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Mahoning County grand jurors have indicted a man accused in a 2022 Youngstown triple-shooting. Defendant Vashaud May is facing charges including aggravated murder and attempted murder for the incident in which prosecutors claim he opened fire on a vehicle on Mohawk Avenue. Rawsheem Aponte, the driver of that car, was killed and his fiance, Rekia Wright, was injured as was the couple's 3-year-old daughter.

Doug Mastriano wants to ban lab-grown meat in Pennsylvania. The Republican state Senator from Franklin County says a ban is needed to protect farms that raise and slaughter livestock. Last year, federal regulators approved the production and sale of lab-grown meat, a process that would eliminate the need for raising and slaughtering livestock. Mastriano put out a cosponsor memo for his proposed legislation earlier this week to ban both producing or selling lab-grown meat.

George Carlin's estate is suing the creators of a new AI comedy special on YouTube that replicates the late legendary comedian's voice. Kelly Carlin, who manages the estate, posted on X that there was zero permission granted for the special, called "I'm Glad I'm Dead."

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A Butler County man who was wanted on an outstanding warrant has been arrested following a motorcycle accident. Butler Township Police arrested 33-year-old Steven McCardle Thursday, after he crashed his motorcycle along New Castle Road. Police searched McCardle and charged him with possession of marijuana. He's currently in custody in the Butler County Prison.

President Biden says the U.S. will respond after three American service members were killed in an overnight drone attack in Jordan. Biden held a moment of silence for the soldiers killed during an event in South Carolina Sunday, calling it a "tough day in the Middle East."

The CDC is warning health care providers across the U.S. to be alert for measles cases. According to the CDC, there have been 23 confirmed cases of measles from December 1st to January 23rd. The federal health agency says there's a "growing global threat" as the uptick in cases in the U.S. reflects a rise in infections globally.

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The Three Rivers Region Special Olympics organization is benefiting from record participation in this year's Beaver County Polar Plunge. The nonprofit says more than 600 people jumped into the Beaver River at Bridgewater Landings Marina during the event on Saturday. The fundraiser generated nearly 160-thousand dollars. The money is used to support training, competitions, and health programs for Special Olympics athletes.

The head of a major global charity organization is calling the amount of aid that's getting into Gaza "woefully inadequate." Speaking on CBS' Face the Nation, Save the Children CEO Yawn ti Sor Rip Toe said there were "hundreds and hundreds" of trucks on the Egyptian side of the crossing waiting to get into Gaza, but no more than 150 -- "on a good day" -- actually going through.

Two protesters in Paris are in hot water after splashing soup on the Mona Lisa. A French journalist says the incident happened Sunday at the Louvre Museum, where the 500-year-old painting by Leonardo da Vinci hangs behind bullet-proof glass. Reports say the environmental protesters were demanding "healthy and sustainable food."

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A public hearing will take place in Mercer County today to address changes to Pennsylvania's rural population. Predicted changes through 2050 are expected to affect a wide range of policy issues, including workforce availability, housing, healthcare, education, and transportation. Monday's hearing will happen at the Linden Pointe Workforce Development Center in Hermitage. A separate hearing will also be held Tuesday at Thiel College in Greenville.

New government figures indicate inflation was easing as 2023 came to a close. December's PCE price index shows prices rose two-tenths of a percent for the month and were up two-point-nine percent on a yearly basis. Including volatile food and energy costs, inflation held steady at two-point-six percent for the year.

Budweiser's famous Clydesdales will be making a comeback at this year's Super Bowl. St. Louis-based Anheuser-Busch has released a 15-second video clip teasing the return of the trademark Budweiser draft horses. The beer company stopped airing commercials with the horses during the Super Bowl three years ago to focus instead on raising awareness about the COVID-19 vaccine.



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A program has been launched in western Pennsylvania to help tackle the teacher shortage in the region. The program is called BridgeUP and it helps people already in support roles in schools obtain a teaching degree and a certificate. The Allegheny Intermediate Unit is enrolling paraprofessionals who have at least an associate's degree to obtain a teaching degree and certificate in special education. Almost eight percent of teachers left the profession during the pandemic. The number of new teacher certifications is less than a third of what it was a decade ago.

The U.S. will "respond decisively" to any aggression against U.S. troops in the Middle East. That's what Secretary of State Antony Blinken told reporters Monday following the attack by Iranian-backed militants in Jordan that left three American service members dead and dozens injured. Blinken said the U.S. response against Iran could be "multi-leveled" and "sustained over time."

A pilot and explorer says he found Amelia Earhart's long-lost plane. The CEO of Deep Sea Vision, Tony Romeo, sold commercial real estate to fund his deep-sea exploration of the Pacific Ocean last year. The former US Air Force intelligence officer used sonar technology to inspect the ocean floor in the area Earhart is suspected to have crashed in 1937.

