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It was a standing room only crowd in Mahoning County Common Pleas Court yesterday as a defendant accused in the deadly shooting of a teenager pleaded guilty to charges of voluntary manslaughter and felonious assault. Prosecutors say that Carlos Flores Jr shot 17-year-old Reshaud Biggs Jr to death at a Youngstown gas station back in 2021. Flores was sentenced to a term of 20 to 25-and-a-half years in prison.

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The House Intelligence Committee is warning about "a serious national security threat." Various reports say the threat is related to emerging Russian space technology. Ohio Republican Mike Turner said his committee made information on the threat available to members of Congress. He requested that President Biden declassify the information relating to the threat so Congress and allies can openly discuss actions necessary to respond.

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Several fire departments in Mercer County battled a blaze at the Reynolds VFW in Pymatuning Township. Flames were spotted coming through the roof of VFW Post 7599 on Edgewood Drive around 2:00 this morning. More fire departments were called in as flames began to spread through the building. No word yet on any injuries or the cause of the fire

One person is dead and more than 20 are injured after a shooting at the Kansas City Chiefs Super Bowl parade Wednesday. Three suspects have been detained. Children's Mercy Hospital in Kansas City said it was treating 12 victims, most of them children with gunshot wounds.

Victims of Jeffery Epstein are suing the U.S. government. A dozen victims filed a lawsuit on Wednesday, accusing the FBI of allowing and enabling Epstein's sex trafficking for over two decades.

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The Beaver County Conservation District is hosting a tire collection event. The event, scheduled for April 13th, is part of the district's Mosquito Vector Disease Program, which aims to cut down on the amount of mosquitoes in the region. Tires often retain rainwater and become the perfect habitat for mosquitoes. Tires up to 20 inches will be accepted at the event for just two-dollars and 50-cents each and pre-registration is required, which can be done by visiting Beaver County Conservation District dot org.

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Vandalism took place Wednesday afternoon at the National Archives in Washington, D.C. A pair of climate protesters were arrested after dumping pink powder over the case containing the U.S. Constitution. Officials say the Constitution appeared undamaged.

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A newly proposed bipartisan bill would cap the cost of insulin in Ohio. The Insulin Reduction Act, would cap the price of insulin at 35-dollars for a 30-day supply for all diabetics across the state. The bill has been assigned to the insurance committee, where it is awaiting its first hearing.

A Philadelphia man has been sentenced to seven years and one month in prison for federal drug and firearms violations that were committed from an apartment in Butler County. Justice Department officials say 27-year-old Khaleaf Lindsay was convicted of selling drugs in Butler and taking profits to Philadelphia. The judge says Lindsay had returned to drug trafficking after he finished a sentence for his last felony drug offense.

Boeing is replacing the head of its 737 Max program. The company announced Wednesday that Ed Clark is leaving Boeing after nearly two decades. The 737-9 Max jet has been under scrutiny since a door plug blew out during an Alaska Airlines flight last month. The FAA grounded all 737-9 Max planes following the incident. In response, Boeing has said it is revamping its quality control procedures.

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Government officials in Butler County are warning residents of a data breach from last fall. The county says they are in the process of contacting people who had their personal information compromised by hackers in October. Officials say they spent weeks investigating the breach, eventually finding that some names, social security numbers, driver's license numbers, and taxpayer ID numbers were stolen.

Officials at the University of Pittsburgh will launch a Doctor of Chiropractic program that they say will be the first of its kind in Pennsylvania. They also believe it will be the only Doctor of Chiropractic program at any public institution in the country. The Pitt professor who will serve as the acting director says he hopes that the program will change people's minds about chiropractic care - that it's not just a substitute for standard treatment. He says the program has been developed after a decade of discussions.

The Hunter Biden laptop hearing in Delaware Superior Court is set to begin today. the lawsuit was filed by the man who turned it over to the FBI and later shared its contents with then-attorney for President Trump, Rudy Giuliani, towards the end of the 2020 presidential campaign. Biden filed a counterclaim over the circumstances around the laptop and seeks to dismiss the defamation suit.

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A limited time Cleveland Browns exhibit is coming to the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton next month. "A Legacy Unleashed" will showcase multiple eras of the Browns, including the NFL Championship teams of the 50s and 60s, Paul Brown's influence on the League, "The Forgotten Four," and more. The exhibit opens March 15th and will run through April 21st.

