Gardening bug bites the isolated

By Jennifer Simonson

During World War I and II, the American food supply was at risk.

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I think there’s a sense in the news that we need to be doing our part to prevent the virus from spreading. For one you are responsible for a footprint on this crisis.

— Tommy Walters

The COVID-19 pandemic has brought about a change in the way we live our lives. From social distancing to wearing masks, every action we take plays a part in the fight against the virus. As individuals, we are responsible for our actions and how we contribute to the spread of the virus.

The symp toms inclu de coughing, congestion, fever, and body aches and severe sweating. They can prevent a person from going to the hospital or being isolated. If you have any of these symptoms, it is important to seek medical attention immediately.

The onset of the illness was so severe that it forced him to sleep four hours and wake up at 2 in the morning. He was eventually placed in a hospital for 10 days fighting a fever. The virus proved to be extremely challenging for the medical staff.

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educators could finally let out a collective deep breath.

of unknowns.

resources readily available to teach remotely.

is calling its online instruction program. Students not

flexible. “Window into the Classroom” is what CSAGH

daily temperature checks, spaced-out desks, scheduled

way,” Puleo said. 

The Christian School Association of Greater Harrisburg

will open on time, on Aug. 18, with

students back to its brick-and-mortar buildings in the fall.

The Harrisburg School District has been trying to do

however, some schools switched gears faster than others.

After weeks of online schooling, students, parents and

Some schools are returning to in-person classroom, while others are sticking to online or some version of

The two schools will open on time, on Aug. 18, with
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and didn’t work,” he said. Children whose daycares were closed. It was a challenge

of the PA Cyber staff consists of parents with young

school, their family life changed significantly,” Hayden said. 

As school districts unveil plans for fall, we expect

Plans for the upcoming school year are fluid and

The plan is for the project to be completed by the start of

Interactive school plans to conduct a hybrid model of learning that is incorporating varying days of

person and virtual classes starting Aug. 31. They have alternate plans prepared in case they decide to move to

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**ARREST FROM A1**

As a Caesar's Intern, the police have taken several actions to help us find the location of the person who has been arrested. The information provided is in a textual format. The text contains references to various locations and events in the Caesar's Intern world, which are not directly related to the real world.

**NEIGHBORS FROM A1**

The police are in charge of enforcing the law in the Caesar's Intern world. They have been called to the scene of the arrest and are currently questioning the suspect. The suspect is said to be cooperating with the investigation.

**2020 census response rates widely vary in Allegheny County**

In the 2020 census, the initial counts from Cook County showed a response rate of 69.8% of households. However, the final counts released by the Census Bureau in 2021 showed a response rate of 69.7%.

**CUMULATIVE SELF-RESPONSE RATES BY CENSUS TRACT**

The self-response rate for the 2020 census varied widely across different census tracts in Allegheny County. The rates ranged from 50.7% to 92.5%. The reasons for these variations are not yet clear, but they may be related to factors such as the presence of language barriers, the availability of digital access, and the level of trust in government agencies.
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ALWAYS ILLUMINATING

by April Liasite

I t was around 8 p.m. this past Tuesday and I was searching the skies in Chestnut Hill for a dawntreader vireo, looking for things I would not find that night, or the day after, or the day after that. I passed a fellow shopper and he shook his head. I said to him “This is strange, isn’t it?” and I couldn’t find the words. But he did.

“It’s like living in another dimension,” he added.

Yes, that was exactly what it felt like, and what I’ve been feeling for the past two weeks since COVID-19 reared its ugly head. I feel the severity and the chaos of the pandemic every time I walk into a mero-

city.

Last Thursday when the governor held a 2 p.m. press conference calling off school for two weeks, I was at Giant within an hour, but it seemed almost an hour too late. Checkout carts stacked toward the rear of the store. Shelves and entire aisles were already empty. I returned there the following day, and an exhausted worker told a tale of a tale about the subsequent Friday morning crowd of patrons:

“People were just taking their cans and scooping whole shelves into their cans, like yogurts, everything,” he recalled, shak-
ing his head.

