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Marshall Announces New Orthopedic and Sports Medicine Partnership

By **MATT SCHAFFER**
INTERIM EXECUTIVE EDITOR

A new partnership between Marshall and St. Claire Healthcare was announced on Friday, July 14 to develop improved access to orthopedic and sports medicine care in eastern Kentucky.

The partnership's goal is to help

develop a new environment in Morehead for surgical, clinical surgical orthopedic and sports medicine care. Marshall and St. Claire will also create the opportunity for joint research studies and expand resources to athletes in the area.

This will provide the area with non-invasive testing, advanced surgical and non-surgical

treatments, rehabilitation and wellness programs.

"Marshall's expertise, combined with our excellent clinicians, will further enhance the quality of our program to ensure the highest level of care and performance for every athlete and patient we serve," Mark Rhodes, vice president of St. Claire Medical Group, said in

a press release. "We couldn't be more excited to announce this partnership."

This marks a further expansion in Marshall University's orthopedic services, already reaching multiple locations throughout West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio. This will also expand the coverage of orthopedic sports medicine to

over a dozen other universities, high schools and middle schools in the tri-state.



Marshall and St. Claire Teams

Photo Courtesy of MarshallU.net

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Alumna Appointment to Marshall Board of Governors



New Board of Governors Member Kathy G. Eddy.

Photo Courtesy of MarshallU.net

By MATT SCHAFFER
INTERIM EXECUTIVE EDITOR

West Virginia Governor Jim Justice has appointed Kathy G. Eddy, a Marshall alumna, to the Marshall University Board of Governors on Thursday, July 13.

“We are incredibly pleased and honored to welcome Kathy to our board of Governors,” Marshall President Brad Smith said in the announcement. “Her superb

financial skills and incredible talent and love of Marshall are a perfect combination to help drive the University forward.”

Eddy graduated from Marshall in 1972, later becoming a Certified Public Accountant at McDonough, Eddy, Poling, and Baylous A.C. as well as becoming a member of the compensation and audit committees at the Harsco Corporation, an international environmental

solutions agency that serves the steel, railway and energy sectors.

Eddy is replacing Chris Miller, who opted out of consideration. Eddy will be joined by reappointed members Kipp Bodnar and Ginny T. Lee, with terms ending in June 2027.

Derek Scarbro Named Director of MAMC

By MATT SCHAFFER
INTERIM EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Marshall has announced Derek Scarbro, previous interim director, as the new director of the Marshall Advanced Manufacturing Center on Wednesday, July 14 replacing longtime director, Charlotte Webber.

Scarbro took over the responsibilities as interim director last year after previously serving as deputy director and director of business development.

He has previously worked with various state agencies in West Virginia, led statewide nonprofit organizations and also served as the director of intergovernmental affairs.

“President Brad Smith’s vision to harness Marshall University’s collective innovation, knowledge, assets and leadership for the good of our region continues to crystalize,” Brandon Dennison, Marshall’s vice president of economic and workforce development, said in the announcement. “MAMC is a key piece of this team, and Derek will be a valuable leader of our collective effort.”

The MAMC, formerly the Robert C. Byrd Institute, provides workplace equipment, workforce training and managerial implementation to company services, manufacturers and companies across the mid-Atlantic.



Derek Scarbro

Photo Courtesy of MarshallU.net

Student to Contribute on Drug Advisory Board

By SARAH DAVIS
NEWS EDITOR

One Marshall student is calling her upcoming service on a drug advisory board “a dream come true.”

“I am honored to represent Appalachia and have this opportunity to impact substance misuse prevention and reactive care for youth within our nation,” said Brooklyn Johnson, student, in a Marshall University news release.

Johnson has been selected to serve on the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention’s Opioid Affected Youth Advisory Board.

This nomination comes after Johnson’s work with the Prevention Empowerment Partnership Youth Trainee program. The program is currently located in the university’s research corporation.

The Opioid Affected Youth Advisory Board’s mission is to address the many challenges American youth face in terms of opioids and disordered opioid use. The board is made up of seven young adults across the United States, each being selected to serve.

