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WELCOME WEEK A GREAT START



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New students walk to a session during the third day of the Great Start New Student Welcome Week at Millikin University in Decatur on Tuesday, Aug. 19. Classes will begin Monday, Aug. 25.

New students getting settled at Millikin University



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New students, separated into orientation groups, walk through campus during the third day of the Great Start New Student Welcome Week at Millikin University in Decatur on Tuesday, Aug. 19. Classes will begin Monday, Aug. 25.

WORLD

Obstacles to peace in Ukraine remain

Trump asks Putin to meet with Zelenskyy

BARRY HATTON AND KATIE MARIE DAVIES Associated Press

The second Oval Office meeting in six months between U.S. President Donald Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy went off smoothly Monday, in sharp contrast to their disastrous encounter in February.

European leaders joined the discussions in a show of transatlantic unity, and both they and Zelenskyy repeatedly thanked Trump for his efforts to end Russia's three-year war on Ukraine.

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz said his expectations for the meeting "were not just met, they were exceeded," while Zelenskyy on Tuesday called the sit-down "an important step toward ending this war."

Despite the guarded optimism and friendly banter among the leaders, there was little concrete progress on the main obstacles to peace — and that deadlock likely favors Russian President Vladimir Putin, whose forces continue to make steady, if slow, progress on the ground in Ukraine.

"Putin cannot get enough champagne or whatever he's drinking," Gabrielius Landsbergis, a former foreign minister of Lithuania, said of Monday's meeting.

As NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte told The Ingraham Angle on Fox

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ILLINOIS

Raoul sues over blocked aid for victims

PETER HANCOCK Capitol News Illinois

SPRINGFIELD — Attorney General Kwame Raoul has joined a multistate lawsuit seeking to block the Trump administration from withholding federal funding to support crime victims in Illinois due to the state's policy on immigration.

The lawsuit, announced Monday, is one of 35 such suits challenging Trump administration policies that Raoul has joined as part of a coalition of Democratic state attorneys general. That's an average of more than one suit per week since Trump resumed office on Jan. 20.

The latest suit, filed in U.S. District Court in Rhode Island, argues that the U.S. Department of Justice has imposed unlawful conditions on the distri-



Raoul

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