



THE SKY ABOVE

KEEP AN EYE TO THE SKY THIS WEEK FOR A CHANCE TO SEE A PLANETARY HANGOUT. FIVE PLANETS — MERCURY, JUPITER, VENUS, URANUS AND MARS — WILL LINE UP NEAR THE MOON. **A2**

NCAA WRESTLING

The making of a champion: Pat Glory's path to a national title

The Princeton senior achieved a lifelong dream earlier this month in Oklahoma.

Bill Evans For Times of Trenton

Brett Harner was Princeton coach Chris Ayres' first All-American in 2016, and Matt Kolodzik was the coach's first big-time recruit.

But when Pat Glory arrived in 2018 — a wrestler from New Jersey ranked No. 1 in the country at his weight class — it was a watershed moment for a program which was on the verge of joining the national conversation.

On March 18, Glory fulfilled all the promise and potential many saw in him when he graduated from Delbarton as a two-time state champion and four-time finalist, winning the NCAA Wrestling Championships 125-pound title with a 4-1 win over Purdue sophomore Matt Ramos, finishing the job after losing to Michigan's Nick Suriano in last year's final.

"Every single kid on this team is training to be a national champion," said Glory days before his college debut. "The coaches said the moment I stepped in the room your goal is to win a national title. Don't let anybody tell you any different. You see guys coming in doing extra lifts, doing the little things big-time Big Ten schools are doing.

"(Seeing Kolodzik) receive a No. 1 ranking makes everything real right now. I can do this. It's not that far-fetched. If Kolodzik



Princeton 125-pounder Pat Glory won in the semifinal round of the NCAA Championships on March 18 at Little Caesars Arena in Detroit. James Kratch, for Times of Trenton

can do it, why not me? I watch his technique, how much lifting he's doing. He's a person to see and relate himself to. He's at the top of the next level and it's great following his example."

Since Glory arrived to headline what turned out to be Princeton's greatest class, this senior group of Tigers:

- ▶ Ended Cornell's 18-year, 92-match Ivy League winning streak;
- ▶ Beat in-state rival Rutgers for the first time in 30 years;
- ▶ Beat a Top-10 team every season;
- ▶ Produced three four-time NCAA qualifiers (Glory, Quincy Monday, Travis Stefanik) and two other wrestlers (Marshall Keller and Grant Cuomo) who qualified once.;
- ▶ Finished Top-15 in the country twice.;
- ▶ Produced two wrestlers who became All-American seven times (Glory and

- Monday).;
- ▶ Produced two national finalists (Glory and Monday three times).;
- ▶ Produced a national champion for the second time ever and the first since 1951.

"Me and Pat, it's been such a ride, he took me to the next level early on, motivated me, I didn't want to get left behind," said Monday.

What did Ayres say in the days before this senior class made its debut?

"Up until about five years ago, I was selling a vision," said Ayres, who was in his 13th year at Princeton. "It took some leaps of faith to commit to us. Matthew Kolodzik was really the first Top-10 recruit we had and he transitioned well. And now you have Pat, who was No. 1, looks at that and says I can do that there, **SEE NCAA WRESTLING, A7**

STATEHOUSE

Committee approves wider use of teacher sick days

Educators would gain access to time off for family emergencies, other reasons.

Adam Clark For Times of Trenton

The veteran teacher accumulated 376 personal sick days before her dying mother's final hours.

But Lisa Rizziello had already exhausted her allotted three personal days and three family sick days last year. The West Windsor teacher couldn't legally tap her vast bank of personal sick days unless she herself was sick or injured.

As her mother's health deteriorated, Rizziello was out of time off.

"I ended up having to go into school to teach on the day my mother died," she wrote in public testimony to state lawmakers. "My heart was broken that I could not be there for her and my father."

State lawmakers cited Rizziello's emotional testimony Thursday as the Assembly Labor Committee advanced a bill (A5060) to begin allowing school employees to use their 10 state-mandated personal sick days per year for family health emergencies and a wide range of other reasons.

The proposal cleared the committee in a 7-1 vote with one abstention.

"I'm a big believer in collective bargaining, but I don't believe we should be collectively bargaining over whether someone that has 370 earned sick days should be able to go take care of an ill mother," said Assemblyman Paul Moriarty, D-Gloucester. "I find that really degrading actually."

Teachers union officials praised the proposal as a commonsense solution to better support educators and their families. But several statewide education groups oppose the plan as written.

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BRISTOL, PA.

Officials: N.J. water system uncontaminated after chemical spill

Approximately 8,100 gallons of hazardous material spilled into a tributary of the Delaware River on Saturday.

Amira Sweilem For Times of Trenton

State and federal officials are monitoring the water quality of the Delaware River following a chemical spill on Saturday near Bristol, Pennsylvania.

New Jersey American Water President

Mark McDonough said the company was keeping a close eye on the situation and, as of Saturday, there were no contaminants found in New Jersey's water system.

"At this time there is no impact to the source water outside of the company's Delaware River Regional Water Treatment Plant," McDonough said in a statement released Saturday.

More than 8,000 gallons of latex finishing material, a water soluble acrylic polymer solution, spilled into Otter Creek Saturday afternoon, with a maximum potential release of 12,000 gallons, according to a statement from the U.S. Coast Guard.

"We are working with the responsible party and local and federal agencies to ensure a safe response effort," Capt. Jonathan Theel, commander of Coast Guard Sector Delaware Bay, said in a statement. "We are also working with our state counterparts in Pennsylvania."

A pipe rupture at Trinseo PLC, a chemical plant in Bristol, Pennsylvania, was the source of the spill, according to a report from 6abc.

Though Philadelphia officials advised Philly residents to drink bottled water, McDonough said New Jersey's water supply had not been affected by the spill.

"The health and safety of our custom-

ers is our top priority," McDonough said in the statement. "We will continue to monitor the source water and provide updates if we receive additional information or there are any developments."

The U.S. Coast Guard is currently working with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to investigate the spill.

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