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The driver of a diesel truck tanker who died in a fiery crash in Macedonia is being identified. The crash happened on Saturday morning when the truck lost control while attempting to get from Route Eight north to the I-271 north ramp, resulting in the death of 31-year-old Jason Stevens of Ashtabula. The coroner says Stevens died from multiple blunt force injuries and his death has been ruled as accidental. The Route Eight and I-271 interchange in Macedonia is expected to remain closed for several days.

The new owners of U.S. Steel have reportedly said they plan to honor the company's existing labor agreements. Leaders of the Nippon Corporation said that they wouldn't shift American jobs or production overseas. That would include employees at the U.S. Steel plant Pittsburgh. The United Steelworkers' union complained that it had not been consulted by U.S. Steel or Nippon ahead of the sale announcement to the Japanese company.

Toyota is asking the owners of 50-thousand older model vehicles to get immediate recall repairs for potentially fatal faulty airbags. The recall affects some 2003-04 Corollas and 2004-05 RAV4s with Takata air bag inflators.

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Members of the union that represents nursing home and courthouse workers in western Pennsylvania have ratified a new contract and averted a strike that would have started Friday. Members of Service Employees International Union Local 668 and Healthcare PA voted overwhelmingly in favor of the three-year contract, which will result in wage increases of 17 percent over the life of the contract. Union members have been working without an agreement since last month.

Rite Aid is closing several stores in Ohio amid an ongoing bankruptcy process. Back in November, the pharmacy chain announced 31 store closures. Since January 1st, 55 more stores have been added to that list. Stores in Cleveland, Massillon, Youngstown, and other Northeast Ohio locations are on the most recent list as well.

New York Senator Kirsten Gillibrand is calling on the Biden administration to roll back the federal prohibition of cannabis. Marijuana has been classified as a schedule one controlled substance since the 1970s, putting it in the same category as heroin. During a press conference Sunday, Gillibrand said she thinks descheduling marijuana from schedule one classification will allow scientists more opportunities to research medicinal uses of the drug.

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The United States Postal Service is looking to fill vacancies in Western PA. Available positions include city carriers, rural carriers and mail handler assistants. According to the postal service, the pay range is 17- to 22-dollars-per-hour. A job fair will be held at the Burgettstown post office on Main Street today from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Iranian-backed Houthi [[ Hoo-thee ]] militants in Yemen say they plan to keep up attacks against U.S. and British warships in the Red Sea. A spokesman for the militant group says they're targeting the warships because the U.S. and Britain are participating in "aggression" against their country. On Tuesday night, U.S. Central Command said the USS Gravelly had shot down an anti-ship cruise missile fired from Yemen towards the Red Sea.

The CEOs of the top five social media companies will be grilled by the U.S. Senate today about child sexual abuse material on their platforms. CEOs Mark Zuckerberg of Meta and Linda Yaccarino of X are expected to appear before the Senate Judiciary Committee. The heads of TikTok, Snap and Discord have also been subpoenaed.



01-31-24-2

A Warren police officer is facing rape and burglary charges. Authorities say a victim reported an inappropriate relationship with Officer Michael Edwards Junior, which led to an investigation by the Bureau of Criminal Investigation. Edwards is now facing two charges of rape and two charges of aggravated burglary, though exact details have not been released to the public. The Warren Police Department is asking any other potential victims who may have had a criminal interaction with Edwards to come forward.

Tunnels under Gaza are about to be flooded with water by the Israeli military. The effort aims to keep the Palestinian militant group Hamas from using the estimated 350 miles of tunnels they've built. The plan has drawn some criticism over potential dangers to nearly 130 hostages still held in Gaza and over damage to drinking water and sewage systems.

Philips is halting the sale of sleep apnea devices in the U.S. because of potential cancer risks. The company recalled millions of the machines in 2021 over concerns that foam in the product could cause health issues.

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Another Rite Aid store closing announced...this time in Sharon. The Rite Aid on South Water Street will soon be closed although no date has been given. Rite Aid filed bankruptcy last year and began shutting down 180 stores. More closures have since been announced in New Castle, Sharpsville, Youngstown East Liverpool and Howland.

Witnesses took the stand Tuesday in the trial of the mother of the Oxford High School shooter in Michigan. Jennifer Crumbley is facing charges including involuntary manslaughter in the deaths of four students and the wounding of seven others. Witnesses on the stand included the dean of students at the high school at the time of the 2021 shooting and Jennifer Crumbley's former boss

Winds and rain are taking aim at California this week as two atmospheric rivers are set to bring storms. The first will cause problems in Northern California today before heading to Southern California tomorrow. Roadways and low-lying areas could be at risk for flooding.

