NEWS 3/19/25

[CYRUS]

YOU ARE CURRENTLY LISTENING TO W-S-Y-C NEWS ON W-S-Y-C EIGHTY-EIGHT-POINT-SEVEN F-M OUT OF SHIPPENSBURG PENNSYLVANIA. HI, MY NAME IS CYRUS SIMMONS

[LUKE]

AND I'M LUKE RAINEY. LET'S GET STARTED WITH THE WEATHER.

MAKE SURE TO PACK YOUR UMBRELLA TOMORROW BECAUSE THERE WILL BE

A NINETY PERCENT CHANCE OF RAIN THROUGHOUT THE DAY. COMBINED

WITH A HIGH OF SIXTY AND A LOW OF THIRTY-FOUR, THE COOL WEATHER IS

STILL HOLDING OUT.

FRIDAY THE TWENTY-FIRST WILL BE SUNNY WITH A HIGH OF FIFTY-FOUR AND

A LOW OF THIRTY-EIGHT.

TEMPERATURES OVER THE WEEKEND WILL CONTINUE TO FLUCTUATE WITH

SATURDAY HAVING A HIGH OF SIXTY-ONE AND A LOW OF TWENTY-EIGHT,

FOLLOWED BY SUNDAY'S HIGH OF FIFTY-ONE AND LOW OF FORTY-ONE. THE

WEEKEND ALSO GOING TO BE OVERCAST, WITH CLOUDS PERSISTING

THROUGHOUT AND A FIFTY-FOUR PERCENT OF RAIN SUNDAY EVENING INTO MONDAY.



IN TERMS OF SHIP ATHLETICS THIS PAST WEEK, ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH TWELFTH, SHIP SOFTBALL HOSTED FROSTBURG STATE FOR A DOUBLE HEADER FACE OFF. SHIP WON BOTH GAMES WITH SCORES OF TWELVE TO FIVE AND SIX TO FIVE.

FRIDAY, MARCH FOURTEENTH, SHIP BASEBALL WAS HOME FOR A DOUBLE HEADER AGAINST STATEN ISLAND. THEY LOST THE FIRST GAME ZERO TO ONE AND WON THE SECOND THIRTEEN TO TWO. ALSO PLAYING AT HOME THAT DAY WAS THE SOFTBALL TEAM, HAVING THEIR OWN DOUBLE HEADER AGAINST FELICIAN. SHIP TOOK BOTH GAMES WITH SCORES OF TWO TO ONE AND TEN TO SIX. SHIP WOMEN'S TENNIS HIT THE ROAD TO SALEM UNIVERSITY IN WEST VIRGINIA. UNFORTUNATELY, THE WERE SHUT OUT ZERO TO SEVEN. SHIP WOMEN'S LACROSSE ALSO WAS AWAY ON THE FOURTEENTH, FACING OFF AGAINST BARTON COLLEGE IN WILSON NORTH CAROLINA. THEY WON THE MATCH FIFTEEN TO FIVE.

SATURDAY, MARCH FIFTEENTH, SHIP BASEBALL ONCE AGAIN HOSTED STATEN ISLAND FOR A DOUBLE HEADER. THEY WON BOTH GAMES THIS TIME WITH SCORES OF TEN TO ONE AND TWO TO ZERO.

SUNDAY, MARCH SIXTEENTH, SHIP WOMEN'S LACROSSE TRAVELED TO WEST CHESTER WHERE THEY LOST SEVEN TO TWENTY-TWO.

WRAPPING UP SPORTS THIS WEEK, YESTERDAY MARCH EIGHTEENTH, SHIP SOFTBALL HAD A DOUBLE HEADER MATCH UP AT HOME AGAINST SHEPHERD. THE FIRST GAME RESULTED IN A ONE TO TWO LOSE FOR SHIP FOLLOWED BY A EIGHT TO SIX VICTORY IN THE SECOND GAME. SHIP BASEBALL WAS ALSO HOME YESTERDAY, FACING OFF AGAINST SETON HILL. THEY LOST THREE TO FOUR.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHERE AND WHEN OUR ATHLETES PLAY NEXT OR FOR MORE DETAILS ON ANY OF THESE GAMES, CHECK OUT THE SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY ATHLETICS WEBSITE AT SHIP-RAIDERS-DOT-COM. AGAIN THAT IS SHIP-RAIDERS-DOT-COM.

