the first floor in the far southwestern corner of Erie High, according to the criminal complaint against Crosby. Surveillance video captured the shooting and helped police identify Crosby, police said.

About 1,440 students

were at Erie High at the time. The school went into lockdown.

The surveillance video and other evidence have allowed Erie police and the District Attorney's Office build a strong case against Crosby. His lawyer, Placidi, declined to file pretrial motions in the case by the Oct. 23 deadline.

Placidi in the motion could have asked Mead, the judge who has been handling the case, to toss

evidence and make other rulings that would have benefited the defense.

After Placidi filed no pretrial motions, the case against Crosby was put on track to go to trial — or, as the court records show, possibly end in a plea deal.

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Finland joins NATO in major blow to Russia

By **LORNE COOK** and **MATTHEW LEE**
Associated Press

BRUSSELS — Finland joined the NATO military alliance Tuesday, dealing a major blow to Russian President Vladimir Putin with a historic realignment of Europe's post-Cold War security landscape triggered by Moscow's invasion of Ukraine.

The Nordic country's membership doubles Russia's border with the world's biggest security alliance. Finland had adopted neutrality after its defeat by the Soviets in World War II, but its leaders signaled they wanted to join NATO after Moscow's invasion of Ukraine sent a shiver of fear through its neighbors.

The era of nonalignment in our history has come to an end—a new era begins, President Sauli Niinistö said before his country's blue-and-white flag was raised outside NATO headquarters. A short distance away, outside the security fence, a few dozen people wrapped in flags of their own shouted, "Ukraine needs NATO."

In praising Finland's membership, U.S. President Joe Biden noted it came on the 74th anniversary of the signing of NATO's founding treaty on April 4, 1949.

"When Putin launched his brutal war of aggression against the people of Ukraine, he thought he could divide Europe and NATO. He was wrong," Biden said in a statement. "Today, we are more united than ever. And together — strengthened by our newest ally, Finland — we will continue to preserve transatlantic security, defend every inch of NATO territory, and meet any and all challenges we face."

The move is a strategic and political setback for



FINNISH FOREIGN Minister Pekka Haavisto, left, shook hands with United States Secretary of State Antony Blinken after handing over his nation's accession document during a meeting of NATO foreign ministers Tuesday at NATO headquarters in Brussels.

Putin, who has long complained about NATO's expansion toward Russia and partly used that as a justification for the invasion.

"I'm tempted to say this is maybe the one thing that we can thank Mr. Putin for because he once again here precipitated something he claims to want to prevent by Russia's aggression, causing many countries to believe that they have to do more to look out for their own defense and to make sure that they can deter possible Russian aggression going forward," U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said before accepting the documents that made Finland's membership official.

The U.S. State Department is the repository of NATO texts concerning membership.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy sent his congratulations to Finland, writing on Telegram that

"amid Russian aggression, the Alliance became the only effective guarantee of security in the region."

Russia warned it would be forced to take "retaliatory measures" to address what it called security threats created by Finland's membership. It had also warned it would bolster forces near Finland if NATO sends any additional troops or equipment to what is its 31st member country.

The alliance says it poses no threat to Moscow. Alarmed by Moscow's invasion of Ukraine last year, Finland, which shares an

832-mile border with Russia, applied to join in May seeking protection under the organization's security umbrella.

"Russia tried to create a sphere around them and, well, we are not a sphere. I'm sure that Finns themselves feel more secure. That we are living in a more stable world," Niinistö said.

Neighboring Sweden, which has avoided military alliances for more than 200 years, has also applied. But objections from NATO members Turkey and Hungary have delayed the process.

Niinistö said Finland's membership "is not complete without that of Sweden. The persistent efforts for a rapid Swedish membership continue." Finland even gave its ratification of Sweden's application to Helsinki as it joined.

In Stockholm, Swedish Defense Minister Pål Jonson congratulated Finland and said he believed it would improve Sweden's security but added that "it is no secret that we would like to have concluded it hand-in-hand."

Earlier, Russia's Foreign Ministry said Moscow "will be forced to take military-technical and other retaliatory measures to counter the threats to our national security arising from Finland's accession to NATO."

It said Finland's move marks a fundamental change in the situation in Northern Europe, which had previously been one of the most stable regions in the world.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Finland's membership reflects the alliance's anti-Russian course and warned that Moscow will respond depending on what weapons NATO allies place there. But he also sought to play down the impact, noting that Russia has no territorial disputes with Finland.

It's not clear what additional military resources Russia could send to the Finnish border. Moscow has deployed the bulk of its most capable military units

to Ukraine.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said no more troops would be sent to Finland unless it asked for help.

The country is now protected by what Stoltenberg called NATO's "iron-clad security guarantee," under which all member countries vow to come to the defense of any ally that comes under attack.

But Stoltenberg refused to rule out the possibility of holding more military exercises there and said that NATO would not allow Russia's demands to dictate the organization's decisions.

"We are constantly assessing our posture, our presence. We have more exercises, we have more presence, also in the Nordic area," he said.

In 1939 and 1940, Finland's tiny, ill-equipped forces fought in what became known as the Winter War against the Soviet Union. Over an exceptional ly cold winter, Finnish fighters, sometimes cloaked in white bedspreads for camouflage and typically moving unseen on foot, snowshoes and skis, lost some territory to Moscow but forced out the invaders.

Finland says it can muster a 200,000-strong fighting force, built on near-universal male conscription and a large, well-trained reserve, equipped with modern artillery, warplanes and tanks. The country of 5.5 million joined the European Union in 1995.

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published continuously at Johnstown Pa. in the County of Cambria, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and that the annexed is a true copy of a notice in the above matter published in said publication in the regular issues of The Johnstown Tribune-Democrat, Johnstown, PA, on April 5, 2023; and that the Affiant is not interested in the subject matter of said notice or advertising and that all of the allegations as to time, place and character of said publication are true.

Christine Marhefka

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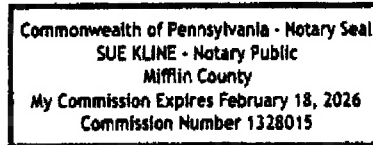
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Ruth Eddy

Sworn to and subscribed before me

This 6 day of April 2023

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LOCAL AND NATION

Consumers with tickets to shows eligible for refund

HARRISBURG - Attorney General Michelle Henry announced a settlement has been reached holding accountable the ticket reseller website, www.boxofficeicketsales.com, for violations, including a change of policy that eliminated refunds for canceled events.

The Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General has entered into a settlement agreement, known as an Assurance of Voluntary Compliance (AVC), with online ticket reseller Secure Ticket Purchase, LLC and John Ulrich, who sold tickets online through the website www.boxofficeicketsales.com for alleged violations of Pennsylvania's Unfair Trade Practice and Consumer Protection Law.

During the outbreak of

COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent cancellation of events, such as music concerts, Secure Ticket Purchase changed its refund policy to only offer "store credit" for purchasers of tickets for canceled shows.

The website www.boxofficeicketsales.com has been one of the largest ticket resale platforms for Pennsylvania consumers.

"Secure Ticket Purchase thought they could walk away with consumers' hard-earned money by surreptitiously changing their refund policy in the middle of a pandemic," said Attorney General Henry. "This settlement puts all ticket resellers on notice: If you deceive Pennsylvanians to maximize your bottom

line, you will be held accountable."

Secure Ticket Purchase, LLC ("Secure") offers tickets online for events in Pennsylvania and beyond. In response to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions, most, if not all, concerts and events in Pennsylvania were canceled due to safety concerns. Secure previously guaranteed ticket buyers a full and immediate monetary refund for a canceled event. Secure then changed their refund policy, without notice and against Pennsylvania law, to a mandatory store credit and refused to provide monetary refunds for canceled shows, according to the Office of Attorney General's investigation.

April proclaimed Grange month

MIFFLINTOWN - State Grange Master Matt Espenshade announced that April 2023 will be designated as 'Grange Month' on behalf of the members of the Pennsylvania State Grange. As the nation's oldest agricultural advocacy and rural service fraternity, Espenshade reminds members that this is an opportunity for the Grange to showcase the important work being done by Grange members across our state, and across our country.

Since the Pennsylvania State Grange was established in 1873, it has emphasized the importance of service to the community. To celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Pennsylvania State Grange, Grange has asked local Granges across the state to mark this special anniversary with activities and acts of community service. The results have been astounding. While every Grange reflects the service fraternity, Espenshade sees the wide variety of projects happening all across the state has been inspiring.

Every Grange member is an advocate, and local meetings across the state provide a forum to discuss opportunities to overcome numerous challenges. To learn more about the PA Grange members and local Granges are raising awareness regarding the lack of reli-

able rural broadband, are ensuring transparency by requiring public notices be included in newspapers and are bringing attention to the alarming loss of rural healthcare options and the fact that prime farmland is being lost. Every Grange reflects the communities they serve, and topics discussed are as diverse as the members themselves. The Pennsylvania State Grange encourages Pennsylvanians to join this amazing organization supporting Pennsylvania's agricultural community and beyond.

Learn more about the PA Grange members and local Granges are raising awareness regarding the lack of reli-

Race

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While the Yoders were able to get his Late Model race out in time, the trailer and the contents were a complete loss. Members of the community have set up a GoFundMe page to raise money for the family. As of Tuesday, more than \$12,000 had been raised.

The family was on Route 35, passing through Mount Pleasant Mills, when the fire broke out. Andrew and Gene were able to get the race car out of the trailer before it was engulfed in flames. The intense heat melted the front of the car and damaged his pick-up truck.

"We were almost home, coming into Mount Pleasant Mills behind Middletown," Andrew explained. "We were joking around before it happened. We were happy we had a decent good run. I did terrible in qualifying but did really in the heart races. I started 14th in the feature but finished ninth."

The family's demeanor changed when bystanders ran out onto the road to flag them down, warning them that flames were shooting out of the trailer. Andrew wasn't certain why he was being flagged down. Once they learned about the fire, the family baled out of the truck and Andrew and his father rushed to the trailer to try and save his race car. When they opened the trailer doors, the fire intensified.

"Once we opened the back, the air got in and it (fire) took off," Andrew said. "Luckily, my dad popped the tie straps, and we got the car out. We got the back straps off, cut the winch cable and pulled and got it out. It got stuck half out way - the door didn't go down all the way - but we yanked on it and got it off the trailer."

"All the heat melted the plastic on the front end of the car," he added. Everything else in the trailer was a total loss, including his gear (helmet, suit, gloves and tools) and new merchandise for fans.

Andrew was also worried about the safety of the nearby houses, so they pulled the burning trailer down the road. "We didn't want to catch a house on fire," he said. "It was engulfed as soon as we got the car out."

The Fremont Fire Department from Mount Pleasant Mills and Richfield Fire Co. responded to the fire.

The family isn't certain what started the fire, although they believe it started at the front of the trailer. "We do not know for sure, but we think the battery to the winch shorted out," Krista said. "We do not know for sure, and we might not ever know. Thank you to the fire company's for getting there when they did otherwise, we would have lost the truck, too."

Andrew has been racing on the Late Model circuit since 2014. He races area tracks, including Bedford, Clinton County, Fort Royal, Sellersville and Williams Grove, along with Big Diamond Speedway in Pottsville and tracks in Bridgegewater, N.J., Cumber-



Submitted photos

Andrew Yoder's racing trailer is engulfed in flames.

land and Hagerstown, Md., and Winchester, Va.

"We are so appreciative to everyone who has reached out to us, to make sure we're okay and asking what they can do to help," Krista said. "We're all okay and that's the most important thing."

"It was the most horrifying experience to have to grab my sleeping child from his car seat and run through the smoke to get him to safety and feel so helpless watching as so much that Andrew has worked for burn to nothing," she added.

Despite the setback, Andrew plans to get back on the track this weekend.

"I've been offered so many things the last few days," he said. "I have no helmet and no suit. I feel very fortunate."

"I have a guy buying me a helmet," he added. "All these things - I wouldn't be able to do it without

all the help. I have a good buddy who isn't racing his limited right now, so he dropped off his trailer. I'll use it until we get something figured out."

Andrew's trailer was covered by comprehensive insurance, which does not include fire, he said. "I had 12 wheels and tires, which are \$500 apiece. They all melted into a pile. There were parts and bolts, springs and tools. It adds up to a lot."

A new trailer can cost between \$15,000 to \$30,000.

"Thanks for everybody who helped out," Yoder said. "With all the help we've gotten, we are already able to go racing again the week after."

To donate, visit <http://gofund.me/77c0568c>

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Through the Joint Application, the Joint Applicants request all of the necessary authority, approvals and certificates of public convenience for: 1. The Agreement and Plans of Merger; 2. The establishment of FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Holding Company LLC as an intermediate holding company in the chain of ownership of FE PA; 3. The merger of Met-Ed, Penelec, Penn Power, and West Penn with and into FE PA; 4. The initiation by FE PA of electric service in all territories in this Commonwealth where Met-Ed, Penelec, Penn Power, and West Penn do or may provide electric service; 5. The abandonment by Met-Ed, Penelec, Penn Power, and West Penn of all electric service in this Commonwealth; 6. The adoption by FE PA of Met-Ed, Penelec, Penn Power, and West Penn's existing Tariffs and their application within new service and Rate Districts of FE PA corresponding to their existing service territories as the Met-Ed Rate District, Penelec Rate District, Penn Power Rate District, West Penn Rate District, and the Pennsylvania State University Rate District, respectively; 7. The sale of Class B Membership Interests in MAIT held by Met-Ed and Penelec to FirstEnergy Corp.; 8. The transfer of West Penn's Transmission Assets to KATCO; 9. A certificate of public convenience conferring upon KATCO the status of a Pennsylvania public utility under 66 Pa.C.S. § 102, and 10. Where necessary, associated affiliated interest agreements.

Formal protests and petitions to intervene must be filed in accordance with Title 52 of the Pennsylvania Code, on or before April 17, 2023. All filings must be made with the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, 400 North Street, 2nd Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120, with a copy served on the Applicant. The documents filed in support of the Joint Application are available ONLY online for inspection and copying on the Commission's website at www.puc.pa.gov and at the Applicant's business address. ALL Parties to proceedings pending before the Commission must open and use an e-filing account through the Commission's website at www.puc.pa.gov or you may submit the filing by overnight delivery to: Secretary, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120. If a filing contains confidential or proprietary material, the filing is required to be submitted by overnight delivery. Large filings containing confidential or proprietary material may be submitted through the Commission's Share Point File system with advanced notice to the Commission prior to submission.

Joint Applicants: FirstEnergy Service Company, 2800 Pottsville Pike P.O. Box 16001 Reading, PA 19612-6001 Reading and By Counsel for: Tori L. Giesler, Esquire Darshana Singh, Esquire FirstEnergy Service Company Phone: 610-921-6658 tgiesler@firstenergycorp.com singhd@firstenergycorp.com

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By Lolita C. Baldor and Matthew Lee
Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. will send Ukraine about \$500 million in ammunition and equipment and spend more than \$2 billion to buy an array of munitions, radar and new weapons to help Kyiv counter drones in the coming months, the Pentagon said Tuesday, as Ukrainian troops gear up for a spring offensive against Russian forces.

The aid to be taken from military stockpiles so it can be in the war zone quickly includes "ammunition for U.S.-provided HIMARS, air defense interceptors, and artillery rounds that Ukraine is using to defend itself," Secretary of State Antony Blinken said in a statement. HIMARS are multiple rocket launchers.

The package includes at least two new types of systems that are designed to counter drones — specifically the Iranian-made Shahed, which Tehran has provided to Russia and has been heavily used in attacks on Ukrainian cities.

The U.S., for the first time, will send nine 30mm gun trucks and an undisclosed amount of ammunition for them, and 10 mobile laser-guided rocket systems, also developed to counter drones.

The wide array of ammunition being sent from Pentagon stocks includes 155 mm artillery rounds for howitzers as Ukraine burns through the rounds fighting back against Russia's ground invasion. The Pentagon does not provide the amounts of munitions in most cases.

The immediate assistance also includes anti-armor systems, small arms, heavy equipment transport vehicles, 61 fuel tankers and maintenance support, the Pentagon said in a statement.

A senior defense official said the focus is on helping Ukraine change the dynamic on the ground. Right now, the official said, the battle lines are relatively static and neither side has gained much territory. The official, who briefed Pentagon reporters on condition of anonymity to provide military details,

said the U.S. wants to help Ukraine advance and hold its positions in the expected counteroffensive.

"We very much appreciate everything that the United States has done specifically in the last month to help our army prepare itself for the counteroffensive," said Ukrainian Foreign Minister Dmytro Kuleba, speaking at NATO headquarters in Brussels before a meeting with Blinken. "The Biden administration has upheld its commitment to provide Ukraine with a lot of what we need and set an example to other allies."

The \$2.1 billion in longer-term aid, which is being provided under the Ukraine Security Assistance Initiative, will buy missiles for the National Advanced Surface-to-Air Missile System, or NASAMS, as well as radar, additional satellite terminals and fuel tanker trucks, armor rockets and bridging systems. It also will fund additional training for Ukraine's forces.

The defense official said weapons already bought using the security assistance

funding in previous packages are beginning to make their way to the battlefield. The key issues in some cases — such as with the 155 mm rounds — the Pentagon had been sending its own stocks, which are also needed for American troop training and there is a finite supply. Now, the official said, the deliveries of 155 rounds Ukraine is getting include ammunition that was bought a number of months ago through the USAI program.

The new weapons and money come as Russia has continued to bombard Ukraine with long-range missiles and the hotly contested battle for the eastern city of Bakhmut drags on. Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy told The Associated Press in an exclusive interview that unless his country wins that fight, Russia could begin building international support for a deal that could require Ukraine to make unacceptable compromises.

Zelenskyy said if Moscow's forces take Bakhmut, Russian President Vladimir Putin

would "sell this victory to the West, to his society, to China, to Iran."

The latest U.S. package, with its mix of short-term and long-term aid, involves a wide variety of ammunition from Pentagon stocks, 23 million rounds of small arms ammunition and 200,000 grenades, mortars, rockets and an array of precision guided munitions.

It brings the total amount of U.S. security assistance to Ukraine to more than \$35.1 billion since Russia invaded in February 2022. Defense leaders testifying on Capitol Hill last week said the U.S. is prepared to support Ukraine for as long as needed.

NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg has echoed that sentiment, saying the alliance's foreign ministers meeting in Brussels were discussing how to step up support for Ukraine's armed forces. "Our support is far the long haul," he said before the meeting Tuesday.

The White House said last week that it has new evidence that Russia is looking again to North Korea for weapons as it

also prepares for a spring offensive. Russia would provide Pyongyang with needed food and other commodities in return.

U.S. officials also are concerned that the president of Belarus has warned that Russian strategic nuclear weapons might be deployed in his country, along with part of Moscow's tactical nuclear arsenal.

Putin has said he planned to place tactical nuclear weapons in neighboring Belarus. Those weapons are comparatively short-range and low-yield. Strategic nuclear weapons, such as missile-borne warheads, would be a greater threat.

Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko, while talking up the possibility of nuclear weapons, has also called for a ceasefire in Ukraine. He said a truce must have no preconditions and all movement of troops and weapons must be halted.

Russia, however, has rejected a cease in fighting, claiming that Ukraine has refused to enter talks under pressure from its Western allies.

Tennessee House moves to expel 3 Democrats after gun protest

By Kimberlee Kruesi
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Tennessee Republican lawmakers took the first steps Monday to expel three Democratic members from the GOP-dominant House for their role in a recent gun control protest at the state Capitol.

The extraordinarily rare move resulted in a chaotic and fiery confrontation between lawmakers and supporters opposing the move and has further fractured an already deep political division inside the Tennessee Legislature.

Resolutions have been filed against Reps. Gloria Johnson, Justin Jones and Justin Pearson after they led chants from the House floor with supporters in the gallery last Thursday. The resolution declared that the three had participated in "disorderly behavior" and

"did knowingly and intentionally bring disorder and dishonor to the House of Representatives."

Republican Reps. Bud Hulse, Gino Bulso and Andrew Farmer filed the resolutions. They successfully requested Monday that the House expedite the process and vote on the resolutions Thursday.

Despite support from the Republican supermajority, their requests sparked outrage among supporters and watching in the gallery. Their loud jeers led House Speaker Cameron Sexton to demand that they be removed by state troopers.

Also during the turmoil, several lawmakers engaged in a confrontation on the House floor. Jones later accused another member of stealing his phone and trying to "blow it arie" with his fellow members.

Sexton deemed Jones out of order and cut off Jones' microphone.

Hundreds of protesters packed the Capitol last week to call for the Republican-led Statehouse to pass gun control measures in response to the Nashville school shooting that resulted in the deaths of six people.

As the chants echoed throughout the Capitol, Jones, Johnson and Pearson approached the front of the House chamber with a bullhorn.

As the three shared the bullhorn and cheered on the crowd, Sexton, a Republican, quickly called for a recess. He later vowed the three would face consequences.

Meanwhile, House Minority Leader Karen Camper described their actions as "good trouble," a reference to the late U.S. Rep. John Lewis' guiding principal.

By Monday, Sexton confirmed that the three lawmakers had been stripped of their committee

assignments and said more punishments could be on the way. A few hours later, House Republican Caucus Chairman Jeremy Faissan referred to Jones as the "former representative" during the evening session.

Pearson and Jones are both freshman lawmakers. Johnson has served in the House since 2019. All three have been highly critical of the Republican supermajority. Jones was temporarily banned from the Tennessee Capitol in 2019 after throwing a cup of liquid at former House Speaker Glen Casada and other lawmakers while protesting the bust of Confederate General Nathan Bedford Forrest inside the Capitol.

Expelling lawmakers is an extraordinary action inside the Tennessee Capitol. Just two other lawmakers have ever been ousted from the chamber since the Civil War.

Kentucky high school football player dies after head injury

SOMERSET, Ky. (AP) — A Kentucky high school football player who suffered a head injury during a scrimmage last week has died.

The Kentucky High School Athletic Association said Monday in a statement on Facebook that it joined family, friends and teammates in mourning the loss of Pulaski County High School varsity football player Andrew Dodson.

"No words can explain, justify or rationalize tragedies such as these," the association wrote.

Alan Dodson told the Lexington Herald-Leader that his son was running the ball during his team's spring game when he was tackled by a teammate.

"It was not a violent hit or helmet-to-helmet. It was a simple, clean tackle," Alan Dodson said. "His head hit the turf, and Andrew suffered blunt-force trauma to the brain."

Andrew Dodson played tight end and defensive end for the Maroons during his junior season, WKYT reported.



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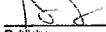
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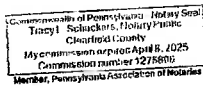


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Rothrock, Morgan King and Olivia Dressler.

"Well, Morgan certainly had another dominating meet, picking right up where she left off last year," said Lady Beavers coach Scott Sullivan. "In her very first run of the season, she made up almost 100 meters in the 3200 relay as anchor, pulling away down the homestretch with a blistering split of 2:19."

"Leah McFadden made a statement today. I can't guarantee you she will win every race, but you are going to get 100% from her every race. What a gutsy performance. She is a perfect example of what a strong off-season can do for you," Sullivan said.

Fontaine also enjoyed a nice day on the track, as she swept both hurdle events, winning the 100s in 16.63 and the 300s in 51.52. She won both races by more than two seconds.

Fontaine's third win came in the meet-ending 4x400 relay, where she ran the opening leg. She was joined on that squad by Melina Powers, Nicole Wells and McFadden, who outkicked ECC's anchor runner over the final 100-plus meters to win by nearly six seconds. Then quartet posted a time of 4:30.38.

Teammate Abbie McCoy was second to Fontaine in both hurdle events.

