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E-File

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Matthew Homsher, Secretary
Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission
Commonwealth Keystone Building
400 North Street, 2nd Floor North
Harrisburg, PA 17120

**Re: Letter Of Notification Of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation, Filed Pursuant To 52 Pa. Code Chapter 57 Subchapter G, For Approval To Rebuild Approximately 1.1 Miles Of New Parallel Double Circuit 230 kV Transmission Taps That Are Needed To Connect The Existing Susquehanna-Harwood #1 & #2 Transmission Lines On The New Tomhicken 230 kV Switchyard That Are Respectively Located In Luzerne County, Pennsylvania
Docket Nos. A-2025-3059443**

Dear Secretary Homsher:

On behalf of PPL Electric Utilities Corporation ("PPL Electric" or the "Company"), enclosed please find the Affidavits and Proofs of Publication indicating that the Evidentiary Hearing Notice for the above-referenced proceeding was published in the Wilkes Barre Times Leader on August 27, 2026 and September 2, 2026, and in the Hazelton Standard Speaker and Wilkes Barre Citizens' Voice on August 28, 2026 and September 4, 2026.

Per the August 25, 2026 email from Attorney Garrett Lent at Post & Schell to Administrative Law Judge John Coogan and Administrative Law Judge Erin Gannon, PPL Electric had inadvertently not published the Evidentiary Hearing Notice pursuant to the direction in the Scheduling Order in this proceeding. However, the Company arranged for publication of the Notice immediately upon realization of the deficiency.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Shafer", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

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Enclosures

6A Thursday, August 27, 2026

NEWS

Times Leader

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Father says son was killed by police after going to wrong house

By Holly Ramer
and Kate Brumback
The Associated Press

A 22-year-old college student killed by Pennsylvania police responding to a possible burglary had just realized he was at the wrong home and was waiting for friends to come get him when he was shot, his father said Wednesday.

Police in Upper Pottsgrove Township, northwest of Philadelphia, responded around 12:30 a.m. Sunday to a 911 call about a possible break-in attempt, according to the Montgomery County district attorney's office. The office said in a statement that police found Glenwood Pysker IV at the rear of the home and ultimately shot and killed him.

Pysker's father, Glen Pysker, said his son and his friends had visited

several bars earlier in the evening and were splitting up to spend the night in two homes when his son took a wrong turn in the woods. Based on what he has been told by his son's friends, Pysker believes his son mistakenly tried to enter what he thought was his friend's house.

His son wasn't carrying any weapons, just a phone and backpack containing clothing and a few beers, he said.

"He tried to open the doorknob and obviously startled the homeowner," he said. "From what we understand, he announced, 'Hey! Open the door!' because he thought he was at his friend's house."

Pysker then sat down on the back porch and contacted his friends, who realized he was in the wrong place and set out to find him. But minutes



The Upper Pottsgrove Twp. police station on Wednesday.

AP Photo

later, they saw police and emergency vehicles and figured their friend would be arrested for public drunkenness. Instead, he was shot.

"At 12:32 a.m. my son was on a FaceTime call with his friends that were coming to get him," he said. "We were told that my son was shot at 12:35 a.m. So what kind of encounter could have ensued? What kind of communication could that officer have given him?"

A Montgomery County Department of Public Safety dispatch record shows police were dispatched at 12:30 a.m. and arrived at 12:34 a.m. Upper Pottsgrove Township Police Chief Al Werner declined to release any information, including the names of any officers involved, until the

investigation is complete. The Montgomery County Detective Bureau is investigating the shooting, the district attorney's office said.

The shooting by police checking a report of a possible break-in is sharply distinguished from several other cases in which residents have shot people who mistakenly showed up at their homes.

Pysker was about to begin his senior year at Saint Elizabeth University in New Jersey, where he planned to play baseball. His goal was to become a high school history teacher and coach after graduation.