[LUKE]

IN TERMS OF OTHER EVENTS HAPPENING AROUND CAMPUS, TOMORROW, THE CAREER CENTER IS HOSTING SAILING INTO SUCCESS! PROFESSIONAL DRESS FASHION SHOW. THIS EVENT IS YOUR CHANCE TO FLAUNT YOUR FASHION AND SHOWCASE YOUR FAVORITE PROFESSIONAL WEAR WHILE INSPIRING FELLOW RAIDERS TO DRESS FOR SUCCESS. FROM FIVE TO SIX P.M. IN THE CUB M-P-R B AND C, STUDENT MODELS WILL TAKE TO THE STAGE TO HIGHLIGHT BUSINESS ATTIRE THAT MAKES A LASTING IMPRESSION. DON'T MISS THIS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO GET INSPIRED ON HOW TO DRESS FOR YOUR NEXT INTERVIEW, INTERNSHIP OR CAREER.

SATURDAY THE TWENTY-SECOND, THE GRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION WILL BE HOSTING A TRIVIA NIGHT FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS. THE EVENT WILL RUN FROM SIX-THIRTY TO NINE P.M. IN MCFEELEY'S CAFE IN THE CUB. TEAMS CAN BE ANYWHERE FROM ONE TO FOUR PLAYERS, SO FEEL FREE TO GRAB YOUR GRADUATE STUDENT FRIENDS OR RUN IT SOLO.

MONDAY THE TWENTY-FOURTH, THE STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION WILL BE HOLDING THEIR MONTHLY PRESIDENT'S HOUR IN THE ORNDORFF THEATRE, ALSO KNOWN AS CUB ROOM TWO-OH-ONE. IF YOU HAVE ANY BURNING QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS YOU WANT TO ADDRESS TO THE ADMINISTRATION FACE-TO-FACE, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO DO THAT. THE EVENT WILL RUN FROM SEVEN P.M. TO EIGHT P.M.

WEDNESDAY THE TWENTY-SIXTH, THE RESIDENCE HALL ASSOCIATION WILL BE HOSTING THEIR ANNUAL MOCKTAILS EVENT. THIS YEAR'S THEME IS GAME ON: FIGHT FOR THE WIN. ALL PARTICIPATING STUDENT GROUPS WILL BE THEMING THEIR DRINK AROUND A GAME, WHETHER IT BE A BOARD GAME OR VIDEO GAME! RUNNING FROM EIGHT PM TO NINE PM IN THE CUB M-P-R, COME OUT AND ENJOY FREE MOCKTAILS AND VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE.

[CYRUS]

SAD NEWS CAME OUT HARRISBURG THIS WEEKEND. THE CITY'S CHIEF EQUITY AND COMPLIANCE OFFICER KARL SINGLETON PASSED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY ON FRIDAY, MARCH FOURTEENTH. HE WAS FIFTY-TWO YEARS OLD.

CITY OFFICIALS ANNOUNCED SINGLETON'S DEATH ON SOCIAL MEDIA. THE CITY OF HARRISBURG PRAISED HIM AS A DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT AND A CHERISHED MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY. SINGLETON SERVED UNDER TWO MAYORAL ADMINISTRATIONS IN HARRISBURG, PREVIOUS MAYOR PAP-EN-FEWSE AND CURRENT MAYOR WILLIAMS. THE CITY ALSO PRAISED HIM FOR HIS LEADERSHIP IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

SINGLETON WAS RUNNING FOR CITY COUNCIL AT THE TIME OF HIS PASSING.

[LUKE]

ON SATURDAY MARCH FIFTEENTH, HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE PROTESTED ON THE STEPS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA CAPITOL IN HARRISBURG AGAINST RECENT ACTIONS TAKEN BY PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP.

