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Public Utilities Commission of Ohio  
180 East Broad Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

**RE:** Proof of Publication (Case Nos. 21-637-GA-AIR, 21-638-GA-ALT, 21-639-GA-UNC, and 21-640-GA-AAM)

Dear Examiners:

Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc. ("Columbia") has published notice per the Commission's Entry dated September 9, 2022 in the above-referenced cases. The notices and proof of publication, including a supporting affidavit, are attached.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Joseph M. Clark*

Joseph M. Clark, Assistant General Counsel  
On Behalf of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc.

cc: Parties of Record

# North Korea fires two short-range missiles on eve of Harris trip to Seoul

SEOUL — North Korea fired two short-range ballistic missiles toward its eastern waters on Wednesday, its neighbors said, a day before U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris is to visit South Korea.

Seoul's Joint Chiefs of Staff said in a statement that the North Korean missiles lifted off 10 minutes apart on Wednesday afternoon from its capital region and flew toward the waters off its east coast.

Japanese Vice Defense Minister Toshiro Ino said Japan's military also detected the launches and that the weapons flew in an irregular trajectory.

Mr. Ino said that "North Korea's repeated missile firings amid (Russia's) invasion of Ukraine is impermissible." The South Korean Joint Chiefs of Staff said North Korea's provocations would only

deepen its international isolation while pushing South Korea and the United States to strengthen their deterrence against North Korea.

The launches follow a missile test by North Korea earlier this week.

Ms. Harris is to arrive in South Korea on Thursday for talks with President Yoon Suk Yeol and other officials. She also is to visit the tense border with North Korea, in what U.S. officials call an attempt to underscore the strength of the U.S.-South Korean alliance and the U.S. commitment to "stand beside" South Korea in the face of any North Korea threats.

U.S. and South Korean navy ships were also conducting drills off South Korea's east coast in a show of force against North Korea.

The four-day exercise, which began Monday, in-

volves the nuclear-powered aircraft carrier USS Ronald Reagan.

It is the first training exercise by the allies involving a U.S. aircraft carrier near the Korean Peninsula since 2017.

South Korea-U.S. joint military exercises often draw a furious response from North Korea, which views them as an invasion rehearsal.

A short-range North Korean missile launched Sunday was seen as a response to the U.S.-South Korean training.

South Korea and Japan estimated that the North Korean missiles fired Wednesday flew 185-220 miles with a maximum altitude of 19-30 miles. The low trajectories resembled the flight of the missile fired on Sunday, which some analysts said was likely a nuclear-capable, highly maneuverable weapon modeled after Russia's Iskander missile.

# Terms

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The medical college budget cuts, initially scheduled for Oct. 1, are now "on hold," UT President Dr. Gregory Postel said in an interview Wednesday at the UT Board of Trustees meeting.

The cuts could have included eliminating open and vacant positions, reducing research costs, eliminating travel budgets, and potentially eliminating certain jobs, an email from the UT medical college dean to other UT officials, including Dr. Postel, shows.

The email also notes funds might need to be transferred from the University of Toledo Medical Center to help keep the medical college afloat.

The medical center is the former Medical College of Ohio hospital.

"I wouldn't say the problem is resolved," Dr. Postel said Wednesday. "I would say that it's in a better place, and we're back at the table talking with ProMedica."

He added there was concern ProMedica would continue withholding its monthly payments, which was why UT officials proposed making the \$15 million budget cut — twice what was withheld in August and September. ProMedica has pledged to make its October payment as talks between the parties continue.

The emails show uncertainty over certain payments — and how much was owed to whom under the agreement — in the months before ProMedica pulled the two payments. The records also show escalating tensions after UT confirmed in early September that ProMedica was refusing to make payments.

Attorneys representing UT sent ProMedica a demand letter on Sept. 8. They said ProMedica had "advised UT that it was purposefully refusing to make those, as well as any further, required installment payments, unless and until the parties renegotiate the [affiliation] agreement or develop a new agreement." The letter added that the harms to UT of withholding the payments were "serious and potentially catastrophic."