In collaboration

with the United States Department of Justice, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention strives to elevate the juvenile justice system. According to their website, the office holds three priorities: treating children as children, serving children in their homes and communities and opening up opportunities for those children.

Johnson suggests that this opportunity shines a light on her village, thanking her peers for their support.

“I am so thankful for my community for growing me into the person I am today and beyond grateful for the Prevention Empowerment Partnership for empowering me with the training and experience which have made me qualified for this national position,” she said in a Marshall University news release.

Angela Sanders, director of the Prevention Empowerment Partnership, praised Johnson’s dedication to her craft, saying that she played an important role in the growth of the program.

“Brooklyn’s appointment

to the Office of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention’s Opioid Affected Youth Advisory Board is a significant milestone that reflects her passion, expertise, and unwavering dedication to empowering youth and promoting substance use prevention,” Saunders said in a Marshall University news release. “Her voice and perspective will undoubtedly contribute to the board’s endeavors to create a brighter future for youth impacted by opioids and SUDs” (substance use disorders).



Brooklyn Johnson
Courtesy of Marshall University News

School of Kinesiology Present at Annual Convention

By SARAH DAVIS
NEWS EDITOR

The athletic training department, located in Marshall’s School of Kinesiology, traveled to participate in an annual research convention.

The National Athletic Trainers’ Association annual convention allows students and faculty from across the United States to share various research and further the field of athletic training.

The convention took place June 21-24 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Among those who represented the school were Heather Williamson, student and faculty members Jenni Johnson and Dr. Suzanne Konz.

Williamson entered into the convention’s presentation portion. Her poster expanded on, “Tear of the Anterior Inferior Tibiofibular Ligament Resulting in a TightRope Surgery and Achilles Tendon Tendinopathy.”

She says her experience was an educational one.

“It was such an enriching experience as I was able to engage with certified athletic trainers and athletic training students from around the country that all share a love for this awesome profession,” Williamson said in a Marshall University news release.

Faculty member Jenni Johnson, who also serves as Athletic Training Clinical Coordinator, presented, “Left Ankle Fracture

and Syndesmosis Disruption.” The research was performed by student Blake Lacy.

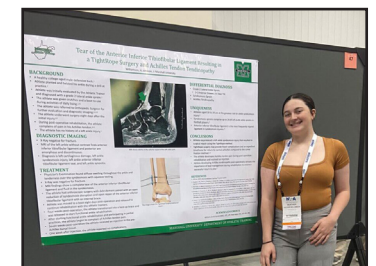
Johnson considers it a privilege to attend the convention.

“NATA (National Athletic Training Association) has developed this platform for athletic trainers to be able to collaborate and share information that is useful in everyday practice,” she said in a Marshall University news release.

Faculty member and certified athletic trainer Dr. Suzanne Konz, who serves as Biomechanics Program Director, presented, “Avoiding Borderline Patient Care Practices to Say Successful and Ethical.”

Konz is also the outgoing chair for the association’s ethics committee. She suggests that the convention is profitable to all.

“Being able to present and discuss the reporting process, violation statistics and the minor things that many clinicians do that unintentionally create ethics violations has been extremely beneficial,” she said in a Marshall University news release.



Heather Williamson
Courtesy of Marshall



Marshall Health Opens a Gastroenterology Care Center in the Mid-Ohio Valley

By **MATT SCHAFFER**
INTERIM EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Marshall Health brings gastroenterology care to Mid-Ohio Valley after offering patient services at River Valley Health in Point Pleasant, West Virginia.

The new services will cover a wide range of gastroenterological

conditions and procedures while also providing patients with both in-hospital and outpatient treatment.

The team is headed by a rotating lineup of board-certified gastroenterologists, including chief of gastroenterology and associate professor Ahmed Sherif, M.D.; Marshall's program director, Wesam Frandah, M.D.

and assistant professors Mean Kamal, M.D., Pramod Pantangi, M.D. and Rogama Saad, M.D.

