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FRANKFORT:

IN THE WAKE OF KENTUCKY'S RECENT HISTORIC WEATHER-RELATED DISASTERS ON BOTH ENDS OF THE STATE, GOV. ANDY BESHEAR HAS REGULARLY SOLICITED DONATIONS FOR FUNDS MEANT TO AID THOSE AFFECTED.

BUT GOP REP. JASON PETRIE TELLS LAWMAKERS THOSE DOLLARS AREN'T DEALT WITH LIKE REGULAR GENERAL FUND MONIES. PETRIE SAID HOUSE BILL 257 WOULD CHANGE THAT.

PETRIE'S BILL WOULD CREATE A TYPE OF TRUST FUND INTO WHICH THOSE TYPE OF SOLICITED FUNDS WOULD GO INTO SO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CAN APPROPRIATE THEM. THE BILL COMES ON THE HEELS OF REPORTS THAT SOME CHECKS FROM THE NOW \$52 MILLION TEAM WESTERN KENTUCKY TORNADO RELIEF FUND ENDED UP IN THE HANDS OF THOSE NOT AFFECTED BY THE DISASTER.

A SEPARATE BILL THAT'S BEEN FILED WOULD AUDIT BOTH OF THE TEAM KENTUCKY FUNDS, A PROCESS GOV. BESHEAR SAID HE IS FINE WITH – ADDING, HOWEVER, THAT HE BELIEVES IT'S UNNECESSARY. NEARLY 200,000 INDIVIDUALS AND ORGANIZATIONS HAVE DONATED TO THE TEAM KENTUCKY FUNDS.



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HOLLYWOOD:

PRESTIGE FILMS DON'T APPEAR TO BE GETTING A BIG BOOST FROM STREAMING AHEAD OF NEXT WEEKEND'S OSCARS, ENTERTAINMENT TRADE PAPER *VARIETY* REPORTS, CITING PLUMRESEARCH DATA. IT NOTES THAT ALL BUT ONE OF THE 10 BEST PICTURE NOMINEES ARE AVAILABLE ON SVOD (SUBSCRIPTION VIDEO ON DEMAND) OR PVOD (PREMIUM VIDEO ON DEMAND). OF FIVE NOMINATED FILMS TRACKED, JUST THREE HAD OVER 5 MILLION HOURS WATCHED AND UNIQUE VIEWERS IN THEIR FIRST 28 DAYS. TWO OF THEM, "TOP GUN: MAVERICK" AND "ELVIS," WERE ALREADY BOX OFFICE HITS; THE THIRD, "ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT," WAS HEAVILY PUSHED BY NETFLIX.

VIEWERSHIP DATA WASN'T AVAILABLE FOR SHOWTIME, WHICH IS STREAMING NOMINEE "EVERYTHING EVERYWHERE ALL AT ONCE," *VARIETY* NOTES. "AVATAR: THE WAY OF WATER" IS THE ONLY BEST PICTURE NOMINEE THAT ISN'T AVAILABLE TO STREAM AHEAD OF THE OSCARS.



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TUNIS, TUNISIA

THE POWERFUL TUNISIAN GENERAL LABOUR UNION (UGTT) HAS RALLIED IN THE COUNTRY'S CAPITAL, MOBILISING THOUSANDS OF SUPPORTERS AGAINST PRESIDENT KAIS SAIED IN A DEMONSTRATION OF ITS STRENGTH AFTER HIS RECENT CRACKDOWN ON OPPONENTS.

PROTESTERS RALLIED BEFORE A MARCH ON SATURDAY THROUGH THE CITY CENTRE, RAISING BANNERS THAT READ "NO TO ONE-MAN RULE" AND "STOP ATTACKS ON THE UNION", AND CHANTING "SAIED IS A COWARD, THE UNION IS NOT AFRAID" AND "FREEDOM! END THE POLICE STATE".

THEY WERE MARCHING AFTER WEEKS OF ARRESTS TARGETING PROMINENT OPPONENTS OF SAIED IN THE FIRST MAJOR CRACKDOWN SINCE HE SEIZED MOST POWERS IN 2021, SHUTTING DOWN THE PARLIAMENT AND MOVING TO RULE BY DECREE.