ProMedica has denied making such a statement

about forcing a new agreement to be signed.

Tracy Stratford, an attorney representing ProMedica, responded Sept. 19 arguing ProMedica isn't withholding the payments. Instead, it withheld the money "to account for UT's refusal to pay portions of ProMedica's Academic Affiliation Investment due back to ProMedica" and fulfill other obligations. He said ProMedica's finance team had also been trying to resolve the issue "for months."

Mr. Stratford added both parties had mutually engaged with consultant group Chartis at UT's request to renegotiate the agreement "because UT was either unwilling or unable to fulfill its obligations" under the deal. Details of the contract with Chartis were not immediately available on Wednesday.

Under the 2015 affiliation agreement, UT agreed to send medical students and residents to ProMedica Toledo Hospital and Toledo Children's Hospital to train, which would help raise the facility's profile as a premier academic medical center. In return, ProMedica would pay the university around \$50 million per year.

The records show uncertainty from UT's perspective about why some ProMedica payments were lower than expected — including a June payment far below the normal monthly amount. They also show ProMedica executives apparently frustrated that fewer residents and fellows were flowing to ProMedica than were called for under the agreement, which was why ProMedica was sometimes paying less.

The emails show UT officials did not seem to realize ProMedica had not made its normal August payment until the end of that month. It was clear by Sept. 1, when another payment was missed, and Matt Schroeder, UT's executive vice president for finance and administration, sent a message to his financial counterpart at ProMedica.

"[C]an you please provide a status update re: the August and September academic affiliation payments?" he wrote. "I'd like for us to get on the same page before this quickly elevates beyond finance."

Contact Luke Ramseth at: lramseth@theblade.com, or on Twitter @lramseth.

# THE NATION

**Biden seeks out dead congressman at talk**

WASHINGTON — President Biden sought out deceased U.S. Rep. Jackie Walorski on Wednesday during remarks at a hunger conference, saying "Where's Jackie?" The White House press secretary later said the congressman had been "top of mind" for the President at the time.

Karine Jean-Pierre did not acknowledge that Mr. Biden had misspoken during his remarks at the White House conference on hunger, nutrition, and health when he looked around the room for Ms. Walorski, the Indiana congressman who died in an August car crash.

Mr. Biden, in his remarks, praised bipartisan lawmakers who worked on addressing childhood hunger, including Rep. Jim McGovern, Sen. Mike Braun, Sen. Cory Booker and Ms. Walorski, who was seen as a leader on the issue before her death.

"Where's Jackie?" Mr. Biden said, suggesting he expected her to be there.

# Mountain lion attacks child in Calif. park

SANTA CLARITA, Calif. — Wildlife officers on Wednesday were tracking a mountain lion that attacked a 7-year-old boy and prompted the closure of a sprawling Southern California park, authorities said.

The child and his father were walking up stairs at Pico Canyon Park near Santa Clarita around dusk on Monday when a cougar emerged from brush and bit the boy on the buttocks, said Capt. Patrick Foy with the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Captain Foy said the father, who was walking behind, heard his son cry out and charged toward the big cat. "The lion let go and retreated back into the brush," he said.

The boy was taken to a hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening, Captain Foy said.

# Friday Mega Millions estimated to be \$355M

ATLANTA — The Mega Millions jackpot for Friday will be an estimated \$355 million because no tickets sold in Tuesday's game had their numbers drawn (8, 14, 24, 43, 51, mega ball 9).

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# Nobel

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Mr. Meldal, 68, based at the University of Copenhagen, and Mr. Sharpless, who is affiliated with Scripps Research in California, independently found the first such candidates that would easily snap together with each other but not with other molecules, leading to applications in the manufacture of medicines and polymers.

Ms. Bertozzi, 55, who is based at Stanford University, “took click chemistry to a new level,” the Nobel panel said, by finding a way to make the process work inside living organisms without disrupting them.

The goal is “doing chemistry inside human patients to make sure that drugs go to the right place and stay away from the wrong place,” she said at a news conference following the announcement.