The announcement on Monday, July 17 marked the opening with patients available to receive care at Rivers Health, a member of Mountain Health Network.

Students Face Food Insecurity after Pandemic SNAP Benefits End

By **ASHRAF KHALIL and ADRIANA MORA**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON (AP) — Raised on welfare by his grandmother, Joseph Sais relied so much on food stamps as a college student that he thought about quitting school when his eligibility was revoked.

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Sais said, he missed an “important letter” and temporarily lost his eligibility in SNAP, the foundational anti-poverty program commonly known as food stamps. “There were times when I was taking a test and instead of focusing on the test, I’m focused on what I’m going to be able to eat tonight,” said Sais, who graduated from Sacramento State University with a degree in political science and journalism and is now a first-year graduate student at the same school.

Sais, whose eligibility was restored earlier this year, is part of a largely hidden group that researchers and policymakers are still trying to address: full-time college students struggling with serious food insecurity. Radha Muthiah, president of the Capital Area Food Bank, calls it a hidden crisis, “one of those issues that came out of the shadows during the pandemic.” She estimates at

least 30% of college students are food insecure.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture relaxed eligibility SNAP requirements for college students during the pandemic, allowing in those on financial aid with no expected family support and anyone who qualified for work-study programs, regardless of hours worked. Researchers estimate as many as 3 million college students were added to the program as a result.

But with the public health emergency over, students already receiving SNAP benefits had until June 30 to recertify and stay in the program under the pandemic-era rules. The expanded SNAP eligibility will only last one more year, and the entire program will revert to pre-pandemic rules at varying points over the next year, depending on individual state schedules.

“In the next couple months, potentially thousands of college students could be losing access to this program,” said MacGregor Obergfell, assistant director of governmental affairs at the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities. “It’s going to be coming in waves.”

The expanded rules won’t apply to this year’s freshmen class.

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DeSantis Sues Biden Administration Over University Accrediting System

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis announced Thursday that the state has filed a lawsuit against the Biden administration and the U.S. Department of Education over accreditation agencies, which control federal aid for students.

The lawsuit, filed Wednesday in Fort Lauderdale federal court, challenges a federal law that requires colleges and universities to submit to private accreditors to qualify for federal funding. It targets the U.S. Department of Education, Secretary Miguel Cardona and other federal officials.

The lawsuit comes as DeSantis, who is seeking the 2024 Republican presidential nomination, imposes his conservative agenda on the state's education system. Earlier

this year, he appointed trustees to the board of New College of Florida, a tiny Sarasota school of about 1,000 students that was best known for its progressive thought and creative course offerings. The new board intends to turn the school into a classical liberal arts school modeled after conservative favorite Hillsdale College in Michigan.

Speaking about the accreditation lawsuit on Thursday, DeSantis said he refuses "to bow to unaccountable accreditors who think they should run Florida's public universities."

"We're asking the court to find this arrangement to be unconstitutional," DeSantis said. White House spokesperson Abdullah Hasan said in an email that DeSantis was bringing his culture wars, like book bans, to

the longstanding system that helps ensure students receive a quality college education.

"If Republican elected officials could have their way, library shelves would be stocked with guns – not books – and curriculums would be loaded with conspiracy theories, not facts," Hasan said. "These culture wars do nothing to actually help students, and only make things worse. This Administration won't allow it. We're committed to ensuring all students receive a high-quality education, and will fight this latest effort by opponents to get in the way of that."

Under federal law, the private accrediting agencies decide which universities and colleges are eligible for approximately \$112 billion in federal funding. The agencies provide a standard of requirements that universities must follow to maintain accreditation.

The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges, or SACS, oversees the accreditation of colleges and universities in Florida.

However, Florida passed a law last year that prohibits colleges and universities from being accredited by the same agency or association for consecutive accreditation cycles. It also allows universities to sue accreditors for damages if they believe they had been negatively affected.

The state law requires more than half of Florida's public colleges and universities to change accreditors in the next two years. Their ability to make these changes "is substantially burdened" by what DeSantis described as the



Republican presidential candidate Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis speaks at an annual Basque Fry at the Corley Ranch in Gardnerville, Nev., June 17, 2023.