A man is facing charges after he was caught with a gun inside Pittsburgh International Airport. The incident happened on Tuesday when 36-year-old Jeremy Snell tried to bring a nine millimeter handgun through security in his backpack. Authorities say Snell does not have a valid concealed carry permit, so he is facing a charge of carrying a firearm without a license.

New York Attorney General LaTisha James says she'll seize Donald Trump's assets if he doesn't pay up after his civil fraud trial. Last week, a judge ordered the former President to pay nearly 355-million-dollars for conspiring to manipulate his net worth to receive tax and insurance benefits. On Tuesday, James told ABC News if Trump doesn't have the funds to pay the fine, she'll ask the judge to seize his assets instead.

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President Biden will travel to East Palestine today, more than a year after a train derailment spilled toxic chemicals into the community. Biden will meet with residents impacted by the Norfolk Southern train derailment and assess recovery efforts. The derailment last year ignited a days long fire that released poisonous fumes and forced people to evacuate their homes. Biden has faced criticism over his decision not to immediately visit the town in the aftermath of the incident.

Prosecutors say a man charged with beheading his father and calling for overthrowing the government might have also been planning to attack federal buildings. The suspect was arrested last month in Pennsylvania after posting a video online speaking against the government while holding his father's severed head. Now the Bucks County District Attorney's Office says the man had instructions on how to make explosives along with pictures of several federal facilities.

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine is announcing new technology which will be installed along Ohio roadways which aims to prevent crashes. The advanced cameras will be installed at 13 locations across the state and will monitor live traffic, sending real time information when traffic is slowing down and backing up to ODOT's Traffic Management Center. That data will then immediately turn on digital messages within a two mile radius warning drivers that they are approaching a slow down.

02-16-24-2

A VFW post in Mercer County has been called a total loss after a fire gutted the building yesterday morning. A three-alarm fire began at VFW Post 7599 in Reynolds around 2:30 a.m. on Thursday morning and despite the best efforts of firefighters from multiple departments using 300,000 gallons of water, it could not be stopped in time.

The post has about 800 members and plans are already being made to build a new structure. In the meantime, a pavilion across the street will serve as their temporary headquarters

The police chief in Kansas City says the Super Bowl shooting started as a dispute between several people that ended in gunfire. Police Chief Stacey Graves said two of the shooters are juveniles. She added half of the 22 victims are under the age of 16.

Social media accounts are showing an uptick in the number of people already returning their new Apple Vision Pro mixed-reality headsets. Comfort is among the top reasons for returning the 35-hundred-dollar tech, with people saying it gave them headaches and motion sickness. Another complaint is that it's just not useful enough for the price.



02-16-24-3

A third man charged in connection with the shooting death of a 4-year-old boy in Struthers has heard from the jury considering his case. Mahoning County jurors yesterday convicted Brandon Crump on murder charges in connection with the 2020 killing of young Rowan Sweeney. The little boy was shot during a home invasion. Two other men charged in the case previously pleaded guilty to charges. Crump will be sentenced at a later date.

A verdict in former President Donald Trump's civil fraud trial is expected sometime today. The New York judge overseeing the case has already found that Trump did engage in fraud, and must now decide what penalties he and his company should pay. The State Attorney General is seeking 370-million dollars and a ban on Trump and other defendants doing business in New York.

Same-sex marriage is now legal in Greece. The Greek parliament approved a bill on Thursday that allows same-sex couples to get married and adopt children. Greece is now one of the first Orthodox Christian countries to allow same-sex unions.

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A Butler Township restaurant is closed until further notice after a devastating fire over the weekend. Flames broke out at W. Rick's Taproom and Grill early Sunday morning, leaving the building gutted with a partially-collapsed roof. The family has plans to rebuild and open again at some time, but, they are still reeling over the initial impact of the blaze. Local police say no one was hurt and the fire does not seem suspicious.

Republican presidential candidate Nikki Haley will give a speech today on the state of the presidential race. She is set to deliver the remarks in Greenville, South Carolina at noon Eastern. The speech comes just days before the former South Carolina governor is set to go head-to-head with former President Trump in her home state's GOP primary.

Taking antidepressants like Prozac while pregnant can hinder a child's brain development and possibly cause mental disorders later in life. That's the findings in a new study published last week in the journal Nature Communications. Experts say antidepressants that raise serotonin levels can influence how the brain learns and adjusts.

