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CORONAVIRUS CASE COUNT

United States	
Cases	25.33M
Deaths	422,583
Pennsylvania	
Cases	812,495
Negative	3.57M
Deaths	20,883
Crawford County	
Cases	5,787
Negative	17,598
Deaths	141

Sources: Johns Hopkins University; Pennsylvania Department of Health and Crawford County Coroner's Office. State and county stats include probable cases.

Weather

Today: Mostly cloudy, 27
This evening: Flurries, 25
Tomorrow: Snow, 21

Deaths

- Destin Alexander Beck, 20, Meadville
- Wayne E. Best, 73, Meadville
- Patricia Ann Burnett, 89, McKinney, Texas
- James "Jim" Edward Gillespie, 73, Meadville
- Keith Lee Hamilton, 84, Centerville
- Margaret Joy Klions, Copley, Ohio
- Eric Joseph Patterson, 39
- Linda Winkler Peterson, 58, Meadville
- Donald L. Polley Sr., 70, Greenville
- Michael Lee Shilling, 32
- G. Don Wilson, 86, Saegertown

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Judge OKs plan to unload park's assets



Riders are seen on the historic Blue Streak roller coaster at Conneaut Lake Park, the nonprofit corporation that oversees amusement park operations, filed for federal Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in 2014.

By Keith Gushard
MEADVILLE TRIBUNE

The countdown to a new owner for Conneaut Lake Park — who will maintain public access to the historic park — is underway.

Calling it "a good plan," U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Jeffrey A. Deller on Tuesday gave approval to Trustees of Conneaut



March 2. Deller's approval came following a 25-minute hearing held via video conference by U.S. Bankruptcy Court

for Western Pennsylvania. Trustees of Conneaut Lake Park, the nonprofit corporation that oversees amusement park operations, filed for federal Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in 2014. Bankruptcy court rules require court approval for the sale of any assets.

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Trucking industry warning: Tolls could 'destroy' businesses

By John Finnerty
CNHI NEWS SERVICE

HARRISBURG — A proposal to add tolls to some interstate bridges could "destroy" the state's trucking industry, the head of the Pennsylvania Motor Truck Association told lawmakers this week.

The bridge tolling strategy "is the wrong approach to increasing the highway funding needed to keep Pennsylvania's infrastructure sound," said Joe Butzer, interim president of the association. "This strategy will destroy the trucking industry."

Butzer was testifying Monday before the Senate transportation committee hearing called to consider a move by a Public-Private Partnership board last fall that gave the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) the authorization to begin tolling some interstate bridges.

PennDOT Secretary Yassmin Gramian said the state will identify which bridges are targeted for possible tolls next month. The state has indicated five to 10 bridges could get tolls placed on them. Gramian said PennDOT is examining factors like traffic volume, bridge condition and size while seeking which spans

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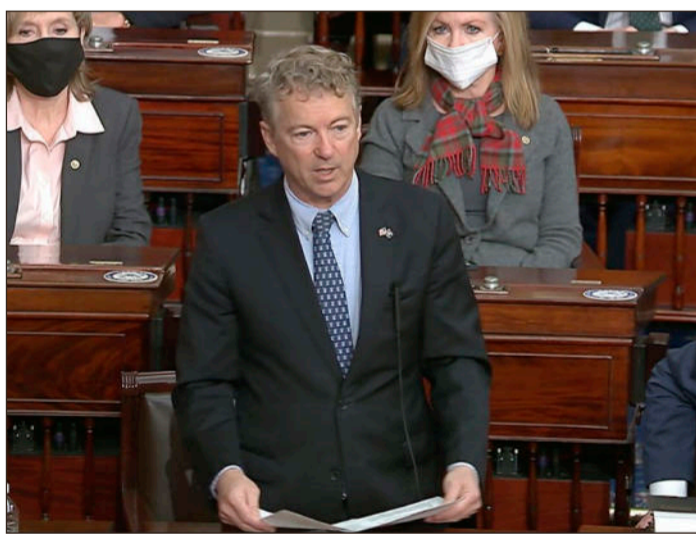
GOP largely sides against Trump impeachment trial

By Jennifer Haberkorn
LOS ANGELES TIMES

WASHINGTON — Moments after senators were sworn in Tuesday as jurors in former President Donald Trump's impeachment trial, Republicans forced a vote on the constitutionality of the process that strongly suggested Democrats won't be able to get the two-thirds support they will need for an eventual conviction next month.

Forty-five Senate Republicans supported a resolution by Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., that said the trial is illegal because Trump is a private citizen and no longer president. Democrats had the votes to table Paul's motion, with support from five Republicans.

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Republican Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky makes a motion that the impeachment trial against former President Donald Trump is unconstitutional Tuesday.

Associated Press

Report: Health indicators brace for impact from COVID-19

By Christen Smith
THE CENTER SQUARE

A new report finds residents in Pennsylvania struggle with obesity, suicide and racial disparities in health outcomes, and the pandemic's impact on all three could make the problems worse.

The data comes from the 31st annual America's Health Rankings analysis, compiled by the United Health Foundation. While the foundation decided against providing an overall ranking for each state — based on the unmeasured impact of COVID-19 — researchers

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U.S. surging vaccine amid complaints of shortages

ASSOCIATED PRESS

Answering growing frustration over vaccine shortages, President Joe Biden announced Tuesday that the U.S. is surging deliveries to hard-pressed states over the next three weeks and expects to provide enough doses to vaccinate 300 million Americans by the end of the summer or early fall.

Biden, calling the push a "wartime effort," said the administration was working to buy an additional 100 million doses of each

of the two approved coronavirus vaccines. He acknowledged that states in recent weeks have been left guessing how much vaccine they will have from one week to the next.

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Dr. John Corman, chief clinical officer for Virginia Mason Franciscan Health, signals for workers to bring more vaccine doses at a one-day vaccination clinic set up in an Amazon.com facility in Seattle.



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