Courtesy of AP/Andy Barron



Republican presidential candidate Florida Gov. Ron DeSantis answers questions during a campaign event on Monday, July 17, 2023, in Tega Cay, S.C.

Courtesy of AP/Meg Kinnard

Biden administration's "abuse of the current accreditation scheme."

In order to seek a new accreditor, a university must receive permission from the U.S. Department of Education.

"You cannot take legislative power and delegate it to an unaccountable private body," DeSantis said. "Under their theory, the accreditor can serve as a veto against the entire state of Florida."

He noted that the accrediting agency seeks to take the responsibility for ensuring the wellbeing of colleges and universities away from the governor, Legislature and taxpayers.

"So, you know, that's a view that really, this board trumps the entire state of Florida," DeSantis said. "We reject that, and today we are

going to do something about it."

DeSantis and Moody cited as an example that SACS "threatened the accreditation of Florida State University" in 2021 when Richard Corcoran, then the state's commissioner of education, was a candidate to be the next president of the school. The accrediting agency said Corcoran's candidacy posed a potential conflict of interest if he failed to resign as schools commissioner.

Florida State eventually selected Richard McCullough as its president. Earlier this year, Corcoran was selected as an interim president of New College. Earlier this year, DeSantis appointed six new trustees to run the college.

There Have Been 175 Sports-betting Violations Since 2018, 17 Active Investigations, NCAA Head Says



Signage at the headquarters of the NCAA is viewed in Indianapolis, March 12, 2020.

Courtesy of AP/Michael Conroy

By MARK ANDERSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The NCAA has found 175 infractions of its sports-betting policy since 2018 and there are 17 active investigations, according to a letter from the sports organization's president that was obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press.

NCAA President Charlie Baker included

the numbers in a letter sent this week in response to a query from Rep. Dina Titus, a Democrat from Nevada whose district includes the Strip in Las Vegas.

The NCAA does not release details of active investigations and Baker's letter does not list any schools or athletes. The NCAA told the AP in an email that less than 0.25% of its approximately 13,000 sporting events "are flagged for suspicious

betting patterns, and a much smaller percentage have specific, actionable information."

The NCAA pays a company to look for and flag potential betting policy infractions; many college conferences do the same thing.

In Baker's letter to Titus, he said athletes, coaches and administrators committed violations ranging from \$5 wagers to

"providing inside information" and that the active investigations have a similar span in severity.

There have been some notable cases that went public. Alabama baseball coach Brad Bohannon was fired in May because of suspicious betting activity involving his team, and Iowa and Iowa State announced a combined 41 athletes were suspected to have broken betting

rules.

Legal betting has blossomed across the United States over the past five years, raising the likelihood of a college sports gambling scandal. NCAA rules against gambling by athletes remain strict, though they were recently adjusted to recognize "mitigating factors" when it comes to penalizing "young people who have made mistakes."

Marshall Announce Justin Caldwell As Basketball Assistant Coach

By **MATT SCHAFFER**
INTERIM EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Justin Caldwell has been announced as assistant coach by Marshall men's basketball coach, Dan D'Atoni, on Friday, July 14.

Caldwell previously served as head coach for Glenville State in their past five seasons

where the team averaged 95.5 points per game and ranked as high as No. 13 in the nation.

In both 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 seasons, Caldwell's team averaged 12 3-point shots per game marking the highest in the nation in 3-pointers.



Justin Caldwell

Courtesy of HerdZone

Keith Roberts Named Director of Track & Field and Cross Country



Keith Roberts

Courtesy of HerdZone

By **MATT SCHAFFER**
INTERIM EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Keith Roberts has been welcomed as the new Director of Track & Field and Cross Country for Marshall University.

The announcement was followed

by a press conference held on Tuesday, July 18.

Roberts previously served the role at Eastern Illinois over the past two years, leading the school to three Ohio Valley Conference Championships in both Men and Women's Cross Country, as well

as, Men's Indoor Track.