02-01-24-1

In Butler County, a woman who stole more than 1-point-6-million dollars from her employer has been sentenced to prison. Constance Stobert worked for Mechanical Operations Company for three decades with investigators saying she stole the money between 2014 and 2018. Stobert reportedly wrote checks on the company's business account to cover personal expenses and used company credits cards to withdraw cash from casino ATMs in Pittsburgh and Las Vegas. She was sentenced yesterday to 51 months in prison.

The Federal Reserve is holding interest rates steady as consumer confidence improves and inflation slows. Fed Chair Jerome Powell told reporters, however, the central bank needs to see more evidence inflation is easing before cutting back rates. He said inflation is still too high and the path forward is "uncertain."

Millions across the U.S. are commemorating Black History Month starting today. The federal celebration was created in 1926 as a week-long event to "popularize the knowledge about the Black past." It became Black History Month in 1976 by a proclamation signed by then-President Gerald Ford.

02-01-24-02

Firefighters were on the scene this morning at a small fire at Westminster College in New Wilmington. Around 5 AM crews from six different departments were at the Hoyt Science Center. The fire was put out by sprinklers before the fire crews arrived. No one was injured and a cause for the fire has not been determined

President Biden will travel this month to East Palestine about one year after a train derailment spilled toxic chemicals into the community. The White House says Biden will meet with residents impacted by the Norfolk Southern train derailment and assess recovery efforts. Biden has faced criticism over his decision not to immediately visit the town in the aftermath of the incident, despite promises by the White House he would visit the area. No specific date for the president's visit has been announced.

Miami Beach City Commissioner is pumping the breaks on Spring Break as it has voted to impose a midnight curfew, limit beach entry and add security checkpoints next month. The move comes after two people were killed during last year's Spring Break festivities. Mayor Steven Meiner [[ MY-ner ]] says the message this year is "we mean business."



02-01-24-3

A suspect in a recent deadly shooting in Youngstown has surrendered to police. Jules Freeman is charged with complicity to commit murder in connection with the January 22nd fatal shooting of 23-year-old Allen Pierce-May. A preliminary hearing will be held next week.

YouTube is coming under more scrutiny for a graphic video from a Pennsylvania man accused of beheading his father. The video circulated for hours and prosecutors want to know why it wasn't taken down sooner. Police said Wednesday that they charged 32-year-old Justin Mohn with first-degree murder and abusing a corpse at the family home in Levittown. He allegedly shouted anti-government rhetoric and held up his father's head on the recorded footage, which lasted 14 minutes. YouTube says the company removed the video, deleted Mohn's channel and is tracking and removing further uploads.

Margot Robbie is commenting after she was snubbed in this year's Oscar nominations for best actress. Robbie said it's impossible to be sad "when you know you're this blessed" during a SAG-AFTRA panel with her "Barbie" co-stars on Tuesday. The blockbuster film is up for eight Academy Awards.

02-02-24-1

The Beaver County Humane Society is investigating after a dead Yorkie was found inside a trash bag last month along a roadway in Aliquippa. A woman out walking her own dogs made the discovery. Agents with the humane society say they believe someone driving by had been trying to throw the dog into a creek and missed. They say they would like to see the responsible person face a felony charge for their actions and are asking folks who live near Green Street and Monaca Road to review any security camera footage they may have for any clues.

The mother of Oxford High School shooter Ethan Crumbley took the stand Thursday in Michigan. Jennifer Crumbley is facing charges including involuntary manslaughter in the deaths of four students and the wounding of seven others. Her son, who was 15 at the time of the 2021 mass shooting, was sentenced in December to life in prison.

In response to the attack in Jordan that killed three U.S. service members, a report says the U.S. is preparing to carry out a series of strikes in Iraq and Syria. CBS News reports the strikes will target Iranian facilities and personnel over several days.

02-02-24-2

Investigators are calling the explosion yesterday of a house in Trumbull County 'suspicious.' Authorities say that no one was inside the Howland home when it blew up and there were no reports of injuries. The fire chief says there was a gas leak and that the work now is to find out why there was a leak.

Tesla is being sued by 25 California counties for allegedly mishandling hazardous waste throughout the state of California. The suit alleges Tesla, "intentionally disposed of, and intentionally caused the disposal of hazardous waste" in places that were "not authorized" nor able to handle the materials. The suit also alleges Tesla didn't label containers of hazardous materials at its facilities correctly and failed to properly train its employees on how to handle the materials.