His father described him as a kindhearted, loving kid who could be a "knucklehead" but enjoyed helping others. Since the shooting, former

teammates, coaches and others have been texting his father to share their memories of him.

"One young man in particular texted me and said, 'I was going through a lot of really difficult things in my life. I was going the wrong way. And your son is the one who helped me put my life on track,'" the father said. "He will be sadly missed in his community."

Pysker said police have given the family almost no information. On Wednesday, he called asking whether he could retrieve his son's favorite pair of black shoes to bury him in and was told that could be arranged.

"Then I got a call back saying they have to think about it," he said. "They don't know if they can give them to me."

Hires

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Approvals were also made for several applications for LSA grants, for the solicitor to update the ordinance regarding tax collector fees and payments, for the solicitor to update the ordinance regarding refuse collection for private haulers, and to move forward with addressing a hazard involving electrical wires in stormwater pipes.

Public comment

Five residents spoke during public discussion. Melissa Wozas used her time to highlight issues with a neighboring trailer park, including water runoff into storm drains and other issues she felt needed to be addressed by the borough. It was also mentioned the runoff is evident during the winter, when it creates hazardous road conditions.

Officials said these would be handled by code enforcement, which was "up in the air" until later in the meeting, when Advanced Code Consultants was officially hired.

Absent from the meeting were Borough Council President Dave Delaney and Vice President Clarence Hogan. Mayor Jason Simson provided the police report, and other committee reports were provided by council members Robinn Mikolic, Brandon Harris, Charles West, and Lewis Evans.

Boxes

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because the council does not have a say in the matter. Voters do not need drop boxes because they have access to mailboxes and post offices throughout the county, he said.

Williams pushed back on the mailbox argument, saying many prefer drop boxes because they are assured their ballots will be retrieved and delivered

directly to the county election bureau by county staff. With drop boxes, there is no worry ballots will "get lost in the mail" or arrive in the election bureau after the 8 p.m. deadline on Election Day, she said.

A fierce proponent of drop boxes in her past role as election board chair, Williams said she had nothing to do with seeking the current resolution but fully supports it.

During her time on the election board, members

listened to and addressed public concerns by implementing protocols that included video surveillance cameras at drop box sites and spot-checks of video footage, she said.

Haas agreed with Lembar's stance, saying drop boxes invite more "unnecessary controversy" and increase costs and staff time to retrieve the ballots.

Haas said the argument that drop boxes make voting convenient does not carry weight with him

because he believes people sometimes have to "show up and participate" in their government.

"I see this DoorDash of society. Now we have to DoorDash our votes," Haas said.

Krusnowski said voters cannot guarantee their ballots will make it to the election bureau by mail. Many elderly people use drop boxes, she noted.

Bryn Smith said she is "extraordinarily in favor" of the resolution and believes drop boxes "will only get better" with new technology.

Access to voting should be expanded, not made more difficult, she said. "I'd like to be on the right side of history on voting rights," Bryn Smith said.

The county has two drop box locations inside county-owned properties: the Broad Street Business Exchange Building in Hazleton and the Penn Place Building in Wilkes-Barre. A box is also set up

inside the election bureau on the second floor of Penn Place.

Standard mailbox-style drop boxes are used in Hazleton and the county Election Bureau. The Penn Place lobby box captures photographs of both the face of the person at the box and each side of the envelope inserted, along with the date and time the images were captured. Purchased for \$12,000 from Runbeck Election Services, the box also has multiple points of internal fire suppression in the event an explosive material is somehow inserted through the opening. The slot itself is fitted to the width of a mail ballot envelope to prevent the insertion of more than one ballot at a time.

County Manager Romilda Crocarno told council she will work with the election board to implement any decision the board makes about drop boxes, including the number and type of boxes and their location. Because

the mailbox-style boxes are "antiquated," the county would have to budget approximately \$12,000 for each new box like the one at Penn Place, she said.

"If the board wants additional drop boxes, and they find locations that will take drop boxes, we will deploy them," Crocarno said.