This has been a trying week for grocery store workers across the country, according to grocers. The problem isn’t so much that supply as it is demand. Despite President Trump’s caution for Americans not to hoard groceries, things have looked apoca-

cy-lyptic, with bare shelves each and every day. Food suppliers nationwide still have plentiful inventory, but getting the ship-

ments delivered quickly enough to keep up with the empty shelving has been the main issue, according to grocers.

“I get goosebumps talking to our mem-

bers,” said Kirsten Bernal, Membership Manager at Weavers Way. Bernal is refer-
ing to the wave of gratitude expressed by customers for the work under taken to keep stores stocked.

“Serving Chestnut Hill, Mount Airy and Springfield Township

by Sylvia Friedman

Shopping in peace is difficult enough, but what do you do when your car is full, you need a half-pint hamburger or a birthday cake for your six-year-old? Fortunately, Chestnut Hill butchers are re-

ning to the occasion.  Twist knives and their own or at Chestnut Hill Cut Cith.

The shop is open for takeout from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., and a staff member will come to the car to retrieve your order. Payments are not made at the time of service. They are made via phone. If during the course of our conversation I discuss, the doctor will come to your car. If that’s not the case, what is?

“There are bumps to our mem-

ber,” said Kristen Samuel, Membership Manager at Women’s Way. Remit is rel-

ting to the sense of gratitude expressed by the women who use our services. (Continued on page 11)

We are working on promising plans to grow our distribution, not only in Chestnut Hill, but in neighboring communities. This was happening up to a deeply missed good friend.

The CHCF has created an emergency fund, and Checks can be made out to CHCF and sent to CHCF Local Office, 8811 Germantown Avenue, Phila, PA 19118. We are asking the Local is not a fatality of the COVID-19 pandemic, but a survival option you can make a contribution to the Local. We are working on promising plans to grow our distribution, not only in Chestnut Hill, but in neighboring communities.

We do whatever we can to survive and hope that you will help to support the service we provide. We have worked hard to create a new membership strategy with the CHCF to create a more knowledgeable alliance to Local for each subscription. We are working on promising plans to grow our distribution, not only in Chestnut Hill, but in neighboring communities. This was happening up to a deeply missed friend.

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store workers across the country, according to grocers.

“We are asking the Chestnut Hill businesses adapt to coronavirus pandemic

Saturday, March 28, 2020

The supply is not the issue,” said Weaver’s Way kitchen manager John Adams. “We honestly had a problem get-
ing anything, but what we are seeing is for

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by Sylvia Friedman

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Kearsa’s new take-out Chestnut Hill Cut Cith, pro-

vides service in full protective gear. (Photo by Sylvia Friedman)

Kasey, a vet tech at Chestnut Hill Cat Clinic, pro-

vides valet service in full protective gear. (Photo by Sylvia Friedman)

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Area houses of worship offer virtual services, prayers to avoid COVID-19

By Sue Ann Rybak

Following the recommendations of the Pennsylvania Department of Health, the Archdiocese of Philadelphia and the Diocese of Scranton, Catholic Church in Chestnut Hill, Our Mother of Consolation Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, and Mt. Airy have expanded services online because they were pre-

About services, Chestnut Hill Church, which usually meets in Giant, has suspended “in-store worship” for the month of March. Following CDC recommenda-

tion, it also canceled community supper and moved all services online.

When asked what the church was doing to help members of the com-

munity, Rev. James Reilly, pastor of Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields, said that they have “created a food pantry for people who are isolated. We are recruiting volunteers for people who are isolated and have canceled all church meetings starting with Mass on Saturday. We are maintaining the recommended six feet of social distance.

Chestnut Hill Church in Chestnut Hill, which usually meets on Sparkside Chestnut Hill Academy’s campus, may have been the first church in the area to cancel public services and move prayer ser-

VICES online because they were pre-

pared from using CDC’s technical. Pastor Paul Lazzara said that they continue to have church services online through Facebook Live and Zoom.

The church has also been trying to reach out to those in need through social media. The Local Community and Food Pantry has started a Facebook page offering people to donate items to collect food and deliver them to people here. Church of St. Martin-in-the-

Fields, 8002 Mt. Sinai Ln., has also done the same. In many cases, it is not easy to find food, and there is no guarantee that it will be delivered on time.

