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TORNADO'S AFTEREFFECTS



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Luke McClain, associate pastor at Crossroads Ministries, on Sunday looks at the aftermath of a tornado that ripped off the roof of offices and classrooms at Crossroad Ministries in Finleyville on Saturday. Preliminary reports from the National Weather Service suggest the tornado could have been as strong as an EF2. **Story, A-11.**

MIDEAST CONFLICT

BLINKEN VILIFIES ISRAEL'S CONDUCT

Says it has yet to develop a credible postwar plan

By Josh Boak
Associated Press

REHOBOTH BEACH, Del. — Secretary of State Antony Blinken on Sunday delivered some of the Biden administration's strongest public criticism yet of Israel's conduct of the war in Gaza, saying Israeli tactics have meant "a horrible loss of life of innocent civilians" but failed to neutralize Hamas leaders and fighters and could drive a lasting insurgency.

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Israeli forces push deeper into Rafah, **A-6**

In a pair of TV interviews, Mr. Blinken underscored that the United States believes Israeli forces should "get out of Gaza," but also is waiting to see credible plans from Israel for security and governance in the territory after the war.

Hamas has re-emerged in parts of Gaza, Mr. Blinken said, and "heavy action" by Israeli forces in the southern city of Rafah risks leaving America's closest Mideast ally "holding the bag on

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'Long overdue'

Local DACA recipients to benefit from expanded health care coverage

By Jordan Anderson
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

In 2019, Rainy Leonor-Lake began seeing a physician regularly for the first time in years. It was for one reason: her daughter's health.

Immigrants like Ms. Leonor-Lake, who was brought to the U.S. from the Dominican Republic as a child and maintains legal status under the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, don't enjoy federal public benefits. Not student aid. Not SNAP. Not Social Security.

There's no access to federal health insurance programs either, and that's what hit her fam-

ily hard when she became pregnant.

"It was something my husband and I agreed upon," Ms. Leonor-Lake said. "No matter what the cost was, the safety of our child was the primary concern."

To ensure her pregnancy was healthy and safe, the couple shelled out a couple thousand dollars each month for checkups.

Even a local community health center designed to provide more affordable care still came with burdensome costs.

"They had their \$30 copay at the time, but then there are other fees I had to pay for," Ms. Leonor-Lake said. "I have a health condition that made my pregnancy a



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A family exits Casa San Jose after receiving food donations March 26, 2020, in Beechview. Casa San Jose is a resource center for the Latino immigrants.

pay for different specialists. It would have been \$2,000 a month or so that my husband was paying for me because at the time I wasn't working."

daughter was born, the baby gained Affordable Care Act coverage through her father. But not

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After 30 years, PULSE fellowship program to end

By Jordan Anderson
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After 30 years, a program that paired young people with local nonprofits to uplift community service in Pittsburgh is coming to an end.

The Pittsburgh Urban Leadership Service Experience announced this week that it will be sunset by the end of the year, citing the challenges of the pan-

demie and other growing workforce opportunities in Pittsburgh.

The nonprofit, founded in 1994, invites university graduates and young professionals to partner with community organizations, ranging from the arts to homelessness to environmental advocacy, to jump-start their career in the nonprofit sector. The participants live together and receive professional development training.

More than 400 PULSE fellows have worked with almost 200 Pittsburgh nonprofits, contributing over 600,000 hours of service.

"Though we are sad to see this chapter close, we are also proud and grateful," the organization wrote in a statement on its website. "We are grateful to you for being part of the PULSE community and helping us achieve the work for which we are proud. Your support has sustained us —

and has translated to substantial work throughout the Pittsburgh nonprofit community."

The organization began at a time when its founder, John Stahl-Wert, noticed that Pittsburgh was losing young professionals, creating a need for educated, skilled workers in the nonprofit field specifically. He also saw college graduates were

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Election 2024

Biden offers billions of reasons for Pa.'s support

By Jonathan D. Salant
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

WASHINGTON — A high-ranking White House aide is traveling to Pittsburgh on Tuesday to highlight a massive infusion of federal dollars as President Joe Biden ramps up his pitch to voters that he deserves another four years in office.

The top official is expected to trumpet the nearly \$17 billion Pennsylvania has received so far during the Biden administration for infrastructure, clean energy and other projects — successes that officials are emphasizing in advance of Election Day. It's the latest effort by the White House to tout its accomplishments during a presidential race that polls show is very tight both in Pennsylvania and nationally.

Tom Perez, senior adviser to the president and director of the Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, is to

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