02-20-24-2

President Biden faced criticism from local residents and leaders during his visit to East Palestine, Friday. His visit came more than a year after a train derailment spilled toxic chemicals into the community. Biden blamed Norfolk Southern for the accident, calling the lack of safety "greed." Biden said the administration is going to continue to hold Norfolk Southern accountable. One resident said the president should have come to East Palestine much sooner. Some supporters of former President Trump demonstrated during the president's visit.

The CDC says cases of influenza are on the rise across Ohio. The latest data raises Ohio from "high" to "very high" in the amount of influenza being tracked across the state. This week, outpatient visits for flu like symptoms and visits to the emergency room are all up. The Ohio Department of Health says the west central region of Ohio has the highest hospitalization rate currently, followed by Northeast Ohio.

Tennessee Democratic State Representative Justin Jones says the hate represented by those carrying Nazi flags while marching in Nashville this past weekend is exactly what his Republican colleagues are fostering with their own hate speech. Jones spoke of the rising tide of white supremacy at an event on Saturday only to be confronted by the neo-Nazis a short time later.

02-20-24-3

Pennsylvania Governor Josh Shapiro is being called a possible alternative to President Joe Biden as a presidential candidate. A recent Wall Street Journal editorial says there's speculation that the Democratic party may be thinking about an alternative candidate to be named before their national convention in August. The Journal reports that other than Vice President Kamala Harris, California Governor Gavin Newsom and Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer are also being considered as possible replacements, in addition to Governor Shapiro.

The widow of Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny says the Kremlin is hiding his body in an effort to cover up his murder. The vocal critic of President Vladimir Putin died last week in a Russian prison and his mother and lawyers have reportedly been denied access to his body. His widow accused authorities of waiting for traces of poison to leave his body.

NASA is looking for volunteers to spend a year in a simulated Mars habitat. The plan is for four people to live inside a 17-hundred square foot simulation at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston. The mission is set for Spring 2025.

02-21-24-1

Gas prices have risen since the first of the year by almost twenty cents. According to Triple A, the price of a gallon of gas increased in Butler in the last week to three-dollars-61 cents a gallon. Across western Pennsylvania, gas rose by 13 cents a gallon in the last week to three-65 a gallon. Though demand has fallen, the shutdown of an Indiana refinery due to a power outage is the reason behind the increase.

The U.S. is vetoing a resolution at the U.N. calling for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza. U.S. Ambassador Linda Thomas-Greenfield said the resolution would negatively impact sensitive negotiations to free hostages held by Hamas. The deal being negotiated by the U.S., Israel, Egypt and Qatar [[ Cutter ]] would also pause fighting in the Gaza Strip for at least six weeks and allow humanitarian aid to enter the area.

GOP presidential hopeful Nikki Haley is criticizing the age of both of her political rivals. In an appearance on NewsNation's "The Hill," Haley argued both President Biden and Donald Trump are too old for another term, saying "there's a reason pilots can't fly after 65." Haley said Biden and Trump don't exhibit "normal behavior" and argued neither of them is fit for office.

02-21-24-2

A Youngstown man is being sentenced for attacking several corrections officers at the Mahoning County Jail. Records show 47-year-old Julius Riley previously pleaded guilty to several attacks on corrections officers, which included charges of assault on a police officer and expelling a bodily substance on a law enforcement officer. Riley has been sentenced to 30-months in prison.

Thanks to the efforts of the Pymatuning Township community in Mercer County, a concert went on as scheduled at the local VFW Hall this weekend. Local residents pitched in to help rebuild the hall's pavilion after a fire destroyed the hall last Wednesday night. Nobody was hurt but the building was a total loss. The pavilion was rebuilt and finished in time for the Saturday night concert.

Stanley may be fueling the cup craze, but the company is facing legal troubles. A new class action lawsuit claims the company did not disclose the use or presence of lead in its products. The suit was filed earlier this month by a Seattle law firm.

02-21-24-3

The Penn State community is celebrating a new fundraising record to help kids with cancer at Penn State Hershey Hospital. School officials say the student-run effort called Penn State Thon raised just under 17-million-dollars at its event over the weekend. That's about two-million-more than last year's total. Founded in 1973, the Thon challenges hundreds of students to stand or dance for 46 hours. The event is reported to be the largest student-run philanthropy in the world.