One bit of silver lining? Whole Foods, Fresh Market, 8208 Germantown Ave., has canceled all church meetings starting with Mass on Saturday. We are maintaining the recommended six feet of social distancing, it also canceled community supper and moved all services online.

I am always milk, but try to get in Giant), but locals really love in this grocery crisis. They have their own suppliers to supply their clients, and don’t have to rely on national suppliers gro-

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an entirely different format - cer-

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we two, and worry about our senior citizens for an uncertain time.

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as a Secular Humanist Jewish community in times of socialjustice and human rights, we are responding to this crisis that must reflect our cohesive and our values we deepen o

Folkshul is a wide breadth and relationships with many reli-

We have a wide network of connections occurring right now. A few of our organizations have a particularly hard time dealing with the isolation. One of our

Together with our board and the educational leadership, we have immediately explored digital options that not only deliver

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We also continue to offer curbside service and takeout.

We trained them via Zoom, and they are now delivering that service. We are able to identify families and children where they are nearby.

Many businesses are offering
to continue to order. Takeout, sadly, has hit a low. It is a moral imperati

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Feeding local needs

Langhorne’s Tre Fratelli donates ziti dinners to residents, provides pizza to St. Mary staff

By Samantha Rickimoto

Jim Murray, owner of Langhorne’s Tre Fratelli restaurant, doesn’t want to hear your story. He’s in the middle of the COVID-19 pandemic, just call him up, say, “I’d like the baked ziti family special,” and leave a name for pickup. That’s it. No questions asked.

“Can you believe that somebody that’s struggling, needs something to eat, you don’t have to give us a whole song and dance,” Murray said. “It’s very simple. If you need some food, just ask for it.”

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When it became evident that Wolf wasn’t going to prohibit takeout and delivery anytime soon, Murray knew he had to alter his plan of action if he wanted to stay in business. Thus, the contagion that I see is people against each other. But you know what? There’s a big belief in this world that people are selfish and hurtful and against each other. But you know what? There’s a lot of deliveries that we do locally to folks that are wheelchair-bound or home-bound, elderly ladies and gentlemen that, you know when they come to the door and they get their food and they’re in a walker, that they have not put out and about, and_answers don’t ask. “How are these people going to get to grocery stores in a mad dash to get necessities?”

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According to Murray, this generous offering came after much trial and error.

“At first, he was convinced Tre Fratelli, his pride and joy of 20 years, would be forced to stop operations completely since the situation kept changing at such a rapid pace. Rather than have his stock of food go to waste, he figured, why not donate it?” Murray said.

“Ask for Tre Fratelli’s efforts quickly spread, with individuals who don’t reside in Bucks County contacting Murray to make donations. “I couldn’t believe it,” he said. “This baby don’t even know is telling me how to change her credit card for $350 to put toward us helping people eat.”

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The restaurant’s waitresses, whom Murray had to heartbreakingly put out of work with the situation evolving on an hourly basis. Some of this information may have changed since ‘The Times’ went to print. Please check with individual businesses for updates.

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PEACEFUL PROTEST

Hundreds speak out against racism, police violence

By Dan Sokil

LANSDALE — Hundreds of peaceful protesters made their voices heard on up and down Lansdale’s Main Street Tuesday night.

Residents of all ages and ethnic backgrounds, mostly wearing black and all wearing facial coverings, chanted slogans for more than three hours to make their voices heard as hundreds of others passed by.

“We have to stand together. Racism is not going to end with just us. We need help. We need you guys to stand up,” said Lansdale resident Shaheer Johnson.

“I will not be bullied and pushed out of this establishment or Democrat establishment or Republican establishment or Democrat establishment or Democrat establishment or Republican establishment or Democrat establishment or Democrat establishment or Republican establishment,” navbarclickedin said.

The peaceful protest began around 5 p.m. Tuesday, inspired by a Facebook post from borough resident Josh Nilsen, who said he stood alone on Main Street in solidarity with hundreds of others during a peaceful protest against racism and police violence on Main Street in Lansdale on Tuesday.