Keith's efforts earned him the 2023 OVC Indoor Men's Track Coach of the Year while having seven student-athletes compete at the NCAA Championships West Preliminaries.

How the Supreme Court Student Loan Decision Affects You

By **ADRIANA MORGA,**
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ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Supreme Court has ruled the Biden administration overstepped its authority in trying to cancel or reduce student loan debt, effectively killing the \$400 billion plan, which would have canceled up to \$20,000 in federal student loans for 43 million people. Of those, 20 million would have had their remaining student debt erased completely.

The court's decision means, barring an act of Congress, those Americans are on the hook for payments starting in October.

Still, borrowers who are worried

about their budgets do have options.

For instance, the government has other loan forgiveness programs that are still in effect, even if Biden's plan was struck down. Biden also on Friday announced additional efforts to bring relief to borrowers. Here's what to know about how the decision will affect you:

Student loan payments that have been frozen for the last three years because of the pandemic are set to restart in October. That was going to happen no matter what the Supreme Court decided. Interest will start accruing Sept. 1.

Betsy Mayotte, president of the Institute of Student Loan Advisors, encourages people not to make any payments until the pause has

ended. Instead, she says, put what you would have paid into a savings account.

"Then you've maintained the habit of making the payment, but (you're) earning a little bit of interest as well," she said.

Mayotte recommends borrowers use the loan-simulator tool at StudentAid.gov or the one on TISLA's website to find a payment plan that best fits their needs. The calculators tell you what your monthly payment would be under each available plan, as well as your long-term costs.

Katherine Welbeck of the Student Borrower Protection Center recommends logging on to your account and making sure you know the name of your servicer, your due date and whether you're enrolled in the best income-driven repayment plan.

Hours after the Supreme Court decision, President Joe Biden announced a 12-month grace period to help borrowers who struggle after payments restart. Biden said borrowers can and should make payments during the first 12 months after payments resume, but, if they don't, they won't be at risk of default and it won't hurt their credit scores. But details about this plan have yet to be released.

After that grace period, if you're in a short-term financial bind, you may qualify for deferment or forbearance — allowing you to temporarily suspend payment.

To determine whether deferment or forbearance are good options for you, you can contact your loan servicer. One thing to note: interest still accrues during

deferment or forbearance. Both can also impact potential loan forgiveness options. Depending on the conditions of your deferment or forbearance, it may make sense to continue paying the interest during the payment suspension.

If you've worked for a government agency or a nonprofit, the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program offers cancellation after 10 years of regular payments, and some income-driven repayment plans cancel the remainder of a borrower's debt after 20 to 25 years.

Borrowers should make sure they're signed up for the best possible income-driven repayment plan to qualify for these programs.

Borrowers who have been defrauded by for-profit colleges may also apply for borrower defense and receive relief.

These programs aren't be affected by the Supreme Court ruling.

An income-driven repayment plan sets your monthly student loan payment at an amount that is intended to be affordable based on your income and family size. It takes into account different expenses in your budget, and most federal student loans are eligible for at least one of these types of plans.

Generally, your payment amount under an income-driven repayment plan is a percentage of your discretionary income. If your income is low enough, your payment could be as low as \$0 per month.

If you'd like to repay your federal student loans under an income-driven plan, the first step is to fill out an application through the Federal Student Aid website.

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A sign reading "cancel student debt" is seen outside the Supreme Court, Friday, June 30, 2023.

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The School of Music Presents the William Adam International Trumpet Festival: Live

By **VICTORIA WARE**
INTERIM MANAGING EDITOR

Performances, discussions and master classes will be featured in the 9th Annual William Adam Trumpet Festival from July 20-23.

William Adam was an American trumpeter and Professor Emeritus at Indiana University. The event is hosted by Dr. Martin Saunders, the Director of the School of Music and Professor of Trumpet. People

of all ages and levels of trumpeting experience are welcome to attend. Former students of Adam will be involved in the proceedings.

