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THE DEATH OF JONATHAN LUNA | 20 YEARS LATER



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Jonathan Luna, a Baltimore federal prosecutor, is buried in the Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens in the Baltimore suburb of Timonium, Maryland, about 60 miles southwest of where his body was found 20 years ago. A bronze plaque about 20 by 30 inches in the Fallen Heroes section of the cemetery marks the grave, seen Nov. 21. It is inscribed with "The Lord is my shepherd" and decorated with flowers.



2 CASES, NO JUSTICE

TWO FEDERAL PROSECUTORS' DEATHS REMAIN A MYSTERY — ONE STILL AN ACTIVE INVESTIGATION, ONE MIRED IN CONTROVERSY

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Two federal prosecutors.

Two untimely deaths. Two decades later, no one has been brought to justice in either case.

There, largely, the similarities end.

One case is being actively investigated, regularly making the news. That's the case of Seattle prosecutor Thomas Wales.

How the other case is being handled is less straightforward. That's the case of Jonathan Luna, the Baltimore prosecutor whose body was found in Lancaster County 20 years ago.

IN MONDAY'S LNP

The lack of a clear resolution makes Luna's case ripe for conspiracy theories.

Former Baltimore reporter hopes for "final resolution."

Wales' death was clearly an assassination.

Late in the night of Oct. 11, 2001, someone shot Wales through the basement window of his Seattle home. Wales, 49, died the next day in the hospital.

Luna's death is less clearly defined.

In the early morning of Dec. 4, 2003, Luna, 38, was found face down in a small stream in a remote

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ABOVE: Thomas Wales, left, was shot Oct. 11, 2001, as he worked in the basement of his Seattle home. Jonathan Luna, right, was found dead in a creek Dec. 4, 2003, in Brecknock Township in northern Lancaster County.

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Firearms deer season opener a mixed bag

How did the deer season opener go for you?

If you're a Pennsylvania hunter, that's probably the question you've heard most often since the firearms deer season opened Nov. 25.

And now that we can hunt Sunday — the day after opening day — "deer season opener" nowadays generally covers the full opening weekend.

So how was the 2023



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opener?

As best I can tell from surveying many social media sites and enthusiast pages, it

was like all others.

It was the best opener ever if you saw lots of deer and heard lots of shooting.

Or it was the worst opener ever if you saw few deer and heard few shots.

Here are two posts from the "PA Deer Hunting" Facebook page.

Jacob Hulburt of north-central Pennsylvania wrote, "Saw more deer (opening day) than I ever have in a single day of hunting before,

but no shooters. I lost count, but estimate 30-35 deer seen from my stand."

A short time later on the page, Sean Withers of Pittsburgh posted, "Rifle season is a joke! No hunters and no shooting."

Where I was hunting in western Chester County, it was a pretty quiet day.

I was out hunting with a bow and arrow, which I'm sure put me in the minority

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CAMPAIGN FINANCE

Trump nets most local cash

Far outraises challengers in the 2024 Republican primary, as well as Biden

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Brandi Tomasetti, secretary and treasurer for Conestoga Township, donated to Donald Trump's first presidential campaign in 2016. She donated again in 2020 and is backing the former president's 2024 bid to return to the White House.

Her past donations, she said, earned her invitations to two private campaign events this year: a September campaign fundraiser in Philadelphia and

a fundraiser last month at Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida, which raised \$6 million total, according to Politico.

Tomasetti said she gave the Trump campaign \$450 in August to help Trump fend off the crowded 2024 Republican primary field so he can "finish what he started" as president.

Her sentiment appears to be popular in Lancaster County, where more than four-fifths of the \$367,000 given to all the major

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DONALD TRUMP RAISES MOST MONEY IN LANCASTER COUNTY

Former President Donald Trump received \$302,685 from 145 county contributors this year, according to campaign finance reports for the first nine months of 2023. His challengers for the Republican nomination raised only a combined \$43,782 from 121 contributors.

Candidate	Total	Individual Contributors
Donald Trump (R)	\$302,685	145
Joe Biden (D)	\$18,214	24
Ron DeSantis (R)	\$17,549	15
Nikki Haley (R)	\$11,094	78
Tim Scott (R) (withdrawn)	\$5,810	10
Vivek Ramaswamy (R)	\$4,481	10
Doug Burgum (R)	\$3,300	1
Chris Christie (R)	\$1,536	4
Robert F. Kennedy Jr. (I)	\$1,043	4
Asa Hutchinson (R)	\$12	3
Chase Oliver (L)	\$0	0
Jill Stein (G)	\$0	0
Cornel West (I)	\$0	0
Ryan Binkley (R)	\$0	0
Marianne Williamson (D)	\$0	0
Dean Phillips (D)	\$0	0

SOURCE: FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION CAMPAIGN FINANCE REPORTS FOR JAN. 1 TO SEPT. 30.

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