"We are very pleased with the way the girls looked today," said assistant coach Cassidy Van Horn. "The times were impressive with the first track meet of the season. Kamryn Fontaine dominated the 100 and 300 hurdles. I know she wanted a strong start to her season, and she surely showed it today. She has trained well for this season, and I'm excited to see her progress this year. Abbie McCoy was

a strong second place in both hurdles."

As for McFadden, she sprinted to victory in both the 200 (28.84) and 400 (1:04.52) dashes. She edged ECC's Gianna Bille by .05 seconds at the line in the 400.

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Battaglia also posted a win on the track, as she outspurred three other Lady Beavers to the finish line in the 100 dash, crossing in 13.54 to best Stroka by .16 seconds and teammate Gabby Horner by .18 seconds.

Battaglia's other first came in the 4x100 relay. She ran the opening leg in front of Horner, Peyton Grimm and Stroka as the quartet posted a time of 53.33 to best ECC by more than four seconds. Battaglia also added a second place to McFadden in the 200.

Stroka adding two wins of her own in the field, as she claimed top honors in both the long (16-11) and triple jump (35-0). Her long jump mark was a personal best.

"I was very impressed with our sprinters and jumpers for the first meet," said assistant coach Justin Marshall. "Jaylee Battaglia ran one of her best times ever to win the 100 dash and take second in the 200 dash. She has been working hard and it shows."

Leah McFadden easily ran her PR in the 200 dash for the win. Lauren Stroka easily won the long jump with a PR of 45-11 and followed it up with an impressive triple jump of 35 feet. Stroka just missed being a quadruple winner, anchoring the winning 4x1 relay team but finishing just behind Battaglia in the 100. Abbie McCoy also had one of her best days



Photo by Chris Wechtenhiser

Elk County Catholic freshman Payton Newton cleared 4-4 to win the high jump Tuesday during a tri-meet at DuBois that also featured Clarion-Limestone. It was one of four wins on the day for ECC.



Photo by Chris Wechtenhiser

Elk County Catholic's Tori Newton enjoyed a big day in the throwing events Tuesday in a tri-meet at DuBois, as she won the shot put (pictured), discus and javelin.

in the long jump pit. Her senior leadership definitely showed up today."

The Lady Beavers final win came in the pole vault, where Sarah DeFazio edged teammate Sydney Peace for the win on scratches after both cleared 7-6.

DuBois also got second-place finishes from Abbie McCoy (100 hurdles), Mackenzie Prouty (javelin), Grimm (long jump) and duo of Audrey Kennis and Lindsey Johnson who tied for second in the high jump.

Lady Beavers' Morgan Rothrock (3,200), Jasmine Carter (shot put), and Grimm (triple jump) and Abigail Riffe (pole vault) added thirds in their respective events.

When it came to Elk County, the Lady Crusaders were led by the Newton sisters — junior Tori and freshman Payton — who collected all four wins by ECC.

Tori Newton had three of those wins, as she enjoyed a big day in the throws by taking top hon

ors in the javelin (110-7), shot put (29-11 3/4) and discus (85-3).

Younger sister Payton won the high jump (4-4).

The Lady Crusaders had a nice day overall in the throwing events, as Allison Geci added a pair of seconds in the shot and discus, while Madison Marzullo was third in both the discus and javelin.

On the track, ECC got individual seconds from Sophia Bille (1,600), Gianna Bille (400, 800), Grace Neubert (3,200) and thirds by Gina Geci (100 hurdles), Sami Straub (300 hurdles), Isabella Maceo (200) and Rachel Sloff (long jump).

As for Clarion-Limestone, its best finishes were a pair of thirds by Adison Jackson in the 800 and 1,600.

Both teams are back in action next Tuesday. DuBois travels to Philipsburg-Osceola, while ECC hosts Brookville and DuBois Central Catholic.

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1500 run -1. Morgan Rothrock (D), 5:42.02, 2. S. Bille (ECC), 3. Jackson (D), 4. King (D), 5. Radtke (ECC)
4x100 relay -1. DuBois (Jaylee Battaglia, Gabby Horner, Peyton Grimm, Lauren Stroka), 53.33, 2 ECC
400 dash -1. Leah McFadden (D), 1:04.52, 2. G. Bille (ECC), 3. Wells (D), 4. Powers (D), 5. Azevedo (ECC)
300 hurdles -1. Kamryn Fontaine (D), 51.52, 2. McCoy (D), 3. Stroka (ECC), 4. Higdon (D), 5. A. Fontaine (D)
800 run -1. Morgan Rothrock (D), 3:27.52, 2. G. Bille (ECC), 3. Jackson (D), 4. Rothrock (D), 5. Dressler (D)
200 dash -1. Leah McFadden (D), 28.84, 2. Battaglia (D), 3. Maceo (ECC), 4. Horner (D), 5. Ganska (D)
3200 run -1. Morgan Rothrock (D), 11:43:39, 2. Neubert (ECC), 3. Rothrock (D), 4. Coulton (ECC), 5. Radtke (ECC)
4x400 relay -1. DuBois (Kamryn Fontaine, Melina Powers, Nicole Wells, Leah McFadden), 4:30.38, 2 ECC, 3 C.L.
Shot put -1. Tori Newton (ECC), 29-11 3/4, 2. A. Geci (ECC), 3. J. Ganska (D), 4. A. Canary (D), 5. Smiley (D)
Discus -1. Tori Newton (ECC), 85-3, 2. A. Geci (ECC), 3. Miranda (ECC), 4. A. Canary (D), 5. J. Ganska (D)
Javelin -1. Tori Newton (ECC), 110-7, 2. Freely (D), 3. Marzullo (ECC), 4. Breen (ECC), 5. Mahle (ECC)
Triple jump -1. Lauren Stroka (D), 35-0, 2. Stroka (ECC), 3. Grimm (D), 4. Durkin (D), 5. Kemp (D)
Long jump -1. Lauren Stroka (D), 45-11, 2. Grimm (D), 3. Sloff (ECC), 4. McCoy (D), 5. Battaglia (D)
Shot put -1. Payton Newton (ECC), 29-11 3/4, 2. Ganska (D), 3. Johnson (D), 4. Durkin (D), 5. Kenna (D)
The shot -1. Sarah DeFazio (D), 7-6, 2. S. Peace (D), 3. Riffe (D), 4. Acres (D), 5. D. Peace

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Bingo Bonanza to benefit the Confluence Volunteer Fire Co. April 15. Doors open at 11 a.m. Games start at 1 p.m. Ticket includes Bingo pack (24 regular games, six special games, one mini jackpot and bonanza jackpot), drinks, meal and dessert. Chinese auction.

Spring Vendor & Craft Event

The Eastern Star Trinity Chapter 138 and Somerset Masonic Lodge 458 Spring Vendor & Craft Event is 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 15, and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 16, at the Somerset Masonic Temple, 145 Masonic Temple Road, Somerset. Many unique vendors, crafts, products, food and more. Kitchen will have baked goods and light lunch.

Children's Book Festival

The Learning Lamp, 2025 Bedford St., Johnstown, and 1st Summit Bank present the Children's Book Festival that returns for a fun-filled weekend on April 15 and 16, at the Bottle Works Ethnic Arts Center, 411 Third Ave., Johnstown. The festival plays host to a weekend stacked with award-winning children's authors and illustrators, as well as activities and entertainment for children and families of all ages and backgrounds.

The festival theme is Bedtime Stories and children are encouraged to attend the festival dressed in their favorite pajamas. The Children's Book Festival provides children in grades PreK - 6 and their families with a free, interactive and engaging literary experience. And every child who comes to the Book Festival walks away with a free book thanks to The Learning Lamp's partnership with the First Book National Book Bank. Bruce Hale is an award-winning author and illustrator who is passionate about inspiring reluctant readers to read. Other nationally and regionally known authors/illustrators featured include Janet Tashjian, author of many best-selling middle-grade books. Accompanying Janet will be her son, Jake. And Keith Graves, award-winning author and illustrator of many hilarious picture books for children. Music will fill the festival as Mr. Boom Boom of Music Play Patrol takes the main stage. In addition, the festival will include themed arts and crafts, writing and illustration workshops, new and used book sales, refreshments, and a children's bookmark contest. For more information about the 14th Annual Children's Book Festival, visit thelearninglamp.org or on Facebook at facebook.com/CBEJohnstown/.

Haunted History Program

PASTJVCW Jacob M. Campbell Camp 14 and Greater Johnstown Lodge No. 538 presents a haunted history program, 2 p.m. April 15, at the Johnstown Masonic Conference and Event Center, 130 Valley Pike, Johnstown. Step into the past and explore historic downtown Johnstown with a PowerPoint presentation featuring costumed interpreters. This interactive experience will transport participants through time, illuminating the history, legends and lore of Johnstown and its environs. It's a one hour program and a cost per person at the door. Pre-register by email, johnstownfreemason@gmail.com. A 120 person limit. Proceeds benefit SUVVCW Camp 14 and the Masonic Temple.

Bingo Bonanza

Bingo Bonanza April 15, at the Confluence Fire Building, Barlow Street, Confluence. Doors open at 11 a.m. Games start at 1 p.m. Ticket includes bingo pack, drinks, meal and dessert. All proceeds benefit the Confluence Volunteer Fire Co.

Spring Bingo

Spring Bingo sponsored by the SVEFD Ladies Auxiliary will be held April 16, at the Somerset Public Safety Building, 340 West Union St., Somerset. Doors open at 11

a.m. Lunch will be available and Bingo starts at 1 p.m.

Spring meeting of Quakers

The Dunning's Creek Friends Meeting (Quakers) will present the Spring '23 event in their "Still Listening" guest speaker series on local history in April, at 2 p.m. April 16, at the historic Dunning's Creek Friends Meetinghouse (also known as the Old Brick Quaker Church), 285 Old Quaker Church Road, Fishertown, as well as

online via Zoom. DeLores "Doc" Marshall Myers of Everett will present The Testimony of a Black Woman: Love Justice Equality, relating her experiences growing up and living in the small rural town of Everett. A lifelong resident born and raised in Everett, DeLores tells of growing up under segregation, and of the challenges and changes for Black people in rural Pennsylvania from the 1940s through the present day. DeLores worked 25 years in her parents' dry cleaning plant in town. 21 years as assistant general manager at Bob Evans restaurant, and served six years on the Everett Area school board. She will share her first-hand experiences of race relations, personal interactions, and perspectives on community. There is no admission charge. Light refreshments will be served. Seating is limited. Email dunning'screekquakers@gmail.com for the Zoom link or further information.

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Fly Tyer's Reunion

The 2023 Fly Tyer's Reunion is 6-9 p.m. April 19, at the Highlands Sporting Clays Lodge, 199 Teal Drive, Champion, at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Somerset County. The event will feature nationally known fly tyers from around the northeastern United States who will be demonstrating their fly tying skills and showcasing their famous and signature fly patterns. All the tiers will provide advice, answer questions and share their secrets that have helped make them among the best fly tyers in the world. The first 25 youngsters under the age of 16 who attend will receive a tying gift bag valued at \$40 worth of fly-tying materials. Lenny Lichvar, president of the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited and a co-author of the book "Keystone Fly Fishing," will also be on hand to discuss coldwater resource con-

servation issues and provide information on local angling destinations. For questions or more information call 814-926-6145.

Coffee House Series

The Community Arts Center of Cambria County (CACCC) 8th season of the Coffee House Series outdoors on CACCC's Amphitheatre or indoors in the main space gallery of the Goldhaber-Fend Fine Arts Center building. Coffees, teas and baked goods for purchase during the event. All Coffee Houses start at 7 p.m. and run until 8:30 p.m. April 20: Rosie & The Jammers; May 5: The Sharpshooters; 7:30 p.m. will include a special Friday Night Dance Party with Log Art Dance; June 22: Midnight Graffiti; July 6: Tim Dabbs.

76th annual PA Maple Festival

The 76th annual Pennsylvania Maple Festival is April 22-23, and April 26-30 in Meyersdale. Festival Park activities include maple demonstrations, tours of 200-year-old Maple Manor antique doctor's office and cobbler shop, entertainment on Festival Park stage, crafts and food vendors, country store, blacksmith demonstration, sit and sip garden and more. Quilt Show, window displays, performances of the "Legend of the Magic Water," antique tractor and farm machinery show, all in town. Lions Club pancakes and sau-

sage dinners. Special events include auto shows, parade, 8K Maple Race, community workshop service and horse pulling contest. See the schedule at www.pamafestival.com and its on Facebook.

Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collection Day

The 2023 Household Hazardous and Electronic Waste Collection Day for Somerset County residents is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 22, at 6022 Glades Pike, Somerset. Accepted chemicals include about any chemical you'll find under your sink or in your garage, including paint, automotive, cleaning, lawn and garden products, pesticides, battery, light bulbs, flammables, and pool chemicals. Accepted electronics include televisions, computers, printers, phones, window air conditioning units, dehumidifiers, mini fridges, microwaves, laptops, gaming devices and any other electronic device with a cord, screen or circuit board. Register at nobleenviro.com or call 412-567-6566.

Basket/Vendor Show

The Meyersdale Athletic Boosters Basket/Vendor Show is from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 22, at the Meyersdale Area High School gym, 1349 Shaw Mines Road, Meyersdale. Food and 50/50, vendors and baskets available.

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Kelly M Russell, Accounting

Kelly M Russell

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Susquehanna River Basin Commission launches groundwater level monitoring grant program

FOR THE REVIEW
Susquehanna River Basin Commission

HARRISBURG — The Susquehanna River Basin Commission (SRBC) is thrilled to launch another round of our Groundwater Level Monitoring Grant program.

Awarded money will assist Commission regulated projects with collecting and reporting water level data in groundwater wells within the basin. Grantees may receive up to \$2,500 per groundwater well, with a total facility cap of \$1,500.

"Especially in economically-challenged

times, we know it can sometimes be difficult to make the necessary improvements to complex infrastructure," said Executive Director Andrew Dehoff. "Funds will help develop a valuable resource of water level data for facilities to use during the permit renewal process, as well as for sustainably

managing their water systems."

The grant program is focused on projects that need to purchase, install, or maintain monitoring equipment to address equipment failure, achieve better data accuracy,

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higher, about \$50 on average, according to the most recent estimates available from 2018.

Groups have forecasted the estimated over-the-counter price for the drug will range from \$35 to \$65. Emergent Biosolutions did not respond to requests about pricing information or when such information would be available.

"Disproportionately, people with opioid use disorder are uninsured," Fee said. "And so maybe (over the counter) is going

to be a net benefit because those people are potentially the most vulnerable. But also, people with Medicaid have lower income and are more price sensitive, so it may be particularly negative for that group."

Illicit fentanyl, which is more potent than heroin and some other opioids, poses additional challenges.

"Fentanyl is really driving the bus now," Fee said.

Because of its potency, fentanyl overdoses may require more than one dose of

Narcans. Adulterants, such as the veterinary tranquilizer xylazine, pose additional challenges. Earlier this month, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration issued a warning about a sharp increase in traffickers of fentanyl mixed with xylazine. The federal agency said xylazine and fentanyl mixtures had been seized in 48 of 50 states. It also noted that the DEA Laboratory System reported that in 2022 about 23% of fentanyl powder and 7% of fentanyl pills

seized by the DEA contained xylazine. "Xylazine is making the deadliest drug threat our country has ever faced, fentanyl, even deadlier," DEA Administrator Anne Milgram said in a statement.

U.S. officials reported 107,735 overdose deaths between August 2021 and August 2022 from drug poisonings, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. About 65% of those deaths involved synthetic opioids such as fentanyl

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saying 'I much. I hear him saying 'We. So, I'm very, very impressed. Really impressed.'"

Anastasio wears many hats in the Republican conservative movement, including director of the Pennsylvania Republican Women, where she fundraised for Donald Trump amid the COVID-19 hampered nominating convention in 2020. Despite supporting Trump in both 2016 and 2020, like many in attendance here at the Penn Harris Convention Center, she has moved on to DeSantis for the future.

"I'm firmly behind DeSantis from what I saw," Anastasio said. "I don't really believe that there's anybody else out there. I think he's going to do amazingly well. I hope he does run, and if he does, I'm interested in running for delegate for him."

State Sen. Kim Ward is the state's first woman to be appointed president pro tempore of the state Senate. She started her career as a Westmoreland County grassroots activist and contributed to the efforts to flip the county from majority Democratic to majority Republican. She said she left the speech very impressed.

"As I listened to him and the things he has done in Florida, his independence, independent of what every one else of many other places in the country were doing, independent of what he was being told to do," she said. "I get why any one would try to put a lid on DeSantis — that guy is dynamic."

"That kind of robust grassroots support might matter more than it usually does," explained former state party Chairman Bob Gleason, who is also a current state committee member. "It looks as though the legislature is going to move our primary up from May to perhaps as early as around Super Tuesday." Gleason said of the legislative intrusions in January to move the date to a more meaningful one in the winter of next year.

David Urban, a Beaver County native and Washington-based strategist who worked Trump's 2016 Pennsylvania campaign, said Pennsylvania is always a significantly important political battleground.

"But it hasn't traditionally mattered much in presidential primaries," Urban said. "If this process comes earlier, and it looks like it will, then it is very smart of DeSantis to be on the ground here and getting to know the voters."

The state Senate president pro tempore privately met with DeSantis before the speech. They discussed her and his wife Casey's battles with breast cancer, among other things. "We talked about Casey's involvement with the Cancer Connect Collaborative

Initiative, and we also discussed human trafficking in context of the border," Ward said. "He has a proven record of making tough decisions and following through, and that, to me, is what we need in leadership."

Ward said any press trying to dismiss DeSantis's appeal to the grassroots or the base does not know the base at all. "Have they ever tried really talking to people?" she asked. "The only way to try to stop this guy is to make it seem like he can't get off the ground."

An example, she argued, is all the reports trying to label his campaign as dead

before it starts. On the same day that DeSantis gave his speech, The Hill reported that DeSantis faced political peril with Trump's indictment. Aziza wrote of Republican support surging for Trump after the indictment and The New York Times questioned it as this Tuesday which will remain sealed until he is arrested. Like most Republicans, DeSantis said the indictments against anyone to be politically motivated.

"Now you have this Manhattan district attorney (who) runs around purely for political purposes and indicts a former president on misdemeanor offenses,"

DeSantis said to the crowd. "They're straining to try to convert (the charges) into felonies. That is when you know that the law has been weaponized for political purposes."

As one attendee put it,

"Trump did a good job for the country. But he should not be at the top of the ticket. Republicans have to win Georgia, and we have to win Arizona ... We have to have those states to win the presidency as Republicans."

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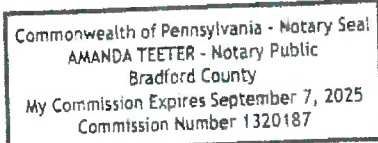
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OBITUARIES

Madelynnne "Maddy" Ann White Kankus

Madelynnne "Maddy" Ann White Kankus of Southport passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2023.

Born on June 27, 1937, daughter of the late Frederick and Madelynn (Lewis) White, she attended South Waverly School and graduated from Waverly High School in 1955.

Maddy was awarded the American Legion Citizenship award in 8th grade and the DAR Citizenship award in 1955. She was proud that she named the junior-high yearbook, Cincago.

She was predeceased by her best friend and husband, Richard Kankus; her sister and good friend, Yvonne Fudge; and brother, Donald Frederick White.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Stephen and Lori Kankus, Marcellus; daughter and son-in-law, Ann and Robert Donovan, Elmira; grandchildren, Sean Donovan, Nashville, TN; Fhsaa Donovan, Oneonta, NY; Finn Kankus, Portland, OR; many nieces and nephews, and a special niece, Tammy Fudge Leddy, who was a loving caregiver.

Maddy graduated from Elmira Business Institute and Corning Community College. While working at the Alcohol & Drug Council, she was awarded the Ed McNulty award for exemplary professional performance in 1986. Maddy also worked as a Home Care Coordinator at Family Services and retired from the Elmira City School's PAL Program. After retiring, she was an emcee at Elderwood. She also worked on a committee to raise money for kitchen equipment

at St. Peter & Paul's annex. She served on the Boards of PAL and the Alcohol & Drug Council. She was an election inspector for many years.

She and Richard were stellar grandparents, who loved spending time with their entire family, organizing family vacations at Keuka Lake and Williamsburg, VA, where Maddy and Dick spent their honeymoon. Maddy loved amzing, working in her garden, spending time with friends, going to lunch, and playing cards. She had many friends, both young and old, long-time and recently met, and many wonderful and kind neighbors who always checked on her.

Maddy's family would like to thank everyone at St. Joe's D3, and everyone she encountered at the Arnot Ogden Medical Center, especially Wendy Spady and Dr. Bakillah in the emergency department.

Family and friends will be received at Caywood's Funeral Home & Gardens, 1126 Broadway St. Southport/Elmira on Friday, April 14, 2023, between 10 a.m. to Noon. Memorial services will follow at 12:15 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Madelynnne's memory to the Sayre Historical Society, PO Box 311, Sayre, PA 18840 or the Bradford County Historical Society, 109 Pine Street Towanda, PA 18848.



Advertisement for Bluebell Funeral Home, offering compassionate and professional funeral planning services, including funeral services, cremation services, and military honors.

FUNERALS

Fulbrook

Charlotte Fulbrook, 94, most recently of Towanda, Pa. and formerly of Nichols, NY and Sayre, Pa. passed away on Feb. 1, 2023 at the Skilled Nursing Unit of Guthrie Towanda following a brief illness.

A period of visitation and time of share memories will be held on Saturday, April 29 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Sullivan Funeral Chapel, 273 S. Main St., Nichols. A celebration of her life and memorial service will follow at 12:30 p.m. A light luncheon will follow. Charlotte will be laid to rest at the convenience of the family in the Nichols Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family would welcome donations being made in Charlotte's memory to: Macular Degeneration Association | Research. Hope. Education. (maculashope.org)

FUNERALS

Bailey

Lynn A. Bailey age 84, passed away at Robert Packer Hospital on March 15, 2023.

Memorial donations are suggested to the Tioga Outreach Center, PO Box 69, Nichols, NY, 13812. The Methodist at Nichols Presbyterian Church, 140 S Main Street, Nichols NY 13812.

A brief Celebration of Life service will be held at Nichols Methodist Church, 122 Birven Street, Nichols, NY - Saturday April 15, 11 a.m. A light luncheon will follow and all are welcome.

Vanderpool

Neal Roy Vanderpool, 58, of Zanesville died at 4:21 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 6, 2022 at Genesis Healthcare following a courageous two-month battle with bile duct stage four cancer.

Friends and family may call on Saturday, April 8, 2023 from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Church of God, 416 North Keystone Avenue, Sayre, PA. A celebration of life service will follow at 12 p.m. with the Rev. Linda Rogers officiating.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to the American Cancer Society, PO Box 6704, Hagerstown, MD 21741 or www.cancer.org.

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Local News

Athletix...

"This is close to my heart because all work very close and very well together which I feel is important," Fitzgerald said. "If you're asking your athletes to work as a team, that one person is not more important than the other; we have to set the example. We all bring different perspectives and strengths to our program."

The strengths of the program have been on full display through their many accomplishments. The Junior Hip Hop Team has taken home the top prize two years running at The One National Competition, and will return again in 2023. Also earning a bid is the Youth Hip-Hop Team and Senior Cheer Team. In 2022, the Junior 3 Team took seventh out of 15 teams at the same competition.

The better Extreme Athletix does, the further they go, both in competition and mileage. The increased travel

requires even more fundraising. For 2023, Fitzgerald and her staff decided to do something the athletes could get directly involved in, while simultaneously raising money and expanding the program, with the Extreme Athletix Cheer and Hip-Hop Dance Mini-Clinic.