A peaceful protester waves a flag reading “Black Lives Matter” as others hold posters and pass by honking their horns to show support during a spontaneous protest on Main Street in Lansdale on Tuesday.

“I am so proud of Lansdale,” he said.

By Bob Keeler

LANSDALE — All the residents of the Crossings at Strawberry were removed from the building after heavy winds blow off part of the roof of the six-story apartment building on Jenkins Avenue between 12:30 p.m. Tuesday.

“They are being taken by bus from here to Pennsylva- nia Middle School and then the American Red Cross will get them somewhere from there,” Fair- haven Volunteer Fire Company Deputy Chief Genn Butler said.

Butler said he didn’t know how quickly the residents might be able to return to their homes.

“My guess would be at least a couple days,” he said.

No one was allowed to return until the building is inspected and found to be structurally sound, he said.

LANSDALE

Apartments complex residents displaced

High winds take part of roof off

Debris blew from the roof of the Crossings at Strawberry Wednesday afternoon and was hauled away by a crew of workers.

Two of the fatalities occurred in Lower Mer- rion Township. One occurred in Lower Mer- rion Township, according to county officials.

The Montgomery County Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Team is assisting at the Lower Merion Township incident, which remained active as of 3 a.m.

Numerous long-term care facilities lost com- mercial power during the storm, and as of 6 p.m.

LANSDALE

Storms kill 3; nearly 140,000 lose power

Hurricane Group

LANSDALE — A line of powerful storms caused serious damage in parts of Montgomery County Wednesday afternoon.

The entire membership of the Nor- thwestern Municipal Council believes that it is in the best interest of Mont- gomery County, Pa., for you to continue to serve as commissioner. We urge you to tender your resignation, effective immediately,” Derrick Perry, borough council president, wrote in a letter ad- dressed to Gale on Tuesday evening.

All seven municipal council mem- bers are Democrats.

Contacted Wednesday morning, Gale responded he will not be “bullied.”

“I was elected in four county-wide elections without the endorsement or support of either the Republican es- tablishment or Democrat establish- ment,” Gale said.

In a June 1 statement titled “Bi- tes & Biting In Philadelphia,” writ- ten on county letterhead, Gale, the lone Republican on the three-member commissioners’ board, responding to protests by the Republican newspa-

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Outraged Democrats seek Gale resignation

Republican county commissioner says ‘I will not be bullied’
Mourners in peaceful protest gather outside the Montgomery County Courthouse in Norristown for the funeral of George Floyd on Tuesday, June 9.

By GREG KARLEN — SPECIAL WRITER
The Associated Press

Philadelphia protests in the wake of George Floyd's death have been prefixed by African-American residents, who are being told to stay in their homes and avoid moving about the city or county on social media.

A police officer has been arrested after allegedly charging a man with a megaphone and shoving him to the ground.

In a statement released Tuesday, the police officer said he was acting in self-defense.

But residents of Philadelphia, where the protests have been occurring since Floyd's death on May 25, have said they did not see any evidence of wrongdoing.

The officer, who was off-duty at the time, was charged with assault.

In a press release, the police department said the officer was placed on administrative leave.

“While we continue to investigate this incident, we are committed to ensuring the public’s safety and well-being in this situation,” the department said.

Philadelphia has been a focal point for protests related to Floyd’s death, with demonstrations across the city and county.

At least 1,000 people were arrested in Philadelphia during protests on May 26, according to the Philadelphia police.

Floyd, a 46-year-old black man, was killed in police custody on May 25 in Minneapolis.

The incident has sparked a nationwide protest movement, with demonstrators calling for accountability for those involved.

The Philadelphia Police Department has made a series of arrests in connection with the protest

The officer in question has not been identified.

The department said the officer is not a member of the police department.

The officer was stopped for a traffic violation on May 26 near the intersection of Germantown and 15th streets.

The officer was off-duty at the time and was not responding to a call.

The department said the officer was not in a patrol vehicle.

The incident was the first time the officer had been arrested.

The department said it will continue to investigate the incident.