THIS PROTEST WAS A PART OF THE FIFTY-FIFTY-ONE MOVEMENT WHICH STANDS FOR FIFTY PROTESTS, FIFTY STATES, ONE DAY. THE PURPOSE OF THE PROTEST WAS TO SHOW OPPOSITION TO PRESIDENT TRUMP AND ELON MUSK'S RECENT ACTIONS.

SPECIFICALLY, THE PROTESTORS WERE OPPOSING SEVERAL POLICIES AND IDEOLOGIES BEING PUT FORTH BY TRUMP AND MUSK, SUCH AS THE REMOVAL OF D-E-I INITIATIVES IN THE GOVERNMENT AND MASS D-O-G-E FIRINGS. PROTESTORS ALSO ARRIVED WITH SIGNS SHOWING THEIR SUPPORT TOWARDS THE LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY, UKRAINE, PALESTINE AND GAZA, AND PROTECTING DEMOCRACY.

THE MOVEMENT'S WEBSITE STATES THAT THE MOVEMENT WAS PUT IN PLACE TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION AND EXECUTIVE OVERREACH.

THE PROTEST BEGAN AT TEN A.M. AND ENDED AROUND NOON. ANOTHER FIFTY-FIFTY-ONE NATIONWIDE DAY OF ACTION IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL FIFTH. ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL MOVEMENT'S WEBSITE, ALL PROTESTS ARE ORGANIZED BY INDEPENDENT VOLUNTEERS. THE WEBSITE ALSO SAYS THAT ALL PROTESTS ARE PEACEFUL, AND VIOLENCE OF ANY KIND WILL NOT BE TOLERATED.

[CYRUS]

A COLLABORATION AMONG UNIVERSITIES IN PENNSYLVANIA'S STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION, OR PASSHE, AND THE PENNSYLVANIA BANKERS ASSOCIATION, OR P-A BANKERS, WILL DOUBLE IN SIZE THIS YEAR. ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE PROVIDED FOR INTERNS, AS WELL AS THE CREATION OF A NEW WEBSITE TO EXPLORE THE VARIOUS CAREER OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE BANKING INDUSTRY.

THE PASSHE FOUNDATION WAS AWARDED A TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP GRANT FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY TO EXPAND THE CAREER AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS ACADEMY FROM SEVENTY FIVE STUDENTS TO ONE HUNDRED FIFTY STUDENTS IN THE SUMMER OF TWENTY-TWENTY-FIVE.

THE CAREER AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS ACADEMY IS A COLLABORATION BETWEEN SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY AND P-A BANKERS. IT PROVIDES TEN-WEEK, LIVE ONLINE SESSIONS FOR INTERNS OF MEMBER BANKS. THE ACADEMY HELPS STUDENTS EXPAND THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE BANKING INDUSTRY.

THE ONLINE SESSIONS ARE LED BY EXPERTS IN EARLY TALENT CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND TAILORED TO THE SKILLS REQUIRED BY MEMBER BANKS. IN ADDITION TO SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY, THE ACADEMY IS EXPANDING TO INCLUDE INSTRUCTORS FROM COMMONWEALTH, INDIANA AND KUTZTOWN UNIVERSITIES WITHIN THE PASSHE SYSTEM.

ACADEMY GRADUATES RECEIVE A DIGITAL BADGE THAT CAN BE SHARED ON DIGITAL RESUMES, EMAIL SIGNATURES, SOCIAL MEDIA AND OTHER PLATFORMS TO VERIFY COMPLETION OF TRAINING.

P-A BANKERS' MEMBER BANKS HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ENROLL THEIR SUMMER COLLEGE INTERNS IN THIS PROGRAM.

THE GRANT WILL ALSO FUND THE DEVELOPMENT OF A CAREERS IN BANKING WEBSITE. IT WILL OUTLINE THE VARIOUS CAREER OPPORTUNITIES IN BANKING, EDUCATION AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES, AND CURRENT JOB OPENINGS WITHIN THE COMMONWEALTH.