"Now that the athletes are older, I wanted to do something they had a chance to be involved in, to help instead of the parents doing it all," said Fitzgerald. "We didn't expect to get more than 20 to 30, so if we were really lucky. The interest shown from the community was shocking. The girls choreographed a short cheer and hip-hop routine, and they taught all 130 attendees in smaller groups."

Fitzgerald continued to express the coaches' pride in the attendees for learning the routine in only four hours, then to perform it several

weeks later in front of a packed gymnasium last Friday night.

"Our program is not for everyone," said Fitzgerald. "I'm not going to upsell my program and have someone be miserable after being locked in. So, giving these children the opportunity to experience it all is the best way to know if they want to continue."

With cheer joining the lineup of Olympic sports in 2024, Fitzgerald hopes that opportunities like the clinic and the showcase will introduce the community to Extreme Athletix and all they have accomplished in the last decade.

"It's a close knit program all the way around, from parents, to coaches, to athletes, everyone is always helping with whatever the task is at hand, because at the end of the day, we have the same goal; it's all about the kids."

PennDOT...

"Every municipality has the same issue, and it's PennDOT response," said Rep. Sarah Probst, D-Stroudsburg. "They don't respond back."

Probst, the former mayor of Stroudsburg, told The Center Square that problems - like repeating work on a local bridge and poorly striped parking on Main Street - were fixed by the borough because PennDOT ignored their complaints.

"Every municipality has a complaint about PennDOT," she said. "They have no accountability to anybody. They just need to be held accountable for the work that they do, and they need to be responsive."

Probst has introduced House Bill 671, which would require PennDOT to track complaints from municipal leaders in a database, the agency's response, and the status of the complaint - including as to whether it has been resolved.

Officials from PennDOT said the agency already responds to these complaints.

"PennDOT works closely with municipalities to address concerns and issues, both proactively and when a concern is brought to our attention, both by the municipality or by a customer who reports a municipal issue," Press Secretary Alex Campbell said. "No matter how the concern is shared with us, PennDOT staff responds immediately to safety concerns and works to resolve any other concerns as quickly as possible."

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pal Advisory Committee meets quarterly with districtwide municipal groups to discuss issues. Still, the frustration lingers. When towns and boroughs have troublesome roads owned by the state, instead of under local control, the aggravation worsens.

"You call about the massive potholes and they're not fixed - people's cars are going out of alignment hitting these potholes," Probst said. "They call and they call and they call - and nothing gets done."

On some occasions, Stroudsburg filed some potholes on their own to get things done, though they aren't supposed to do so.

"Make no mistake: It's not their workers. Their workers are not the problem... it's the higher-ups at PennDOT," Probst said. "I just think that it's unfair. Everybody else is held accountable under a certain standard, and it's time that they are, too."

On Twitter, Pennsylvanians complain more than most other states about potholes, and "oil and chips" fires that use tar and small rocks also tend to kick up complaints.

The focus of the state agency, as Probst sees it, favors industry over residents.

"It's all about truck traffic," she said. "They don't care about towns, they don't care about places. All they care about is how fast can we get these trucks through our highways."

Probst said the municipalities can't do anything to address complaints from residents, either.

"It's bad, and when you call PennDOT, they don't care," she said. "It is nothing but frustration all the way around."

Campaign...

"The value of living in a small, rural community exceeds the things we see daily," Tumaber said.

It's easy to look around and see natural beauty and resources. Seeing the willingness of communities to help those in need takes a deeper look.

"Though we may be small, we are strong and we can achieve goals like this year after year," she said.

The United Fund's 20 member agencies receive funding from the campaign

"The fact that we give the money directly to the community member agencies makes it an effort worth giving to," Tumaber said.

There are two new entries among those entities this year - the Warren County Children's Advocacy Center and the Women's Care Center.

Adding member agencies means the United Fund's efforts are reaching more people, Holt said.

"Both of those non-pro-

fit reach more people and brought in more people."

"That there are changes to the list is a positive. It helps the United Fund stay relevant," Haxson said.

The United Fund aims ever higher with its campaign. Sometimes - especially in times when higher levels of community need means fewer people have as much to give - the organizers are concerned that they will not reach the goal.

"I'm really encouraged," Holt said. "Going through COVID and the economic climate, we pushed this a little bit higher this year."

"It's a testament to the longevity of the campaigns," she said. "Not only do we have people who believe, we continue to find new people."

She attributes the ability to retain donors and reach new ones on the work put in by volunteers in support of the campaign.

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Investigation...

On Friday, Sheriff David Cirencone announced that the investigation into the case had been closed and issued a release regarding the results of that investigation.

Cirencone said his office "followed numerous leads" in the case - including "interviewing dozens of witnesses, a forensic examination of Mr. Zurkan's cell phone, and a search of his vehicle."

He said Zurkan had a 45-caliber handgun during the incident and that a loaded 20-gauge shotgun was found in the vehicle along with a 45-caliber magazine containing four

live rounds, and additional ammunition for both the handgun and shotgun. Cirencone said Zurkan legally purchased both firearms in Pennsylvania.

Five spent 45-caliber shell casings consistent with ammunition in Zurkan's firearm were found on a street in the area where a deputy following Zurkan said he had heard shots being fired, according to the report.

There were several prescription medications found in the vehicle - all in containers prescribed to Zurkan, according to the report. Toxicology report results were not available

Tuesday and were being handled by the Monroe County Medical Examiner's Office.

The report indicates that Zurkan was convicted on a controlled substance charge in Warren County in 2011.

According to Cirencone, it remains unknown why Zurkan was in Ontario County. He said Zurkan had applied for jobs in the region the week before the incident, but had not received any offers.

The New York State Attorney General's Office is also investigating the incident.

On The Record

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W. WARREN COUNTY - District Judge Todd Woodin. DUI George E. Stoddard, 56 Ripley, NY, was charged by Conry-based Pennsylvania State Police on April 3 with three counts of DUI and careless driving from an incident that occurred on March 3 in Columbus Twp.

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Fire in Pennsylvania hotel sends 5 to hospital

COUDERSPORT, Pa. (AP) — Fire officials say five people were taken to a hospital for treatment after an early morning fire at a northern Pennsylvania hotel that dates back to the 19th century.

The blaze on the third floor of the Hotel Crittenden in downtown Coudersport in Potter County was reported shortly after 6:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Chief Bryan Phelps of the Coudersport Volunteer Fire Department said 100 to 125 firefighters were called to the scene.

Phelps said the blaze was under control and five people were transported to local hospitals for treatment of injuries; he said he had no update on their conditions. A UPMC representative confirmed that five people were brought to the UPMC-Lehigh emergency room in Coudersport but said the hospital does not release patient conditions.

The Hotel Crittenden says on its Facebook page that the current hotel was built in 1891 and "the majority of the structure is still original." Since new owners took over in 2014, they have worked to improve on the structure "without disturbing the original beauty," the hotel said. Endeavour News reports that an earlier hotel built on the same site in 1840 was destroyed when fire swept through downtown Coudersport in 1880.

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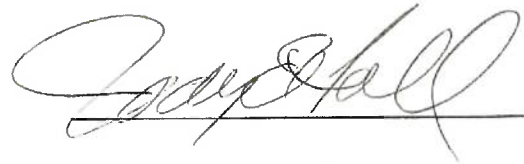
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Royal Stars

By GEORGIA NICOLS

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The Moon is in Libra.

Happy Birthday for Wednesday, April 5, 2023. You are highly principled and always working. You shoot for success and excellence in everything you do. You want security and stability. This is a year of learning for you. Explore philosophies and belief systems that will give you better self awareness and a better understanding of what is important.

The Stars Show the Kind of

Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-Slow; 1-Difficult

ARIES

(March 21-April 19)
** Be patient with others, as today's Full Moon begins to peak opposite your sign. This happens only once a year, and when it does, it creates tension with those who are closest to you. They, with the Sun and Jupiter in your sign, you can remain positive. Tonight: Listen.

TAURUS

(April 20-May 20)
*** Tension with

co-workers as well as people dealing with your health, or even your pet, might arise today, as the Full Moon peaks tonight. This means something might come to a head. You might want to speak up about something; you feel it's time. Tonight: Get organized.

GEMINI

(May 21-June 20)
** Be patient with kids today. They feel the Full Moon as much as you do. Even your pet does. This is because the Moon has a gravitational pull on bodies of water, hence the ocean tides. Be patient with

lovers, social situations and sports tonight. Be far-minded.

CANCER

(June 21-July 21)
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Today you might feel pulled between the demands of home and family versus the demands of your career and your public reputation. This happens twice a year. In this instance, you can't ignore your career and the reputation you have with your peers. Tonight: Be respectful.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

** Pay attention to everything you say and do today. The energy of today's Full Moon might create an accident. This accident could be a verbal accident (like a real blooper), or it could be a physical accident (Ouch). Slow down and take it easy. Tonight: Keep the peace.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*** Some kind of financial issue might come to a head today due to the Full Moon energy. It might deal with debt or something that you owe to someone else. Or it could deal with your responsibilities to or for someone. Hopefully, you will get this resolved. Tonight: Check your finances.



LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

** Tonight, the only Full Moon in your sign all year is taking place, which will likely create increased tension between you and those who are closest to you, like spouses, partners and dear friends. Knowing this ahead of time, you can make an effort to compromise and be patient. Tonight: Stay mellow.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

*** Difficulties with co-workers might arise today as the energy builds up before the Full Moon tonight. You might feel a clash with someone about how to do something. Let this energy pass, because in 48 hours, everything will return to normal. Tonight: Be cool.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

** You might encounter difficulty with your kids or a romantic partner. It might be challenging to deal with a group, especially if it is sports related or something to do with a competition. This is because the Full Moon is peaking tonight. Be patient with yourself and others. Tonight: Cooperate.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Today you might feel a tug-of-war between the demands of home and family

versus the demands of your job or your public reputation. You can't please everyone. In this particular instance, you have to put home and family first. And so it goes. Tonight: Show respect.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

** Be careful, because this is a mildly accident-prone day for you. An accident doesn't have to happen; however, you might be emotionally distracted or tense because of the buildup before tonight's Full Moon. Slow down and take it easy. Don't get your belly in a rash. Tonight: Learn something.

PISCES

(Feb. 19-March 20)

*** The energy that builds up today before tonight's Full Moon might stir the pot in financial matters or something to do with your possessions or something you own. It might even impact what you share with someone else, like shared property or debt. By tomorrow, things will be clearer. Tonight: Maintain assets.

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Panel picks consultant for comprehensive plan

By WILLIAM KIBLER
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The Altoona Planning Commission Tuesday voted to recommend that City Council hire a consulting firm from Maine to create a new comprehensive plan.

While CZB of Bath is headquartered the farthest away of the four firms that submitted proposals, the company is familiar with the area from creating the Alleghenies Ahead Regional Comprehensive Plan for Southern Alleghenies Planning &

Development Commission several years ago, and from recently completing a housing study for that six-county agency.

CZB's proposal was actually ranked second among the four bidders by a subcommittee of the city's Comprehensive Plan Steering Committee, behind a consortium headed by evolveEA of Pittsburgh, but CZB edged ahead of evolveEA based on interviews conducted with those two firms, according to Planning Commission Chairman Dave Albright.

Albright said evolveEA came in with a big team and put on a "sexy" and "dynamic" performance at the interview, with emphasis on "design" that included graphics of streetscapes and buildings it had worked on for other clients.

But CZB overcame that display two days later with a small team focused on analysis, Albright said.

"(Still) we really vacillated," Albright said. "Ultimately CZB seemed more pragmatic, with an approach that promised to

be more "efficient," said City Manager Omar Strohm, a member of the subcommittee.

CZB was "a little more clear in how they communicated" and how they planned to deal with the community's preferences and goals, which the company has to assess out, Albright said.

CZB expects to complete the job in 12 months, rather than 18 months, like the other firms, which worked in its favor, said Community Development Director Diana White, another subcommit-

tee member. And the regional housing study that the firm just finished will enable CZB to easily burrow into those issues in Altoona — an effort that is "something we've been wanting," White said. Commission members talked about the potential for raising the physical condition of all city homes, with data on a spreadsheet to allow for constant adjustments, so that it would become a "living document" that could be used routinely by the Department of Codes

& Inspections, officials said. That data "will have huge value," said Mayor Matt Pacifico, a subcommittee member. All the firms were planning to charge the city around \$200,000. The city can pay the cost of creating the plan with Community Development Block Grant administrative funds, White said previously.

Mirror Staff Writer William Kibler is at 814-949-7038.

City man arrested on drug charges

Barnhill allegedly found with meth, heroin, \$1,200

From Mirror staff reports

A city man faces drug charges after police took him into custody on a sheriff's warrant and found money and drugs.

Gage Michael Barnhill, 24, was arraigned Monday before Magisterial District Judge Daniel C. DeAntonio on felony charges of dealing in unlawful proceeds and possession with intent to deliver along with misdemeanor charges of possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia.

According to the affidavit of probable cause, Altoona police were working on a saturation detail about 8:52 p.m. July 17, 2021, when they went to a home on the 300 block of Maple Avenue after receiving a tip about drug activity.

Police found Barnhill sitting outside the residence and took him into custody on the warrant. During a pat down, police found money in his pockets. A black package, consistent with medical marijuana, was found on the ground where he was sitting.

When Barnhill went to leave his belongings in the home, police saw him hand over large bundles of cash, telling police he got it from unemployment checks.

Police seized the black bag, which Barnhill said contained marijuana. Police said it was illegal-

ly packaged because there was no label on it. When it was opened, police found two small plastic bags of white powder and notebook paper that appeared to be an owe sheet. When questioned about the drugs, Barnhill allegedly admitted they were fentanyl, the bag was his and the cash police saw was the result of selling heroin.

As he was being taken into custody, he told police he had methamphetamine and a packet of heroin in his left sock. Assisting officers also found numerous empty wax packets in his back pockets, police reported.

Police retrieved the cash, which totaled \$1,270. Another person in the home during the incident

requested to leave, but in emptying his pockets, removed a clear plastic bag of fentanyl that Barnhill admitted to selling him before police arrived.

All drugs were sent to the state police lab for identification. Police said the items includes folded wax paper containing 0.12 grams of fentanyl and fentanyl, two knotted plastic bags containing 1.04 grams of methamphetamine and from the bag found outside, a knotted plastic bag containing 0.74 grams of fentanyl and fentanyl, wax paper, and 30 grams of fentanyl.

Unable to post \$40,000 bail, Barnhill was remanded to Blair County Prison. He faces a preliminary hearing on April 12 before DeAntonio.

Hopewell man facing DUI in buggy accident

From Mirror staff reports

Earl John Harding, 43, faces DUI and related charges after crashing his van into the back of a horse and buggy on the 500 block of Woodbury Pike in Woodbury Township, Bedford County. According to state police, the accident occurred about 6 p.m. March 27. Harding was placed into custody

for driving under the influence of drugs. He also faces summary charges of reckless driving, careless driving and following too closely. According to the complaint, Harding told police he didn't notice the horse and buggy until after he rear-ended the buggy. Police did not provide information on any injuries to the horse or buggy occupants.

Swanson eyes Tyrone school board seat

Republican Ken Swanson is running for Tyrone Area School Board.

Swanson said he wants to give back to the Tyrone Area community after serving 35 years in public education. He retired from the Belwood-Antis School District after serving as the school business manager/board secretary.

He was involved with

all areas of school operations, including being the school's representative to the Blair Chamber that created the BASICS (Business and Schools Investing in Cooperative Solutions) program. He also

served as the chairman of the committee that created the Blair County Tax Bureau.

Swanson also worked with student athletes as the head track coach and head golf coach.

After retiring, he worked for Pennsylvania School Boards Association as an ambassador for public education. His region covered

72 school districts, 17 representatives and five senators.

Swanson resides in Warriors Mark with his wife, Faith, operates a tax office in Tyrone and is a part-time employee at Toltrees Golf Resort.

He said these experiences will provide the opportunity for him to be an effective board member.

GUILTY: Backpack had \$28,000 worth of drugs

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Defense attorney Mark Zearfaus asked the jurors to accept Castro's testimony, where Castro spoke of being embarrassed about his drug use and admitted to stopping in at Lowell's house and using drugs with Lowell until the police arrived.

"They're trying to say those drugs belonged to Mr. Castro because (Castro's) laptop was in the backpack," Zearfaus told the jurors in his closing.

Castro told the jury he gave his laptop to Lowell as payment for drugs, but Weeks asked the jury to recall that the backpack also had a photo of a woman signed "Castro's girl" and a toothbrush. If Lowell lived at the residence, then why

would he keep \$28,000 worth of drugs and a toothbrush in a backpack, Weeks asked.

The jurors who evaluated Castro's charges presented one set of questions while deliberating, seeking clarity on the amount of marijuana found in the backpack. They also asked what quantity of marijuana ranks as personal use and as possession with intent to deliver.

Doyle, after consulting with Weeks and Zearfaus, rendered a written response, indicating that it was 80.29 grams of marijuana found in the backpack. As for the quantity, she said it was up to the jury to reach a conclusion.

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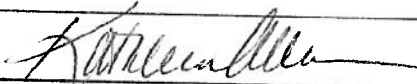
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Lolita

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country to a seapen is dangerous and unnecessary.”

But for Raynell Morris, an elder of the Lummi Indian Tribe in Washington and a board member of Friends of Toki, the whale's return is fundamental.

“Until she's returned to her family, our family is broken,” Morris said. “When she comes home, the web of life will be repaired and restored, and our people will be repaired and restored.”

How do you move a 2.5-ton whale?

When all the pieces are in place – which could take two years – and Lolita is deemed healthy enough to move, she will be put on a stretcher. She'll be lifted by crane into a tank placed on a truck, and the truck driven to a cargo plane.

She'll be flown to Washington, loaded onto a barge, floated to the sanctuary, and lowered by crane into her new home.

Toki's transportation tank will be filled with fresh water – salt water could ruin the plane in the event of a leak. Her caregivers will protect her skin with ointment.

Advocates will work with Washington's Department of Natural Resources to pick the sanctuary site.

There, Toki can begin recovering the strength she might need to rejoin wild orcas, to learn to hunt and to travel around 100 miles per day.

What did we learn from Keiko?

Keiko was about 2 when he was captured in 1979. He spent time in Iceland and Canada before being sold in 1985 to a theme park in Mexico City, where he lived in a tank filled with tap water mixed with salt.

In 1993 he was featured in “Free Willy,” prompting a campaign by schoolchildren to get him released. A facility was built at the Oregon Coast Aquarium where the emaciated Keiko could recover before his return to Iceland.

Keiko gained about 1,000 pounds in his first

year in Oregon.

Vinick, who helped manage Keiko's return, noted that it was always designed as a reintroduction effort. Keiko was in his early 20s – still young for an orca – when he was brought to Iceland in 1998. To teach him to hunt, trainers would launch fish around his pen with a sling shot.

Eventually they began escorting him on longer swims in the open ocean.

While Keiko would approach wild orcas at times, he would return to his trainers' boat and generally sought out humans. He swam to Norway on his own – a journey of nearly 1,000 miles. But there again he was attracted to boats and people, and he died, apparently of pneumonia, at about age 27.

“We already knew how easy it is to capture whales,” Vinick said. “What we learned with Keiko is how difficult it is to put one back.”

Malene Simon of the Greenland Institute of Natural Resources, who conducted a scientific re-

view of Keiko's release, said she was pessimistic about Lolita's chances to learn to hunt after 52 years of being fed by humans.

Still, Tokitae has some advantages. She was slightly older when she was captured, so she would already have been learning to hunt, and she might have more memory

of her family songs. Further, researchers know who her family is, unlike with Keiko.

“It'll be therapeutic for her, and she'll get healthier,” said Howard Garrett, president of the board of the advocacy group Orca Network. “This is a step toward fighting a great wrong that humans have done.”

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Biden says tech companies must ensure AI safety

By ZEKI MILLER
AP White House Correspondent

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden on Tuesday met with his council of advisers on science and technology about the risks and opportunities that rapid advancements in artificial intelligence development pose for individual users and national security.

Biden said that "tech companies have a responsibility to make sure their products are safe before making them public."

"AI can help deal with some very difficult challenges like disease and climate change, but it also has to address the potential risks to our society, to our economy, to our national security," Biden told the group.

The White House said the Democratic president would use the AI meetings to "discuss the importance of protecting rights and safety to ensure responsible innovation and appropriate safeguards" and to reiterate his call for Congress to pass legislation to protect children and cur-tail data collection by technology companies.

Artificial intelligence burst to the forefront in the national and global conversation after the release of the popular ChatGPT AI chatbot, which helped spark a race among tech giants to unveil similar tools, while raising ethical and societal concerns about new tools that can generate convincing prose or imagery that looks like it's the work of humans. Italy last week temporarily blocked ChatGPT over data privacy concerns, and European Union lawmakers have



President Joe Biden stands at the top of the steps of Air Force One before boarding at Minneapolis-Saint Paul International Airport on Monday.

been negotiating new regulations to limit high-risk AI products.

The U.S. so far has taken a different approach. The Biden administration last year unveiled a set of far-reaching goals aimed at averting harms caused by the rise of AI systems, including guidelines for how to protect people's personal data and limit surveillance.

The Blueprint for an AI Bill of Rights notably did not set out specific enforcement actions, but instead was intended as a White House call to action for the U.S. government to safeguard digital and civil rights in an AI-filled world.

Biden's council, known as PCAST, is composed of science, engineering, technology and medical experts and is co-chaired by the Cabinet ranked director of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, Arati Prabhakar. Asked if AI is dangerous, Biden said Tuesday, "It remains to be seen. Could be."

THINGS TO DO

■ Associations and Registry Holders for Penn State Extension Workshop, "Cooking for Crowds: A Volunteer's Guide to Safe Food Handling" scheduled for 8 to 9 p.m. April 12 at the Penn State Extension Mercer County Office, 463 N. Perry Hwy., Mercer. The workshop is aimed at helping non-profit organizations and volunteers stay up to date on food safety rules and regulations.

The program is designed for volunteers preparing food for events such as church fundraisers, fire company barbecues, booster club food sales and many other types of events where food is served to the public.

The workshop will cover the causes of food borne illness as well as safe food handling practices.

Organizers point out that food safety regulations change, so even if nonprofit organizations

have prepared large volumes of food for years, it is important that volunteers are up to date and knowledgeable about rules and regulations governing food safety.

Fee of \$10 covers an unlimited number of attendees for each organization. Individuals not associated with an organization may attend for \$40. Info: <https://extension.psu.edu/cooking-for-crowds>.

■ The Harrisville Community Band, now in its 58th year, will present its annual spring concert at 7 p.m. Friday at the Harrisville Fire Hall, 313 E. Mercer St. Director of the 30-member band is Jim Jackson, a Grove City Area School District music educator for many years.

Some selections include, "Highlights from Jesus Christ Superstar," "Assurance," "Disney Eight March," and "Crown Him With Many Crowns." Two selections will be performed by the band's own French horn

quartet. Master of Ceremonies for the evening will be Vic Karcher of Grove City. Admission is free.

■ Spaghetti dinner will be held at Shenango Valley Masonic Lodge #10 from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday for dine in and take out. The dinner includes beverages, salad, pasta and meatballs with sauce, and ice cream. Tickets are \$12. Meatballs can be ordered to go for \$12 a dozen. The lodge is at 7 S. Neshannock Road, at the corner of Route 62, Hermitage.

■ The theatrical rehearsal for Mercer County Senior Follies is 5 p.m. Monday at Shenango Valley Senior Center, 220 N. Buhl Farm Drive, Hermitage. Rehearsals will then continue on Mondays, with the performance scheduled for Aug. 5 and 6 at Hickory High School

auditorium. Theme for this year's show is, "Young at Heart." All are welcome to inquire and participate. The ability to read music is not required. Info: 724-331-4535.