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Trade workers look to build opportunities

Mike Williams, left, and Jon Johnson look at the inside of a home being renovated on Market Street in Harrisburg. TLC Construction & Renovations, owned by Tank Casto, is one of the few Black-owned firms in the city. Dan Gleiter | PennLive

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Over the past year, Black leaders have regularly held protest marches outside the fences that surround the site on which the new federal courthouse building in Harris- burg is being built. They march for a bigger piece of a construction pie that, in their view, has been largely unseized to residents of the majority-black city in which the courthouse is rising.

It's an assertive claim.

Labor historians, state studies and workers all agree — for a variety of reasons — construction is a sector that has historically been resistant to the type of social change that has characterized other parts of American society.

That's a problem because the industry is a stepping stone to a solid middle-class life.

The reasons, some say, are as old as racism and cultural tradition in America itself.

Tyron Robinson, operator of ProLink Business Solutions, a Harrisburg firm that helps minority-owned businesses navigate the state contracting process, says the disparity has roots in Jim Crow laws that came as a backlash to Reconstruction-era policies and institutionalized discrimination in hiring, training and access to capital that tended to lock African Americans out of the field for gener- ations.

Firms that filled the vacuum started with mostly white workforces, and over the years have relied heavily on kinship and favoritism to fill their crews. Labor scholars have noted that historically, even construction unions worse-performed when-"only" hiring and training prac- tices.

That was then. But now, even because construction contracting is a business that requires a lot of investment in labor, equipment and supplies — or the financing to get them — you don't find a lot of Black businesses in this field.

Especially businesses that can scale up the size where they can com- pete for large, new-building projects, as opposed to home repair or renovation.

It has sized, at times, been a field where every endeavor could flourish.

"When I started with the Sheet Metal Workers Union, there was almost 100 people in the local, and when I went in to look to see if I could get in, the number was always been down to the numbers with that union," said James Brown, a 40-year veteran of the sector.

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To the end, the series will turn to stakeholders to explore ongoing and addi- tional steps to address long-estranged systems.

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While the days of blatant systemic rac- ism practices among banks and lending institutions may be a thing of the past, Black business leaders say the legacy of those practices — redlining, predatory lending and disproportionately higher rates of interest and loan rejections — continues to impede Black businesses.

In Berks County, there is also a new technical school's Construction Academy's "You can do it, kid" opportunity for new workers, with Keke Powell and others would like to see more of these programs are being con- tinued for the Harrisburg area, Sload pointed to new efforts to try to get more Black contractors say they're up against an ingrained white establishment that has committed to changing racist behavior.

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Jameson Christopher had already run a successful painting business for 11 years when he moved to Harrisburg and started his new business, Trihanson Development. He built his business as a painting subcontractor and has since expanded to run a multi-million dollar company that builds new homes, renovates existing ones, and helps Black-owned businesses get involved in the construction industry.

In Christopher's view, he would like to see more minority-owned businesses get involved in the construction industry, particularly those that are interested in home building. He believes it's important for minority-owned businesses to be involved in home building because it helps to increase minority participation in the construction industry.

Christopher said building his own home was one of the most fulfilling experiences of his life. He enjoyed being able to have a say in the design and construction of his home, and he was able to do so because he had the financial means to do so.

One of the biggest challenges that minority-owned businesses face in the construction industry is getting financing. Many minority-owned businesses do not have the financial resources to take on large construction projects, which is why Christopher believes it's important for banks and other lenders to be more pro-active when it comes to extending credit to minority-owned businesses.

Christopher is also a big advocate for training and education. He believes that it's important for minority-owned businesses to have access to training and education opportunities so that they can learn the skills they need to be successful in the construction industry.

Christopher is a strong believer in the importance of giving back to the community. He believes that it's important for minority-owned businesses to be involved in community service and to give back to the community in which they operate.

Christopher is a big supporter of the Black Construction Owners Association (BCOA) and the Black Contractors Association of Pennsylvania (BCAP). He believes that organizations like these are important because they provide minority-owned businesses with a support system and resources that they might not otherwise have access to.
What motivated you to start your own business?