THE CAREER EXPLORATION TOOL WILL BE DESIGNED FOR ALL AGES, INCLUDING HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, COLLEGE STUDENTS OR ADULTS LOOKING TO ADVANCE THEIR CAREERS OR ENTER INTO THE BANKING INDUSTRY.

THE BANKING CAREERS TOOL WILL BE AVAILABLE TO HIGH SCHOOLS, COLLEGES AND LOCAL WORKFORCE INVESTMENT BOARDS ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO STUDENTS AND ADULTS LOOKING FOR A CAREER.

[LUKE]

THE O-E-C-D, OR ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT, FORECASTED MONDAY, MARCH SEVENTEENTH, THAT THE TARIFF HIKES IMPOSED BY THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION WILL SLOW ECONOMIC GROWTH IN CANADA, MEXICO, AND UNITED STATES WHILE DRIVING UP INFLATION.

THE O-E-C-D FURTHER FORECASTED THAT THIS COST WOULD BE PASSED ON LARGELY TO AMERICAN HOUSEHOLDS, WITH DIRECT COSTS TOTALING UP TO AN ESTIMATED SIXTEEN HUNDRED DOLLARS EACH.

THE FINANCIAL COSTS OF THIS ECONOMIC DOWNTURN WOULD ALSO OFFSET ANY EXTRA INCOME GENERATED BY THE TARIFFS FOR PUBLIC FUNDS. THE STOCK MARKETS HAVE RESPONDED TO THESE UNCERTAIN ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, WITH THE DOW JONES INDUSTRIAL AVERAGE DOWN SIX POINT SIX EIGHT PERCENT AND THE S-AND-P FIVE HUNDRED DOWN EIGHT POINT FOUR PERCENT OVER THE LAST MONTH.

[CYRUS]

UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE MARCO RUBIO HAS BARRED SOUTH AFRICA'S AMBASSADOR FROM ENTERING THE UNITED STATES.

RUBIO MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT ON X. HE CLAIMED EH-BRUH-HEEM RA-SOOL IS A RACE-BAITING POLITICIAN WHO HATES AMERICA AND PRESIDENT DONALD DONALD TRUMP. RUBIO ADDED THAT RA-SOOL IS CONSIDERED PERSONA NON GRATA, WHICH USUALLY FORCES A PERSON TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY.

RA-SOOL WAS ON HIS SECOND TOUR AS AMBASSADOR TO THE UNITED STATES. HE RECENTLY SAID THAT TRUMP IS MOBILIZING SUPREMACISM IN RESPONSE TO A DECLINING WHITE POPULATION.

RA-SOOL'S BAN COMES AS RELATIONS WORSEN BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND SOUTH AFRICA.

SOUTH AFRICA HAS TAKEN ACTIONS TO UNDO THE LEGACY OF APARTHEID. THIS INCLUDES THE EXPROPRIATION ACT, WHICH ALLOWS THE GOVERNMENT TO REDISTRIBUTE LAND OWNERSHIP WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

SOUTH AFRICA'S PRESIDENT, SEER-ILL RAH-MAH-PHOSA, CALLED THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION'S MOVE REGRETTABLE.

[LUKE]

YESTERDAY, THE EIGHTEENTH, U.S. PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP AND RUSSIAN PRESIDENT VLADIMIR PUTIN SPOKE OVER THE PHONE, MARKING A MAJOR POINT IN THE NEW DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS OF THE TRUMP ADMINISTRATION TO END THE WAR IN UKRAINE.

RUSSIA AGREED TO HALT ATTACKS ON UKRAINIAN ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THIRTY DAYS ON THE CONDITION THAT UKRAINE DOES THE SAME. THE WHITE HOUSE ISSUED A STATEMENT SUMMARIZING OTHER TAKEAWAYS FROM THE CALL, FRAMING IT AS A DIPLOMATIC WIN, SETTING THE STAGE FOR IMMEDIATE TECHNICAL TALKS TOWARD A LONG-TERM SETTLEMENT.