The Jackson County, Missouri prosecutor has announced that two adults in the Super Bowl parade shooting have been charged with murder. Police identified who fired the bullet that killed the one deceased victim, Lisa Lopez-Galvan, but both men face the same charges. Both have bonds of one-million-dollars. Twenty-two people were injured in the shooting. In addition, two teens face gun-related charges.

The Audubon Society of Western Pennsylvania is announcing the first egg of the season is in the Hays bald eagle nest. The organization says the adult eagles have been seen on camera moving the egg around to keep it at a constant temperature. Two eggs were hatched last year and two eaglets eventually fledged the nest. The Audubon Society has had a new webcam installed to increase streaming video quality at the nest this year. Visit [A-S-W-P-dot-org](http://A-S-W-P-dot-org) to view the feed.

02-23-24-2

A man riding a go cart was struck by a car in downtown New Castle Thursday night. According to the New Castle News, police and fire departments were on the scene at the corner of North and North Mill streets around 7:30 last night. The go cart driver was taken to the hospital by ambulance.

The South Carolina GOP primary is tomorrow where the state's former governor, Nikki Haley, is polling well behind ex-President Donald Trump. Haley has vowed to stay in the race as Trump's last serious Republican challenger but Trump has maintained a double-digit lead, including one poll putting him up by 35 points.

Wendy Williams has diagnosed with fronto - temporal dementia, as well as aphasia, the same as actor Bruce Willis. The news about the 59-year-old former TV talk show host was announced by her team. They said she underwent testing in 2023, after her memory started to fail.



02-23-24-3

Young voter registration is on the rise across Ohio. That's according to data released by the Civics Center, which states that between last August and January there was a 35-percent increase in 18-year-olds registering to vote in the state. As of January 6th, more than 48-thousand 18-year-olds are registered to vote in the Buckeye State. Early voting is now underway for Ohio's March 19th primary election.

A new study has found a link between air pollution and Alzheimer's. The study published in the medical journal of the American Academy of Neurology does not cite proof that air pollution causes the disease, just an association between exposure and signs of Alzheimer's in the brain.

New images from NASA are showing that the land many major East Coast cities are built on is sinking. The land's been sinking by an average of one to two millimeters per year but some counties in Delaware, Maryland, Georgia and South Carolina saw their land sink twice or three times as fast.

02-23-24-1

Butler Police say a man who was found shot in his face is recovering while they investigate the incident. Police were called to Butler Memorial Hospital Wednesday afternoon. The man had been driven to the hospital by a friend. The 31-year-old victim was then flown to Allegheny General Hospital, where he's listed in stable condition.

An investigation into Thursday's cell phone outages is looking into whether it may have been part of a cyberattack. AT&T cell phone service was fully restored after being out for most of the day. The carrier posted later yesterday evening that it has no indication that the outage was due to a cyberattack.

The first U.S. moon landing since 1972 is successful. Houston-based Intuitive Machines guided its Odysseus lander onto the moon Thursday. The lander will collect data needed by NASA, which is planning to land near the moon's south pole later this decade.

03-05-24-3

Governor Shapiro has plans for sales taxes from recreational pot sales if they should become legal in the state. Shapiro has said if a legal marijuana program is launched by 2025, sales would generate 250-million-dollars a year. The governor has said he'd allocate five-million of that for "restorative justice" efforts. He says those would benefit communities that have been negatively impacted by the war on drugs.

The Mercer County branch of the NAACP plans to open a cost-free youth golf club. Mercer NAACP has teamed up with several sponsors to cover the costs and local amateur and professional golfers have already signed on to mentor and chaperone children and teens who join the club. The golf club will be available for children of all ages from five to 17 who live in Mercer County.

Former President Trump says the Supreme Court ruling that states can't keep him off the ballot will "bring the country together." Monday, the High Court said Colorado can't remove him over claims he was an insurrectionist -- effectively stopping other states from trying to do the same.

03-06-24-1

Authorities in Columbiana County Ohio have released the name of a man whose body was found Monday night. Thirty-one-year-old Steven Green of East Liverpool was found dead in a wooded area of St.. Clair Township at around 5 p.m. Green's cause of death has not yet been determined.

President Biden and Donald Trump secured resounding victories in the Super Tuesday 2024 presidential primary. No word yet on what former South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley plans to do next with her GOP campaign after the only state she won was Vermont.

Liberty University is being hit with the largest penalty in U.S. Department of Education's history. According to the sanction announced Tuesday, the Virginia school will pay a 14-million dollar fine for creating a culture that suppressed those that were looking to report sexual violence.