THE CRACKDOWN IS THE BIGGEST SINCE SAIED'S SEIZURE OF POWERS AND HIS OPPONENTS SAY IT IS EVER MORE CLEAR THAT HE HAS DISMANTLED THE DEMOCRACY WON IN THE 2011 REVOLUTION THAT TRIGGERED THE ARAB SPRING AND WILL END THE FREEDOMS IT BROUGHT.



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US AND SPAIN:

ALL CITRUS FRUITS CAN TRACE THEIR ROOTS TO THE SOUTHEAST FOOTHILLS OF THE HIMALAYAS, ACCORDING TO DNA EVIDENCE. THE FIRST CITRUS TREES APPEARED ABOUT EIGHT MILLION YEARS AGO, BEFORE SPREADING AROUND THE WORLD, SAY INTERNATIONAL SCIENTISTS. THE TREES EVENTUALLY GAVE RISE TO THE FRUIT ON OUR KITCHEN TABLES, FROM SWEET ORANGES TO BITTER LEMONS.

TO GET A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHERE CITRUS TREES CAME FROM, SCIENTISTS IN THE US AND SPAIN ANALYSED THE GENOMES OF OVER 50 VARIETIES OF CITRUS FRUIT, FROM THE CHINESE MANDARIN TO THE SEVILLE ORANGE.

THE STUDY, PUBLISHED IN NATURE JOURNAL, FOUND THAT MODERN CITRUS TREES DERIVE FROM SEVERAL NATURAL SPECIES FOUND IN A REGION THAT INCLUDES THE EASTERN AREA OF ASSAM, NORTHERN MYANMAR, AND WESTERN YUNNAN. WHEN THE CLIMATE CHANGED MILLIONS OF YEARS AGO, BRINGING WEAKER MONSOONS AND DRIER WEATHER, THE PLANTS WERE ABLE TO SPREAD OUT OF THE HIMALAYAS, AND THROUGHOUT SOUTHEAST ASIA. FROM THERE, THEY SPREAD TO THE REST OF THE WORLD, INCLUDING TO AUSTRALIA ABOUT FOUR MILLION YEARS AGO.



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PARIS

MOST OLYMPIC SPORTS HAVE A LONG AND RICH HISTORY AT THE GAMES. SOME SPORTS LIKE WRESTLING AND RUNNING HAVE BEEN A FIXTURE SINCE THE ANCIENT GAMES IN GREECE. WHILE OTHERS LIKE JAVELIN AND ARCHERY CAN TRACE THEIR ORIGINS TO THE BATTLEFIELD BEFORE BECOMING COMPETITIVE SPORTS. BUT NOW THERE'S A NEW KID ON THE BLOCK THAT'S DISRUPTING THE STATUS QUO: BREAKDANCING.

THE INTERNATIONAL OLYMPIC COMMITTEE'S (IOC) IS CONTINUING TO MODERNISE THE OLYMPICS TO ATTRACT YOUNGER VIEWERS. AS PART OF THE IOC'S LATEST ATTEMPT TO APPEAL TO YOUNG PEOPLE, BREAKDANCING WILL DEBUT AT THE 2024 SUMMER OLYMPICS IN PARIS. THE IOC AND GAMES ORGANISERS FREQUENTLY SHIFT AROUND INCLUDED SPORTS, BUT OVER THE LAST DECADE THE FOCUS HAS BEEN ON ATTRACTING A YOUNGER AUDIENCE WITH POPULAR NEW-AGE SPORTS. IN THIS SAME VEIN, SURFING, SKATEBOARDING AND SPORT CLIMBING WILL ALSO RETURN AFTER MAKING THEIR DEBUT AT THE 2020 GAMES. KARATE AND BASEBALL HAVE BEEN DROPPED, IOC OFFICIAL STATED EARLIER.



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WEATHER —

SATURDAY, MAR-11	SUNDAY, MAR-12	MONDAY, MAR-13
RAINY	PARTLY CLOUDY	SUNNY
HI: 39	HI: 41	HI: 50
LO: 36	LO: 39	LO: 39



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WASHINGTON, DC:

KENTUCKY CONGRESSMAN BRETT GUTHRIE REINTRODUCED THE NET PRICE CALCULATOR IMPROVEMENT ACT, A BILL THAT WOULD IMPROVE TRANSPARENCY FOR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES ON THE COST OF ATTENDING COLLEGE.

