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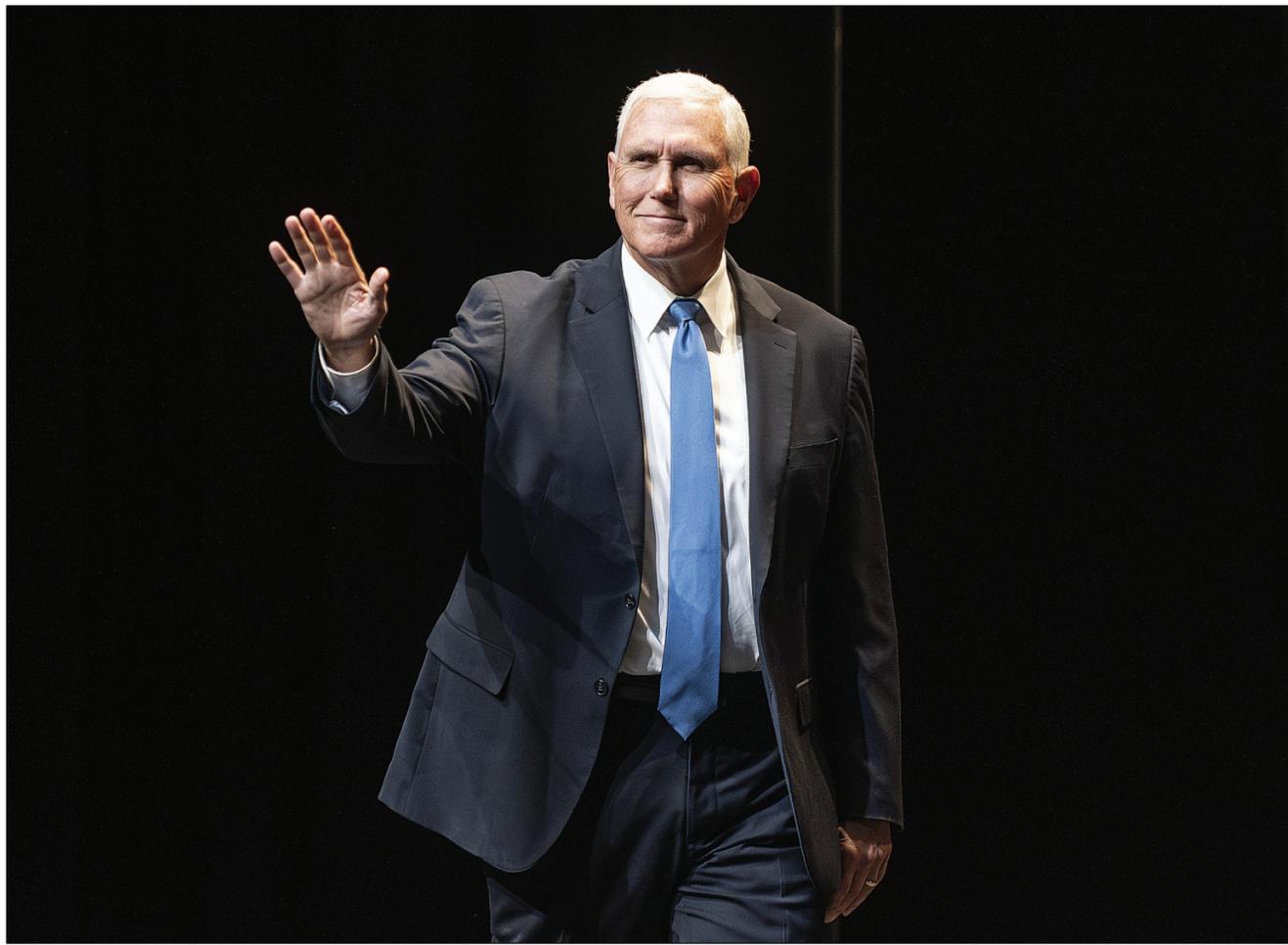
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SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY LECTURE SERIES

Pence calls for return to traditional conservatism



Robert Inglis/The Daily Item

Mike Pence greets the audience at Susquehanna University as he walks on stage at the Degenstein Center on Monday to speak as part of the Alice Pope Shade Lecture series.

