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Child educator loses NIH funding

Professor's latest grant application focused on adolescent stress, anxiety

By Kris B. Mamula
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Hundreds of federal research grants to universities have been cut in the past month, many of them because they involve LGBTQ health, vaccine hesitancy and projects related to diversity, equity and inclusion.

But cancellation of other National Institutes of Health grants don't check any of those boxes, raising questions about the criteria being used to end funding.

A grant sought by Duquesne University Professor of Biological Science John A. Pollock — on relieving stress and anxiety in adolescents, and was canceled March

10 — is Exhibit A. In addition to his teaching and research responsibilities, Mr. Pollock has developed planetarium shows, educational board games and interactive multimedia presentations that simplify health issues and biology, things like concussions, sleep and infections. His health literacy shows for kids have been presented at the Carnegie Science Center Buhl Planetarium, Phipps Conservatory and the National Aviary. Here are some of his shows: Dr.

Allevable's Unbelievable Laboratory — Bone and Heart, Our Cells, Our Selves; How We Grow; and family television program Scientific!, which aired on WQED-TV and was distributed to more than 100 public television stations across the U.S.

The NIH has underwritten these projects with grants since 2000.

In 2009, Mr. Pollock developed a Science Center exhibit in cooperation with Carnegie Mellon

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TRUMP ANGRILY CRITICAL OF PUTIN

Expresses frustration with ceasefire talks

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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — President Donald Trump leveled his strongest criticism to date against Russian President Vladimir Putin on Sunday, threatening to impose "secondary tariffs" on Russia's oil if the country thwarted negotiations on a ceasefire deal with Ukraine that would stop the fighting.

The comments, relayed on "Meet the Press" by the show's host Kristen Welker, reflected a conversation she said she had hours earlier with Trump, in which he signaled growing impatience with the negotiations. Trump told her that tariffs of 25% to 50% on Russian oil could be imposed at "any moment" and that he planned to speak with his Russian counterpart this week.

"If Russia and I are unable to make a deal on stopping the bloodshed in Ukraine, and if I think it was Russia's fault — which it might not be — but if I think it was Russia's fault, I am going to put secondary tariffs on oil, on all oil coming out of Russia," Trump said.

Trump has previously referred to secondary tariffs as levies on imports from countries that purchase products from a nation he's targeted in his foreign policy. The White House did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

The comments were notable given the steps that Trump has taken to align himself with Mr. Putin, despite the United States' support for Ukraine since Russia's full-scale invasion more than three years ago. Since taking office, Trump has declined to acknowledge that it was Russia who started the war, falsely declared Ukrainian



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New Nissan cars and trucks sit on a lot Sunday at Wright Nissan on Route 19 in McCandless. The tariff on foreign cars set to take effect on Thursday is expected to ripple through the entire automobile industry and even raise costs for U.S.-built cars that rely on imported parts.

'A GUT PUNCH'

Local car dealers, auto parts stores brace for Trump's 25% tariffs

By Tim Grant
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Pittsburgh-area drivers could soon be feeling the sting at the dealership — and the repair shop — thanks to President Donald Trump's sweeping new 25% tariff on foreign-made cars and auto parts set to begin this week.

It's not just luxury imports that will feel the impact. The tariff on foreign cars set to take effect on Thursday is expected to ripple through the entire automobile industry and raise costs even for U.S.-built cars that rely on imported parts. The accompanying 25% tariff on most foreign-made parts is set to

take effect soon afterward.

"This is a gut punch to the industry," said Richard Bazy, president and owner of Schults Ford, with locations in West Mifflin, Wexford and Harmarville.

Trump touted the tariffs as a way to foster domestic manufacturing and could bring in \$100 billion in revenue annually.

"This will continue to spur growth," Trump told reporters last week, effectively charging a 25% tariff.

But the move could also usher in challenges for automakers that depend on global supply chains.

Dealers in the Pittsburgh region warn that late-model imports like German-made

BMW's and Porsches could see resale values jump 25% overnight, while everyday repair costs climb sharply. A rotor that used to cost a dealer \$100 will now jump to \$125 and cost consumers \$150 or more, said Rick Jahn, owner of R.E. Jahn Auto Sales in Pine.

Mr. Bazy said the tariffs will be the second major blow the auto industry has suffered in recent years. The first was the electric car mandate, when the auto industry invested billions of dollars building new factories and changing their production to build electric vehicles — only learn that you can't mandate consumer demand.

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President mulls trying for 3rd term

22nd Amendment stands as constitutional barrier

By Chris Megerian
Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — President Donald Trump said Sunday that "I'm not joking" about trying to serve a third term, the clearest indication he is considering ways to breach a constitutional barrier against continuing to lead the country after his second term ends at the beginning of 2029.

"There are methods which you could do it," Trump said in a telephone interview with NBC News from Mar-a-Lago, his private club.

He also said "it is far too early to think about it."

He elaborated later to reporters on Air Force One from Florida to Washington that "I have had more people ask me to have a third term, which in a way is a fourth term because the other election, the 2020 election was totally rigged." Trump lost that election to Democrat Joe Biden.

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Standardized tests moving online in Pa.

Preparations ongoing in region's districts

By Megan Tomasic
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

With the click of a button, a bubble representing one of four possible answers on a multiple choice practice test turns from white to a light blue color, indicating the chosen response.

The online standardized test is a far cry from the paper and pencil exams that required a specific No. 2 pencil and warnings from teachers to stay within the bubble lines.

But next school year, all Pennsylvania students will use the online testing platform when taking Pennsylvania's Keystone Exams and the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment, or PSSAs. The move to the platform — which will

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RICHARD CHAMBERLAIN • 1934-2025



Associated Press

Richard Chamberlain, the handsome hero of the 1960s television series "Dr. Kildare" who found a second career as an award-winning "king of the miniseries," has died. He was 90. **Obituary, Page A-9**



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