The Pittsburgh Zoo & Aquarium is sharing news of the passing of Mrithi [[ MIR EEE THEE ]] the gorilla. Mrithi was a silverback western lowland gorilla and was born at the zoo in 1992. Handlers say he had been experiencing mobility and spinal issues as of late and died during an anesthetic procedure that was being conducted to help determine the cause of his symptoms. Mrithi was the first gorilla ever born at the Pittsburgh Zoo

02-02-24-3

Local leaders in Butler County are agreeing to look into the construction of a major sports complex. Commissioners have approved plans for a feasibility study to explore construction site options for an "Olympic-style" facility, according to Commissioner Kevin Boozel. While speaking with WPXI-TV, Boozel said he does not believe a large-scale athletics complex would cost anything more to taxpayers, likely drawing private investment. The feasibility study will focus on the space and infrastructure needed to complete the potential project.

Americans now have an Obesity Bill of Rights. That announcement comes from the National Consumers League and the National Council on Aging. It establishes eight essential rights to ensure that people who are obese get screened, diagnosed, counseled and treated according to medical guidelines.

Darius Rucker is facing misdemeanor drug charges. The 57-year-old hitmaker was arrested Thursday in Williamson County, Tennessee, according to "Mobile Patrol." Charges include two counts of simple possession/casual exchange, and one count of violating the state's vehicle registration law. Rucker was taken into custody around noon and released about an hour later.



02-05-24-1

Charges against a man who had been accused of trying to set a woman on fire have been withdrawn. The alleged victim told Sharon police on January 12th that Timothy Hummell had allegedly poured rubbing alcohol on her and tried to light her on fire. Hummell was charged and spent twelve days in jail. Charges against Hummell were dropped with the Mercer County District Attorney's Office saying that the woman has recanted her story.

Jury deliberations begin Monday in Michigan in the involuntary manslaughter trial of Jennifer Crumbley. She's the mother of Ethan Crumbley, who shot and killed four classmates and injured seven others at Oxford High School in November 2021. Jennifer and her husband James were both charged with four counts of involuntary manslaughter as prosecutors say they ignored signs their son was having mental health struggles.

A storm that's been hitting much of California hard is expected to bring dangerous conditions to Orange County and San Diego Monday and Tuesday. Eight Southern California counties have been placed under a state of emergency with the risk of flooding and high winds. The National Weather Service called Sunday "one of the most dramatic weather days in recent memory."

02-05-24-2

A local favorite candy shop in New Castle is closing its doors after nearly eight decades in business. The owners of Jameson's Candy announced plans to shut down on social media this past weekend. An exact closure date has not been announced, but, the operators say it will likely be sometime this summer. In the meantime, the owners say they plan to stay in full production for the upcoming Valentine's Day and Easter holidays.

A Pennsylvania research group says over one-point-three-million state workers would be affected by a minimum wage increase to 15-dollars-per-hour. The Keystone Research Center says such a hike would not only reduce poverty rates but also help decrease pay disparities in both race and gender issues. The report also highlights that a higher proportion of rural workers would benefit directly from an increased minimum wage. The current seven-dollar and-25-cents--an-hour wage has been in effect since 2009.

A long-awaited bipartisan deal to secure the U.S.-Mexico border and provide aid to Ukraine has been unveiled. The full bill totals just under 120-billion dollars, with roughly 20-billion going towards the border. It provides aid to Israel and Ukraine, as well as other foreign policy priorities. In the deal, asylum screenings would be raised, with the practice known as "catch and release" done away.

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A local business owner is running to fill the state representative seat in Butler County's District Eleven. Ryan Covert is an owner of Snack 'N Pack and Butler Hot Dog Shoppe in Butler and he has filed paperwork to run in the Republican primary election on April 23rd. Covert is looking to replace incumbent Representative Marci Mustello.

Governor Shapiro is preparing his budget proposal that will be delivered to state lawmakers tomorrow. Not much has been revealed about what he'll be asking for but he has made it clear in other recent talks that funding for higher education, as well as for public schools are big concerns. Tax experts for the state say collections are on-par for next year's funding.

President Biden is skipping a pregame Super Bowl interview for the second year in a row. On Saturday, the White House turned down the network's request for an interview with Biden before the big game, which is expected to be watched by tens of millions of people. It has become a somewhat regular tradition for presidents to interview with the network that broadcasts the Super Bowl.

02-06-24-1

In Beaver County, the former treasurer of a parents association is facing allegations that she stole more than 12-thousand dollars from a fund meant to pay for student field trips and other activities. Margot Taddeo was arrested on Friday with investigators claiming that she failed to deposit the missing money into the bank account of the Freedom Middle School Parents Association. She has been charged with felony theft.

