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The Fernando's restaurant at 7555 Pacific St., above, and another one at 380 N. 114th St. have temporarily closed after receiving a subpoena for employee documentation.

Fernando's closes 2 eateries after request for documents

Temporary closures 'due to staffing issue' after subpoena from Homeland Security, owner says

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Fernando's Omaha has temporarily closed both its restaurant locations due to a staffing shortage after receiving a request for worker documentation from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

A statement from the owner, Mitch Tempus, has been posted on the doors of the restaurants at 380 N. 114th St. and 7555 Pacific St. It said that the restaurants are temporarily closed "due to staffing



Signs posted on the main window of the Fernando's restaurant at 7555 Pacific St. tell visitors about the temporary closures.

issues related to a recent subpoena from Homeland Security."

The statement, which was also posted on social media, said the

subpoena resulted in "the departure of some valued employees."

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Trump threatens Russia with tariffs

President also boosts US weapons for Ukraine

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump threatened Russia with steep tariffs Monday and announced a rejuvenated pipeline for American weapons to reach Ukraine, hardening his stance toward Moscow after months of frustration about unsuccessful negotiations for ending the war.

The latest steps reflect an evolving approach from the Republican president, who promised to swiftly resolve the war started by Russian President Vladimir Putin when he invaded Ukraine three years ago.

Trump once focused his criticism on Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, whom he described as unwilling to compromise, but more recently has expressed growing irritation toward Putin.

"My conversations with him are very pleasant, and then the missiles go off at night," Trump said. He complained that "it just keeps going on and on and on."

Trump said he would implement "severe tariffs" unless a peace deal is reached within 50 days. He provided few details on how they would be implemented, but he described them as secondary tariffs, meaning they would target Russia's trading partners to isolate Moscow in the global economy.

In addition, Trump said European allies would buy "billions and billions" of dollars of U.S. military equipment to be transferred to Ukraine, replenishing the besieged country's supplies of weapons. He made the announcement in the Oval Office alongside NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte.

Included in the plan are Patriot air defense systems, a top priority for Ukraine as it fends off Russian drones and missiles.

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Navy veteran to seek 2nd District seat

Kishla Askins is fifth Democrat to announce candidacy

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An Omaha health professional and Navy veteran is running for Nebraska's 2nd Congressional District as a Democrat.

Kishla Askins enlisted in the Navy and eventually retired as an officer. In that time, she worked as a paramedic, a corpsman and a Ma-

rine Corps physician assistant, serving in Iraq and in support of Afghanistan.

She said her memories of service members she treated but could not save drove her to continue serving in their honor, working as a deputy assistant secretary for the Department of Veteran Affairs, a policy adviser for the Office of the Secretary of Defense



Askins

and the Surgeon General of the Navy and as a defense fellow for a U.S. senator.

Now pursuing a seat in Congress, Askins said in a phone interview Monday that Nebraskans deserve "strong, steady leadership that's grounded in integrity and purpose."

Askins, 54, grew up in Ohio and has earned multiple degrees from the University of Nebraska Medical Center. She is pursuing a doctorate in public health from UNMC. She and her wife, a retired Marine Corps pilot, also have family in Ne-

braska, so they planned to move to Omaha when they had the opportunity.

Among the large field of candidates vying to replace retiring Republican Rep. Don Bacon, Askins said, "I will be the only one ready on day one. I'm the only one with national security experience and federal government experience. Having served in the military, I understand the consequences of action and inaction."

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Deadly crash

A judge set bail at \$1 million for an Iowa man charged in a wrong-way crash that killed two people.

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Weather

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