Former vice president also supports aid for Ukraine

By Rick Dandes
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SELINSGROVE — During an hour-long appearance at Susquehanna University on Monday night, former Vice President Mike Pence advocated for traditional Reagan-era conservatism and support of Ukraine.

Pence also criticized the second Trump administration's economic and foreign policies.

The event, held in a packed Degenstein Center Theater, began with

a question-and-answer session between Pence and Jeffrey Mann, department head and professor of religious studies at Susquehanna University.

During questioning by Mann, Pence celebrated the recent 2026 Supreme Court ruling that struck down some tariffs, arguing they exceeded presidential authority.

"Congress controls taxes and tariffs," he said.

Pence strongly advocated for an

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Robert Inglis/The Daily Item

It was a full house at Susquehanna University's Degenstein Center on Monday.

Valley man dies in Kelly Twp. crash

Vehicle struck tree

By Justin Strawser
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LEWISBURG — A 29-year-old Lewisburg man died Sunday after a vehicle crashed into a tree on Col. John Kelly Road in Kelly Township, according to state police in Milton.

Police identified the victim as Matthew L. Eberly, 29, of Lewisburg. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

State Trooper Bradley Derk, of the Milton State Police Barracks, reported the accident occurring at 8:54 p.m. Sunday on Col. John Kelly Road, about 1,532 feet west of Fenton Drive.

Shawn R. Miller, 18, of Watsontown, was driving a 2003 Ford Explorer. Eberly was a rear-seat passenger, and

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Pols seek to tamp down 'malicious use' of AI in records requests

By Whitney Downard
Pennsylvania Capital-Star

The proliferation of generative artificial intelligence has upended the state's public access process, either burdening governments with voluminous filings or increasing transparency for individuals with no legal training.

In the coming weeks, state Senate Bill 431 could become a vehicle for reforming the commonwealth's Right-to-Know law, tamping down on AI's "malicious use."

Sponsoring Sen. Tracy Pennycuik (R-Montgomery) said inspiration

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Report: Trump to use State of the Union address to sell skeptical voters on his plans

By Josh Boak and Michelle L. Price
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's State of the Union address on Tuesday is likely to be a test run of the message Republicans will give to voters in November's elections for control of the House and the Senate.

The president and his party ap-

pear vulnerable, with polls showing much of America distrusts how Trump has managed the government in his first year back in office. In addition, the Supreme Court last week struck down one of the chief levers of his economic and foreign policy by ruling he lacked the power to impose many of his sweeping tariffs.

Though Trump is expected to focus on domestic issues, his intensifying threats about launching

military strikes on Iran over its nuclear program cast a shadow over the address.

Here are a few things to watch as Trump tries to make his case:

Economy and immigration

Trump swept back into the White House on promises to bring down prices and restore order to immigration in America. But on

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WATCH

■ The State of the Union address will be broadcast at 9 p.m. Tuesday on major television news networks and streamed online on YouTube, the White House website and network apps



The Associated Press

President Donald Trump dances after speaking at a rally at Coosa Steel Corporation in Rome, Ga., on Thursday.

REMEMBRANCES A4-A5

DINGLE, Donald E., 59, Lewisburg
LUDWIG, William A., 78, Selinsgrove
MOSER, Thornton W., 87, Milton
ORTMYER, Judith

L., 86, Altoona
PASKOVICH, Frank S., 88, Weikert
RAKER, Larry D., 68, Sunbury
SHOWERS, Rickey

P., 70, Lewisburg
SNYDER, Kenneth E., 80, Milton
SWINEFORD, Larry L. Sr., 80, Selinsgrove
TREAS, Gary M.,

81, Springtown, Texas
VALLE-TORRES, Antonio M., 37, Mifflinburg
WALLS, Sandra L., 74, Montgomery

STOCKS B6

Monday, Feb. 23, 2026	
Dow Jones Industrials	-821.91 48,804.06
Nasdaq composite	-258.79 22,627.27
Standard & Poor's 500	-71.76 6,837.75

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