I started out as a trainer in this big box setting and I met one of the people that I used to train. I met him in that same setting, and the training is different, but the relationships I've built are very similar. The relationships I've built are very strong.

What is the most significant factor in your success? What has been the factor that contributed to the success of your business?

I believe the most significant factor is building relationships. I have built relationships with the clients that I've trained with and I think that the relationships that I've built is what's been a challenge along the way as we try to grow the business. The reason we're there is to offer the clients something that I think they're looking for.

How have you grown your business?

We've grown our business through word of mouth and through referrals. We've also grown our business through social media. We've been able to grow our business in different ways.

Have you been successful in growing your business?

Yes, I think we've been successful. We've been able to grow our business and we've been able to offer the clients something that they're looking for.

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Federal data suggest that the troubling trend isn’t unique to Pennsylvania: a survey published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention last week found that a quarter of young adults between the ages of 18 and 24 – a cohort that includes high school seniors and recent graduates – had contemplated suicide in the month of June.

Adolescent mental health experts say the figures are barely surprising, given the near-total social isolation many young people experienced as COVID-19 wrought illness, job loss and death in their communities.

“Kids receive a lot of support from schools and from peers, and those support channels were cut off,” said David Lillenstein, president of the Association of School Psychologists of Pennsylvania. “They’re left feeling isolated and alone to confront their challenges, and that’s scary.”

Lillenstein and other pediatric health experts point out that the desire to reopen classrooms this fall is motivated by concerns about child health and welfare as much as it is about academics.

Psychologists and pediatricians say children learn and develop best in schools, where they can socialize with peers under the eye of watchful adults.

But, confronted with a failing national testing infrastructure and pressure from teachers unions and some parents, many districts have decided to start the school year online with hopes of eventually resuming in-person instruction.

The state’s Safe2Say hotline, which was created in the wake of the 2018 Parkland, Fla. school shooting to field threats of student violence, saw the number of tips related to suicide and suicidal ideation rise by 18 percent during the 2019-2020 school year compared to the prior year, according to a report published this month by Attorney General Josh Shapiro, whose office oversees the program.

Consistent with last year, concerns about bullying and cyberbullying were the dominant source of tips to the Safe2Say hotline. Calls related to suicide constituted the second-largest share of tips, followed by reports of cutting and self-harm.

The overall share of tips related to suicide and self-harm, however, more than doubled once schools closed statewide in March.

They constituted 17 percent of all tips to Safe2Say between July 2019 and March 2020, and spiked to 37 percent of all tips after March 13, according to the report.
The county manager said it was heartbreaking to watch a video that shows a violent encounter in June 2018 involving correctional officers at the county jail and inmate Shannon Mackey, who died two days later. Pedri issued a statement hours after the video was released publicly. According to the county and jail officials, a number of steps have been taken to improve training and medical screening protocols at the jail. Pedri said. On June 25, 2018, county council approved a $3 million settlement of a civil rights lawsuit brought against the county by Mackey’s family. Council watched the video during a June 16, 2018 session. On Wednesday, council members declined to comment on the video of a staff officer of a black man in this video, I don’t know what rules you’re watching.” The user did not immediately return a message seeking comment, but attorney Theresa Soleman of the Dyke Law Firm, which represented Mackey’s estate in the lawsuit, confirmed the video’s authenticity. Mackey’s children, speaking to the media Wednesday afternoon outside the Wilkes-Barre law firm, said they consented to the release of the video in an effort to get justice for their father. No changes were ever filed in the case, with Luzerne County District Attorney Stefanie Salavantis clearing all participants of wrongdoing. “The DA justifies what’s in the video, and said daughter Tatyjana Mackey, “You see the video, but you don’t see the crime that’s being committed. How don’t I know, because it’s right there. It’s clear. Accountability, that’s what we want. Justice.”
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But so-called panic buying has tapered off, and the retail panic-gut was enough to make up for the loss of food service contracts, according to the International Dairy Foods Association.

Ominously, net demand for dairy products is declining in other channels, notably because of the pandemic, said Jonathan Bloom, a spokeswoman for the Farm Bureau.