03-06-24-2

A woman is recovering from injuries following a bear attack in Butler Township last night. Emergency responders were called to the woman's home on Bellefield Drive around 8:30 p.m. She told officials she stepped outside to check on her dog and the bear came after her, mauling her until she was able to get back in her house. State Game Commission officers euthanized the mama bear after it again became aggressive when authorities found it with three cubs in a tree. The sergeant says the cubs were tranquilized and taken to another location. The woman who was attacked is expected to be ok.

A 52-year-old Corry man is now charged in the death of a 23-year-old pregnant Amish woman in Crawford County. Shawn Cranston was arraigned yesterday for allegedly shooting Rebekah Byler in the head and slashing her throat in her Sparta Township home last week. Her husband and a family friend found the mother shortly after. State police say two toddler-age children were also inside the house during the attack but weren't hurt. There's been no information released on a possible motive.

Credit card late fees will be capped at eight dollars. It's a part of a larger initiative by the Biden administration to get rid of junk fees. The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau estimates the new regulation will save families more than ten-billion-dollars a year.

03-06-24-3

Newly released data from the CDC says Ohio is a hotspot for the flu. The CDC's weekly report says Ohioans are currently reporting more flu-like symptoms to their doctors than any other state in the country. The Ohio Department of Health says the number of influenza-like illnesses in Ohio are currently trending higher than the five-year average for this time of year. Cuyahoga County has seen the highest flu hospitalization rate in the state.

In Butler County, Forward Township Supervisor Dave Levdansky is facing charges for his alleged actions involving a female government employee. Levdansky, a former state representative, is accused of inappropriately touching the woman prior to a meeting last month. He faces a harassment charge.

The first birth control pill approved in the U.S. for over-the-counter use will be available later this month. It's called Opill and it's manufactured by Perrigo, a U.S. healthcare company based in Michigan. The contraceptive, which studies show is 98-percent effective if taken as directed, will cost 20-dollars for a one-month supply, 50-dollars for a three-month supply.

03-07-24-1

A man was hospitalized after being pulled out of a house fire in Sharon Wednesday afternoon. Reports say the fire was in a single-story home on Charles Street. Two other men made it out of the building before emergency services arrived; a rapid search by the department recovered the trapped man. Firefighters from Sharon, Hermitage, Patagonia and Farrell had the blaze under control within 15 minutes. No word on the extent of the man's injuries and his identity has not been released.

A Senate committee on Wednesday heard testimony regarding the response to last year's train derailment in East Palestine. NTSB Chair Jennifer Homendy yesterday testified that a controlled burn and explosion following the crash was not necessary and that other options were not considered. Homendy says the company that produced the chemicals inside the rails cars was reporting that no dangerous chemical reaction was taking place, but their words did not reach those making the decisions.

The U.S. government is urging American citizens to leave Haiti amid fears the Haitian government could fall at any time. This comes as gangs have caused systemic violence in the country's capital of Port-au-Prince. In the past week, they've freed thousands of prison inmates and forced the closure of Haiti's main airport amid threats of civil war.

03-07-24-2

A Youngstown mother is pleading not guilty to charges stemming from her son's death. Last October, seven-year-old De'Vonte Housley was fatally shot inside a home on Marmion Avenue. Investigators say they believe the child's mother, 30-year-old Marquaysha Driver, was in the shower when De'Vonte and his sibling got a hold of the gun and fired it. Driver has pleaded not guilty to several charges. Her trial is scheduled to begin on May 13<sup>th</sup>

In Beaver County, students at the Lincoln Park Performing Arts Charter School are planning to stage a walkout today. The demonstration is in response to the suicide deaths of four students in the last two years. The school has come under criticism from some who say administrators have failed to adequately address bullying. The school's CEO has pushed back on those charges saying that they have strong anti-bullying and harassment policies in place and that they are enforced when any situation arises.

A gray whale has been sighted about 30 miles off the coast of Massachusetts. An aerial survey team shot footage of the whale this week and watched it engage in feeding as it dove and resurfaced several times. The gray whale has been believed to be extinct from the Atlantic Ocean for more than two centuries.



03-04-24-3

A Butler County woman says she thought she was going to die when she was mauled by a bear Tuesday night. Fifty-five-year-old Lee Ann Galante stepped out while letting her dog out. That's when she was attacked by a female bear that officials say had recently given birth in the area to three cubs. Galante suffered multiple injuries in the attack and a representative of the Pennsylvania Game Commission later euthanized the bear.