The festival will begin in the Joan C. Edwards Performing Arts Center on the morning of the 20th and end mid-day on the 23rd. The cost is \$75 for students and \$200 for non-students (which is to be paid via PayPal).

Crossing Language Barriers: Multilingualism Has Become an Essential Skill in the Workforce

By **CAITRIONA MARIA**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The American Council of Foreign Language Teachers (ACTFL) reports that 90% of U.S. employers rely on a multilingual workforce, yet the demands are not being met, and as a result, a quarter of U.S. employers are losing out on business opportunities.

Americans have developed a disconnect from other countries and their cultures because most United States citizens - 78% of Americans are monolingual, only able to speak one language. As globalization continues to take hold of many industries, employers realize the increasing necessity for bilingualism in order for professionals to communicate with audiences from all corners of the world.

The demand for workers who are proficient in foreign languages is

increasing as companies adapt to evolving conditions of the U.S. marketplace. According to the ACTFL five-year forecast, employers in the healthcare and social assistance industry anticipate the highest increase in demand at 64%. The trade, education services, professional and technical services, and construction industries follow closely, with 59%, 57%, 55%, and 54% expecting an increase in demand, respectively.

The ability to converse fluently in two or more languages has become increasingly apparent as an asset that increases job opportunities and financial gains. U.S. Secretary of Education Miguel Cardona has encouraged students to learn a second language, citing it as a “superpower” that can bring success in an increasingly globalized workforce.

Boom in Immersive Art Experiences Underscores Art's Impact on Travel

By **MICHAEL POLLICK and MELAINE ALLEN**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

As 90% of Americans plan to embark upon an adventure this year, destinations catering to tourists' ever-evolving tastes draw the biggest crowds.

And this year, travelers want immersive art experiences.

Tourists wish to absorb local culture, marvel at historical wonders, and gaze upon masterpieces fashioned by the most creative minds in recorded history.

According to the 2023 travel outlook, nearly every American plans to travel in 2023, with 86% intending to venture out of state and 30% considering going on an international adventure.

The U.S. Travel Association provides up-to-date statistics highlighting the primary reasons people travel. Most American travelers (70%) take trips to spend time with friends and family. Many are also looking for cultural experiences. 37% are looking for new experiences, 28% are interested in urban sightseeing, and 18% travel for live entertainment.

The U.S. Travel Association's data does not dive any deeper to determine the types of experiences, sightseeing, and entertainment travelers are seeking. But comparing top destinations with Google trends, ticket sales, and surveys from intrepid travelers reveals an apparent yet oft-under-reported reason: People travel to experience art.

The world's top tourist destinations abound with immersive experiences for art lovers.

France, the birthplace of the



Courtesy of AP/Michael Pollick and Melanie Allen

Impressionist movement, home of the Louvre, and renowned for its impressive architecture, consistently tops the list of the world's most visited countries. Christina Bennett, Consumer Travel Expert for Priceline, says London, Paris, New York, and Rome, famed for their iconic art museums, all sit atop the company's most popular destination list for 2023.

London hosts one of the most renowned contemporary museums in the world, the Tate Modern, while celebrating humanity's artistic past in the National Gallery. Rome serves as a gateway to Vatican City, where tourists can gaze upon The Creation of Adam proudly displayed on the Sistine Chapel's ceiling and The Last Judgement, adorning its walls, both masterpieces by the Renaissance artist Michelangelo. New York features the largest art museum in the United States, the Metropolitan Museum of Art (MET), and a thriving contemporary street art scene.

Of course, there are plenty of other reasons to visit the world's most populous and famous cities, but it's

undeniable that the arts scene is a huge draw. The 100 most popular art museums in the world received a combined 144 million visitors in 2022.

People often travel for artistic or cultural experiences. They flock to the world's most renowned museums to admire works created by famed grandmasters.

Paris boasted nearly 20 million international travelers in 2022, while its most famous art museum welcomed 7.8 million visitors. New York City greeted more than 50 million guests in 2022, and 3.4 million people visited the MET.