■ On Study: the Hermitage Historical Society will host a special to the home at 5:30 p.m. Saturday. The event will take place in the home at 220 N. Buhl Farm Drive. Tickets are \$12. The event will be for the benefit of the main

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Alaska oil plan foes lose 1st fight

Initial work can proceed while judge weighs cases

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JUNEAU, Alaska — Environmentalists lost the first round of their legal battle over a major oil project on Alaska's petroleum-rich North Slope on Monday as a judge rejected their requests to halt immediate construction work related to the Willow project, but they vowed not to give up.

The court's decision means ConocoPhillips Alaska can forge ahead with cold-weather construction work, including mining gravel and using it for a road toward the Willow project. Environmentalists worry that noise from blasting and road construction could affect caribou.

U.S. District Judge Sharon Gleason said she took into account support for the project by Alaska political leaders including state lawmakers and Alaska's bipartisan congressional delegation. She said she also gave "considerable weight" to the support for Willow by an Alaska Native village corporation, an Alaska Native regional corporation and the North Slope Borough, while also recognizing that project support among Alaska Natives is not unanimous.

Environmental groups and an Alaska Native organization, Sovereign Inupiat for a Living Arctic, had asked Gleason to delay construction related to Willow while their lawsuits are pending. They ultimately want Gleason to overturn the project's approval, saying the U.S. Bureau of Land Management failed to consider an adequate range of alternatives.



A federal judge ruled that groups challenging the Willow Project did not succeed in showing that the work ConocoPhillips Alaska plans for this month will cause irreparable harm before she decides on the lawsuits' merits. MARK THIELSTRA/AP FILE

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Gleason said the construction work that ConocoPhillips Alaska plans for this month is "substantially narrower in scope than the Willow Project as a whole" and the groups did not succeed in showing it would cause irreparable harm before she makes a decision on the merits of the cases.

Rebecca Boys, a company spokesperson, said ConocoPhillips Alaska appreciates the backing it has received from those "who recognize that Willow will provide meaningful opportunities for Alaska Native communities and the state of Alaska, and domestic energy for America."

A ConocoPhillips Alaska executive, Stephen Sirois, warned in court documents that blocking construction could make it "impossible" for production to begin by Sept. 1, 2025, and the company risks having its leases expire if the unit hasn't produced oil by then.

One of the suits, filed by Earthjustice on behalf

of numerous environmental groups, says the government analyzed an inadequate range of alternatives "based on the mistaken conclusion that it must allow ConocoPhillips to fully develop its leases." It also says the environmental review underlying Willow's approval didn't assess the climate consequences of authorizing the project because it didn't analyze greenhouse gas emissions from other projects in the region that could follow.

The Willow project is in the northeast portion of the National Petroleum Reserve-Alaska, where there has been debate over how much of the region should be available to oil and gas development.

The Biden administration in 2022 limited oil and gas leasing to just over half the reserve, which is home to polar bears, caribou, millions of migratory birds and other wildlife. There are multiple exploration and development projects within 50 miles of the Willow project, including other discoveries being pursued by ConocoPhillips Alaska, the state's largest oil producer.

The other lawsuit, filed by Trustees for Alaska on behalf of Sovereign Inupiat for a Living Arctic and environmental groups, said federal agen-

cies failed to take a "hard look at the direct, indirect and cumulative impacts" of the Willow project and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service failed to address impacts to polar bears, a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act.

Bradley Paulson, lead staff attorney with Trustees for Alaska, said in a statement that Gleason's decision is "heartbreaking for all who want to protect local communities and prevent more devastating climate impacts in the Arctic and around the world. We will do everything we can to protect the region while the merits of our case get heard."

Erik Grafe, deputy managing attorney for Earthjustice, said while this round of legal challenges "did not produce the outcome we had hoped for, our court battle continues."

Justice Department lawyers had argued that last month's decision by the Biden administration approving Willow was "based in science and consistent with all legal requirements." They also said the environmental review thoroughly analyzed emissions related to the use of oil produced by the project and called the analysis sought by Earthjustice overreaching.

State political leaders, including Republican Gov. Mike Dunleavy, and labor unions have touted Willow as a job creator, expected to produce up to 300,000 barrels of oil a day. That's significant, because major existing fields are aging and the flow of oil through the Trans-Alaska Pipeline is a fraction of what it was at its peak in the late 1980s.

Many Alaska Native leaders on the North Slope and groups with ties to the region have argued that the project is economically vital for their communities. Naagrok Harsanyi, president of the Village of Arctic Inupiat, whose members include leaders from across much of the North Slope, called Gleason's decision "another step forward for Alaska, Alaska Native self-determination, and for America's energy security."

But some Alaska Native leaders in the community closest to the project, Inupiat, have expressed concerns about impacts to their subsistence lifestyles and worried that their voices haven't been heard.

Using the oil that Willow would produce over the 30-year life of the project would emit roughly as much greenhouse gas as the combined emissions from 17 million passenger cars over the same period. Climate activists say the project flies in the face of President Joe Biden's pledges to move to clean energy.

The administration has defended the decision on Willow and the president's climate record. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland, who opposed Willow when she was a New Mexico congresswoman, last month called the project a "difficult and complex issue" involving leases issued by prior administrations. She said there was "limited decision space" and the administration had "focused on how to reduce the project's footprint and minimize its impacts to people and wildlife."

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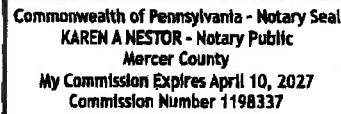
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DEBBIE WACHTER/NEWS
Lawrence County Prothonotary and Clerk of Courts Jodi Klabon-Esoldo, left, administers the oath of office to Brian D. Burick, as he is sworn in Monday as a county commissioner. Burick's wife, Janice, Skocic Burick, holds the Bible.

Burick takes oath as county commissioner

BY DEBBIE WACHTER
NEWCASTLENEWS

Brian D. Burick's daughter wasn't born yet when he was sworn into office as a Lawrence County commissioner 27 years and two months ago.

Surrounded by his daughter, Faith, 18, his wife, Janice, and several other family members and friends Monday morning, it was like déjà vu for Burick as he stood at the front of a county courtroom and placed his left hand on a Bible and raised his right hand.

He took the oath of office once again, appointed as a county commissioner to fill the unexpired term of Morgan Boyd, who resigned from the post last month to accept a state government position in Harrisburg.

Burick had served as a commissioner for eight

years previously, from 1996 to 2004.

The county's four common pleas judges — Dominick Motto, J. Craig Cox, John W. Hodge and David H. Acker, collectively appointed Burick to fill Boyd's seat for the rest of this year.

Meanwhile, through the regular voting process, three commissioners will be elected to begin new four-year terms in January.

"This board of Judges took this appointment very seriously," President Judge Motto said, addressing those in the courtroom. He noted that while everyone who applied "had impressive qualifications" for the position, "we had to decide who was the best fit for Lawrence County. We unanimously agreed that Brian Burick is that person."

Motto noted that what impressed the judges

es the most was that Burick graduated in 1988 from the Academy for Excellence in County Government, a program sponsored by the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

County Prothonotary and Clerk of Courts Jodi Klabon-Esoldo administered the oath to Burick in a brief ceremony that included remarks from Motto.

Burick's first public meeting with Commissioners Dan Vogler and Loretta Spielvogel was at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the commissioners meeting room.

Burick and his wife, in addition to their daughter, also have a son, Joshua, who attends Grove City College in engineering and was unable to attend Monday's ceremony. They live on the city's North Hill.

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By

Thiel recognizes CP teacher as its Business Mentor of the Year

Record-Argus staff reports

Commodore Perry teacher and coach David Snyder was recognized Friday as Thiel College's Business Mentor of the Year.

After graduating from Lakeview High School in 1996 and Edinboro University in 2000, Snyder began his career at CP in 2002, after two years teaching in Virginia.

He teaches a variety of classes for seventh through 12th grades, including civics, geography, world cultures and government/economics.

He has also been the head cross country and track & field coach at CP for 16 years, as well as co-advisor of student council.

Snyder was nominated by one of his former students, Hannah Jones, a neuroscience and health systems major at Thiel from Clarks Mills.

Snyder was awarded a \$250 Amazon gift card, as well as another \$500 to be put toward his class or a school activity.

He wasn't the only CP-related educator up for the award.

Heidi Grinnell — who is an entrepreneurship teacher at the Mercer County Career Center and a member of Commodore Perry School Board — was



Contributed photos

During the Thiel College Business Mentor of the Year recognition, student Hannah Jones (left) stands with David Snyder, a teacher at Commodore Perry who Jones, a former CP student, nominated for the award.

also one of the seven nominees.

Thiel students nominated teachers in the field of business from their high school who had a profound impact on their education and life for this award.

Also recognized Friday was Peggy Mazzyk, president and CEO of Visit-MercerCountyPA, the 2023 winner of the Business Professional of the Year Award.

Mazzyk has served as president and CEO of the county's tourism organization since 1998.

There will be two more awards presentations in the coming month, with the Communication Mentor of the Year to be announced April 14 and both the Science Educator and Women in STEM Mentor of the Year to be announced April 21.

BIRTHS

The Birth Place at UPMC Horizon

Dylan Lee Saul, son of Michelle and Ryan Saul of Sharpville, was born April 1, 2023.

He weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 21 inches long.

Grandparents are Bret and Sarah Hayman, and Kevin Saul, all of Greenville, and Jeanete Winslow of Largo, Fla.

Leah Elizabeth Jones, daughter of Andrew and Casey (Arblaster) Jones of Greenville, was born April 2, 2023.

She weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces, and was 21½ inches long.

She has one brother, David.

Grandparents are David and Pamela Jones of Greenville, Sherrie Dillaman, and David and Donna Walker, all of Slippery Rock.

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CLASS MEETINGS

PJHS Class of 1956 to meet Thursday

JAMESTOWN — The Pymatuning Joint High School Class of 1956 will meet at noon Thursday for the monthly lunch at Byler's Family Restaurant, Liberty Street. The class meets the first Thursday of each month.

CP Class of 1968 meets Saturday

PERRY TOWNSHIP — The Commodore Perry Class of 1968 will meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. Saturday at Rainbow Valley Restaurant, U.S. Route 19.

For more information, call Donna at 724-253-4633.

The classmates meet the second Saturday of each month.

GHS Class of 1968 breakfast Saturday

THE GREENVILLE High School Class of 1968 will meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. Saturday at Joe & Company, Main Street. The class meets regularly for breakfast the second Saturday of each month.

GHS Class of 1965 to meet Saturday

HEMPFIELD TOWNSHIP — The Greenville High School Class of 1965 will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, April 8, at Mama Jane's Eatery, Hadley Road.

Classmates should note the time and location for the meeting.

FOR YOUR HEALTH

Doctors use 3D technology to repair damaged skin

NIH: News in Health
National Institutes of Health

To repair burns and other skin injuries, surgeons can grow new patches of skin in the lab.

But these patches are usually small, and their shapes are limited.

Using such patches on complex structures like the hands or face requires lots of cutting and stitching. This can cause damage and

scarring. Researchers are working to find ways to grow 3D skin in the shape of complex body parts.

In a new study, a team tested a system to grow skin in the shape of a human hand.

They also grew 3D skin grafts to fit the shape of mouse legs.

These "wearable" skin grafts are designed to fit on the body like clothing.

The researchers scanned body parts and then used 3D printers to create hollow scaffolds in the desired shapes. Then they grew skin cells on the scaffolds.

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Dylan Eyth, president of Pi Kappa Phi fraternity at Slippery Rock University, works with his mother Angela Eyth, a fourth-grade teacher at Summit Township Elementary School, in front of the school's raised vegetable beds Saturday.

ERIC FREELING/BUTLER EAGLE

SRU fraternity pitches in at Summit Twp. school

By Eric Freeling
Eagle Community Editor

SUMMIT TWP — For Dylan Eyth charity begins pretty close to home. The Slippery Rock University sophomore didn't attend Summit Township Elementary School, 351 Brinker Road, but his mother Angela Eyth has been a fourth-grade teacher there for 30 years.

So, when she and the school needed some help moving dirt to shore up suaken spots around the playground's borders and ready the school's raised vegetable plots for planting, Eyth brought in 17 members of his Pi Kappa Phi fraternity Saturday morning to provide workers.

"My mom's been a teacher here. She's so dedicated. I'm glad to be able to help. It's come full circle," said Eyth, the president of the social fraternity. He said he was pleasantly surprised his fraternity brothers agreed to get up before 8 a.m. on a Saturday to pitch in.

"We get a volunteer opportunity and help out at the school at the same time," he said. "Hopefully, we will make it out here more often."

Tara Huntsman, a member of the school's PTO, brought her 10-year-old twins Deelan and Cullen to help with the vegetable beds.

She said the participation of Pi Kappa Phi was helping to end this phase of the playground work.

"This has been a long project. The PTO and the township got grants to do it," said Huntsman. Playground equipment was installed in phases with the swings placed in 2021.

"But the dirt was settling in outside of the ridges to the playground. It was a hazard to the students," she said. She added Bauer Excavating of Herman donated a tri-axle truckload of dirt for free, but workers was needed to move the dirt and tramp it down to fill in the sunken spots around the playground's edges.

Angela Eyth, working on the vegetable beds behind the school, said the beds as well as the new outdoor learning center and the greenhouse were all part of the school's Community Agriculture Partnership.

"We're an ag-focused school," she said. "We teach the normal curriculum. We use ag elements to enrich the learning."

For example, the school uses aquaponics and hydroponics in the classrooms. In her fourth-grade class, Eyth is using a plant race between pole beans and snap peas to see which plant can grow to the ceiling fastest.

"After Easter, we'll be teaching embryology for a unit on chicken eggs to hatch chicks," she said.

Each of the classes at the school is in charge of four vegetable beds. The harvest of corn, squash, beans and other vegetables will go to people in the community as well as to the farm-

er's market being set up at Broad Street Elementary School in Butler.

"We're not teaching students to be farmers. We're teaching them problem solving. The ag lessons are for enrichment of the learning," she said.

Chad Broman, the principal at Summit Township Elementary, said the agriculture activities can be tied into the partnerships at the other elementary schools in the district.

"The plan is to have a 'farmbot' attached to a 12-by-20 raised bed in the greenhouse that will be able to weed, plant and

water," said Broman. The other schools' STEAM (science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics) classes will be able to tend to a section of the bed using remote controls and Wi-Fi cameras.

"We hope to have this by next fall, but don't hold us to that," he said.

Angela Eyth, who was named 2020 Farm Bureau Agricultural Teacher of the Year, said the school staff and students have taken to the agriculture partnership.

"It's amazing, beyond what I dreamed of," she said.

LOCAL

Mars kindergarten sign-up postponed

Because of technical issues affecting Mars Area School District's kindergarten registration software, the district's online 2023-24 kindergarten registration process, originally set to begin March 31, will be rescheduled for a date following spring break, which ends April 10.

Beginning this school year, Mars Area School District introduced an online student enrollment system, which may be accessed via the district's website, www.marsk12.org.

For more information, visit www.marsk12.org.

Gisele Fetterman to speak at SRU

Slippery Rock University's Office for Inclusive Excellence will host Gisele Fetterman for a special conversation, from 5 to 6:30 p.m., Wednesday at the Miller Theater in the Performing Arts Center on the SRU campus.

Fetterman will discuss how her intersectional identities have affected her life's journey. The event is free and open to the public.

Fetterman is an access and equity advocate and the former second lady of Pennsylvania. Her husband, U.S. Sen. John Fetterman, was previously Pennsylvania's Lieutenant Governor before being elected as a U.S. Senator.

She is the founder of Free Store 15104, which aims to eradicate food and clothing insecurity, and she is the co-founder of 412 Food Rescue and For Good PGH.

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Rocket-launch firm Virgin Orbit files for bankruptcy

BY AMELIA POLLARD, RACHEL BUTT, LOREN GRUSH Bloomberg News

Virgin Orbit Holdings Inc. filed for bankruptcy after the satellite launch firm tied to British billionaire Richard Branson failed to secure the funding needed to keep operating and cut about 85% of its staff.

The company listed \$243 million in assets and \$153.5 million for its total debt in a Chapter 11 petition filed in Delaware.

The move punctuates the rapid fall of the Long Beach, California-based company, after a high-profile launch failure in January and collapse in its stock price. Virgin Orbit halted operations in March while it sought additional capital, and later laid off about 671 employees.

Branson's Virgin Investments Ltd has committed to providing an added \$31.6 million to keep the



Cosmic Girl, the modified Boeing 747 on Nov. 8, 2022, in Newquay, England. Virgin Orbit Holdings Inc. has filed for bankruptcy.

pared-back operation going while it seeks a buyer. The 72-year-old billionaire had already pumped in \$70.9 million since November, according to bankruptcy

filings. Chief Executive Officer Dan Hart said he's seeking a transaction that will position Virgin Orbit and its assets "for future oppor-

unities and missions," according to a statement. The firm — part of Branson's empire that includes Virgin Atlantic Airways Ltd and spaceflight company

Virgin Galactic Holdings Inc. — hasn't turned a profit as a public company. It lost about \$191.2 million last year, Virgin Orbit said in a regulatory filing.

The launch company officially began in 2017 as an offshoot of Virgin Galactic. Virgin Orbit's business centered on launching small satellites from orbit.

Unlike some competitors that launch rockets from the ground, Virgin Orbit uses a technique known as air launch, in which its LauncherOne rocket is deployed at a high altitude from underneath the wing of a modified Boeing Co. 747 plane. The company began developing the rocket at Virgin Galactic, years before the satellite-launch business was formally created.

Virgin Orbit successfully launched its first mission to orbit in January 2021 and completed four successful flights through 2022. It has placed 33 satellites into precise orbit, the company said.

The company had planned to increase its launch frequency this year but had to reassess after the failed January mission, which was slated to be the

first orbital launch from British soil. Its vehicle never reached orbit after incurring a problem with a fuel filter during the flight, leading to the loss of nine small satellites.

The mishap accelerated a cash crunch under way since the SPAC transaction that took Virgin Orbit public in December 2021. That deal netted just \$67.8 million for the company, significantly less than expected, CEO Hart said in a court filing.

Virgin Orbit began working with Goldman Sachs & Co. and BofA Securities Inc. in early 2022 — soon after it went public — to pursue a sale or raise more capital, according to Hart.

In June of last year, the company said \$50 million in convertible notes to Yorkville Capital Management, according to a court submission by Brian Whitman, a restructuring adviser at Alvarez & Marsal who was brought on in February. All but \$1 million was converted prior to the bankruptcy filing, and Yorkville provided another \$1 million in convertible funding last week, according to court filings.

Elite security officer for Putin defects

BY ERICA KINZEL Associated Press

LONDON

On October 14, a Russian engineer named Gleb Karakulov boarded a flight from Kazakhstan to Turkey with his wife and daughter. He switched off his phone to shut out the crescendo of urgent, enraged messages, said goodbye to his life in Russia and tried to calm his fast-beating heart.

But this was no ordinary Russian defector. Karakulov was an officer in Pres-

ident Vladimir Putin's secretive elite personal security service — one of the few Russians to flee and go public who have rank, as well as knowledge of intimate details of Putin's life and potentially classified information.

Karakulov, who was responsible for secure communications, said moral opposition to Russia's invasion of Ukraine and his fear of dying there drove him to speak out, despite the risks to himself and his family. He said he hoped to inspire other Russians to speak out also.

"Our President has become a war criminal," he said. "It is time to end this war and stop being silent."

Karakulov's account generally conforms with others that paint the Russian president as a once-charismatic but increasingly isolated leader, who doesn't use a cell phone or the Internet and insists on access to Russian state television wherever he goes. He also offered new details about how Putin's paranoia appears to have deepened since his decision to invade Ukraine in

February 2022. Putin now prefers to avoid airplanes and travel on a special armored train, he said, and he ordered a bunker at the Russian embassy in Kazakhstan outfitted with a secure communications line in October — the first time Karakulov had ever

fielded such a request. Along with information on Putin, Karakulov's testimony offers an intimate view of one man's decision to defect — without telling his own mother, who he said remains a strong Putin supporter. It raises critical questions

about how deep the Russian public's acceptance of the war runs, and how Putin's opponents in the West and beyond might leverage any silent opposition.

While not speaking directly about his case, an official with a security background from a NATO country said a defection like Karakulov's "has a very great level of interest." He spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss sensitive political matters.

"That would be seen as a very serious blow to the president himself because

he is extremely keen on his security, and his security is compromised," he said. "That's something that he would be very unhappy about — particularly if the compromise is to do with communications, upon which a great deal relies."

As an engineer in a field unit of the presidential communications department of the Federal Protective Service, or FSO, Karakulov was responsible for setting up secure communications for the Russian president and prime minister wherever they went. While he was not a confidant of Putin's, Karakulov spent years in his service, observing him from unusually close quarters from 2009 through late 2022.

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Swiss bank investors slam failure

Chairman acknowledges their anger, apologizes

Jamey Keaten
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Credit Suisse Chairman Axel Lehmann speaks during the annual shareholders' meeting in Zurich Tuesday. "I apologize that we were no longer able to stem the loss of trust that had accumulated over the years and for disappointing you," he said. MICHAEL BUNHOLZER/KEYSTONE VIA AP

ZURICH — Credit Suisse shareholders on Tuesday upbraided the Swiss bank's leaders for years of mismanagement, scandal and obfuscation that sent its stock price into the gutter, while executives apologized and insisted that the only way forward for the once-venerable lender was a government-engineered takeover by rival UBS.

A largely polite — if at times hoisterous, emotional, angry and even humorous — mood prevailed at the first in-person shareholder meeting in four years and likely the last in the bank's 167-year history: Credit Suisse is set to be swallowed by its cross-town competitor in the coming months in a deal that was forced through without a shareholder vote.

Despite speech after speech airing concerns ranging from Switzerland's role in global finance to environmental impact to wiped-out pension savings, shareholders narrowly approved a compensation plan for last year that will pay out millions to executives and board members. Investors also rejected board members who will shepherd the bank into UBS arms.

Axel Lehmann, who became Credit Suisse chairman only last year after joining the bank from UBS in 2021, decried "massive outflows" of customer funds in October and a "downward spiral" that culminated last month as a U.S. banking crisis unleashed global financial turmoil.

"The bank could not be saved," he said, and only two options awaited — a deal or bankruptcy.

"The bitterness, anger and shock of those who are disappointed, overwhelmed and affected by the developments of the past few weeks is palpable," Lehmann said. "I apologize that we were no longer able to stem the loss of trust that had accumulated over the years

and for disappointing you."

The bank's pending demise has been years in the making, with critics blaming a blend of greedy managers, either unsuspecting or toothless regulators, government officials asleep at the wheel, and international pressure for profits and financial market stability at the expense of Switzerland's generally staid and conservative culture. At times at Tuesday's shareholder meeting, U.S. finance and allegations of American bullying were a target.

About two dozen protesters, including some hoisting a severed head labeled "Crisis Suisse," gathered outside the Zurich hockey arena hosting

the annual meeting, while shareholders and employees voiced their grievances as they got their last crack at managers.

Stepping to a podium, one blasted "bonus mania," and another used a metaphor from Christianity to repeatedly ask, "When is enough enough?"

Yet another held up walnuts as props, saying, "A bag of these is worth about one share." One young investor took off his shirt to reveal a T-shirt with the words "Stop the Swindle" written in red.

Shareholder Guido Röhliberger said he wore a red tie "to represent the fact that I and plenty of others today are

seeing red."

"I rather feel that I've been cheated by these institutions," he said.