At least 15 people are displaced after fast-moving mudslides destroyed multiple homes in Los Angeles. Over ten inches of rain have fallen over two days in parts of the Hollywood Hills and Santa Monica Mountains. Steep hillsides that were already saturated from recent rains gave out during Monday's downpour.

Authorities in Las Vegas are stepping up security and spreading the word before the Super Bowl this weekend: humans beings are not for sale. Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department Sheriff Kevin McMahill says Las Vegas is at the top of the list when it comes to human trafficking. The department is teaming up with the nonprofit group RISE to get victims help.



02-06-24-2

In Sharon, authorities are investigating the suspicious death of a man found injured on the 700 block of New Castle Avenue.

While responding to a trespassing call at about 8:30 Monday night, officers from Sharon PD discovered an unconscious white man with head injuries and he was rushed to a nearby hospital where he died. The Sharon Police Department is asking anybody who may have information about this case to contact them.

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Nikki Haley is getting a big boost from donors to keep her long-shot presidential bid alive. Haley's campaign hauled in 16-point-five million dollars in January, including nearly 12-million from grassroots supporters. The campaign also added more than 69-thousand new donors last month.

02-06-24-3

Details are limited on a Butler Township pedestrian crash that was reported yesterday evening. Emergency dispatchers have confirmed that one person was taken by helicopter to an area hospital after being struck by a vehicle along State Route 8. The incident happened shortly before 7:30 p.m. near the Greater Butler Mart retail center, according to officials. No information on the victim's condition or the driver in the crash has been released so far.

An investigation is under way after a man was shot and killed while driving in Youngstown. Police say an 18-year-old driver was shot Sunday night on South Truesdale Avenue, which caused the car to crash into the woods and then catch on fire. A passenger in the vehicle was uninjured during the incident. Police have not yet released the name of the driver or announced any suspects or arrests.

Country music superstar Toby Keith is dead. The 62-year-old died peacefully last night surrounded by his family, according to a message on his social media platforms. The singer was diagnosed with stomach cancer not too long ago and had been undergoing chemotherapy, radiation and surgery.

02-07-24-1

Authorities have identified a man who died after suffering some sort of head injury this week in Mercer County. Police were called to a home in Sharon Sunday night with reports of a trespasser. An unconscious man, now known to be 35-year-old Edward Reedy, was found injured at the scene. Reedy later died at a local hospital. The incident remains under investigation.

Nikki Haley suffered an embarrassing defeat in the Nevada Republican president primary, a contest in which she had no major challenger. Voters on Tuesday overwhelmingly chose an option to reject all of the candidates on the ballot. Former President Trump wasn't on the ballot and no delegates were at stake. A spokeswoman for the Haley campaign says the former South Carolina governor is staying in the race despite the loss.

An electrical issue with the tailgate release switch on some General Motors pickups is forcing a recall by the automaker. Approximately 323-thousand heavy duty Chevrolet Silverado and GMC Sierra pickups built between 2020 and this year have a possible defect. The switch can reportedly short out due to water getting into the connection and the tailgate could open when the vehicle is put in park.

02-07-24-2

Neshannock Police dealing with a case of animal cruelty this week. On Monday morning police were dispatched to the boat launch parking lot on Kingschapel road and discovered a small dog inside a pet taxi. The kennel was covered in frost as the outside temp was in the 20's Police are asking anyone with information to contact them.

Governor Josh Shapiro is laying out his spending plan for the upcoming fiscal year. His 48-point-three-billion-dollar budget proposal invests heavily in education and economic development. The governor also called for raising the minimum wage to 15 dollars an hour and legalizing recreational marijuana. Pennsylvania's fiscal year begins on July 1st.

The mother of Michigan school shooter Ethan Crumbley has been found guilty on all counts in her historic involuntary manslaughter trial. Jennifer Crumbley's son, Ethan, shot and killed four classmates and injured seven others at Oxford High School in November 2021. Jennifer and her husband James were both charged as prosecutors say they ignored signs their son was having mental health struggles.



02-07-24-3

Officials in Butler County are investing part of the state's opioid settlement funds in the newly created Butler Recovery Center. The center is being built on the site of the former Grace Youth and Family Foundation building located on Center Avenue. The center will provide services for those in recovery but no treatment will be offered. Butler County officials approved 38-thousand dollars to help with startup and operating costs.

A pair of PA Senate committees are holding a joint hearing today to find out more information about state computer files being deleted by mistake. The incident on January 3rd involved state IT staff and led to thousands of police and the State Employees' Retirement System records being wiped out. More than 77 computer system servers were affected. The hearing is set for 2:00 p.m. and will also be livestreamed on the internet.