The election board is not scheduled to meet again until Sept. 16. The deadline to issue general election mail ballots is Oct. 20, although county Election Director Emily Cook has been getting them out before the deadline, when possible, to ensure voters have ample time to receive and return them by regular mail.

Election Board Chairwoman Christine Boyle has said she cannot speculate on the matter at this time.

"If council has something it is going to put officially before the board, the board will then consider if and how to address it," Boyle has said.

Curry

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and Susan Sarandon.

The show was ahead of its time in terms of its representation of LGBTQ+ characters and has entered the pop culture lexicon for its many iconic and memorable scenes, including the song "The Time Warp," which has been covered by handfulls of artists, and the often-quoted phrase, "Dammit, Janet!" The show was twice revived on Broadway, most recently in 2026 with Luke Evans playing Frank-N-Furter.

"He was a force, a bright fierce flame, an exquisite charm and that rich vocal tone," Evans wrote on Instagram. "I hope, wherever you are, you'd approve of one more Frank having the time of his life in those heels."

Tim Curry's take on Frank-N-Furter
Curry's Frank-N-Furter

but that almost wasn't the case. He said he tried German and American accents but pivoted after he heard a British woman on a bus talking with her friend.

"I met a woman on a bus who said, 'Do you have a house in town or a house in the country' and I thought, 'That's the voice!'" he told LA Magazine in 2015.

For many years after the film's premiere, the British-born actor declined to discuss it. He didn't participate in activities promoting the film, which morphed into an interactive event at midnight shows. But he later warmed again to the project and embraced it at public events. Asked by LA Magazine how he viewed "Rocky Horror," he responded: "With a sort of bemused tolerance. It's neither a blessing nor a curse. I was lucky to get it."

Curry's Broadway career included starring in

ties" in 1975-76, playing Mozart opposite Ian McKellen's Antonio Salieri in Peter Shaffer's "Amadeus" and King Arthur in the 2005 production of "Spamalot." The New York Times said his "stalwart, plummy-voiced Arthur wears a smile as inflexible as armor." He also played Scrooge in "A Christmas Carol," at the Theater at Madison Square Garden in 2001.

His screen credits included starring as the child-killing monster in the 1990 miniseries version of Stephen King's horror novel "It," as a medical officer in "The Hunt for Red October" in 1990 and the double-dealing Cardinal Richelieu in 1993's "The Three Musketeers" with Kiefer Sutherland, Charlie Sheen and Chris O'Donnell.

"Tim Curry was someone I cared deeply about, he was someone I loved working with and I am so lucky to have these memories," Sutherland said in a

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LIFE

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AP Photo
Danil Mireskin, Ukraine National Guard First corps Azov serviceman, and actor, plays the part of warrior king Odysseus, is held by another actor as they perform their final rehearsal of 'Odyssey, Maeotis,' which reimagines Homer's epic, at Ivan Franko theater in Kyiv, Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2026.

A theater is reimagining Homer's Odyssey through the agony of Ukraine's war

By Vasilisa Stepanenko
The Associated Press

KYIV, Ukraine — War's timeless ache — death, captivity, the agonizing wait and the pull of home — has found a new stage in wartime Kyiv, with Homer's epic reimagined as a contemporary Ukrainian odyssey.

The play "Odysseus, Maeotis" is ready to open in the Ukrainian capital as the ancient tale enjoys a global moment with Christopher Nolan's IMAX spectacle and box-office hit "The Odyssey" starring Matt Damon.

In Kyiv, the story is performed by professional actors and active-duty soldiers, including Danil Mireskin, a serviceman who plays the warrior king Odysseus. "I think this combination of myth and modernity allows us to draw parallels and understand just how critical the question of return is: the return of military personnel to civilian life, the return of our territories and the return of ourselves to our true identity as Ukrainians," Mireskin said.