Pennsylvania State Police vehicles are going back to being white colored. The change is due to the department switching the vehicles to Dodge Durango's and Dodge Charger's when they are due for a trade-in. Dodge does not offer gray as a stock color. This will be the first time in more than three-decades that the department has not had its vehicles come from Ford.

The Texas cattle industry is suffering severe damage from the wildfires in the Panhandle. Agriculture Commissioner Sid Miller says at least 36-hundred cows have been killed and the number is growing.

03-08-24-1

A Butler County woman who was attacked by a bear just outside of her home this week has been discharged from the hospital. Lee Ann Galante suffered multiple injuries in the Tuesday night incident. Officials say the bear that attacked Galante had recently given birth to 3 cubs in the area. The mama bear was euthanized after the attack but the cubs have since been released on state game land in Warren County.

Charges are being held in a case involving Saxonburg Boro Manager Steven May. The charges stem from last November when May allegedly killed his neighbor's dog with a cross bow and then tossed the dog in a dumpster. May claims he mistook the Australian Shepherd for a coyote but after testimony from 8 witnesses the charges against him have been held. He faces multiple charges including a felony count of aggravated cruelty to animals.

The trial of a Michigan father charged in connection with the deadly school shooting carried out by his teenage son continues. However, James Crumbley's communications from jail have now been limited to only his lawyer. He's accused of making threats from behind bars as he stands trial in the 2021 Oxford High School shooting. Who Crumbley allegedly made threats against is not clear.

In Trumbull County a man recently convicted of raping young children has learned his fate. Nicholas Clark of Girard had been staying with the victim's family when he began sexually assaulting the victims when they were 6 and 7 years old. The assaults went on for 6 years. Clark was sentenced yesterday to 2 life sentences with no chance for parole.

A bill that could ban Tik Tok is advancing out of committee in a unanimous bipartisan vote. It would require the popular social media app's China based parent company Byte Dance to divest the app

US Capitol Police say they arrested a Gold Star father for heckling President Biden during his state of the union address last night. The man's son was a Marine killed along with 12 other service members and 170 civilians in a suicide attack during the withdrawal from Afghanistan in 2021. Officers led the man out of the gallery and he was arrested for disrupting Congress

03-04-24-1

Authorities are releasing the name of a postal carrier shot and killed Saturday afternoon in Trumbull County. Thirty-three-year-old Jonte Davis was working in Warren and was in his USPS van when someone in another vehicle opened fire. Davis later died at the Trumbull Regional Medical Center. No arrests have been made. The U.S. Postal Service is offering 250-thousand dollars for information leading to the arrest of those involved with the killing of Davis.

Vice President Kamala Harris will meet with Israeli war cabinet member Benny Gantz at the White House today, a day after she called for an immediate cease-fire in the Israel-Hamas war in the Gaza Strip. A White House official said Harris will reiterate that civilian casualties must be reduced. More than 30-thousand Palestinians have been killed in the Gaza Strip since the war began October 7th with a Hamas attack on Israel.

Heavy snow is crippling California highways and creating life-threatening conditions around Lake Tahoe. One wind gust was clocked at 190 miles per hour. More than a hundred miles of Interstate-80 remained closed Sunday from the Nevada border. Many travelers were trapped in their vehicles for hours.

03-04-24-2

Firefighters called out early this morning after a fire broke out at Flowline on New Butler Road. Around 3AM people were evacuated from the pipe fitting manufacturer in Shenango Township. No injuries have been reported and no word yet on what caused the fire

Republican presidential candidate Nikki Haley has picked up her first win of the 2024 primary season in Washington, DC. The former South Carolina governor garnered nearly 63-percent of the vote and on Sunday became the first woman to win a Republican primary in U.S. history.

Malaysia's Ministry of Transport says the search for Malaysian Airlines Flight 370 may be revived with the tenth anniversary of the mysterious disappearance approaching. The company Ocean Infinity is offering another "no find, no fee" search of the southern Indian Ocean seabeds, five years after it ended its private search. The Boeing 777 plane disappeared from radar shortly after takeoff in 2014, carrying 239 people.

03-04-24-3

A Saturday standoff between police and a man who was reportedly making threats ended with that man's arrest on Saturday. The incident happened in Beaver Falls. Officers responded to the scene at CC's Catch-22 Bar and were able to take the man into custody. Reports that the man had explosives at his home later proved to be untrue.