The Palestinian militant group Hamas is proposing a ceasefire and an eventual end to its war with Israel. The plan, a response to a proposal put together by Qatari and Egyptian mediators would see three phases lasting 45 days each. It calls for remaining Israeli hostages captured in the October 7th attacks on Israel to be returned in exchange for prisoners, followed by an exchange of bodies and remains.

02-08-24-1

With the one year anniversary of a train derailment in East Palestine having just passed, the NTSB is preparing to consider findings of the investigation into the accident. More than three dozen train cars, some carrying hazardous materials, derailed in the Columbiana County community. A June 25th hearing has been scheduled at East Palestine High School to determine the cause of the accident.

Former Fox News host Tucker Carlson's two-hour interview with Russian President Vladimir Putin is set to be released today. It will mark the first interview Putin has given to a western journalist since the invasion of Ukraine almost two years ago.

Prince William is thanking everyone for their kind messages since his father, King Charles the Third, was diagnosed with cancer. He spoke to photographers Wednesday at a gala fundraiser, also thanking people for their support of his wife, Kate Middleton, who is recovering from abdominal surgery.

02-08-24-2

One lucky person in Northeast Ohio could be holding onto a Mega Millions ticket worth one-million-dollars. Lottery officials say the winning ticket was sold at Beer Barrel Drive Thru in Ashland. The ticket was only one number away from hitting the Mega Millions jackpot, which is sitting at an estimated 394-million-dollars.

European scientists say last month was the warmest January on record. The European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service says the previous warmest January was in 2020, according to their records going back to 1950. The EU scientists say every month since June has been the hottest on record, and blame the global warming on human caused climate change and the El Niño weather pattern.

Yesterday marked the 60th anniversary of The Beatles arriving in the United States for the first time. After touching down at JFK Airport with frenzied fans greeting them, The Beatles held a news conference, where reporters focused on their mop-top haircuts. The Beatles continued into Manhattan where the group performed two days later on The Ed Sullivan Show.

02-08-24-3

PennDOT is working to repair a landslide that is endangering homes in Moon Township. Crews have delivered over 47-hundred tons of rock to build a retaining wall along Beaver Grade Road. A transportation department spokesperson says some of the homes up the hill in the Sonoma Ridge Development are still in danger of shifting as the work is being completed. Township officials previously advised those residents that they should evacuate their properties.

The Supreme Court today will consider whether former President Trump is ineligible for a second term in office. Justices will hear arguments on the Colorado Supreme Court's ruling disqualifying Trump from appearing on the state's ballot. The former president's legal team argues Trump's actions around the attack do not amount to insurrection.

A search and rescue operation is underway to find five missing Marines after the downed helicopter was found in California. The Third Marine Aircraft Wing said the helicopter was discovered Wednesday in Pine Valley, just over 40 miles east of San Diego. The helicopter was being used in a training flight from Creech Air Force Base near Las Vegas when it was reported overdue.



02-09-24-1

A Butler County farm -- Metrick's Harvest View Farm and Market in Mt. Chestnut ---- has won statewide honors for its cider. Metrick's farm won first place in the cider competition at the Mid Atlantic Fruit and Vegetable Convention in Hershey. It's the second blue ribbon for Metrick's farm. It also won first place six years ago.

Five Marines who had been missing in California have been found dead. A search began for their helicopter after it was reported overdue early Wednesday morning. The helicopter was found yesterday in Pine Valley, just over 40 miles east of San Diego.

During a hearing in front of a senate subcommittee Thursday the three largest pharmaceutical executives admitted that patients in the United States are paying too much. Executives at Johnson & Johnson, Merck and Bristol Myers Squibb were summoned in front of the Senate Health Committee and were confronted about American prices compared to other wealthy countries.

02-09-24-2

In Mahoning County on Thursday, jurors convicted a man accused of raping a young girl. Prosecutors say the girl was victimized in 2015 and 2016. Defendant Todd Perkins had previously been convicted on charges involving this victim and another, but courts later said that charges involving this victim should have been tried separately. That happened and Perkins, again, was found guilty. Sentencing will take place at a later date.

Governor Josh Shapiro is telling Pennsylvania lawmakers that it is time to legalize recreational marijuana. With the recent legalization in Ohio, adult cannabis use is legal in Pennsylvania's neighboring states, with the exception of West Virginia. Shapiro said legalization would produce roughly 250-million dollars in new tax revenue across the commonwealth every year.

Robocallers can no longer use AI-generated voices. The FCC said Thursday that it's illegal to use voice-cloning technology in robocalls. The FCC Chairwoman said "bad actors" are using AI-generated voices in robocalls to "extort vulnerable family members, imitate celebrities and misinform votes."

