

# OBITUARIES & NEWS

## Deborah Stubblefield

Deborah Lynn Stubblefield, 68, of Danville, KY passed away Oct. 14, 2025. Visitation: Oct. 21st 12pm-1pm. Funeral: Oct. 21st at 1pm at Southern Oaks Funeral Home. Burial: Mill Springs National Cemetery. Southern Oaks Funeral Home entrusted with arrangements.



Sue Ogrocki | Associated Press

**Brayan Santos**, left, and **Theodore Tanczuk**, right, of solar installer YellowLite, put solar panels on the roof of a home in Lakewood, Ohio, April 16, 2025.

## State attorneys general sue Trump administration for canceled solar program funding

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The attorneys general of more than a dozen states on Thursday sued the Trump administration over the termination of \$7 billion in funding intended for affordable solar energy projects across the U.S.

The coalition, which also included the District of Columbia and other stakeholders, argued in the lawsuit that the Environmental Protection Agency's cancellation of the Solar for All program violated the law governing federal agencies and the constitutional separation of powers.

The program was introduced in 2022 as part of former President Joe Biden's landmark climate law, intended to make the renewable energy accessible to nearly 1 million Americans.

Increasing the use of solar energy reduces reliance on coal, oil and natural gas. Burning these fossil fuels for electricity is a primary driver of climate change globally because they emit greenhouse gases that trap the Earth's heat.

The EPA rescinded the Solar for All funds in August after President Donald Trump's massive tax and spending law passed in Congress a month earlier, with Administrator Lee Zeldin calling the program a "boondoggle."

The EPA said in an email Thursday that it does not comment on pending litigation.

Thursday's filing in the U.S. District Court for the Western District of Washington was led by Washington Attorney General Nick Brown, Minnesota Attorney General Keith Ellison and Arizona Attorney General Kris Mayes, and argues the termination of the funding was unlawful. It names the EPA and Zeldin as defendants.

Joining the lawsuit are the attorneys general in California, Colorado, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, Hawaii, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maine, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Oregon, Rhode Island and Vermont, all of whom are Democrats, as well as the governor of Kentucky, the chair of the Pennsylvania Energy Development Authority, and the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation.

"Congress passed a solar energy program to help make electricity costs more

affordable, but the administration is ignoring the law and focused on the conspiracy theory that climate change is a hoax," Brown said in a statement.

Advocates have touted the program not only for its benefits to lower-income communities needing access to money for clean-energy projects, but also for local workforces and to keep electricity prices reasonable.

"At a time when energy bills are at a record high and only continuing to skyrocket, the Trump Administration is needlessly hampering an industry that can produce safe, reliable, and inexpensive energy," California Attorney General Rob Bonta said in a statement.

A similar group of states filed a separate lawsuit Wednesday in the Court of Federal Claims against the Trump administration arguing that the program funding cancellation is a breach of contract and said they are seeking to recover monetary damages.

This week's litigation ramps up the pressure on the Trump administration over the program. Nonprofit organizations and other groups sued over Solar for All funding for similar reasoning earlier this month, and Harris County in Texas filed a lawsuit last week over its award.

More than two dozen Democratic senators also wrote a letter to Zeldin this week calling for the program to be restored.

Solar for All was affiliated with another \$20 billion in green funding, formally known as the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, terminated by the Trump administration in March.

The canceled \$27 billion is just one example of the efforts the administration has taken against clean energy.

Trump has invested in fossil fuels such as oil, natural gas and coal while slashing climate regulation, standing in the way of clean energy developments and reversing environmental policy.

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## Questioning our connection

**DEAR ANNIE:** I've been married for 28 years, and I'm starting to feel like my husband doesn't love me as much anymore as he once did.

We talk and get along, but it feels like we are more friends instead of lovers. We used to make love all the time. But since we moved in with his dad to take care of him, I'm lucky if we make love once a week. And when we do, it's not the same. It feels rushed and like he's in a hurry to finish.

Am I just overthinking and overreacting? — Lonely in Love

**DEAR LONELY:** You're not overreacting; you're simply noticing a shift in your marriage and longing for the closeness you once had.

Caring for an aging parent is noble but draining, so it makes sense that intimacy has shifted to the back burner. But that doesn't mean it's bound to stay that way forever. Talk to your husband. Tell him you miss him, not just sexually, but emotionally, too. A good couples coun-



**Annie Lane**  
DEAR ANNIE

selor can support you both in getting the conversation going. The flame is still there. Now you two just need to work to reignite the fire.

**DEAR ANNIE:** I was a single mom to my beautiful, autistic daughter for the first eight years of her life. I am now 43. My uncle had autism, so I know it runs in the family. When she was 3, COVID hit, and I became overwhelmed in a small apartment with her. I contacted her father and let him start visiting us every weekend.

I learned that he was very privileged and still lived with his parents — in a much better neighborhood by the beach and near better schools for

our daughter. My parents passed away a long time ago, and I severed ties with the rest of my family a while ago, too.

I let her father take custody, and she's loved by him and his parents. She means everything to them, and I couldn't be happier.