The award was a shock, she said. “I’m still not entirely positive that it’s real, but it’s getting realer by the minute.”

Later, speaking to the Associated Press by Zoom, Ms. Bertozzi said one of the first people she called after she was awakened by the call about 2 a.m. was her father, William Bertozzi, a retired physicist and night owl, who was still awake watching TV.

“Dad, turn down the TV, I have something to tell you,” she said she told him. After she assured him nothing was wrong, he guessed the news. “You won it, didn’t you?”

One of three daughters, Ms. Bertozzi said she was “fortunate because I grew up with parents that were very supportive, evangelical almost, about having their girls participate in the sciences.”

Ms. Bertozzi, who is paid by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, which also supports the Associated Press’ Health and Science Department, said she was grateful for the energy and enthusiasm that a Nobel Prize win will inject into the



Stanford Professor Carolyn Bertozzi discusses her research shortly after learning she was awarded the Nobel Prize in chemistry on Wednesday in Palo Alto, Calif.

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Nobel Prize in chemistry winner Morten Meldal meets the press in front of the entrance to University of Copenhagen, Denmark, on Wednesday.

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field.

Mr. Meldal said he received the call from the Nobel panel about half an hour before the public announcement. “They ... told me not to tell anyone,” he said, adding that he just sat in his office, shaking a bit.

Jon Lorsch, director of the U.S. National Institute of General Medical Sciences, which supports the work of Ms. Bertozzi and Mr. Sharpless, described click chemistry as “sort of like molecular Lego — you have a group on one molecule that specifically attaches to a group on another molecule,” like Lego clicking together.

“That makes it possible to attach molecules in very specific, predefined ways,” he said, and gives scientists a very precise tool to build complex new molecules for use in drugs, synthetic materials, and other uses.

However, the first iteration of click chemistry could not be used with living cells. “The original click chemistry used copper as a catalyst to join molecules,” Mr. Lorsch said. “But the trouble is that copper is toxic to most living systems at higher concentrations.”

Ms. Bertozzi then devised a way to jumpstart the reactions

without copper or other toxic solvents — broadening the applications to human and animal tissues.

“Being able to work without dangerous solvents, opened many new doors — it enabled scientists to work on new types of reactions that actually take place within the human body,” said Angela Wilson, president of the American Chemical Society.

That has allowed scientists to attach dyes to cancer cells to track their movements and analyze how they differ from healthy tissue.

Mr. Sharpless credited his passion for looking for the impossible and not accepting limits for helping him stumble upon his discoveries.

“I’m just really lucky to have a photographic memory and love the periodic table,” he told a virtual news conference from his home in the San Diego suburb of La Jolla. “Prizes aren’t what I’m doing science for. ... I have to do it. It’s kind of a compulsion.”

A week of Nobel Prize announcements kicked off Monday. The prizes carry a cash award nearly \$900,000, and will be handed out on Dec. 10. The money comes from a bequest left by the prize’s creator, Swedish inventor Alfred Nobel, in 1895.

## UKRAINE: EVIDENCE OF TORTURE FOUND

# Putin annexes 4 regions, plans to ‘reclaim’ more

BLADE NEWS SERVICES

KYIV, Ukraine — Russian President Vladimir Putin signed the final papers Wednesday to annex four regions of Ukraine while his military struggled to control the new territory that was added in violation of international law.

Ukrainian law enforcement officials, meanwhile, reported discovering more evidence of torture and killings in areas retaken from Russian forces.

In Lyman, an eastern town that was liberated after more than four months of occupation by Russian forces, residents emerged from their destroyed homes to receive packages of food and medicine.

In a defiant move, the Kremlin held the door open for further land grabs in Ukraine.

Speaking in a conference call with reporters, Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said that “certain territories will be reclaimed, and we will keep consulting residents who would be eager to embrace Russia.”

Mr. Peskov did not specify which additional Ukrainian territories Moscow is eyeing, and he wouldn’t say if the Kremlin planned to organize more such “referendums.”