Destination Analysts just completed a study titled The State of the American International Traveler. Director of Marketing Jennifer Griswold says that 27.5% of all American travelers cited a passion for visiting art museums while traveling. The number rose to 35.8% for American international travelers.

Although art museums housing the world's greatest masterpieces are a significant draw, they're not the only art experience travelers seek.

Appeals Court Blocks Construction on Mountain Valley Pipeline Even After Congress Says it Can't

By **MATTHEW BARAKAT**
ASSOCIATED PRESS

FALLS CHURCH, Va. (AP) — A federal appeals court has again blocked construction on a contentious natural gas pipeline being built through Virginia and West Virginia, this time doing so even after Congress ordered the project's approval.

The stay issued Monday by the 4th Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond comes after Congress passed legislation last month requiring all necessary permits be issued for construction of the Mountain Valley Pipeline. The law also stripped the 4th Circuit from jurisdiction over the case.

Environmentalists, though, argued that Congress overstepped its authority by enacting the law, saying it violates the separation of powers outlined in the Constitution.

"Congress cannot pick winners and losers in pending litigation by compelling findings or results without supplying new substantive law for the courts to apply," lawyers for the environmentalists wrote in court papers.

Equitrans Midstream, one of the companies building the pipeline, issued a statement Tuesday saying it is considering

an emergency appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court. It said the ruling jeopardizes its plan to complete the pipeline by the end of the year.

"The court's decision defies the will and clear intent of a bipartisan Congress ... to expedite completion of the Mountain Valley Pipeline project, which was deemed to be in the national interest, the company said.

The law greenlighting the pipeline was passed last month as part of a bipartisan bill to raise the debt ceiling. The provision that deals exclusively with the Mountain Valley Pipeline was included after negotiators failed to reach an agreement on broader regulatory reform.

The White House supported putting the provision in the debt ceiling bill — over the objections of environmentalists and some Democrats — as a concession to Sen. Joe Manchin, a West Virginia Democrat and pipeline supporter who was a key vote for last year's sweeping legislation that included deep investments in climate programs.

The stay issued Monday focuses on a 3-mile (5-kilometer) section of that cuts through the Jefferson National Forest.



Construction crews are boring beneath U.S. 221 in Roanoke County, Va.

Courtesy of AP/ Heather Rousseau

Environmentalists say the construction plan will cause erosion that will ruin soil and water quality. On Tuesday, the court issued a similar stay in connection with parallel litigation alleging the pipeline would violate the Endangered Species Act. Environmentalists made similar constitutional arguments in that case.

"Congress cannot mandate that federal regulators throw caution to the wind — environmental laws are more than just mere suggestions, and must be adhered to," Sierra Club Executive Director Ben Jealous said in a statement.

The Fourth Circuit has blocked construction of the pipeline on multiple occasions over the years.

In court papers, lawyers for the pipeline say Congress is within its rights to strip the court from jurisdiction over the case. They also say that any debate over the law's constitutionality should be heard not by the 4th Circuit but by an appellate court in Washington, because the law passed by Congress last month spells out that precise scenario.

"Granting a stay of any kind would fly in the face of this recent, on-point, and emphatic

Congressional command that the remaining construction of the Mountain Valley Pipeline must proceed without further delay," the project's lawyers wrote in court briefs.

Mountain Valley Pipeline

says the project is already substantially complete and that only three acres (one hectare) of trees need to be cleared, compared to more than 4,400 acres (1,700 hectares) already cleared.

The \$6.6 billion, 300-mile (500-kilometer) pipeline is designed to meet growing energy demands in the South and Mid-Atlantic by transporting gas from the Marcellus and Utica fields in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

The stay includes no explanation of the court's rationale. It remains in place only until the court issues a full ruling on the merits of the case.

In Unrelenting Heat, Millions Plunge, Drink and Shelter to Cool Off

By ASSOCIATED PRESS

Millions around the world have been seeking refuge from the scorching sun as climate change, a strong El Nino and summer in the Northern Hemisphere converge, toppling temperature records.