Swiss government officials hastily orchestrated the \$3.25 billion takeover of Credit Suisse by UBS two weekends ago after Credit Suisse's stock plunged and jittery depositors quickly pulled out their money. Political leaders, financial regulators and the central bank feared a teetering Credit Suisse could further roil global financial markets following the collapse of two U.S. banks.

Shareholders did not get to vote on the deal after the government passed an emergency ordinance to bypass the step. Some came to the annual meeting to hear managers explain what went wrong.

"The whole thing — how this happened — makes me a little bit angry," shareholder Markus Huber said.

Huber, a 56-year-old self-employed handyman, suspected government officials and bank leaders cooked up the deal "in secrecy" and said there should have been greater transparency.

Shareholders felt "a little bit astonished" that there hadn't been warnings out before, he said. The takeover, however, wasn't on the docket for the meeting, the first held in person since 2019 because of the COVID-19 pandemic. For the thousands in the arena, many of them seemingly Swiss retirees, the speeches amounted to a collective

outcry about a once-fabled bank gone bust — and with it a bit of Swiss pride.

In 2007, Credit Suisse shares fetched as much as nearly \$88. Today, they're trading at about 80 cents.

The bank swooned from scandal to scandal in recent years: Bad bets on hedge funds; accusations it didn't report secret offshore accounts wealthy Americans held to avoid paying U.S. taxes; failing to prevent money laundering by a Bulgarian cocaine ring.

The Swiss attorney general's office says it has opened a probe into events surrounding Credit Suisse ahead of the UBS takeover.

Executives hope that the deal will close in coming months but acknowledged a complex transaction.

For Credit Suisse investors, the deal has meant losses. Shareholders collectively will get \$3.3 billion in the combined company, while investors holding about \$17.3 billion in higher-risk bonds were wiped out. Typically, shareholders face losses before those holding bonds if a bank goes under.

Swiss regulators, who will hold a news conference Wednesday, say contracts show the bonds can be written down in a "viability event."

Global law firm Quinn Emanuel said bondholders have hired the firm to "represent them in discussions with Swiss authorities and possible litigation to recover losses."

UK agency fines TikTok over misuse of kids' data

Kelvin Chan
ASSOCIATED PRESS

LONDON — Britain's privacy watchdog hit TikTok with a multimillion-dollar penalty Tuesday for misusing children's data and violating other protections for young users' personal information.

The Information Commissioner's Office said it issued a fine of \$15.9 million to the short-video sharing app, which is wildly popular with young people.

It's the latest example of tighter scrutiny that TikTok and its parent, Chinese technology company ByteDance, are facing in the West, where governments are increasingly concerned about risks that the app poses to data privacy and cybersecurity.

The British watchdog, which was investigating data breaches between May 2018 and July 2020, said TikTok allowed as many as 1.4 million children in the U.K. under 13 to use the app in 2020, despite the platform's own rules prohibiting children that young from setting up accounts.

TikTok didn't adequately identify and remove children under 13 from the platform, the watchdog said. And even though it knew younger children were using the app, TikTok failed to get consent from their parents to process their data, as required by Britain's data protection laws, the agency said.

"There are laws in place to make sure our children are as safe in the digital world as they are in the physical world. TikTok did not abide by those laws," Information Commissioner John Edwards said in a press release.

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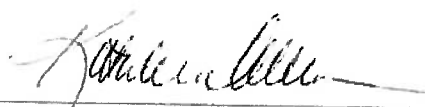
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New foods, activities for kids announced

PNC PARK - FROM A1

With this technology, fans now can bring a soft-iced bag sized at 16-by-16-by-8 inches, part of the fan experience that was the focus of trying to enhance the ballpark during the offseason, Williams said.

That focus began with the main concourse experience and includes speed of service.

At Pop's Plaza, Brian Hodi, general manager of PNC Park for Aramark Sports & Entertainment, said there will be craft cocktails and guests will be able to order from the burger and chicken food stations at one kiosk.

Drink rails have been installed throughout the park for fans to eat and drink while they watch the game before they return to their seats. New food items include a Nashville hot chicken sandwich with roasted garlic ranch aioli and pierogies with garlic-chive butter, roasted shallots and pulled pork barbecue. A Bucco crunch dog will have Red Ripper Frank, onions and deli brown mustard on a potato roll. Pickle curds — fried cheese curds with sweet pickles and dill ranch — are another new menu item.

The food stands have more fryers and new kitchen equipment added to handle the chicken fingers and fries, two of the top foods sold at the park along with hot dogs.

There are walk-thru brew stands where fans can grab a brew to go and pay via self-checkout.

A new Fanatics satellite team store is on the main concourse and will showcase the latest team merchandise. It also has a self-checkout.

In the children's area along the Riverwalk, the Pirates added a place for a hitting and pitching experience in collaboration with Pittsburgh-based Diamond Kinetics.

Swing match is where fans take a swing and their body motion is matched to a current player. A new scoreboard has been installed, as have ribbon boards and audio systems (the last update was in 2006).

The scoreboard has such crispness and clarity," Williams said. "It's larger than life. The ribbon boards will keep fans engaged and connected to the game."

The out-of-town scoreboard has returned, and retired numbers have been restored to previous locations to include their first and last names. The Pirates have partnered with Coca-Cola for the Coca-Cola Patio in left field.

Food items using Coca-Cola products will be forthcoming. Williams said the team doesn't disclose how much it spent on the enhancements but confirmed that some was funded by the team and it spent "a lot."

The Pirates announced a partnership with Caliente Pizza & Draft House, a locally owned pizza restaurant that will serve Sicilian, pepperoni and cheese pizza slices in Sections 114, 123, 305 and 318.

"We're thrilled to bring Caliente Pizza & Draft House to PNC Park and provide an authentic Pittsburgh dining experience for fans," said Nink Bogocz, owner and founder of Caliente Pizza & Draft House. "Our expansion into PNC Park is an exciting opportunity to share our love of food with the community and offer a delicious option for everyone to enjoy while rooting for the Pirates."

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Ex-fire chief agrees to make payments

GOUZA - FROM A1

Gouza did not dispute owing the money after the hearing. He said he agreed to make two \$150 payments every month by money order until he is paid up. Gouza also will be responsible for paying a \$75 constable fee and about \$50 in court costs and fees.

The civil claim against the former fire chief stems from a 2012 state audit of the fire department's Relief Association, which found it had improperly paid nearly \$5,000 in death benefits for four members of the department who still were alive. The audit by the state Auditor General's Office covered 2018 through 2020.

The civil claim contends that, in May 2018, Gouza told the Relief Association's board that he got confirmation from the Auditor General's Office that the association was allowed to make advance death benefits available to members claiming hardships.

Based on the information Gouza provided, the board voted June 4, 2018, to pay Gouza \$1,526.

The state audit, however, determined that "the information provided by Mr. Gouza was false," according to the complaint.

Chris O'Leath, a spokesman for the Arnold No. 1 fire department, said that because the money paid out by the Relief Association had to be paid back immediately, the expense was covered by the fire department, which has a separate organizational budget. The Relief Association receives money from the state auditor to cover expenses such as equipment, training and the death benefit, he said.

"One of the three other people who got payments has paid the money," he said. "And we are on track with getting payments from (the other) two."

After the hearing, Gouza said he made a single \$100 payment while he was still with the fire department in November.

"I wasn't with the department or in contact with the officers in December and didn't have a way to make the payment," he said.

According to the civil complaint, on Jan. 20, a constable served Gouza with a 30-day notice to contact the department to arrange for payments or a civil action would be filed. Gouza said once he got the notice that a civil case was filed, he decided

to wait until Tuesday's hearing and resolve the issue in front of the district judge.

O'Leath disputed Gouza's contention that he had no way to make payment arrangements after his departure from the fire department. "There's no question about whether he owes the money," O'Leath said. "And I don't buy that he was unable to contact anybody to make arrangements to pay it back. He knew how to reach us."

O'Leath said department officials would like to move on from the matter "as soon as we are made whole again."

While the death benefit payment will be resolved once Gouza pays up, there is still an investigation into the former chief's spending habits.

Melanie Jones, a spokeswoman for Westmoreland County District Attorney Nicole Ziccarelli, said prosecutors are investigating allegations of misappropriation of funds by fire department officials but declined to say whether the focus of the probe is Gouza.

No criminal charges have been filed, according to court records. Gouza was replaced as chief and

dismissed from the department Dec. 28.

He was replaced as chief by his brother, Walter Gouza III, who previously served as fire chief. The action was taken after fire department officials accused Brian Gouza of misusing money.

The fire department's president, Al Colelli, told the Tribune-Review in early January that Brian Gouza was spending fire company money without first getting the required approval from members through a vote.

One example was an \$1,800 check for T-shirts for firefighters, which they were supposed to have paid for up front.

Gouza told the Tribune-Review there is no money missing because it eventually was collected from firefighters and repaid to the department.

He said he was dismissed as chief because he did not follow proper procedures.

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Lawyer: Former kingpin one of his most intelligent clients

WHETHERS - FROM A1

beating in 1993 of William Michael Lucas of Monessen. Police said Lucas was killed as retaliation after he was falsely accused by members of Whether's operation of stealing drugs.

In the days after the murder, Casey, then Pennsylvania's governor — who had been diagnosed with a rare, fatal disease called amyloidosis — underwent the transplant operation in which he received Lucas' heart and liver. Casey served two terms as governor and died in 2000.

In 1995, Whether's was charged with homicide in connection with Lucas' fatal beating. He pleaded no

contest to third-degree murder and guilty to conspiracy charges. He was sentenced in 2001 to serve 15 to 30 years in prison. His sentence was to run through 2031.

Whether's was among nine men convicted in connection with Lucas' murder. "He always proclaimed his innocence to the murder charge and that he never laid a hand on the victim," said lawyer Tim Dawson, who served as Whether's defense attorney starting in the late 1990s. "It was the biggest case I was ever involved with."

Most of Whether's time was served in a federal prison in addition to the state murder charge, he was convicted of federal drug

trafficking offenses. Originally, Whether's was ordered to serve a life prison sentence for the federal drug counts, but, in 2016, his penalty was reduced to 37 years behind bars.

Court records indicate he was paroled from his federal sentence in September after receiving credit for good behavior. "Ronald Whether's ran that organization for years, but they could never nail him. He was one of the most intelligent clients I ever had, a smart businessman who built his empire," Dawson said.

It was conspiracy charges filed against another Whether's daughter, Rachel, that



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jurisdiction found evidence that jail guards helped smuggle a cellphone into the facility to allow Whether's to remain in control of the operation. Whether's was also accused of receiving special treatment while incarcerated, including one allegation that claimed he was allowed to order chicken wings.

That investigation resulted in the firing of the jail warden and institution of a policy that is still in place that prohibits cellphones from being brought into the facility.

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Stocks fall on Wall Street after weaker reports on economy

By STAN CHOE
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NEW YORK — Stocks are falling on Wall Street Tuesday after two reports on the economy came in weaker than expected.

The S&P 500 was 0.7% lower in afternoon trading. The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down by 237 points, or 0.7%, at 33,360, as of 1:44 p.m. Eastern time, while the Nasdaq composite was 0.6% lower.

Investors are still split on whether the U.S. economy will fall into a recession and how badly corporate profits are set to drop. The biggest question remains what the Federal Reserve will do next with interest rates after hiking them furiously over the last year to get high inflation under control.

The reports on job openings and factory orders released Tuesday may have heightened recession fears. But they may also give the Fed reason to hold rates steady at its next meeting in May for the first time in more than a year, offering a possible upside for markets.

One report showed employers advertised 9.9 million job openings in February, a sharper fall-off than economists expected. The Fed has been paying close attention to the numbers because the job market has remained so strong despite higher rates. The hope is that a softening in the number of openings could take some pressure off inflation without having to throw many people out of work.

A separate report showed that factory orders weakened in February more than economists expected. That could give the Fed another reason to hold off on hiking rates again to beat inflation, which has been slowing but remains too high.

"It's all suggesting that the economy is slowing down, which was the Fed's intent all along in terms of raising rates," Michael Arone, chief investment strategist for SPDR business at State Street Global Advisors.

What the Fed does has such a grip on Wall Street because higher interest rates undercut inflation by slowing the entire economy, which raises the risk of a recession. They also hurt prices for stocks, bonds and other investments.

Investors are getting a trio of reports from the government on the U.S. jobs market this week. Thursday is the weekly report on the number of workers applying for unemployment benefits. And Friday the more important monthly update on how many jobs were created across the country will be released.

Some relatively encouraging data on inflation came in from other parts of the world Tuesday.

In Europe, a survey by the European Central Bank showed expectations for inflation in the coming year is falling among consumers in the region. That's key because lower expectations can help the economy avoid a vicious cycle where inflation keeps building momentum.

A separate report also showed inflation at the wholesale level in the region slowed by more in February than economists expected.

In Australia, the country's central bank kept its key interest rate unchanged at 3.60%. It said it wanted some time to see how its past hikes to interest rates are working

through the system.

While Australia's economy is much smaller than that of the U.S. or European Union, its central bank and that of New Zealand tend to "set the tone for monetary policy cycles," Ipek Ozkardeskaaya of Swissquote.com said in a commentary.

In South Korea, the consumer inflation rate fell more than expected in March. That has raised expectations that the central bank will keep its key interest rate steady when it meets next week.

In the U.S., traders flipped bets back toward the Fed holding steady on rates at its meeting next month. A day earlier, a slight majority was betting on another increase in rates. That helped yields in the bond market to fall.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 3.34% from 3.42% late Monday. It helps set rates for mortgages and other important loans. The two-year Treasury, which moves more on expectations for the Fed, dropped to 3.84% from 3.97%.

Longer term, there seems to be more confidence on Wall Street that the Fed will have to cut rates later this year.

That has helped to buoy stocks, particularly technology and other high-growth companies, because rate cuts tend to act like steroids for markets. But the Fed has been consistent in saying it does not expect any

rate cuts this year.

Critics also are skeptical, saying inflation still remains too high for the Fed's liking. And any cut in rates would likely come only if the economy were in much weaker shape, something that could torpedo stocks too.

Tuesday's weaker-than-expected readings on the economy follow a report on Monday that showed U.S. manufacturing continues to shrink faster than economists forecast.

Given such weakness, this is "not the time to flip bets back toward chase growth," suggested Mark Haefele, chief investment officer of UBS Global Wealth Management.

On Wall Street, shares of Virgin Orbit plunged 31.8% to 14 cents after the company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. It's been contending with the fallout of a failed mission this year and increasing difficulty in raising funding for future missions.

Oil prices gave back some of their big gains from a day before, when they shot higher on worries about tighter supplies. Saudi Arabia and other oil-producing countries said over the weekend they would cut production beginning in May.

Benchmark U.S. crude slipped 0.1% to \$80.36 per barrel, to lessen pressure a bit on inflation. Brent crude, the international standard, fell 0.4% to \$84.61 per barrel.

Virgin Orbit seeks bankruptcy protection after mission fail

By MICHELLE CHAPMAN
Associated Press

Richard Branson's Virgin Orbit is filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection after a failed mission this year and increasing difficulty in raising funding for future missions.

The company laid off most of its staff on Friday and told the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware in a filing Tuesday that it was looking to sell its assets.

Virgin Orbit said that it has secured \$31.6 million in debtor-in-possession financing from Branson's Virgin Investments Ltd.

Virgin Orbit CEO Dan Hilt said that once the financing is approved by the bankruptcy court, the funds are expected to provide Virgin Orbit with the necessary liquidity to continue operating as it attempts to sell the company.

"While we have taken great efforts to address our financial position and secure additional financing, we ultimately must do what is best for the business," Hilt said.

The Long Beach, California, company said in its

bankruptcy filing that it has between 200 and 999 estimated creditors. It had approximately \$243 million in total assets and \$153.5 million in total liabilities as of Sept. 30, according to a regulatory filing.

Last week Virgin Orbit said that it was cutting 675 jobs, about 85% of its workforce. Shortly before the announcement, the company said that it was pausing all operations amid reports of possible job cuts. At the time Virgin Orbit confirmed that it was putting all work on hold, but didn't say for how long.



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McCarthy, Taiwanese president meet in U.S.

House Speaker holds diplomatic session amid warnings from China

By Lisa Mascaro,
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SIMI VALLEY, Calif. — Risking China's anger, House Speaker Kevin McCarthy hosted Taiwan President Tsai Ing-wen on Wednesday as a "great friend of America" in a fraught show of U.S. support at a rare high-level, bipartisan meeting on U.S. soil.

Speaking carefully to avoid unnecessarily escalating tensions with Beijing, Ms. Tsai and Mr. McCarthy steered clear of calls from hard-liners in the U.S. for a more confrontational stance toward China in defense of self-ruling Taiwan.

Instead, the two leaders stood side by side in a show of unity at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in California, acknowledging China's threats against the island government but speaking only of maintaining longstanding U.S. policy.

"America's support for the people of Taiwan will remain resolute, unwavering and bipartisan," Mr. McCarthy said at a news conference later.

Mr. McCarthy evoked Reagan's peace-through-strength approach to foreign relations and emphasized that "this is a bipartisan meeting of members of Congress," not any one political party. He said U.S.-Taiwan ties are stronger than at any other point in his life.

He and Ms. Tsai spoke to reporters with Reagan's Air Force One as a backdrop.

She said the "unwavering support reassures the people of Taiwan that we are not isolated."

Still, the formal trappings of the meeting, and the senior rank of some of the elected officials in the delegation from Congress, threatened to run afoul of China's position that any interaction between U.S. and Taiwanese officials is a challenge to China's claim of sovereignty over the island.

More than a dozen Democratic and Republican lawmakers, including the House's third-ranking Democrat, joined McCarthy, R-Calif., for the daylong talks.

During a private session they spoke of the importance of Taiwan's self-defense, of fostering robust trade and economic ties and supporting the island government's ability to participate in the international community, Ms. Tsai said.

They made no mention of calls from hard-liners in and out of Congress for a greater U.S. commitment to Taiwan's defense if China should attack.

Ms. Tsai said she stressed to lawmakers Taiwan's commitment "to defending the peaceful status quo where the people in Taiwan may continue to thrive in a free and open society."

But she also warned, "It is no secret that today the peace that we have maintained and the democracy which have worked hard to build are facing unprecedented challenges."

"We once again find ourselves in a world where democracy is under threat and the urgency of keeping the beacon of freedom



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Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., right, speaks with Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen while arriving for a bipartisan meeting Wednesday at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, Calif.

shining cannot be understated."

The United States broke off official ties with Taiwan in 1979 while formally establishing diplomatic relations with the Beijing government. The U.S. acknowledges a "one-China" policy in which Beijing says claim to Taiwan, but it does not endorse China's claim to the island and remains Taiwan's key provider of military and defense assistance.

For Ms. Tsai, this was the most sensitive stop on a weeklong journey meant to shore up alliances with the U.S. and Central America.

The U.S. House speaker is second in line of succession to the president. No speaker is known to have met with a Taiwan president on U.S. soil since the U.S. broke off formal diplomatic relations. China has reacted to past

trips by Taiwanese presidents through the U.S., and to past trips to Taiwan by senior U.S. officials, with shows of military force. After then-House Speaker Nancy Pelosi to Taiwan last August, the China responded with its largest live-fire drills in decades, including firing a missile over the island.

Chinese officials have pledged a sharp but unspecified response to the meeting with Mr. McCarthy.

Later Wednesday, China said it "firmly opposes and strongly condemns" Ms. Tsai's visit, according to a release from China's national Xinhua News Agency under the name of Foreign Ministry's spokesperson.

China will take "resolute and forceful measures to defend national sovereignty and territorial integrity," the release said. It urged the U.S. "not to walk further down the wrong and dangerous road."

Chinese vessels have started a joint patrol and inspection operation in the central and northern waters of the Taiwan Strait, state media announced Wednesday morning.

Taiwan's Ministry of National Defense said Wednesday evening it had also tracked the Chinese Army's Shandong aircraft carrier passing through the Bashi Strait, to Taiwan's southwest.

The Biden administration insists there is nothing provocative about this visit by Ms. Tsai, which is the latest of a half-dozen to the U.S.

"Beijing should not use the transits as an excuse to take any actions, to ratchet

up tensions, to further push at changing the status quo," Secretary of State Antony Blinken told reporters Wednesday during travel in Europe.

The Taiwan president's visit to America comes as China, the U.S. and its allies are strengthening their military positions and readiness for any confrontation between the two sides, with Taiwan and its claim to sovereignty a main flashpoint.

Confrontation between the U.S. and China, a rising power increasingly seeking to assert its influence abroad under President Xi Jinping, surged with Ms. Pelosi's visit and again this winter with the cross-U.S. journey of what the U.S. says was a Chinese spy balloon.

Ms. Pelosi said in a statement, "Today's meeting between President Tsai of Taiwan and Speaker McCarthy is to be commended for its leadership, its bipartisan participation and its distinguished and historic venue."

Taiwan and China split in 1949 after a civil war and have no official relations, although they are linked by billions of dollars in trade and investment.

For their part, Taiwanese officials in the United States — and Taiwanese presidents on a succession of visits — aim for a delicate balance of maintaining warm relations with their powerful American allies, without overstepping their in-between status in the U.S. or unnecessarily provoking China.

To that end, no Taiwanese flag flies over the former Taiwan Embassy in Washington. Taiwanese presidents call their stops in the U.S. "transits" rather than visits, and they steer clear of Washington.

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The Return to Work Residency is an accelerated educational option that focuses on nurses who already have completed a nursing degree program. It focuses on

courses that will assist nurses who have been out of the field for a significant amount of time to regain the necessary knowledge to care for patients again. By utilizing the experience and knowledge already gained, the program eliminates portions of a typical college curriculum.

"This is an excellent opportunity for someone who took time off to raise a family to return to the workforce," said Heather Francis, Chief Nursing Officer and Service Line Director, Heart Center,

Lung Center, Brain & Spine, Oncology Services at Penn Highlands Healthcare. "The program serves as a bridge for nurses to build on the skills they already have while acquiring knowledge needed to provide patients with the highest level of care."

Students will participate in five weeks of courses which begin with didactics and progress to clinicals. Following completion of the program, depending on the employment area, additional educational needs may

be required. The Return to Work Residency program reviews various content including neurology, respiratory care, cardiac care, and more.

Once a nurse completes the program, there are various job opportunities available at Penn Highlands hospitals and skilled nursing facilities including full- and part-time positions as well as casual schedules.

For more information, contact Nichole Unch at NSUnch@phhealthcare.org or 814-375-7725.



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Armanini

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nationally. This falls under commodities, so lucky for us, we have (U.S.) Congressman G.T. Thompson (PA-15th District), who is now the head of agriculture, in which bit-coin would fall under. I was with G.T. this past weekend and we had some conversation on that. This is going to be a very hot topic," Armanini said. "They are working diligently in Washington on making sure that bit-coin does not go awry and that it's held under some accountability."

He added that while it's a new issue that many people still do not completely understand, much more work needs to be done to address the issue.

Armanini addressed inflation worries, especially with the impending rise in the costs of fuel again this summer. He cited President Joe Biden's moratorium on new oil and gas leasing on federal lands and waters.

"We are in a situation where we are hurting ourselves by not letting our country, and especially Pennsylvania, move forward with the fossil fuels that are so plentiful in our ground," he said.

Armanini added that fossil fuels are getting a bad rap for contributing to climate change and that as a result, we are not using American fossil fuels that in some studies has been shown to be one of the cleanest compared to other countries.

"Everyone is saying, fossil fuels are bad. But if you see the accomplishments that companies have done without any regulation to make clean, burning fuel. We're talking about 30 to 40% cleaner fuel that we're not able to utilize and we are not able to spread out, not only in our country, but to the world to do our part in making a cleaner world," he said.