State officials say Pennsylvania employers added more than 111-thousand jobs last year. The Department of Labor and Industry says that number pushed the addition of nonfarm jobs to a new state record, nearly six-point-two-million. The jobless rate has also fallen to three-and-a-half percent. That's down from four-point-three-percent the year before. Political analysts say the numbers will likely show up this spring in spending battles by state lawmakers.

NASA and SpaceX are celebrating the successful launch of the Crew-8 mission to the International Space Station. Unfavorable conditions prompted officials to scrub Saturday's scheduled launch attempt on Florida's Space Coast. The SpaceX Crew Dragon Endeavour atop a Falcon 9 booster took off from launch complex 39A at the Kennedy Space Center Sunday night.

03-05-24-1

State police are investigating a crash in Butler County which involved two military vehicles. The crash happened Saturday afternoon on Interstate 79 in Harmony. The driver of one of the military vehicles was trapped inside the vehicle and had to be freed by rescue crews. That person was taken to the hospital with minor injuries. State police are expected to release more details on the crash this week.

Super Tuesday has arrived as the election cycles kicks into high gear. It's the biggest day of the 2024 election nominating cycle. Results will be announced in 16 states and American Samoa. It's a big day for former South Carolina Governor Nikki Haley, who so far has only won one Republican contest, in Washington, DC. The number of delegates on the table will be big boosts for the winners.

Metro Nashville police report several people are dead after a single-engine plane crashed Monday night along an interstate highway in West Nashville. Officials say the pilot reported engine problems and requested an emergency landing at John Tune Airport. Fire officials say the crash was catastrophic and there were no survivors.

03-05-24-2

In Youngstown, a person is recovering after he was stabbed in his driveway on Sunday. The victim reports that he was giving a candy bar to a child at the end of his Breaden Street driveway when someone approached and stabbed him in the neck. Thirty-six-year-old Timothy Foster was later arrested on a charge of felonious assault.

Jury selection begins today in the trial of the father of a school shooter charged with involuntary manslaughter in Michigan. James Crumbley is facing four charges in the deaths of students at the hands of his son, Ethan, at Oxford High School in November 2021.

A massive wildfire that's grown to become the largest in Texas history may have been started by a fallen utility pole. That's according to a number of lawsuits and property insurance claims. The utility that serves the Texas Panhandle is being ordered to preserve what's left of the pole.



03-15-24-1

Federal prosecutors yesterday announced charges against 17 individuals accused of trafficking large quantities of cocaine into Youngstown and New Castle. The group has been indicted for alleged violations of narcotics, firearms and racketeering laws. U.S. Attorney Eric Olshan says the indictments represent an important step toward dismantling a multi-state drug trafficking operation that brought significant quantities of cocaine from Puerto Rico to Western Pennsylvania and Ohio.

A jury has found the Michigan father charged in connection with a deadly school shooting carried out by his teenage son guilty. James Crumbley was convicted on four counts of involuntary manslaughter in the deaths of four students at Oxford High School in 2021. The shooter's mother has already been found guilty on the same charges.

Alaska is losing a big part of its humpback whale population. A recent study by the National Park Service's whale monitoring program revealed a 20-percent decline over the last ten years. Almost seven-thousand North Pacific humpbacks vanished between 2012 and 2021, according to the study. Researchers say climate change is part of the problem.

03-15-24-2

Police say the former treasurer of the Mercer County Girls Fastpitch Softball League has been accused of stealing nearly \$40,000. According to authorities, 54-year-old Brent Hanley of Sharpsville allegedly stole \$38,000 from the league for more than six years during his tenure by writing checks to his personal bank account between January 2017 and November 2023. The criminal complaint alleges that Hanley presented the league's president and other officers with falsified information to hide his thefts. He's charged with five felonies including theft by deception.

School administrators across Pennsylvania are working to make sure there are enough referees to cover all high school sports. One regional athletic director says he's struggling to find officials for all his school sports. The Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic Association has struggled with staffing numbers for all sports.

Severe weather took a toll on a number of states Thursday, with reports of tornadoes in Indiana, Kentucky and Ohio. In Indiana, there were earlier reports of at least three deaths, but officials are now saying that may not be the case. Authorities said in an overnight press conference that they're still working to confirm if the weather led to any deaths.