In Phoenix, temperatures have hit 110 degrees Fahrenheit (43 degrees Celsius) for around two weeks. Volunteers are helping residents, typically hardened by the desert's sweltering

summers and insulated by air conditioning, that now need relief.

The heat in the southwestern U.S. is so extreme that health officials have recommended that people limit their outdoor exposure and know the warning signs of heat illness, such as heavy sweating and dizziness.

In China — a nation suffering through a double-whammy of heat and flooding — people flock to waterways to cool off from temperatures as high as 100 F (38 C). On

Monday, employers across the country were ordered to limit outdoor work to protect their staff from the unforgiving heat.

Europe, particularly its south, is facing another unrelenting heat wave, with temperatures set to reach 113 F (45 C).

Further south in Algeria, where it was so hot last week that the country recorded its highest-ever nighttime low of 103.3 F (39.6 C) in the city of Adrar, temperatures kept soaring this week, with many carrying water

through the heat of Algiers.

Scientists warn that people will suffer through sizzling temperatures throughout the summer,

and for years to come, as humans spew planet-warming gases into the atmosphere.



Iraqi men and their sons swim in the Tigris river

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“It kind of starts this slow-rolling disaster where we’re reverting to the old SNAP rules right at a time where obviously the need around food security is only going up,” said Bryce McKibben, senior director of policy and advocacy at Temple University’s Hope Center. Anecdotal evidence suggests that hunger among college students is rising due to inflation, said Robb Friedlander, director of advocacy for Swipe Out Hunger, which focuses on college food insecurity. “We have definitely seen a massive increase in the level of need across campuses, from red states to blue states,” Friedlander said.

Growing awareness of the scope of the problem has led to the creation of on-campus food pantries at hundreds of universities over the past decade. But many of these

food pantries, including at major universities, are funded entirely by donations — which limits their size and scale. Given the irregular hours that often define college student life, some on-campus pantries have developed 24-hour service models that don’t require constant staffing. When Sais can’t make it during normal hours, the Sacramento State pantry enables him to order groceries online and pick them up from a locker. At Georgetown University, the donor-funded pantry is a locked room with shelves of food and toiletries and a refrigerator for perishables. Any students who request help are given the code to unlock the door and can essentially come and go as they need.

Now these pantries are bracing for a fresh wave of need as students are gradually pruned from the SNAP lists. In April, Swipe Out Hunger published an article warning

universities around the country to prepare for a spike. “Traffic at food banks and pantries is already increasing as states end their emergency SNAP benefits early,” the group warned. “When these emergency benefits end federally, be prepared to see a similar rise in student need at campus pantries and other on-campus hunger solutions programs.”

Even with the relaxed SNAP entry guidelines, many students complained of bureaucratic obstacles and general frustration in navigating the system. When Jessalyn Morales, a junior at Lehman College in the Bronx, found herself in a sudden financial crisis, it took her months and five rejected applications to qualify for SNAP. In one case, she said, her application was rejected because she wasn’t working enough hours — something that should have been impossible under the

pandemic rules.

When her Lehman College dorm closed down last fall, Morales’ housing costs essentially doubled. She survived for months off of the campus food pantry and leftover food from her roommates.

“I had to choose between paying my rent and being able to buy food for the week,” said Morales, 21. “A lot of my friends didn’t know my struggle. It’s kind of hard for them to understand it, truthfully.”

She started receiving SNAP benefits in May, and says she can stretch her \$260 monthly payment into two months worth of food if necessary, “because I’ve gotten so good at shopping and budgeting.” Both Sais and Morales, in separate interviews, used the term “survival mode” to describe their daily realities. But Obergfell, of the association of public universities, warned

that the stresses of that kind of survival have a secondary effect — breeding hopelessness among the specific subset of students who are seeking higher degrees in order to break the cycle of generational poverty.

“We need to help these students remain in and succeed in college,” he said. “Students need to have their basic needs taken care of before they can be fully present and active in the classroom.”

And as Sais points out, mere survival shouldn’t really be the goal.

“Sometimes I would like to thrive rather than just survive,” he said. “Fighting all your life is just tiring.”

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