Mr. Putin last week signed treaties that purported to absorb Ukraine’s Donetsk, Luhansk, Kherson, and Zaporizhzhia regions into Russia. The annexation followed Kremlin-orchestrated “referendums” in Ukraine that the Ukrainian government and the West have dismissed as illegitimate.

The Russian president defended the validity of the vote, saying it’s “more than

convincing” and “absolutely transparent and not subject to any doubt.”

“This is objective data on people’s mood,” Mr. Putin said Wednesday during an event dedicated to teachers, adding that he was pleasantly “surprised” by the results.

Mr. Putin also signed a decree Wednesday declaring that Russia was taking over the Zaporizhzhia Nuclear Power Plant, the largest in Europe.

Ukraine’s Foreign Ministry called it a criminal act and said it considered Mr. Putin’s decree “null and void.”

The state nuclear operator said it will continue to operate the plant, which was occupied by Russian forces early in the war.

On the ground, Russia faced mounting setbacks, with Ukrainian forces retaking more and more land in the eastern and southern regions that Moscow now insists are its own.

The precise borders of the areas Moscow is claiming remain unclear, but Mr. Putin has vowed to defend Russia’s territory — including the annexed regions — with any means at his military’s disposal, including nuclear weapons.

Shortly after Mr. Putin signed the annexation legislation, the head of Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky’s office, Andriy Yermak, wrote on his Telegram channel that “the worthless decisions of the terrorist country are not worth the paper they are signed on.”

“A collective insane asylum can continue to live in a fictional world,” Mr. Yermak added.

# Food

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support for this has grown tremendously,” said Dana Gunders, executive director of ReFED, a New York-based nonprofit that studies food waste.

The United Nations estimates that 17 percent of global food production is wasted each year; most of that comes from households. In the United States, as much as 35 percent of food available goes uneaten, ReFED says. That adds up to a lot of wasted energy — including the water, land, and labor that goes into food production — and higher greenhouse-gas emissions when unwanted food goes into landfills.

Food gets wasted for many reasons, from large portion sizes to customers’ rejection of imperfect produce. But ReFED estimates that 7 percent of U.S. food waste — or 4 million tons annually — is because of consumer confusion over “best before” labels.

Manufacturers widely adopted date labels in the 1970s to answer consumers’ concerns about product freshness. There are no federal rules governing them, and manufacturers are allowed to determine when they believe their products will taste best. Only infant formula is required to have a “use by” date in the United States.

Since 2019, the Food and Drug Administration — which regulates about 80 percent of U.S. food — has recommended that manufacturers use the labels “best if used by” for freshness and “use by” for perishable goods, based on surveys that show consumers understand those phrases.

But the effort is voluntary, and the language on labels still varies widely, from “sell by” to “enjoy by” to “freshest before.”

A survey released in June by researchers at the University of Maryland found at least 50 different date labels used on U.S. grocery shelves and confusion among customers.

“Most people believe that if it says ‘sell by,’ ‘best by,’ or ‘expiration,’ you can’t eat any of

them. That’s not actually accurate,” said Richard Lipsit, who owns a Grocery Outlet store in Pleasanton, Calif., that specializes in discounted food.

Mr. Lipsit said milk can be safely consumed up to a week after its “use by” date. Ms. Gunders said canned goods and many other packaged foods can be safely eaten for years after their “best before” date. The FDA suggests consumers look for changes in color, consistency, or texture to determine if foods are all right to eat.

“Our bodies are very well-equipped to recognize the signs of decay, when food is past its edible point,” Ms. Gunders said. “We’ve lost trust in those senses, and we’ve replaced it with trust in these dates.”

Some chains have shifted their store brands to standardized “best if used by” and “use by” labels. The Consumer Brands Association — which represents companies like General Mills and Dole — encourages members to use those labels.

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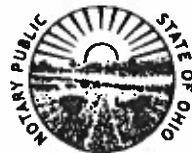
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On this day, the 11 day of October 2022 before me, Chana L. Powell, the undersigned Notary Public, personally appeared Walt Dozier, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name was subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed it.

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