02-09-24-3

A children's advocacy group says the percentage of Pennsylvania children who lack health insurance is growing. A report by the Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children says some 145-thousand Pennsylvania children don't have health coverage. The group also says the state's backslide will likely continue as Pennsylvania, like many other states, has ended the continuous coverage that had been provided to Medicaid enrollees during the COVID-pandemic.

The Cleveland Browns have confirmed the organization is considering potential stadium sites in the area. A spokesperson for the Cleveland Browns issued a statement saying future stadium planning can be complex. Peter John-Baptiste said ownership is committed to greatly improving the fans experience and creating a lasting impact to benefit all of northeast Ohio.

President Biden says Israel's attacks on Gaza needs to come to an end. He made the comments from the White House on Thursday, saying Israel's response to the Hamas attacks in October has been "over the top." Biden added that he's pressing the President of Egypt as well as Israel's Prime Minister to allow humanitarian aid into Gaza.

02-12-24-1

The search for a missing Ohio man came to an end over the weekend in Lawrence County. Forty-one-year-old Paul Krepp of Boardman was reported missing in May of last year. His skeletal remains were discovered Saturday in a wooded area of Hillsville. Lawrence County Coroner Richard Johnson says Kepp died of a self-inflicted head wound from a bow and arrow.

Two people are injured, and the shooter is dead following a shooting at Joel Osteen's mega church in Houston. The woman entered the church Sunday afternoon wearing a trench coat and backpack, armed with what authorities called a "long rifle," and began shooting. Two off-duty officers then engaged the suspect, striking her.

A familiar face is set to return to "The Daily Show." Jon Stewart will start hosting the Comedy Central show on Monday nights beginning with this edition. The former host and 9/11 first responder advocate will return to the desk through the 2024 November election.



02-12-24-2

The registered nurse who confessed to trying to kill 19 people at 5 nursing homes in Western PA says she wants it to be done. Heather Pressdee, was in Butler County on Friday for a brief status hearing. She seemed to be frustrated with her attorneys though her attorneys insist she maintains her innocence. Pressdee faces two counts of first-degree murder, 17 counts of attempted murder and 19 counts of neglect of a care-dependent person. She's being held without bail in the Butler County Prison.

More than a dozen students from Slippery Rock University are heading back home after spending the weekend in Las Vegas. The 15 students are part of the university's sports management program and they spent the weekend working at the Super Bowl. Their assignments included the Super Bowl breakfast and some fan-related events. Three of the students worked in security at the game thanks to their work at Acrisure Stadium last fall.

The Senate is moving forward with a 95-billion-dollar aid bill for Ukraine and Israel, but its fate in the House is uncertain. The money, which is for Ukraine's defense against the Russian invasion and for Israeli security assistance, passed a Senate procedural vote Sunday with the help of 18 Republicans

02-12-24-3

A Youngstown Police officer is recovering after being shot Friday night. Police were on Ravenwood Avenue when a bullet shattered the window and hit the officer who was in the passenger seat. On body cam video the officer claims he was hit in the head. His partner rushed him to the hospital. No arrests have been made and the suspects are considered armed and dangerous. Anyone with information should call the Youngstown Police Department

The State Fire Marshal is investigating an overnight house fire in Greenville. The house on Rooney Street was fully involved around midnight. The family living there was able to get out safely however reports say they did lose some of their pets. The house has been ruled a total loss with no word yet on the cause of the fire.

Former GOP presidential candidate and former governor Chris Christie says if the 2024 election comes down to Biden versus Trump, America is left with "two really, really bad choices." Speaking on NBC's Meet the Press Sunday, Christie said he knew the GOP race was over in the first debate when six of the eight candidates on the stage said they would support Trump even if he's "a convicted felon."

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Police in Houston say the shooter at Joel Osteen's Mega church had an anti-semitic background and a sticker that read "Palestine" was attached to the butt of her rifle. Reports say shooter Genesse [[ jen-eh-see ]] Moreno had a history of mental illness, and was involved in a dispute with her Jewish ex-husband.

A new poll shows a large majority of Americans feel President Biden is too old to serve in office. The ABC News/Ipsos poll was conducted after a special counsel's report noted Biden's memory lapses. It found that 86 percent believe that at age 81 he's too old for the White House.

Uber, Lyft and DoorDash drivers are striking across the U.S. on Valentine's Day. Drivers' groups said Monday they're seeking fair pay. This is the first strike call since Uber and Lyft went public in 2019

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Robert F. Kennedy Junior is apologizing to his family after a Super Bowl commercial in his support. He wrote on X, that's he's sorry if the ad caused any pain to his family. Kennedy said the American Values Super PAC created and aired the advertisement without his campaign's "involvement or approval."