Armanini said the higher cost of fuel results in higher costs for all consumer products and the resulting inflation.

"If truckers have to pay more for their fuel, we're going to have to pay more for groceries and goods. I don't think we're moving fast enough to help control inflation and it's putting a huge burden on all our families," he said.

Some constituents asked Armanini about the inadequacies of educational funding in the state. While larger metropolitan areas of the state are getting more funding per student for education, those in more rural areas are not getting fair



File photo Pennsylvania State Representative Mike Armanini spoke to many state concerns with constituents on Tuesday evening via telephone town hall

educational funding. "The courts ruled that the way we are funding education is unconstitutional. So this gives us a whole new slate to reform education to make it work," Armanini said. "We are blessed in our area. We have some of the best public and private schools in the state. Our kids go out

and get great educations and careers, but we have to make sure that we are funding correctly," he said.

Armanini said he has been to superintendent meetings throughout the district, and has enjoyed getting feedback on how these problems can be addressed.

"I believe we're going to do some great things in Pennsylvania coming up, but we need to get to the bottom of it," Armanini said. "Yes, there are some places that are getting far more dollars, maybe righteously so they need more, but that should never mean that others should have less."

Armanini, along with State Representative Dallas Kephart (R-Clearfield/Cambria), will be holding a Truckers' Town Hall meeting on Thursday, April 27 at the Clearfield Fair-

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Wall Street dips, snaps win streak after weak economic data

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NEW YORK — Stocks fell on Wall Street Tuesday after reports on the economy came in weaker than expected.

The S&P 500 dropped 23.91 points, or 0.6%, to 4,100.60 to break a four-day winning streak. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 198.77, or 0.6%, to 33,402.38, and the Nasdaq composite sank 63.13, or 0.5%, to 12,126.53.

Investors are still split on whether the U.S. economy will fall into a recession and how badly corporate profits are set to drop. The biggest question remains what the Federal Reserve will do next with interest rates after hiking them furiously over the last year to get high inflation under control.

The reports on job openings and factory orders released Tuesday may have heightened recession fears. But they may also give the Fed reason to hold rates steady at its next meeting for the first time in more than a year, offering a possible upside for markets. One report showed employers advertised 9.9 million job openings in February, a sharper fall-off than economists expected. The Fed has been paying close attention to the numbers because the job market has remained so strong despite higher rates.



People look at an electronic stock board showing Japan's Nikkei 225 index at a securities firm Tuesday in Tokyo.

The hope is that a softening in the number of openings could take some pressure off inflation without having to throw many people out of work.

A separate report showed that factory orders weakened in February more than economists expected. That could give the Fed another reason to hold off on hiking rates again to beat inflation, which has been slowing but remains too high.

"It's all suggesting that the economy is slowing down, which was the Fed's intent all along in terms of raising rates," said Michael Arone, chief investment strategist for SPDR business at State

Street Global Advisors.

What the Fed does has such a grip on Wall Street because higher interest rates undercut inflation by slowing the entire economy, which raises the risk of a recession. They also hurt prices for stocks, bonds and other investments.

A potentially more impactful report will arrive Friday, when the U.S. government gives the latest monthly update on how many jobs were created across the country. Some relatively encouraging data on inflation came in from other parts of the world Tuesday.

In Europe, a survey by the European Central Bank showed expectations

for inflation in the coming year is falling among consumers in the region. That's key because lower expectations can help the economy avoid a vicious cycle where inflation keeps building momentum.

A separate report also showed inflation at the wholesale level in the region slowed by more in February than economists expected.

In Australia, the country's central bank kept its key interest rate unchanged at 3.60%. It said it wanted time to see how its past hikes to interest rates are working through the system.

While Australia's economy is much smaller

than that of the U.S. or European Union, its central bank and that of New Zealand tend to "set the tone for monetary policy cycles," Ipek Ozkardesaya of Swissquote.com said in a commentary.

In the U.S., traders flipped bets back toward the Fed holding steady on rates at its meeting next month. A day earlier, a slight majority was betting on another increase in rates. That helped yields in the bond market to fall.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 3.34% from 3.42% late Monday. It helps set rates for mortgages and other important loans. The two-year Treasury, which moves more on expectations for the Fed, dropped to 3.82% from 3.97%.

Longer term, there seems to be more confidence on Wall Street that the Fed will have to cut rates later this year.

That has helped to buoy stocks, particularly technology and other high-growth companies, because rate cuts tend to act like steroids for markets. But the Fed has been consistent in saying it does not expect any rate cuts this year.

Critics also are skeptical, saying inflation still remains too high for the Fed's liking. And any cut in rates would likely come only if the economy were in much weaker shape, something

that could torpedo stocks too.

Tuesday's weaker-than-expected readings on the economy follow a report on Monday that showed U.S. manufacturing continues to shrink faster than economists forecast.

Given such weakness, this is "not the time to chase growth," suggested Mark Haefele, chief investment officer of UBS Global Wealth Management.

On Wall Street, shares of Virgin Orbit plunged 23.2% to 15 cents after the company filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. It's been contending with the fallout of a failed mission this year and increasing difficulty in raising funding for future missions.

Stocks in industries whose profits are closely tied to the strength of the economy also fell more than the rest of the market, such as industrial and energy companies. Valero Energy fell 8% for one of the biggest losses in the S&P 500.

Oil prices swung through the day before adding to their big gains from Monday, when they shot higher on worries about tighter supplies.

Benchmark U.S. crude rose 29 cents to \$80.71 per barrel. Brent crude, the international standard, rose a penny to \$84.94 per barrel.

February job openings slip to 9.9M; a win in inflation fight?

WASHINGTON (AP)—U.S. job openings slipped to 9.9 million in February, the fewest since May 2021 and a sign that the job market may be starting to cool, which would be welcome news for the inflation fighters at the Federal Reserve.

Vacancies fell from

10.6 million in January, the Labor Department said Tuesday, notably in healthcare and in professional services, which includes managerial and technical jobs. Openings rose for construction workers.

Despite the drop, the number of layoffs ticked

lower in February, and more Americans quit their jobs — a sign of confidence they can find better pay or working conditions elsewhere.

The American job market has proven resilient in the face of sharply higher interest rates. Over the past

year, the Fed has raised its benchmark rate nine times in a drive to corral inflation that last year hit a four-decade high. The surge in consumer prices has eased since mid-2022 but remains well over the central bank's 2% year-over-year target.

Hiring was expected

to slow this year after 2021 and 2022 — the two best years for job creation on record. Instead,

employers added an astonishing 504,000 jobs in January and a healthy 311,000 in February. Economists believe they added another 240,000 last month, according to

a survey of forecasters by the data firm PwC.

February numbers came out Friday.

Until 2021, monthly job openings never surpassed 10 million in the Labor Department's Job Monthly Openings and Labor Turnover Survey (JOLTS).

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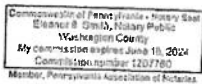
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United Way accepting grant applications for new veterans fund

The United Way of Washington County (UWWC) is recognizing Range Resources for taking the lead to establish the new Veterans United Fund with a \$50,000 donation, which was made possible through funds raised through Range's annual charity events. The money will be available for area veterans' programs or projects of nonprofits actively serving the U.S. military veteran community within UWWC's 38-38 zip code service area.

"The team at Range is excited to support local veterans. Our veterans have served our country, and it is nice to be able to support them in return," said Range Resources' Vice President Tony Gaudlip and U.S. Army veteran. "We are thankful for the support of our business partners who helped make this possible through participation of our fundraising efforts."

The inaugural grant year of the Veterans United Fund established by the initial \$50,000 donation will welcome nonprofits to submit grant applications

Biden offers \$450M for clean energy projects

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Joe Biden's administration is making \$450 million available for solar farms and other clean energy projects at the site of current or former coal mines, part of his efforts to combat climate change.

As many as five projects nationwide will be funded through the 2021 infrastructure law, with at least two projects set aside for solar farms, the White House said Tuesday.

The White House also said it will allow developers of clean energy projects to take advantage of billions of dollars in new bonuses being offered in addition to investment and production tax credits available through the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act. The bonuses will "incentivize more clean energy investment in energy communities, particularly coal communities," that have been hurt by a decade-plus decline in U.S. coal production, the White House said.

The actions are among

steps the Biden administration is taking as the Democratic president moves to convert the U.S. economy to renewable energy such as wind and solar power, while turning away from coal and other fossil fuels that produce planet-warming greenhouse gas emissions.

Biden has set a goal to cut greenhouse gas emissions in half by 2030 and achieve a net-zero emissions economy by 2050.

The projects are modeled on a site Biden visited last summer, where a former coal-fired power plant in Massachusetts is shifting to offshore wind power. Biden highlighted the former Brighton Point power plant in Somerset, Mass., calling it the embodiment of the transition to clean energy that he is seeking. But he has struggled to realize that goal in the first two years of his presidency.

"It's very clear that... the workers who powered the last century of industry and innovation can power the next one," said Energy Sec-

retary Jennifer Granholm, whose agency will oversee the new grant program.

Mining areas in Appalachia and other parts of the country have long had the infrastructure, workforce, expertise and "can-do attitude" to produce energy, Granholm told reporters on Monday. The new investments "can help them bring this new energy economy to life," she added.

Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen said the bonuses will add new credits of up to 10% for clean energy production in struggling energy communities. Solar farm operators "can get an extra dime on the dollar for your investment in a new facility," she said Tuesday.

To take full advantage of the bonus, developers must pay workers prevailing wages and use a sufficient proportion of apprentices on the job, Yellen said. "These provisions will ensure that workers in energy communities reap the benefits of the clean energy economy

they are helping to build," she said.

Up to five clean energy projects will be funded at current and former mines, Granholm said. The demonstration projects are expected to be examples for future development, "providing knowledge and experience that catalyze the next generation of clean energy on mine land projects," the Energy Department said.

Applications are due by the end of August, with grant decisions expected by early next year.

In a related development, the Energy Department said it is awarding \$16 million from the infrastructure law to West Virginia University and the University of North Dakota to study ways to extract critical minerals such as lithium, copper and nickel from coal mine waste streams.

Rare earth elements and other minerals are key parts of batteries for electric vehicles, cellphones and other technology.

Rep. Cook hosts concealed carry seminar

State Rep. Bud Cook is inviting residents of the 50th legislative district to a concealed carry seminar later this month at the Greene

County Fairgrounds. The seminar will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. April 20 on the second floor of the 4-H building at the fairgrounds.

"This is a great opportunity for both current and future gun owners to learn more about the state's gun laws and firearms safety," Cook said.

Jim Stoker of Firearm Owners Against Crime will be a special guest. The Greene County Sheriff's Department will be on hand to offer same-day permits.

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POLICE BEAT

SOUTH STRABANE

Assault alleged: Gavin Marcus Melan, 32, of South Strabane Township, is charged by South Strabane police with aggravated assault, terroristic threats and simple assault. According to the criminal complaint, police were called to Melan's home

in the 100 block of Morgan Drive at about 2:30 a.m. Monday. Police said he had come home intoxicated and kicked the front door of the binges. According to the complaint, he then pointed a gun at his girlfriend. District Judge James Saleva sent Melan to the Washington County jail on \$25,000 bond.

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Tornado damage is seen in Howell, New Jersey, on Sunday. At least eight twisters struck southeastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Delaware on April 1. Noah K. Murray, for The Express-Times

WEATHER

Ninth tornado confirmed, with more thunder likely this week

Steve Novak For The Express-Times

The warm and pleasant start to the week was welcome after storms last week ended spawned at least nine tornadoes confirmed by the National Weather Service in southeastern Pennsylvania, southern New Jersey and Delaware.

Another round of potentially severe weather is expected this week in the Lehigh Valley, ahead of a dry Easter weekend.

Of the region's April 1 tornadoes, the National Weather Service confirmed six in Central and South Jersey with a possible seventh still under investigation. One also struck the Newtown area in lower Bucks County. The strongest, rated an EF-3 on a scale from zero to five, tore across 14 miles of Sussex County, Delaware, with estimated top winds of 140 mph, killing one person and causing extensive damage.

"We can go a year or two without any tornadoes and then have a bunch all at once. It just depends on the setup," National Weather Service meteorologist Ray Martin told lehighvalleylive.com.

Since then, the region has had a weather

reprieve. Highs Tuesday were expected to reach the 70s, the warmest of the week. Today may be cooler and cloudy with highs in the 60s and possibly a drizzle, Martin said.

Forecasters are watching Thursday for the area's next chance of severe weather. The warmer temperatures will give way to potentially strong thunderstorms and wind late Thursday afternoon and evening. "This is not a tornado situation," Lehigh Valley-based EPWA Weather Consulting meteorologist Bobby Martrich said in his daily forecast video.

But straight-line wind can be damaging, too. One of the weather service's tornado investigations from last weekend was determined to be a 100 mph wind gust.

Behind the storms, the region can expect a dry but cooler start to the week end with highs in the 50s, with a sunny Easter Sunday warming into the 60s.

Steve Novak, NJ Advance Media, snovak@lehighvalleylive.com

EASTON

Man wounded in shooting

Sarah Cassel For The Express-Times

A man was wounded Monday night in a shooting in Easton's West Ward, and police are searching for the gunman.

Police were called for multiple reports of shots fired at 9:33 p.m. in the 1300 block of Washington Street. Lt. Matthew Gerould said.

The shooting was near the site where Kavan Figueroa, 18, and D-Andre Snipes, 17, both of Easton, were mortally wounded last year as they sat in a car on Washington Street.

Officers found evidence of a shooting Monday night, but no one injured, Gerould said. Police were then contacted by a local hospital that an 18-year-old man with a gunshot wound arrived by car, he said.

The man's wounds are not life threatening, Gerould said the wounded victim is not cooperating with the investigation.

Police believe a group of people were at Peach and Washington streets when a trio, including the gunman, arrived. One person opened fire on the group, Gerould said.

The three people, dressed in dark clothing, fled on foot north on Peach Street toward Lehigh Street, police said.

Police are asking residents in the area to check their home surveillance video. Anyone with information is asked to call detectives at 610-250-6634 or the tip line at 610-250-6635.

Three people have been charged in the March 14, 2022, double killing: Giovanni Cagle, 20, formerly of Palmer Township; Altajir K. Robinson, 21, of Easton; and Jayden L. Denzard, who was 15 at the time and is charged as an adult, of Wilson Borough. All three are being held without bail as they await trial in Northampton County Court.

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Police probe shots fired into house

Upper Macungie police are investigating shots fired overnight into a home in the township's Brelingsville section.

The incident happened sometime Sunday into Monday in the 900 block of Spring White Drive.

Police said the home was occupied at the time of the incident, however, there were no reported injuries.

Those with information are asked to contact Upper Macungie Police Detective Adam Miller at 484-468-5911, or use the anonymous tip/text line at 484-504-9884. Pamela Sraka-Holzmann

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Truck fire closes I-78 West section

A smoky truck fire closed part of Interstate 78 Tuesday morning in Lehigh County.

The fire was reported at 6:43 a.m. on I-78 West at mile marker 52 near the split with Route 309 and the Route 22 interchange, the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation reported.

The tractor-trailer was hauling garbage, Trooper Nate Branosky said.

No injuries were reported and the fire was only affecting the trailer, he said.

Initially traffic was getting by, but a little after 8 a.m., authorities announced I 78 West was being closed in Upper Macungie Township and traffic diverted onto Route 309.

As of 12:30 p.m., the westbound side of the highway was still closed as crews lifted the trailer in an attempt to extinguish the still-smoking trash.

I 78 East was still open to traffic. Sarah Cassel

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Biden to visit Ireland, mark accord anniversary

Colleen Long and Darlene Superville
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President Joe Biden said the heightened terrorism threat level will not keep him from visiting Ireland. Biden will first visit Belfast, Northern Ireland, which is part of the U.K., before he heads to the Republic of Ireland.
PATRICK SEMANSKY/AP

WASHINGTON - President Joe Biden will travel to the United Kingdom and Ireland next week in part to help mark the 25th anniversary of the Good Friday accord, a U.S.-brokered agreement that helped end decades of deadly sectarian violence in Northern Ireland.

Biden will first visit Belfast, Northern Ireland, which is part of the U.K., from April 11-12 to mark progress since the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement was signed a quarter century ago and to underscore U.S. readiness to support Northern Ireland's economic potential, the White House said.

Biden will then spend April 12-14 in the Republic of Ireland, holding engagements in Dublin, County Louth and County Mayo, where he will deliver an address celebrating the "deep, historic ties" between the United States and Ireland, the White House said.

Signed on April 10, 1998 - which was Good Friday - the landmark accord helped end three decades of sectarian violence over the issue of Northern Ireland uniting with Ireland or remaining in the United Kingdom.

The anniversary is being marked with celebration that peace has endured, but concern about entrenched divisions and political instability. And the specter of violence has not wholly disappeared - last month U.K. intelligence services raised the terrorism threat level for Northern Ireland from "substantial" to "severe."

Asked whether the heightened terrorism threat level would affect his plans to visit, Biden, who is proud of his

Irish heritage and has long wanted to visit Ireland, said it would not.

"No, they can't keep me out," he said last month.

The agreement has come under increasing stress following the U.K.'s exit from the European Union. A recent accord known as the Windsor Framework between the U.K. and the EU addresses some of the issues that arose around commerce and goods that cross the Irish Sea from Great Britain to Northern

Ireland.

Biden, who quotes Irish poets quite often, recently praised the Windsor Framework as an important step in maintaining the peace accord, though Northern Ireland's political leaders have called for changes.

"It's a vital, vital step and that's going to help ensure all the people in Northern Ireland have an opportunity to realize their full potential," Biden said of the framework during remarks at a Capitol Hill luncheon on St. Patrick's Day.

Biden had hosted Irish Prime Minister Leo Varadkar in the Oval Office and at a White House reception on the holiday, a tradition that had been scuttled in recent years by the coronavirus pandemic.

Varadkar promised Biden a jolly good time when he visits.

"I promise you that we're going to roll out the red carpet, and it's going to be a visit like no other," Varadkar told Biden in the Oval Office. "Everyone is excited about it already. We're going to have great crowds who would love to see you."

The last U.S. president to visit Belfast was Barack Obama in 2013.

Shooting

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He was pronounced dead at the scene.

State police obtained search warrants over the weekend to gather evidence in the shooting. Investigators seized a .380 Kel-Tec firearm, clothing, photographs and other items. They also obtained a DNA sample from the suspect.

During the investigation, state police interviewed a boy who is a friend of the victim and the suspect. He said all three of them were walking around town when the suspect wanted to return to his home. They went to his residence. The suspect climbed up the balcony to get inside the house, and he returned with a firearm.

The suspect has access to firearms, the boy told police. He had previously shown them to him.

The suspect made a joke about Kain's mother, and the victim told him to shut up, the boy told police, according to documents.

The suspect shot Kain in the upper back at close range, the search warrant states. The victim made a noise and fell to the ground.

The two checked on Kain and realized he was not moving. They returned to their homes.

State police spoke with other witnesses, including a girl. She had received an image showing the suspect pointing a black handgun with a red laser at a boy's face. He was covering his face with his hand. The child matches the physical and clothing descriptions of the victim "as he was discovered on scene," the search warrant states. It is not clear from the document when the image was taken.

State police interviewed the suspect's father, who told investigators that he has firearms at his home, including a .380 Kel-Tec. He has a hidden gun safe wall mount decorated with an American flag, the search warrant states.

A neighbor contacted him about a shooting in the area. Then his son called him and told him to come home.

The father told investigators that he returned home and verified that his firearms, including the pistol, were secured in the hidden gun safe, the search warrant states.

The suspect was taken to the state police station in Loganville by his father and stepmother.

Red Lion School District expresses condolences on loss of student

The Red Lion Area School District issued a statement on the loss of one of its students.

It states:

"The Red Lion Area School District would like to extend our condolences to all of the families affected by the tragic death of one of our students. As our school community processes this tragic news and copes with grief, we will offer counseling and bereavement support services.

Our team of administrators, counselors, school psychologists, and other trained staff will continue to provide support to any student or staff member in need throughout the days and weeks ahead.

"Additionally, our community partners from MHIDD and a variety of other mental health service providers have reached out to the district to help support our students. Through their programming and resources, they may be able to provide additional resources through public and private funding for families. As a district, we will continue to seek out community resources and partnerships to support the needs of our students, faculty and staff."

'It's just sad'

A makeshift memorial is affixed to the post of a traffic sign by the walkway between the two houses where the boy's body was found. The first block of First Avenue, which runs from North Main to North Charles, is mostly semi-detached and single-family homes. St. Paul's Methodist Church, housed in a massive stone building that

dates to 1885, dominates the block.

Up the street, Shannon Firestone recalled being outside just before the shooting and hearing some arguing from the direction of the shooting. It didn't seem unusual to her. She hears arguing among neighbors now and then. She didn't know there was a shooting until a neighbor told her the next day. She is not acquainted with the suspect or the victim or their families.

That the shooting involved children was especially chilling to Firestone. The eldest of her

five children are 9 and 11. "They can't hang out with friends," she said. "You don't know what's going to happen."

"It's just sad."

Fundraiser for the Kain Heiland family

A fundraiser is being held to help the cost for funeral arrangements.

Subs, sandwiches and T-shirts are being sold through April 18.

The cost is \$25 for shirts, \$6 for sandwiches and \$6.50 for subs.

The fundraiser is posted on the Southern York County Facebook page.

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KATHLEEN ALLEN
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Colleges

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than four-year schools. Published tuition and fees last year averaged \$3,860, versus \$39,400 at private and \$10,940 at public four-year universities, with many states making community college free.

Yet consumers are abandoning them in droves. The number of students at community colleges has fallen 37% since 2010, or by nearly 2.6 million, according to the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center.

"The reckoning is here," said Davis Jenkins, senior research scholar at the Community College Research Center at Teachers College, Columbia University. (The Hechinger Report is an independent unit of Teachers College.)

Those numbers would be even more grim if they didn't include high school students taking dual-enrollment courses, according to the Community College Research Center. High school students make up nearly a fifth of community college enrollment.

Yet even as these colleges serve fewer students, their already low success rates have by at least one measure gotten worse.

While four out of five students who begin at a community college say they plan to go on to get a bachelor's degree, only about one in six of them actually manages to do it. That's down by nearly 15% since 2020, according to the clearinghouse.

Two-year community colleges have the worst completion rates of any kind of university or college. Like Camara, nearly half of students drop out, within a year, of the community college where they started. Only slightly more than 40% finish within six years.

These frustrated wanderers include a disproportionate share of Black and Hispanic students. Half of all Hispanic and 40% of all Black students in higher education are enrolled at community colleges, the American Association of Community Colleges says.

The spurring of community colleges has implications for the national economy, which relies on their graduates to fill many of the jobs in which there are shortages. Those include positions as nurses, dental hygienists, emergency medical technicians, vehicle mechanics and electrical linemen, and in fields including information technology, construction, manufacturing, transportation and law enforcement.

Other factors are also contributing to the enrollment declines. Strong demand in the job market for people without college educations has made it more attractive for many to go to work. Thanks to so-called degree inflation, many jobs that require higher education call for bachelor's degrees where associate degrees or certificates were once sufficient. And private, regional public and for-profit universities, facing enrollment crises of their own, are competing for the same students.

Many Americans increasingly are questioning the value of going to college at all.

But they are particularly rejecting community college. In Michigan, for instance, the proportion of high school graduates enrolling in community college fell more than three times faster from 2019 to 2021 than the proportion going to four-year universities, according to that state's Center for Educational Performance and Information.

