

TRUMP WATCH

Trade and tech talks on UK visit agenda

U.S. President Donald Trump arrived in the United Kingdom on Tuesday for a state visit during which the British government hopes a multibillion-dollar technology deal will show the trans-Atlantic bond remains strong despite differences over Ukraine, the Middle East and the future of the Western alliance.

Trump is the first U.S. president to get a second state visit to the U.K.

King Charles III will host Trump at Windsor Castle on Wednesday before talks the next day with Prime Minister Keir Starmer at Chequers, the British leader's rural retreat.

Starmer's office said the visit will demonstrate that "the U.K.-U.S. relationship is the strongest in the world, built on 250 years of history" — after that awkward rupture in 1776 — and bound by shared values of "belief in the rule of law and open markets."

Starmer's government has cultivated that warmth and tried to use it to get favorable trade terms with the U.S., the U.K.'s largest single economic partner, accounting for 18% of total British trade.

The May trade agreement reduces U.S. tariffs on Britain's key auto and aerospace industries. But a final deal has not been reached over other sectors, including pharmaceuticals, steel and aluminum. **See Page 4**

Here are more Trump administration headlines from Tuesday:

Image removed: Officials from the National Park Service have ordered the removal of a 1863 photograph known as "The Scourged Back" that shows the wounded back of an enslaved Black man at the hands of his master from the National Gallery of Art. The removal of the piece is just one of many exhibits and displays that have been pulled by the Interior Department after Trump's March executive order seeking to eliminate the spread of "corrosive ideology" in national museums, the Washington Post reported.

Senate hearing: FBI Director Kash Patel clashed with skeptical Democrats at a contentious Senate oversight hearing Tuesday, defending his record amid criticism that he has politicized the nation's premier federal law enforcement agency and pursued retribution against perceived adversaries of President Donald Trump.

Executive order: Trump issued an executive order creating a Presidential Emergency Board meant to resolve a contract dispute that nearly triggered a strike on the Long Island Railroad this week. Unionized LIRR workers voted to authorize a strike on Monday but also approved seeking federal intervention. The move pushed the possibility of a strike at least into January.

— From wire and Sinclair National Desk reports

'Wicked' corn maze debuts in Gambrills

The Maryland Corn Maze in Gambrills is back. This year themed after the musical "Wicked." The maze is open every weekend from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Nov. 2. **Page 3**

ELECTION 2025 ANNAPOLIS PRIMARY



An election judge answers a question for voter George Butler as he sits at an electronic voting booth at City Hall on Tuesday morning. **JEFFREY F. BILL/STAFF**



Mayoral candidate Rhonda Pindell Charles votes at Mt. Olive Community Life Center. **JEFFREY F. BILL/STAFF**



Mayoral candidate Jared Littmann checks in to vote at the Roger "Pip" Moyer Recreation Center. **PAUL W. GILLESPIE/STAFF**

Hundreds cast ballots despite rain

By Katharine Wilson

Hundreds of Annapolis voters flocked to the polls for the city Democratic primary Tuesday, defying rain and a gas leak to cast their votes.

City officials were working Tuesday night to tabulate in-person results, which were not available as of the

deadline for this article. Check capitalgazette.com for the latest preliminary tallies.

Voters had a choice between Democrats Jared Littmann, a former alderman and hardware store owner, and Rhonda Pindell Charles, the current Ward 3 alderman, for mayor. The primary winner will

Preliminary results: To find the latest preliminary results, go to capitalgazette.com

advance to the November general election against Republican candidate Bob O'Shea, who did not have a primary opponent.

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Schools threatened over teacher's alleged Kirk comments

Commentators direct outrage to local district

By Bridget Byrne

A wave of calls and threats has assailed Anne Arundel County Public Schools in recent weeks, after conservative commentators, including former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani, expressed outrage over comments about Charlie Kirk made by a social media account they believe is a district employee.