The U.S. doesn't support Israeli military operations in the Palestinian city of Rafah until there's a plan to protect civilians sheltering there. State Department spokesman Matthew Miller was pressed by reporters today following a wave of Israeli attacks that killed dozens of Palestinians. Miller says there needs to be a credible humanitarian plan before a full-blown military campaign in the city goes forward

Dunkin is jumping on the success of their Super Bowl commercial. The TV ad featured Ben Affleck, Matt Damon and Tom Brady as the DunKings Boy Band, trying to impress Affleck's real-life wife Jennifer Lopez with their moves. Meantime, the orange and pink track suits the actors wore, along with fuzzy bucket hats, went on sale this afternoon at ShopDunkin-dot-com for fans who wanted to look like an official member of the DunKings squad.



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Former President Trump continues to face criticism for recent comments on NATO. During a rally in South Carolina Saturday, Trump warned NATO allies that as president, he would encourage Russia to do whatever they want to member countries who aren't spending enough on defense. In response, President Biden said Trump is making it "clear as day" he will abandon NATO allies if he's elected president.

Some 380-thousand Frigidaire refrigerators are under recall after reports of plastic in the ice bucket. The Side by Side fridges with Slim Ice Buckets were sold between November 2015 and September 2019. Two injuries have been reported.

Millions in New England are bracing for possible flooding from a Nor'easter. Heavy snow is forecast across parts of Pennsylvania and southern New York Tuesday. Winter storm advisories and warning are also in effect for northern Arkansas, Oklahoma along with parts of Missouri and Kentucky.

02-14-24-1 yes

Authorities in Mercer County are asking for witnesses that may help solve an armed robbery. State Police say a 5'5 white male attempted to abduct a female employee of E&E Supplies at gunpoint. When she ran away he grabbed the cash from the register and drove off in a dark gray sedan. Anyone with info is asked to contact the State Police in Mercer.

A man is dead after a pedestrian crash in Butler Township this past weekend. Local police say 46-year-old Patrick Bender Junior was struck by a vehicle while walking on Kittanning Street Saturday night. He was lying in the westbound lane of the street when he was hit by a second vehicle, according to authorities. Bender was rushed to a nearby hospital, where he died. The crash is still under investigation. No details on possible criminal charges have been released so far

Heading into Super Bowl 58, Buffalo Wild Wings promised that if the game went into overtime, everyone gets free wings. As millions know, the game did in fact go into overtime and the Kansas City Chiefs emerged victorious with a final score of 25 to 22. That means that come Monday, February 26th from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. in local time zones all dine-in and in-person takeout orders will be gifted one free order of wings per customer.

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The elementary school in East Palestine will be closed for the rest of the week following a fire. The fire broke out Monday afternoon in a mechanical closet near the kindergarten wing. The district says the school will remain closed for the remainder of the week while the school is professionally cleaned and inspected. This comes as President Biden is expected to visit the city on Friday, more than one-year after the Norfolk Southern train derailment.

The George Santos seat has become a Democratic pickup in a divided election-year Congress. Democrat Tom Suozzi on Tuesday won back the seat he vacated in 2022 in an unsuccessful run for governor, and which was filled by Republican George Santos until his expulsion December 1st.

Cedar Point is hiring for thousands of positions in preparation for the 2024 season. The more than seven-thousand seasonal jobs include ride operators, security, lifeguards, food services and more. The positions range in pay from 13 to 17-dollars per hour. A week long hiring blitz is being held at the Cedar Point Recruiting Center on 1st Street in Sandusky all next week. Applicants can also apply online by visiting [jobs dot Cedar Fair dot com](https://jobs.cedarfair.com).

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A preliminary hearing was scheduled Tuesday in the Lawrence County Courthouse for Aleisa Owens who's accused of poisoning baby Iris Alfera of New Castle. However it has been postponed until April 9<sup>th</sup>. Owens, who originally had a court appointed attorney, has instead hired private counsel who needs more time to prepare. 18 month old Iris died of acetone poisoning in June of 23

Inflation is slightly higher than expected in January. New government figures show the consumer price index rose three-tenths of a percent last month as Americans paid more for goods and services. Prices for housing and shelter led the way, with lower gas prices helping to offset some of the increase.

Drivers with Uber and Lyft are planning to hold a strike and rally today at Pittsburgh International Airport. The Justice for App Workers Coalition is organizing the demonstration at the airport's Rideshare Waiting Lot from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Pittsburgh is one of ten cities U.S. cities that the group has chosen for the strike as they push for better compensation. The organization says in addition to dwindling pay, drivers have also seen an increase in violent incidents and a rise in app deactivations that they deem unfair over the last several years.