Those who do go complain of red tape and other



Santos Enrique Camara, 27, right, who dropped out of Shoreline Community College at age 19 in 2015, now works at a restaurant in Everett, Wash. When Camara arrived at the community college to study audio engineering, he quickly felt lost. PHOTOS BY LINDBER WESSING/NAP



Santos Enrique Camara, center, practices at his Marysville, Wash., home with Jack Thompson, left, and Phil Westfall with their band The Lion & The Sloth. Camara, 27, who dropped out of Shoreline Community College in 2015, had difficulty paying tuition and finding time to do schoolwork while caring for his younger sister.

frustrations.

Megan Parish, who at 26 has been in and out of community college in Arkansas since 2016, said she waits two or three days to get answers from advisers. "I've had to go out of my way to find people, and if they didn't know the answer, they would send me to somebody else, usually by email." Hearing back from the financial aid office, she said, can take a month.

Oryan Lewis doesn't have that kind of time. Lewis, 20, is in her second year at Chattahoochee Valley Community College in Phenix City, Alabama, where she is pursuing a degree in medical assisting. And she's already behind.

Lewis has the autoimmune disease lupus and thought she'd get more personal attention at a smaller school than at a four-year university; Chattahoochee has about 1,600 students. But she said she didn't receive the help she

needed until her illness had almost derailed her degree.

She failed three classes and was put on academic probation. Only then did she hear from an intervention program. "I feel like they should talk to their students more," Lewis said. "Because a person can have a whole lot going on."

Employers, meanwhile, are unimpressed with the quality of community college students who manage to graduate. Only about a third agree that community colleges produce graduates who are ready to work, according to a survey released in December by researchers at the Harvard Business School.

Community colleges get less government money to spend, per student, than public four-year universities: \$8,695, according to the Center for American Progress, compared with \$17,540.

Yet community college students need more sup-

port than their counterparts at four-year universities. Twenty-nine percent are the first in their families to go to college. 15% are single parents and 68% work while in school. Twenty-nine percent say they've had trouble affording food and 14% affording housing, according to a survey by the Center for Community College

Student Engagement.

Community colleges that fail these students can't just blame their smaller budgets, said Joseph Fuller, professor of management practice at Harvard Business School. "The lack of resources inside community colleges is a legitimate complaint. But a number of community colleges do extraordinarily well," Fuller said. "So it's not impossible."

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Finland joins NATO, Russia responds

Moscow warns of 'retaliatory measures' against its neighbor

Lorne Cook and
Matthew Lee
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BRUSSELS — Finland joined the NATO military alliance Tuesday, dealing a major blow to Russian President Vladimir Putin with a historic realignment of Europe's post-Cold War security landscape triggered by Moscow's invasion of Ukraine.

The Nordic country's membership — doubling Russia's border with the world's biggest security alliance — Finland had adopted neutrality after its defeat by the Soviets in World War II, but its leaders signaled they wanted to join NATO just months after Moscow's invasion of Ukraine sent a shiver of fear through its neighbors.

In praising Finland's membership, U.S. President Joe Biden noted it came on the 74th anniversary of the signing of NATO's founding treaty on April 4, 1949.

"When Putin launched his brutal war of aggression against the people of Ukraine, he thought he could divide Europe and NATO. He was wrong," Biden said. "Today, we are more united than ever. And together — strengthened by our newest ally, Finland — we will continue to preserve transatlantic security, defend every inch of NATO territory, and meet any and all challenges we face."

The move is a strategic and political setback for Putin, who has long complained about NATO's expansion toward Russia and partly used that as a justification for the invasion.

"I'm tempted to say this is maybe the one thing that we can thank Mr. Putin for because he once again here precipitated something he claims to want to prevent by Russia's aggression, causing many countries to believe that they have to do more to look out for their own defense and to make sure that they can deter possible Russian aggression going forward," U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said before accepting the documents that made Finland's membership official.

The U.S. State Department is the repository of NATO texts concerning membership.

Russia warned it would be forced to take "retaliatory measures" to address what it called security threats created by Finland's membership. It had also warned it would bolster forces near Finland if NATO sends any additional troops or equipment to what is its 31st member country.

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Alarmed by Moscow's invasion of Ukraine last year, Finland, which shares a 832-mile border



Military personnel install the Finnish national flag at the NATO headquarters Tuesday in Brussels. Finland has become the 31st member of NATO, wrapping up its historic strategic shift with the deposit of its accession documents to the alliance. JOHANNA GERON/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES



Finland Foreign Minister Pekka Haavisto, left, hands his nation's accession document to U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Tuesday at NATO headquarters in Brussels. JOHANNA GERON/AFP

with Russia, applied to years of military non-alignment to seek pro-

tection under the organization's security umbrella.

"It's a great day for Finland and an important day for NATO, too," said Finnish President Sauli Niinistö. "Russia tried to create a sphere around them and, well, we are not a sphere. I'm sure that Finns themselves feel more secure, that we are living in a more stable world."

Neighboring Sweden, which has avoided military alliances for more than 200 years, has also applied. But objections

from NATO members Turkey and Hungary have delayed the process.

Niinistö said Finland's membership "is not complete without that of Sweden. The persistent efforts for a rapid Swedish membership continue."

Earlier, Russia's Foreign Ministry said Moscow "will be forced to take military-technical and other retaliatory measures to counter the threats to our national security arising from Finland's accession to NATO."

It said Finland's move marks "a fundamental change in the situation in Northern Europe, which had previously been one of the most stable regions in the world."

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Finland's membership reflects the alliance's anti-Russian course and warned that Moscow will respond depending on what weapons NATO allies place there. But he also sought to play down the impact, noting that Russia has no territorial disputes with Finland.

It's not clear what additional military resources Russia could send to the Finnish border. Moscow has deployed the bulk of its most capable military units to Ukraine.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said no more troops would be sent to Finland unless it asked for help.

The country is now protected by what Stoltenberg called NATO's "iron-clad security guarantee," under which all member countries vow to come to the defense of any ally that comes under attack.

But Stoltenberg refused to rule out the possibility of holding more military exercises there and said that NATO would not allow Russia's demands to dictate the organization's decisions.

"We are constantly assessing our posture, our presence. We have more exercises, we have more presence, also in the Nordic area," he said.

Finland's Parliament, meanwhile, said its website was hit with a so-called denial-of-service attack, which made the site hard to use, with many pages not loading and some functions not available.

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SAUL YOUNG — Knoxville News Sentinel via AP
Authorities investigate the scene of a shooting in Knoxville, Tennessee, on Monday. Roy McGrath apparently died after a confrontation with law enforcement.

► MANHUNT

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Accusations: McGrath served as Hogan's chief of staff for just 11 weeks, resigning in August 2020 after it became public that he had received a \$233,850 severance payment from his old job as head of a state-owned corporation before moving to the governor's office. McGrath, 53, was indicted in 2021 on accusations that he fraudulently secured the severance payment, equal to one year's salary as the head of Maryland Environmental Service, by falsely telling the agency's board that the governor had approved it, though Hogan denied knowledge of that. He also was accused of fraud and embezzlement connected to roughly \$170,000 in expenses. When McGrath's professional reputation suffered because of the federal criminal charges, the blow was devastating for him personally, Murtha said.

Murtha said Tuesday that the biggest unanswered question is whether McGrath was killed by law enforcement agents or died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Officials also haven't said whether McGrath was armed during the fatal encounter. **Under investigation:** McGrath was wounded during "an agent-involved shooting" about 6:30 p.m. Monday in the outskirts of Knoxville and was taken to a hospital, where he died, according to FBI Supervisory Special Agent Shayne Buchwald in Maryland. Further details, including how McGrath was wounded and what led up to it, were not released. "The shooting remained under investigation. The FBI reviews every shooting incident involving an FBI special agent. The review will carefully examine the circumstances of the shooting, and collect all relevant evidence from the scene," Buchwald said Tuesday.

► NATO

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Security: Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy sent his congratulations to Finland, writing on Telegram that "amid Russian aggression, the Alliance became the only effective guarantee of security in the region." Russia warned it would be forced to take "retaliatory measures" to address what it called security threats created by Finland's membership. It also warned it would bolster forces near Finland if NATO sends any additional troops or equipment to what is its 31st member country. The alliance says it poses no threat to Moscow.

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► COVID

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hospitals in the region, only one of the 20 patients hospitalized for COVID-19 has been vaccinated. "Influenza and COVID-19 vaccinations protect us from severe disease, hospitalization and death," Goldman said. "As spring continues, we still recommend wearing masks in high-risk settings or if you yourself are at higher risk."

Revised recommendations: In the world, the World Health Organization recently revised its recommendations for vaccines in order to prioritize doses of the vaccine for those at higher risk. As first reported by CNN, the organization's Strategic Advisory Group of Experts on Immunization is recommending that healthy children from 6 months to 17 years old should

consider vaccinating based on disease burden and cost effectiveness. "The public health impact of vaccinating healthy children and adolescents is comparatively much lower than the established benefits of traditional essential vaccines for children — such as the rotavirus, measles, and pneumococcal conjugate vaccines," SAGE said in a news release. Those at higher risk, such as older people, immunocompromised people of all ages, front-line health workers and pregnant people whose most recent booster was six or 12 months ago should receive additional booster doses, SAGE recommends.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Senate voted, 68-23, on March 29 to end the COVID-19 emergency declaration. The measure now heads to President Joe Biden's desk after the House of Representatives voted to approve it last month earlier in March.



AP FILE PHOTO
Pfizer, left, and Moderna bivalent COVID-19 vaccines are readied for use at a clinic in November in Richmond, Virginia. York County health experts advise that vaccination is still the best way to avoid severe disease, hospitalization and death.

As reported by CNN, a White House official told the news network that while the president "strongly opposes" the bill, he will sign it if it comes to his desk, "and the administration will continue working with agencies to wind down the national emergency with as much notice as possible to Americans who could potentially be

impacted." The White House has planned for the emergency declaration, first put in place by former President Donald Trump in March 2020, to expire on May 11 of this year. — *Reach Matt Enright via email at menright@yorkdispatch.com or via Twitter at @Matthew_Enright.*

► EXPEL

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Johnson, Jones and Pearson be removed, with many drawing a false equivalency between last week's protest and the Jan. 6, 2021, siege at the nation's Capitol. **'Good trouble':** House Minority Leader Karen Camper described her Democratic colleagues' actions as "good trouble," a nod to late U.S. Rep. John Lewis' guiding principle on civil disobedience. "When I saw thousands of people — mostly children and teenagers — protesting and demanding action from us after the slaying of six innocent people, including three 9-year-old children, it was impossible to sit idly by and continue with business as usual," Pearson wrote in a letter

to House members on Monday. House Democrats, who number just 23 versus 75 Republicans, say the GOP is more eager to take action against colleagues than address gun access and other systemic issues that led to the fatal shooting in Nashville. These Republicans members filed resolutions to expel Johnson, Jones and Justin and successfully set the deciding vote for Thursday. Pearson and Jones are both first-term lawmakers. Johnson has served in the House since 2019 after previously being elected to the chamber for a term in 2013. All three have been highly critical of GOP leadership. As scrutiny over the expulsion

effort increased, White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre on Tuesday criticized Republican lawmakers' focus on rebuking Democrats for protesting rather than addressing solutions to avoid another school shooting. "What did the Republican legislators do? They're trying to expel these three Democratic legislators who joined in the protest," Jean-Pierre said, adding that GOP members are "shrugging in the face of yet another tragic school shooting while our kids continue to pay the price." Expulsions in the Tennessee General Assembly are extremely rare and considered an extraordinary action.

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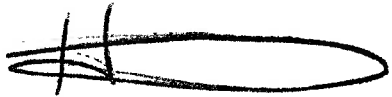
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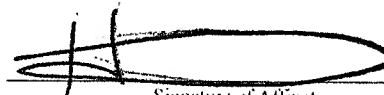
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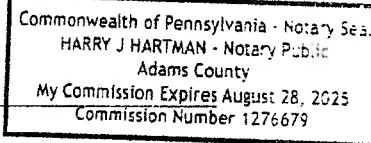


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Arrest

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near the Pennsylvania Turnpike, then "nearly immediately pulled away" and continued north until it "exited the highway and drove over a berm, nearly overturning" according to the post.

The bus continued on Gettysburg Drive in Lower Allen Township and turned into a neighborhood before the driver allegedly "fled on foot toward a wooded area," according to the post.

Using bystanders' description of the driver, police searched along railroad tracks before a man allegedly fled on foot through "parking lots and busy traffic areas," removing his clothes as he ran until he was "apprehended in the nude," according to the post.

Saunders allegedly "admitted to taking the bus earlier in the day after crashing a BMW

vehicle" and said he had placed a dead deer in the back of the bus to drive the deer to his residence, then "as fertilizer in his garden," according to the post.

Earlier, at 12:33 a.m. Tuesday, Pennsylvania State Troopers Ryan Eivens and Alex Loder stopped a black BMW SUV with a Florida plate at Lincoln Way East and South Peters Street in Oxford Township, Adams County, according to an affidavit of probable cause filed by Trooper Matthew Duncan.

The previous day, Duncan and Eivens had investigated a burglary in which the complainant gave a description that allegedly matched Saunders and the vehicle, according to the affidavit.

When Duncan arrived at the Oxford Township stop, he interviewed Saunders in connection with the burglary

as he sat in the BMW, according to the affidavit.

Saunders "appeared disoriented as he provided discrepancies in his travels," information in the affidavit alleged.

During the traffic stop, the troopers received a "be on the lookout" request for a suspect in a Rutter's convenience store theft in Paradise Township, York County, according to the affidavit. Duncan asked Saunders about Rutter's items in the vehicle, which he allegedly said he obtained from a junkyard, but did not know its name or location, according to the affidavit.

"Also observed in the rear of the vehicle was a dog and a dead deer in his trunk," according to the affidavit.

Duncan asked Saunders to "exit his vehicle to continue speaking with me as Northern York Regional Police Department was en route to my loca-

tion to speak with Saunders and observe the contents of his vehicle," according to the affidavit.

As Duncan began opening Saunders' door, he allegedly "accelerated and sped off," according to the affidavit.

Two state police vehicles pursued with lights and sirens and were joined by Eastern Adams Regional Police Detective Darryl Keller, according to the affidavit.

Saunders allegedly drove the wrong way in one area before heading south on Hanover Street and "threw off his lights to avoid detection at a high rate of speed," according to the affidavit.

Allegedly, the BMW "struck a chain link fence" on Locust Lane, drove back through a fence onto Hanover Street, and eventually left Brickyard Road and kept driving in a private field, according to the affidavit.

Saunders allegedly drove

"through small treelines before he struck and was unable to maneuver his vehicle over train tracks" and fled on foot into a "heavily wooded area where he was viewed to have removed his shirt" according to the affidavit.

At 2:44 a.m., Eivens and Loder saw Saunders, allegedly "now barefoot, running on Route 94 at the York Road intersection," and pursued him as he allegedly "ran behind the vacant Cross Keys motel and into a heavily wooded area where he avoided apprehension," according to the affidavit.

Charges

In York County, Saunders was charged with one felony count each of fleeing police and receiving stolen property, a misdemeanor account of resisting arrest, and a summary count of reckless driving, according to a docket.

In Adams County, he was charged with a felony count of fleeing police, two misdemeanor counts of evading arrest on foot, a misdemeanor count of reckless endangerment, and one summary count each of driving without lights to avoid arrest, disregarding traffic laws, and trespass by motor vehicle, according to the Adams docket, which identifies Saunders as a resident of Steelton, Pa.

The endangerment charge stems from allegedly driving through the fence and thereby placing the site's resident in danger, according to Duncan's criminal complaint.

A preliminary hearing on the York County charges is set for April 24 before Magisterial District Judge Richard Thomas. No preliminary hearing is yet set relative to the charges in Adams County.

Gettysburg

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savings account; \$658,000 in transportation; \$552,000 in special education; \$374,000 in charter school tuition and Adams County Technical Institute (ACTI) membership; \$292,000 in general supplies, technology hardware and software; and \$46,000 for utilities, said Wallen.

The increase in health insurance is attributed to the district being self-insured and having "some very expensive claims within the past year," Wallen said.

Salaries were not included in the list of budget variables because ACTI is taking on the cost of its staff, and is now becoming an independent entity, Wallen said. Salary increases for staff, including raising the entry wage from \$12.65 to \$13.75 for classified employees, were able to be absorbed because of ACTI officials said.

A budget overview showed \$4.5 million in expenses and \$9.4 million in revenue, leaving a \$5.1 million shortfall, according to Wallen.

Revenues increased by 2.69 percent over last year, while

expenses went up 5.66 percent, she said.

Wallen also provided an overview of charter school tuition costs over the years.

The cost of charter school tuition started at \$3.5 million in the 2017-18 school year, and has risen to a projected \$4.2 million for 2023-24, Wallen said. During the pandemic, the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years, charter school tuition costs were recorded at \$5 million and \$4.2 million, respectively. This year, Wallen said charter school tuition costs are estimated at \$4.2 million, as well.

The \$4.5 million projected charter school tuition cost "seems excessive" for the size of GASD, said Al Moyer, board member, who asked if it is possible to secure a breakdown for kindergarten through 12th grade.

Moyer, who said he previously served as a co-chair on a Pennsylvania School Boards Association committee on charter school reform, asked if administrators have any theories on why people are choosing charter schools.

"Somehow, somehow along the way, we as a district can develop some strategies to stop

the bleeding there," Moyer said.

This is "pulling resources away" from other funding opportunities and needs, he said.

"Also, it will possibly force us to increase millage on our community, our taxpayers, unnecessarily, in my opinion," said Moyer.

"There was no discussion on any potential tax increase in the budget presentation Monday. The numbers for students going to charter schools is 'heavier' at the elementary level, for kindergarten through sixth grade students, GASD Superintendent Jason Perrin said.

GASD enhanced its website with virtual tours to assist families in making "informed choices," said Perrin.

"If 10 people were asked why they chose a charter school, they would receive 10 different answers, said Perrin.

GASD sometimes makes telephone calls to students enrolled in charter schools to offer tours of the district's buildings, he said.

"We think about it quite a bit," said Perrin.

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writing, and developing exhibits for the new ACSB museum, Beyond the Battle," Andrew Dalton, ACSB executive director, thanked commissioners for recognizing Smith.

"Our new museum could not have happened without his knowledge and expertise," Dalton said, noting he can't wait to soon share the museum with the public.

Gettysburg Beyond the Battle Museum in the ACSB at 625 Biglerville Road,

Gettysburg, opens April 15, sharing the "story of ordinary eyewitnesses and their extraordinary experiences before, during, and after the Civil War," according to the organization's website.

Commissioner Vice Chair Jim Martin showed appreciation for Smith's efforts and "all those long hours" he spent in the museum.

"Your distinction comes at a unique time, at the completion of the museum," Martin said.

Smith was surprised by the recognition.

"I am stunned a bit and honored," Smith said.

Law Enforcement Award The Optimist Club of Gettysburg presented the law enforcement award to Beyer at the commissioners' meeting. Beyer was recognized for his "distinguished and dedicated service advancing the respect for law objective of Optimist International."

Beyer also serves as the Adams County Drug Task Force coordinator, overseeing all investigations, manpower, equipment, and training efforts, county officials said.

He is also a member of the Internet Crimes Against Children task force through the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

In that role, Beyer investigates hundreds of allegations of child abuse that is focused on "child sexual assaults, child pornography, grooming, and trafficking of child victims," according to officials.

Beyer also conducts forensic downloads for digital evidence through coordinated efforts by state and local agencies in Adams County.

Completing the training several years ago through the Department of Justice, Beyer has been "an integral part of too many investigations to count while analyzing cell phones, tablets, computers, and other forms of digital evidence to identify perpetrators and victims of crime, as well as to provide corroboration and further evidence in investigations," officials said.

Beyer thanked a many people, including his wife, Abbie, and Adams County District Attorney Brian Sinner.

"I want to thank my wife. When I am up getting calls in the middle of the night, she is up making me coffee before I go," Beyer said.

More and more has been added to Beyer's plate and he has never said "no," said Sinner. He continues to take on more and obtained his college degree "even with the extra workload," Sinner said.

"I could not think of anyone more deserving," Sinner said.

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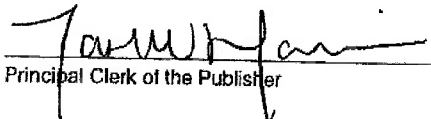
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Fetterman gets hearing aids for sensorineural hearing loss

It is unclear whether the hearing loss is connected to the stroke he suffered last year.

Tom Avritt Philadelphia Inquirer

U.S. Sen. John Fetterman has been diagnosed with atrial fibrillation, cardiovascular disease, stroke and depression — common medical conditions that affect millions of Americans.

His latest diagnosis may be his most common one yet: hearing loss.

On March 31, when Fetterman was released from the hospital after being treated for depression, his office said he also had been diagnosed with "mild to moderate sensorineural hearing loss" and was fitted for hearing aids.

Hearing loss affects an estimated 50 million Americans, and sensorineural hearing loss is the most common form of it. Yet by getting hearing aids, Fetterman is taking an uncommon approach: actually doing something about the problem. Four out of 5 people who could benefit from hearing aids do not wear them, according to the Hearing Loss Association of America.

For more on Fetterman's type of hearing loss, and whether it might be connected to his stroke and his related issues with auditory processing, we spoke to Lindsay Bondurant, director of the Pennsylvania Ear Institute at Salus University in Elkins Park, and Alexandra Costlow, a clinical audiologist at Jefferson Health.

What is sensorineural hearing loss?

When sound waves enter the inner ear, they stimulate thousands of tiny hair cells, which transmit the signal to the auditory nerve, which in turn delivers it to the brain.

Sensorineural hearing loss is the result



Sen. John Fetterman, D-Pa., was diagnosed with "mild to moderate sensorineural hearing loss" and was fitted for hearing aids, his office said. 2023 Getty Images file

of a problem with either of those structures, the auditory nerve or the hair cells.

In most cases, it's the latter, typically the result of exposure to loud noise, Bondurant said. Over time, noise damages hair cells so much that they no longer are able to detect and transmit sound. Aging and genetics also can contribute to the deterioration, Costlow said.

Often, the first sign of hearing loss comes in the higher pitches. That's because the hair cells that detect higher frequencies are more vulnerable to loud noise than the cells that detect lower frequencies, Costlow said. Damage to the hair cells also can cause sounds to seem distorted.

Sensorineural hearing loss usually develops gradually. But it also can come on suddenly, as the result of medical conditions that include autoimmune disease, Lyme disease, multiple sclerosis and non-cancerous tumors, according to the American Academy of Audiology.

Is Fetterman's hearing loss from his stroke?

Sensorineural hearing loss can be caused by a stroke, if the blockage occurs

in the delicate blood vessels in the part of the brain that surrounds the inner ear, Bondurant said.

"The microvasculature around the inner ear is very delicate and susceptible to changes in blood flow," she said. "Changes in blood flow could result in hair cells dying."

Fetterman's office has not disclosed where the blockage in his brain occurred or whether it contributed to his hearing loss.

But years of noise exposure is the more likely explanation for hearing loss in people in their 50s, Bondurant said. Fetterman is 53.

What about his auditory processing?

Even if Fetterman's stroke did not damage his hearing, it did impair his brain's ability to perform a suite of tasks known as auditory processing.

These skills include recognizing sounds as speech, mapping them against known words and formulating a spoken response. He underwent months of therapy to improve his speaking ability, though he still has continued to stumble. The added burden of a hearing loss

means his auditory processing deficits must have been even more of a challenge, Bondurant said.

"Anything that results in a distorted signal reaching the brain, it's going to make it harder for the brain to decipher the incoming information," she said. "The brain has to work that much harder to comprehend what's coming in."