She has every luxury I couldn't offer her and a big family to love her. I guess it's what I wanted as a kid, but I grew up very poor. There was never anything special for me in my family. Even a couple of birthdays went by without my family noticing. I was teased for being poor, too.

Now, my daughter cries for me when I visit. I can't think that I made a mistake. On one hand, I know she deserves a mother, and on the other, if I stay away, I'm securing her future financially. I'm afraid that my involvement with my daughter will hurt her future, but I don't want her to feel abandoned in the meantime.

Is stepping back a time stepping away from the equation? — Puzzled

Mom in Utah

**DEAR PUZZLED MOM:** Being a good parent isn't just about school districts or bank accounts; it's about consistency, love and showing up no matter what. Her father may be able to give her monetary support you can't, but she only has one mom, you.

She obviously loves and misses you — it's why she cries for you when you leave.

Your current custody arrangement doesn't erase your place in her life. Stepping back now will only hurt you both.

Staying involved however you can — phone calls, visits, letters — will assure her that you love her and she has both of her parents in her corner.

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## NYC schools sue US education officials over \$47M grant cuts tied to transgender policies

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New York City schools sued federal education officials Thursday over a decision to discontinue \$47 million in promised grants because of the schools' guidelines supporting transgender students.

City officials said the federal agency led by Education Secretary Linda McMahon cut funding without the required notice or hearing after deciding that policies letting transgender students play sports and use bathrooms matching their gender identity violate Title IX, which forbids discrimination based on sex in education.

The Education Department, in a September letter, set a deadline for New York City Public Schools to change the policies or lose current and future funding for 19 specialty magnet schools.

The existing policies mean "male students who identify as female or transgender are given unqualified access to female intimate spaces," Craig Trainor, the acting assistant secretary for civil rights, said in a letter.

New York City was among

several school districts, including Chicago and Fairfax County in Virginia, to receive such letters. New York City filed its lawsuit in federal court in Manhattan.

School officials maintain that New York City is fully compliant with Title IX and that the federal department's "novel interpretation" conflicts with state and city laws prohibiting discrimination on the basis of gender.

"U.S. DOE's threat to cut off tens of millions of dollars in magnet funding unless we cancelled our protections for transgender and gender expansive students is contrary to federal, state, and local law and, just as importantly, our values as New York City Public Schools," Chancellor Melissa Aviles-Ramos said in a news release.

The 48-page lawsuit asks that the decision to pull the grants be reversed.

"The Department sees no merit in this lawsuit," an Education Department spokesperson responded via email.

The magnet school grant program, the statement said, "requires certification of civil rights compliance,



Alex Brandon | Associated Press

**Education Secretary Linda McMahon** speaks in the Oval Office of the White House before President Donald Trump signs an executive order regarding childhood cancer and the use of AI, Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2025, in Washington.

which we could obviously not do in the face of NYC's continued determination to violate the rights of female students under Title IX."

In a related development, New York State Education Commissioner Betty Rosa this week ordered a school district in the suburbs of New York City to temporarily halt enforcement of its new bathroom restrictions for transgender students.

The New York Civil Liberties Union is challenging

a policy the Massapequa School District imposed last month barring transgender students from using bathrooms and locker rooms that align with their gender identities.

The Long Island school district said in light of Tuesday's order that it will continue to offer a gender-neutral locker room and bathroom option to "any student who will be more comfortable using such a space."

## Trump tells Zelenskyy he's reluctant to sell Ukraine Tomahawk missiles after warning Russia he might

**AAMER MADHANI AND SEUNG MIN KIM**  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump signaled to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Friday that he's leaning against selling long-range Tomahawk missiles to Kyiv, while offering optimism that the war is moving toward an end that would mitigate a need for the powerful weapon.

Zelenskyy at the start of the White House talks said he had a "proposition" in which Ukraine could provide the United States with its

advanced drones, while Washington would sell Kyiv the long-range Tomahawk cruise missiles that Ukrainian officials say they desperately need to motivate Russian President Vladimir Putin to get serious about peace talks.

But Trump said he was hesitant to tap into the U.S. Tomahawk supply, a turnabout after days of suggesting he was seriously weighing sending the missiles to help Ukraine beat back Russia's invasion.

"I have an obligation also to make sure that we're completely stocked up as a

country, because you never know what's going to happen in war and peace," Trump said. He added, "We'd much rather have them not need Tomahawks. We'd much rather have the war be over to be honest."

Zelenskyy and his top aides huddled with Trump and his team over lunch, a day after the U.S. president and Putin held a lengthy phone call to discuss the conflict.

Zelenskyy congratulated Trump over landing last week's ceasefire and hostage deal in Gaza and said Trump now has "momentum" to stop

the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

"President Trump now has a big chance to finish this war," Zelenskyy added.

Trump's shifting rhetoric on Tomahawks is certainly disappointing to the Ukrainians. In recent days, Trump had shown an openness to selling Ukraine the Tomahawks, even as Putin warned that such a move would further strain the U.S.-Russian relationship.

But following Thursday's call with Putin, Trump began downplaying the prospects of Ukraine getting the missiles, which have a range of about 995 miles.

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