CRITICS SAY IT WAS A POWER PLAY BY PUTIN, GAINING MORE TIME FOR RUSSIA WHILE BENDING THE U.S. DIPLOMATIC WILL TOWARD ACCEPTING HARSHER CONDITIONS FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE. THE NEXT ROUND OF CEASEFIRE NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE HOSTED SHORTLY IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

[CYRUS]

TO WRAP UP THIS WEEK'S BROADCAST WE HAVE AN INTERESTING SCIENCE STORY. SCIENTISTS HAVE DISCOVERED ONE-HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHT NEW MOONS ORBITING SATURN, MEANING IT NOW HAS A TOTAL OF TWO HUNDRED SEVENTY FOUR MOONS. THAT'S ALMOST TWICE AS MANY AS ALL THE OTHER PLANETS COMBINED.

THE TEAM BEHIND THE DISCOVERIES HAD PREVIOUSLY IDENITIFED SIXTY TWO MOONS AROUND SATURN USING THE CANADA FRANCE HAWAII TELESCOPE. HAVING SEEN FAINT HINTS THAT THERE WERE MORE OUT THERE, THE TEAM MADE FURTHER OBSERVATIONS IN TWENTY-TWENTY-THREE. THE MOONS WERE IDENTIFIED USING THE SHIFT AND STACK TECHNIQUE, IN WHICH ASTRONOMERS ACQUIRE SEQUENTIAL IMAGES THAT TRACE THE MOON'S PATH ACROSS THE SKY AND COMBINE THEM TO MAKE THE MOON BRIGHT ENOUGH TO DETECT.

ALL OF THE NEW MOONS ARE IRREGULAR MOONS, BEING POTATO-SHAPED AND JUST A FEW KILOMETERS ACROSS. CLOSER OBSERVATIONS OF THE NEW MOONS COULD GIVE SCIENTISTS A WINDOW INTO A PERIOD OF THE EARLY SOLAR SYSTEM, IN WHICH THE PLANETS MIGRATED AROUND IN UNSTABLE ORBITS AND COLLISIONS WERE COMMON.

THE NEW MOONS ARE CLUMPED TOGETHER IN GROUPS, WHICH LEADS ASTRONOMERS TO BELIEVE THAT MANY OF THEM ARE THE REMNANTS OF MUCH LARGER OBJECTS THAT COLLIDED AND SHATTERED WITHIN THE LAST ONE HUNDRED MILLION YEARS.

THE MOONS ALL HAVE LARGE, ELLIPTICAL ORBITS AT AN ANGLE TO THOSE OF MOONS CLOSER TO SATURN.

UNDERSTANDING THE DYNAMICS OF SATURN'S MOONS COULD ALSO HELP RESOLVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE ORIGIN OF SATURN'S RINGS. SCIENTISTS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE RINGS COULD BE THE AFTERMATH OF A MOON THAT WAS RIPPED APART BY SATURN'S GRAVITY.

THE MOONS HAVE BEEN FORMALLY RECOGNIZED BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASTRONOMICAL UNION.

CURRENTLY, EACH MOON HAS BEEN ASSIGNED STRINGS OF NUMBERS AND LETTERS AS PLACEHOLDER NAMES. THEY WILL EVENTUALLY BE GIVEN NAMES BASED ON GALLIC, NORSE AND CANADIAN INUIT GODS, IN KEEPING WITH CONVENTION FOR SATURN'S MOONS. MOST OF THE NEW MOONS FALL IN THE NORSE CLUSTER, SO ASTRONOMERS ARE ON THE HUNT FOR OBSCURE NORSE DEITIES.

[LUKE]

WE'D LIKE TO THANK OUR WRITERS FOR THIS WEEK, CYRUS SIMMONS, COLE PEARSON, LUKE RAINEY, JORDAN NEP-ER-RUDE AND CAITLYN SHETTER.

THIS HAS BEEN LUKE RAINEY

[CYRUS]

AND CYRUS SIMMONS REPORTING THE NEWS FOR WSYC EIGHTY-EIGHT-POINT- SEVEN F-M, SERVING YOUR COMMUNITY SINCE NINETEEN-SEVENTY-FIVE.