So his hearing aids, though they are meant to treat his hearing loss, also could help Fetterman to overcome unrelated auditory processing deficits, she said.

"The clearer we can make that incoming signal," she said, "the easier it's going to be for the brain to make sense of the information."

What is "mild to moderate" hearing loss?

Fetterman's office said he was diagnosed with "mild to moderate" hearing loss. The term is widely used, but Costlow is not a fan, as it makes it sound as if the patient has a minor issue.

"It's a bit of a misnomer," the Jefferson audiologist said. "Mild to moderate hearing loss doesn't mean a significant difficulty in communication."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a person with mild hearing loss may have trouble with hearing soft sounds, whereas a person with moderate hearing loss may struggle to hear speech even at a normal level. People with mild to moderate hearing loss may first perceive the problem in crowds or other noisy settings.

Hearing aids can help, as they can be programmed with multiple customized settings to compensate for the wearer's surroundings, perhaps with one program that muffles the background noise in a noisy restaurant and another setting that neutralizes the echoes in a large auditorium.

Until last year, people with mild to moderate hearing loss could get hearing aids only after being evaluated by an audiologist or licensed hearing aid dispenser. In August, the Food and Drug Administration authorized the sale of "over-the-counter" hearing aids to people with mild to moderate hearing loss, meaning they no longer need to get tested by a professional.

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Zoning

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their home lot, which is also where their parents live. But they say that arrangement will become more inconvenient as their parents, now in their 70s, grow older. Their request to keep a horse on the one-acre lot across the road was denied as the township requires at least three acres of land for a horse or other livestock.

In their appeal challenging the denial of a request to change the township zoning code, filed last month by attorney Thomas Martin of Kennet Square, the couple says that their right to practice their religion is being infringed because of the three-acre minimum for horses.

As part of their Amish convictions, the appeal states, "they believe that they are prohibited from ownership or operation of motor vehicles on public roads as their primary means of transportation. These convictions are sincerely held and compel their compliance for reasons of conscience."

In their decision, the three township supervisors stated that the decision to keep the minimum lot size for horses and other livestock had nothing to do with Amish religious beliefs. Instead, it concerned the ability of the township to provide for safe conditions and reasonable zoning requirements in residential areas.

The religious violations claimed by the Stoltzfuses, the supervisors wrote, are "without merit."

"The board does not seek to challenge any of the arguments put forth... regarding the Amish way of life or their religious practices," the board wrote in its decision denying the couple's re-



The Amish leave their buggies and horses behind as they gather together inside the Chester County home of a community member for Sunday service in a file photo.

"This is the teaching of the church of which they are members, and of their church leaders, and it has been for many years. As best they have been able, they have abided by these convictions in the past and intend to do so in the future."

— The appeal states

quest for an amendment to the zoning code. "The board simply finds that requiring a three-acre minimum for horses is entirely a zoning regulation without any connection to religious affiliation."

It is not uncommon to see members of the Amish community in the western part of the county, including West Cain, using horse-and-buggies to get to and from their normal daily tasks — going to church, to the store, to work, or visiting friends or relatives.

But to the Stoltzfuses, using a horse to get around is not a matter of style or fashion, the appeal states. "This is the teaching of

the church of which they are members, and of their church leaders, and it has been for many years," the appeal states. "As best they have been able, they have abided by these convictions in the past and intend to do so in the future."

The couple's appeal cites state and federal protections of religious freedom in arguing that the West Cain zoning code that restricts their use of land for keeping a horse makes it invalid as a matter of law, and well as being unreasonable, irrational, and arbitrary. An expert hired for their case testified that it would be possible to safely keep a horse on fewer

than three acres.

"We are optimistic that the county court will enforce the Pennsylvania law which was enacted for just such situations as this," said Martin, referring to the state's Religious Freedom Protection Act. "The statute places the burden on a governing body when legitimate, good faith religious free exercise is being substantially burdened. Martin said the Stoltzfuses' effort has the support of other members of the Amish community in the township.

"I believe the court will affirm the rights of these law-abiding citizens, whose statutory and constitutional rights are being trampled upon," said Martin, a former magisterial district judge in Kennet Square. "The three-acre minimum large animal restriction was not shown at the hearing to be the least restrictive means of furthering any compelling state interest."

It is not clear how many Amish people live in Chester County. However, the Amish

"The provisions in the Zoning Ordinance being challenged are reasonable, and not arbitrary and in fact serve a legitimate government purpose."

— The decision, penned by township Solicitor Kimberly Venzie

graze.

The board ultimately found that the zoning restrictions did not prohibit horses used for transportation being kept in the township, and that the Stoltzfuses had not presented compelling evidence requirements for horses that were being violated.

"The provisions in the Zoning Ordinance being challenged are reasonable, and not arbitrary and in fact serve a legitimate government purpose," read the decision, penned by township Solicitor Kimberly Venzie, of the law firm of Buckley, Brion, McGuire and Morris of West Chester.

The appeal has been assigned to Judge William P. Mahon.

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Books

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ety from the entrance to the stadium, thanked the student organizers of the protest for alerting the administration to their plans and working to comply with all safety policies.

At the board level, Russell said she hopes to reach a compromise on the issue. "Certainly, we want to accommodate anyone in the community who wants to limit access to explicit content. At the same time, we don't deny access to information by anyone who wants it. The key is striking some kind of balance."

The next voting meeting of the school board, at which Saylor may once again submit his revised book policy for approval, is April 11.

Playcrafters

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in pooling their money to fund investing in a month-long ladies' holiday in Italy.

The Tony award-nominated two-act stage play "is a bit different from the book," said Director Courtney Katz of the novel by British author Elizabeth von Arnim. The production is produced by Ryan Kadwill.

Under the warmth of the Mediterranean sun, the ladies initially clash with each other at the villa (the owner is played by Andrew Lichtenwalner), though things turn around, and they eventually begin to get along as their relationships turn cooperative. That is until their husbands (played by Sam Levy and Sean Collins) arrive on the scene. "Comic relief is found in the housekeeper (played by Sandie Rollins)," mentioned Katz.

Exploring the themes of friendship, gratitude, and appreciation, along with a bit of comedy and drama, Enchanted April engages the characters on a journey where their lives take a turn down a path that begins to bloom. The lighthearted scenes mix with some moving moments and, like fragrant wisteria, lives blossom as lessons are learned and the healing begins.

The play has a take-home message for young and old alike. If you can't make it to the Italian Riviera this year, the Playcrafters' stage may lend an enchanting glimpse.

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N.J. wind farm may 'adversely affect,' not kill whales



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By Wayne Parry
The Associated Press

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — New Jersey's first offshore wind farm may "adversely affect" whales and other marine mammals, but its construction, operation and eventual dismantling will not kill or seriously harm them, a federal scientific agency said.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration issued a report Tuesday evaluating an analysis by the U.S. Bureau of Ocean Energy Management of the Ocean Wind I project to be built off the southern New Jersey coast.

NOAA's final biological opinion examined BOEM's research and took into account "the best scientific and commercial data available."

NOAA determined the project by Danish wind power company Orsted "is likely to adversely affect, but is not likely to jeopardize, the continued existence of any species" of endangered whales, sea turtles and other animals. Nor is it likely to "destroy or adversely modify any designated critical habitat."

The report comes as opposition to offshore wind projects on the U.S. East Coast is growing, fueled by a thus-far unproven narrative that ocean floor preparation work for offshore wind farms is hurting or killing whales. Thirty-one have washed ashore on the East Coast since Dec. 1, according to NOAA.

NOAA and other agencies have said many of the dead whales appear to have been struck by ships or entangled in fishing gear, emphasizing there is no evidence linking offshore wind production and whale deaths.

Yet that has not convinced some people, including some federal and state officials who want a pause or permanent halt to offshore wind projects while the impact of wind farm site preparation can be more closely examined.

Another study

Complicating matters is a joint study released last week by NOAA, BOEM and the commercial fishing industry that listed several known adverse impacts of wind farms on marine life, including noise, vibration, electromagnetic fields and heat transfer that could alter the marine environment.

Ocean Wind I is the first offshore wind project approved by New Jersey officials. It will consist of 98 turbines about 15 miles off the coast of Atlantic City and Ocean City.

The project will generate more than 1,100 megawatts of electricity enough to power about a half million homes each year. Orsted hopes to have it up and running by the end of 2024.

NOAA noted that the project includes numerous measures to minimize and monitor adverse effects on

whales, including the critically endangered North Atlantic right whale, of which there are less than 350 remaining.

"No serious injury or mortality of any (endangered) whale is anticipated as a result of the proposed project," the report read.

"We do not expect any right whales to be exposed to increased sound levels that would result in injury; all effects to right whales will be limited to temporary behavioral disturbance. Additionally, no effects to the feeding or resting critical habitat are anticipated."

Two North Atlantic right whales were among the 30 East Coast fatalities since last December.

NOAA said its Office of Protected Resources plans to issue regulations and a letter of authorization for the project under the federal Marine Mammal Protection Act.

NATO

Finland joins alliance in blow to Russia over Ukraine war

By Lorne Cook and Matthew Lee
The Associated Press

BRUSSELS — Finland joined the NATO military alliance Tuesday, dealing a major blow to Russian President Vladimir Putin with a historic realignment of Europe's post-Cold War security landscape triggered by Moscow's invasion of Ukraine.

The Nordic country's membership doubles Russia's border with the world's biggest security alliance. Finland had adopted neutrality after its defeat by the Soviets in World War II, but its leaders signaled they wanted to join NATO after Moscow's invasion of Ukraine sent a shiver of fear through its neighbors.

"The era of nonalignment in our history has come to an end — a new era begins," President Sauli Niinistö said before his country's blue-and-white flag was raised outside NATO headquarters.

A short distance away, outside the security fence, a dozen people wrapped in flags of their own chanted, "Ukraine needs NATO."

In praising Finland's membership, President Joe Biden noted it came on the 74th anniversary of the signing of NATO's founding treaty on April 4, 1949.

Ukraine, he thought he could divide Europe and NATO. He was wrong," Biden said in a statement.

"Today, we are more united than ever. And together — strengthened by our newest ally, Finland — we will continue to preserve transatlantic security, defend every inch of NATO territory, and meet any and all challenges we face."

The move is a strategic and political setback for Putin, who has long complained about NATO's expansion toward Russia and partly used that as justification for the invasion.

"I'm tempted to say this is maybe the one thing that we can thank Mr. Putin for because he once again here precipitated something he claims to want to prevent by Russia's aggression, causing many countries to believe that they have to do more to look out for their own defense and to make sure that they can deter possible Russian aggression going forward," U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken said before accepting the documents that make Finland's membership official.

The U.S. State Department is the repository of NATO texts concerning membership.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy sent his congratulations to Finland, writing on Telegram that "amid Russian aggression, the Alliance became the only effective

guarantee of security in the region."

Russia's warning

Russia warned it would be forced to take "retaliatory measures" to address what it called security threats created by Finland's membership. It had also warned it would bolster forces near Finland if NATO sends any additional troops or equipment to what is its 31st member country.

The alliance says it poses no threat to Moscow. Alarmed by Moscow's invasion of Ukraine last year, Finland, which shares an 832-mile border with Russia, applied to join in May, sought protection under the organization's security umbrella. "Russia tried to create a sphere around them and, well, we are not a sphere. I'm sure that Finns themselves feel more secure, that we are living in a more stable world," Niinistö said.

Neighboring Sweden, which has avoided military alliances for more than 200 years, has also applied. But objections from NATO members Turkey and Hungary have delayed the process.

Niinistö said Finland's membership "is not complete without that of Sweden. The persistent efforts for a rapid Swedish membership continue."

Finland even handed over its ratification of

Sweden's application to Blinken as it joined.

Earlier, Russia's Foreign Ministry said Moscow will be forced to take military-technical and other retaliatory measures to counter the threats to our national security arising from Finland's accession to NATO.

It said Finland's move marks "a fundamental change in the situation in Northern Europe, which had previously been one of the most stable regions in the world."

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Finland's membership reflects the alliance's anti-Russian course and warned that Moscow will respond depending on what weapons NATO allies place there. But he also sought to play down the impact, noting that Russia has no territorial disputes with Finland.

It's not clear what additional military resources Russia could send to the Finnish border. Moscow has deployed the bulk of its most capable military units to Ukraine.

NATO Secretary-General Jens Stoltenberg said no more troops would be sent to Finland unless it asked for help.

The country is now protected by what Stoltenberg called NATO's "ironclad security guarantee," under which all member countries vow to come to the defense of any ally that comes under attack.

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Dinner

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Easy roast beef

Serves 10

- 4 lb. of beef roast
- 2 Tbsp. each of sea salt and black ground pepper
- 6 cloves of garlic
- 2 Tbsp. of grass-fed butter ghee or avocado oil
- ½ cup of beef broth
- ½ cup of dry red wine
- 3 sprigs of rosemary
- 1 large yellow onion thinly sliced

Remove roast from refrigerator about 2 hours before starting recipe to allow it to come closer to room temperature. It will still be a little cool after 2 hours and that is fine.

In a small bowl, combine salt and pepper.

Preheat oven to 275 degrees.

Use a sharp knife to make 3 slits on one side of the roast (about 2-3 inches deep), stuff each slit with one garlic clove and some salt and pepper.

Flip the roast over and make 3 more slits on the other side and stuff with garlic, salt and pepper.

Rub the remaining salt and pepper over the outside of the roast.

Melt butter over medium heat in an oven-safe skillet.

Sear all sides to brown (approximately time 15 minutes).

Remove roast to a plate and deglaze the pan with broth and wine.

Place roast back in pan and place onion slices and rosemary sprigs around it.

Roast at 275 degrees until you get to 115 degrees (about 12-15 minutes per pound).

Remove to a cutting board, tent loosely with foil, and allow to rest for about 20 minutes. The internal temp will continue to rise as the roast rests.

Serving temp should be 130 degrees in the center for medium-rare.

Mix a few teaspoons of arrowroot powder or organic cornstarch with the pan juices to make a gravy.

Serve roast beef with gravy and onions.

Note: You can change the meat and add or subtract ingredients suited to your eating style.

I make this roast beef and serve on a large cut, crustinland place on a tray or Easter buffet. You can also present this open faced with crusty bread and homemade gravy. A grainy mustard or creamy horseradish can be served on the side if desired.

Easy asparagus tart

Serves 6

- 1 sheet puff pastry thawed
- 2 Tsp. of Dijon mustard
- 1 bunch asparagus tough trimmed
- 3 cups of shredded gruyere cheese or choice
- ½ cup of shredded parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 400 degrees.

Line a baking sheet with parchment paper.

Use a rolling pin gently



Risotto with lemon, peas and Parmesan is the perfect side dish for Easter dinner. GETTY IMAGES

roll out puff pastry to an 11"x14" rectangle, then transfer to the parchment lined baking sheet.

Prick the puff pastry with a fork, then brush all over with the mustard.

Sprinkle gruyere over the puff pastry, leaving a 1" border on all sides.

Arrange asparagus spears to be parallel with each other or design of your choice

Sprinkle with the Parmesan cheese.

Bake for 20-25 minutes

or until the crust is golden brown and puffy.

Slice into squares to serve.

If desired, drizzle a balsamic on top, or have available for guests.

Baked risotto with lemon, peas & Parmesan

Serves 4

- 4 tbsp. of butter
- 1 lemon
- 1 yellow onion chopped

2 cloves garlic chopped

1 cup of arborio rice

¾ cups of chicken or vegetable broth

1½ tsp. of kosher salt

½ cup grated Parmesan - plus more for serving

1 cups of frozen peas thawed

½ tsp. of freshly ground black pepper

Chopped fresh parsley for the garnish

Preheat oven to 375 degrees.

Melt 2 tablespoons of butter in a Dutch oven

over medium heat.

Peel two 1-inch thick strips of zest from the lemon.

Add onion and lemon zest to the butter and cook, stirring until softened, about 5 minutes.

Add garlic and cook, stirring, until fragrant, about 1 minute.

Stir in rice, broth, and 1 teaspoon salt.

Bring to a simmer, cover, and transfer to the oven.

Bake until rice is tender, 20 minutes.

Remove the lid and stir in Parmesan, peas, pepper, remaining 2 tablespoons butter and ½ teaspoon salt, stirring until butter is melted and peas are warm.

Cut the lemon in half and squeeze half of the juice into the risotto; stir to combine.

Remove lemon zest and serve topped with more Parmesan and parsley.

Chef Jacki Corser is a culinary specialist who resides in Cumberland, Indiana.

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Delaware River chemical spill. Based in Ireland, Trinseo declined a request by this news organization for an in-person interview on the accident and tour of its Bristol facility.

The plant is 72 years old. Trinseo has been there since May 2021 with about 110 employees, company officials said.

To prevent future spills, the business said it would take "all available measures" and perform a "root-cause review" of the accident. The exact amount and type of chemicals released is well known to the company, said Gretchen Toner, senior manager for corporate communications at Trinseo.

"Our processes have many continuous measurements, and we know the amount of material that left our process accidentally," Toner said.

What was released in the Delaware River chemical spill?

Trinseo's Bristol plant is part of the company's PMMA division for the production of colored and translucent plastics. Thousands of companies use PMMAs (polymethyl methacrylate chemicals) in construction materials, cars and trucks, home appliances, and even containers for cosmetics. PMMA chemicals are designed to make objects more resistant to heat, scratches, and ultraviolet rays.

PMMAs might be in your car's dashboard display, microwave oven clock, or the light fixtures throughout the house. You likely interact with products containing PMMAs on a daily basis.

Trinseo promotes its PMMA chemical lines as not containing any BPA and phthalates, which some have linked to cancer, hormone deficiencies, and other health problems. The company also helps recycle chemicals, turning plastic products back into their initial chemical components for reuse as something else.

On March 24, Trinseo said its Bristol plant accidentally spilled four things — water, butyl acrylate, ethyl acrylate, and methyl methacrylate that reached the Otter Creek near the Delaware River.

Butyl acrylate is used in glues, paint, fabrics, fuels, and plastics. The chemical is colorless with a fruity odor. Exposure can irritate the eyes, skin, and respiratory system, according to the National Institutes of Health.

Methyl methacrylate is colorless and smells both acrid and fruity, according to the EPA. The chemical is used in airplane parts, cars, furniture and medical devices. According to the EPA, there's not enough evidence to determine whether the chemical is carcinogenic. Some studies suggest "acute exposure" to methyl methacrylate can irritate the eyes, nose, and throat. Long-term exposure could lead to asthma, according to the EPA.

Ethyl acrylate is described by the EPA as a "highly flammable" clear liquid with an ac-



Teams from Lewis Environmental draw contaminated water from the Otter Creek. JAMES MCCINNIS/BUCKS COUNTY COURIER TIMES

rid smell. The EPA has categorized the chemical as "possibly carcinogenic to humans" due to a lack of data and inconclusive results in earlier studies on the chemical.

Trinseo warned investors of hazards and risks

As a publicly traded company, Trinseo files annual reports with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. In such reports, corporations commonly warn investors of potential risks such as

rising fuel prices, labor shortages and lawsuits that could impact the stock.

In a December 2022 report, Trinseo warned investors of hazards that "could expose employees, customers, the community and others to toxic chemicals." A list of potential hazards and risks included "pipeline and storage tank leaks and ruptures," "failure of mechanical systems, computer systems, process safety and pollution control equipment," and "chemical spills and other

discharge or releases of toxic or hazardous substances or gases."

Trinseo's Bristol facility, at 100 Route 413, is barely mentioned in that report as a property leased from the DOW Chemical Company. Once part of DOW Chemical, Trinseo has operated from other DOW industrial parks in the U.S. In 2010, DOW sold that part of its business for \$1.6 billion.

From corporate offices in Ireland, Trinseo employs from 3,400 workers, most of them

in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East. Only about 100 people work at Trinseo's Bristol plant,

the company said.

On Friday, Trinseo released a statement about the Bristol facility and a spotless record of compliance with environmental regulations. Trinseo took over the Bristol plant in 2021, the company said. No significant violations or issues of non-compliance were ever issued during that time.

"Trinseo PLC would like to take this opportunity to correct the record about the historical environmental performance of the Altuglas LLC facility in Bristol," the company said in a press release. "This in no way minimizes the seriousness of the accidental release that occurred on Friday, March 24.

"We are dismayed by the release and by the knowledge that our community was disrupted as a result," company officials said. "We understand that we will be judged by our performance."

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PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED

Joint Application of Metropolitan Edison Company (Met-Ed), Pennsylvania Electric Company (Penelec), Pennsylvania Power Company (Penn Power), West Penn Power Company (West Penn), Keystone Appalachian Transmission Company (KATCo), Mid-Atlantic Interstate Transmission, LLC (MAIT), and FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Electric Company (FE PA) (collectively Joint Applicants). Docket Numbers: A-2023-3038771, A-2023-3038792, A-2023-3038793, A-2023-3038794, A-2023-3038795, A-2023-3038807, A-2023-3038808, G-2023-3038818, G-2023-3038819, G-2023-3038820, G-2023-3038821, G-00020956.

Through the Joint Application, the Joint Applicants request all of the necessary authority, approvals, and certificates of public convenience for: 1. Agreements and Plans of Merger; The establishment of FirstEnergy Pennsylvania Holding Company LLC as an intermediate holding company in the chain of ownership of FE PA; 3. The merger of Met-Ed, Penelec, Penn Power, and West Penn with and into FE PA; 4. The initiation by FE PA of electric service in all territories in this Commonwealth where Met-Ed, Penelec, Penn Power, and West Penn do or may provide electric service; 5. The abandonment by Met-Ed, Penelec, Penn Power, and West Penn of all electric service in this Commonwealth; 6. The adoption by FE PA of Met-Ed, Penelec, Penn Power, and West Penn's existing Tariffs and their application within new service and Rate Districts of FE PA corresponding to their existing service territories as the Met-Ed Rate District, Penelec Rate District, Penn Power Rate District, West Penn Rate District, and The Pennsylvania State University Rate District, respectively; 7. The sale of Class B Membership Interests in MAIT held by Met-Ed and Penelec to FirstEnergy Corp.; 8. The transfer of West Penn's Transmission Assets to KATCo; 9. A certificate of public convenience conferring upon KATCo the status of a Pennsylvania public utility under 66 Pa.C.S. § 102; and 10. Where necessary, associated affiliated interest agreements.

Formal protests and petitions to intervene must be filed in accordance with Title 52 of the Pennsylvania Code, on or before April 17, 2023. All filings must be made with the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, 400 North Street, 2nd Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120, with a copy served on the Applicant. The documents filed in support of the Joint Application are available ONLY online for inspection and copying on the Commission's website at www.puc.pa.gov, and at the Applicant's business address. ALL Parties to proceedings pending before the Commission must open and use an e-filing account through the Commission's website at www.puc.pa.gov or you may submit the filing by overnight delivery to: Secretary, Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120. If a filing contains confidential or proprietary material, the filing is required to be submitted by overnight delivery. Large filings containing confidential or proprietary material may be submitted through the Commission's Share Point File system with advanced notice to the Commission prior to submittal.

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PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRIC	:	A-2023-3038793
COMPANY, PENNSYLVANIA POWER	:	A-2023-3038794
COMPANY, WEST PENN POWER	:	A-2023-3038795
COMPANY, KEYSTONE	:	A-2023-3038807
APPALACHIAN TRANSMISSION	:	A-2023-3038808
COMPANY, MID-ATLANTIC	:	G-2023-3038818
INTERSTATE TRANSMISSION, LLC,	:	G-2023-3038819
AND FIRSTENERGY PENNSYLVANIA	:	G-2023-3038820
ELECTRIC COMPANY	:	G-2023-303882
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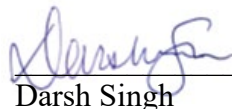
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