Anne Arundel Superintendent Mark Bedell also sent a letter to employees on Friday afternoon, stating that the district had received multiple reports about employees posting

about "recent events."

"Some of these posts have been inappropriate and negatively impact employees' ability to carry out their prescribed duties on behalf of students across our school district," Bedell wrote. "Posts or other comments that are defamatory, derogatory or inciteful — regardless of the viewpoint — are contrary to that mission and to our policies and protocols."

Kirk was targeted and fatally shot while speaking at Utah Valley University on Sept. 10. Kirk was a right-wing political activist who rose to prominence by founding Turning Point USA, which evangelized and organized college students

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Suspect in Charlie Kirk killing faces charges

Evidence released includes messages, note left in advance

By Jesse Bedayn, Hannah Schoenbaum and John Seewer
Associated Press

PROVO, Utah — Prosecutors brought a murder charge on Tuesday against the man accused of assassinating Charlie Kirk and outlined evidence including a text message confession to his partner and a note left beforehand that said he had the opportunity to kill one of the nation's leading conservative voices "and I'm going to take it."

DNA on the trigger of the rifle that killed Kirk also matched that of Tyler Robinson, Utah County



Charlie Kirk hands out hats before speaking at Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah, on Sept. 10. **TESS CROWLEY/THE DESERET NEWS VIA AP**

Attorney Jeff Gray said while outlining the evidence and announcing charges that could result in the death penalty if Robinson is convicted.

The prosecutor said

Robinson, 22, wrote in one text that he spent more than a week planning the attack on Kirk, a prominent force in politics credited with

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By Maggie Trovato

An Indiana man has been arrested following a lockdown and shooting Thursday at the Naval Academy, the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Indiana announced Tuesday.

Jackson Fleming, a 23-year-old resident of Chesterton, Indiana, was arrested one day after the lockdown and an on-campus altercation that left a midshipman shot and a law enforcement agent injured.

Fleming has been charged with one count of transmitting a threat across state lines. If convicted, he could face up to five years in prison.

According to a news release from the U.S. Attorney's Office, federal prosecutors believe Fleming sent an online threat via social media concerning the Naval Academy. The complaint filed against Fleming was sealed in federal court records Tuesday.

In a statement, Fleming's lawyer Jonathan Bedi said he and his client planned to fight the charge.

"Jack is a young man with his entire future ahead of him," Bedi said. "He recently graduated from college and is planning to attend law school. We intend to fight these charges in court vigorously. No one, including Jack, should be judged by a mere accusation from the government. We are prepared to mount the strongest possible defense, and I am confident that when the complete facts emerge, Jack will be vindicated."

According to an email from an academy official last week, the lockdown and shooting occurred amid a

storm of false rumors that a midshipman who had been dismissed from the academy was stalking the campus in a law enforcement uniform.

Last week, Naval Academy officials with knowledge of the situation said one midshipman gained possession of a laptop belonging to a peer who had recently been dismissed from the academy. The individual sent out a mass threat, claiming to be the dismissed midshipman, saying he would return to the academy impersonating a police officer with the intent to do harm.

Concerns of an active shooter spread on the anonymous chat platform Yodel. The threat was traced to the IP address of the laptop belonging to the recently dismissed midshipman, who was later confirmed to be in his parents' house in the Midwest.

The Naval Academy Public Affairs Office declined to comment on the case or confirm that Fleming is a former midshipman. Bedi also did not confirm whether Fleming is a former midshipman.

According to the email from an academy official, as rumors spread Thursday, a midshipman mistakenly believed a law enforcement agent was an assailant in disguise, clubbed him with a parade rifle and was shot in the shoulder. Both received treatment and were released from the hospital last week.

Officials and a local community member on Tuesday reflected disappointment in the violence, relief that the result was not fatal and a desire for justice.

In a statement, U.S. Rep. Sarah Elfreth, a Maryland

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READER POLL

Should former Gov. Larry Hogan enter race for Maryland governor?

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