THE BILL, IF PASSED, WOULD AMEND THE HIGHER EDUCATION ACT OF 1965 TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE NET PRICE CALCULATOR SYSTEM SO THAT PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS MAY HAVE A MORE ACCURATE UNDERSTANDING OF THE TRUE COST OF COLLEGE.

GUTHRIE SAID HE HOPES THE BILL IS SIGNED INTO LAW TO GIVE STUDENTS A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE FINANCIAL OBLIGATION OF ATTENDING DIFFERENT COLLEGES SO THAT THEY CAN MAKE THE BEST DECISION MOVING FORWARD WITH THEIR HIGHER EDUCATION.

LOWERING THE COST OF TUITION NATIONWIDE IS A GOAL OF THE BILL, GUTHRIE SAID.



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NATIONAL HARBOR, MARYLAND:

FORMER PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP CHEERED THE DIRECTION THE REPUBLICAN PARTY HAS TAKEN UNDER HIS STEWARDSHIP IN A LONG AND RAMBLING SPEECH IN FRONT OF A FRIENDLY CROWD AT THE CONSERVATIVE POLITICAL ACTION CONFERENCE ON SATURDAY EVENING.

THE 1 HOUR AND 45 MINUTE ADDRESS WAS FILLED WITH FAMILIAR GRIEVANCES AND DOOM-AND-GLOOM WARNINGS ABOUT TRUMP'S ENEMIES AND THE DIRECTION OF THE COUNTRY. HE SPENT MOST OF THE SPEECH REHASHING THE YEARS SINCE HIS 2016 ELECTION AND CHERRY-PICKED ACCOMPLISHMENTS FROM HIS TIME IN THE WHITE HOUSE. HE DID NOT START TALKING IN EARNEST ABOUT HIS POLICY PLANS FOR THE FUTURE UNTIL MORE THAN AN HOUR INTO THE ADDRESS.

THE SPEECH MARKED THE FORMER PRESIDENT'S MOST HIGH-PROFILE EVENT SINCE HE DECLARED HIS CANDIDACY FOR THE 2024 GOP PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION IN NOVEMBER. TRUMP NOTABLY DID NOT TAKE ANY SHOT AT OTHER POTENTIAL 2024 CANDIDATES, INCLUDING FORMER SOUTH CAROLINA GOV. NIKKI HALEY, WHO ANNOUNCED A WHITE HOUSE BID LAST MONTH AND WHOSE OWN CPAC SPEECH ON FRIDAY DREW A MIDDLING AND UNENTHUSIASTIC CROWD.



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COMMERCIAL PROMPT:

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COME VACATION IN ICELAND!

SEVEN FUN FACTS TO CHOOSE FROM FOR THE COMMERCIAL. .

- THERE ARE MORE SHEEP THAN ICELANDERS.
- THERE ARE NO MCDONALDS ANYWHERE ON THE ISLAND. THE ONE THAT WAS THERE WENT OUT OF BUSINESS.
- HOME TO THE LARGEST GLACIER IN ALL OF EUROPE? THAT'S VATNAJÖKULL, WHICH COVERS 8% OF ICELAND'S LANDMASS
- THE OLDEST PARLIAMENT IN THE WORLD STILL IN EXISTENCE. ESTABLISHED IN 930 CE, THE ALTHING PARLIAMENT MEETS TO THIS DAY.
- MOST ICELANDERS LEARN ENGLISH AS THEIR SECOND LANGUAGE, SO COMMUNICATION IS EASY.
- IT HAS THE LOWEST CRIME RATE IN THE WORLD.
- THERE ARE OUTDOOR POOLS AND HOT SPRINGS AROUND THE COUNTRY. YOU'LL FIND 17 LOCATIONS IN THE CAPITAL REGION ALONE. SOME ARE SMALL AND INTIMATE. OTHERS ARE BIG COMPLEXES WITH SLIDES, HOT TUBS AND STEAM ROOMS. ALL THE POOLS ARE HEATED WITH GEOTHERMAL ENERGY. THIS MEANS ICELANDERS (AND VISITORS ALIKE) CAN GO FOR A SWIM AT ANY TIME OF THE YEAR, RAIN, SNOW OR SUNSHINE.