The actor spoke to The Associated after a final rehearsal Tuesday, ahead of a premiere that has been repeatedly delayed due to successive Russian attacks. "This story helps us talk about these topics, which, as it turns out, haven't lost any of their relevance," Mireskin said.

Drones and killing machines as modern monsters

The staging at the Ivan Franko National Academic Drama Theater is designed to be austere and unsettling.



AP Photo
Ukrainian actress Daryna Leheida, who plays Penelope, performs during the final rehearsal of 'Odyssey, Maeotis,' which reimagines Homer's epic, at Ivan Franko theater in Kyiv, Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2026.

Against a darkened set laced with neon light bars, projections wash over the actors themselves. The monsters of the original — the Cyclops and the sirens — are replaced by drones that buzz across the stage and models of robotic war machines.

The play unfolds in parallel: Odysseus' punishing journey and the long wait at home by his wife, Penelope.

Director Ivan Uryvskyi is candid about how the play recasts the ancient poem's themes of return and those trapped in exile and captivity.

"Of course, very little of Homer's original text remains here, because the play was written from scratch. We simply took the core narrative — Odysseus' return home," he said.

At the edge of the known world

An additional Greek reference is carried in the play's title: "Maeotis" is an ancient name for the Sea of Azov, taken from the people who lived along its shores, a place once considered to be the edge of the known world. The sea is home to

Mariupol, the port city seized by Russia after a 2022 siege, and the play is based on accounts by its defenders from the Azov brigade, now part of the 1st Corps Azov — a part of the National Guard of Ukraine.

Mireskin, the lead actor, and playwright Oleksii Dorychevskyi are members of the 1st Corps Azov. Dorychevskyi drew on a year of interviews with former prisoners of war for the production. According to the Corps, an estimated 600 Azov brigade servicemen are among the thousands still in Russian captivity.

For Daryna Leheida, who plays Penelope, the ancient queen's plight resonates with the stories of women in Ukraine who wait for loved ones to return. "It's about the fate of Ukrainian women who wait, believe and hope, but who can also feel powerless, hopeless and stripped of faith," Leheida said.

"It's about the temporarily occupied land waiting to come back home," she said. "It's about the children and people who are waiting, what we face during this waiting and the toll that war takes on us."

Overthinking

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And if you find yourself missing the moment in social situations, such as on a date, you can adapt the mindfulness meditation.

In such situations, we tend to overanalyze because the focus is on ourselves. We might wonder, "How am I coming across?" "What should I say next?"

In such cases, meditation just means consciously listening to the other person. "If we take a genuine interest in the person we're talking to,

disappears," says Schlemmback.

Another tip for combating overthinking is just to write down everything that's swirling round in your head. "Once I've put it down on paper, I no longer have to juggle everything in my head."

However, if the rumination is causing you significant distress, Schlemmback advises finding out what purpose it serves for you personally and working through the underlying patterns, accompanied by professional support if necessary.

Handling stress better

handle on stress include exercise, taking control and connecting with people, according to Britain's National Health Service (NHS).

Further tips are to challenge yourself, take time for yourself and avoid unhealthy habits such as drinking or smoking.

You may also find it helpful to work smarter, rather than harder, and accept you may not be able to do everything on your list.

In general, try and think positively, the NHS says.

Some also find it helps to provide support to others, if you have time to

Swoyersville Kiwanis presents Good Samaritan Award



Submitted Photo
Shown from left are Gene Breznay, Autumn Harrison, Good Samaritan Award winner Johanna Harrison, and Kiwanis President Kathy Breznay.

Staff Report

Swoyersville Kiwanis Club recently honored a local resident for coming to the aid of a woman on a street in Forty Fort. Johanna Harrison came across a woman on a street corner who was having a medical emergency and stepped in to assist. Her training as an occupational therapist allowed her to render service needed until fam-

ily and EMT personnel arrived. Her quick work helped keep this from turning into a tragic episode. Harrison was honored

at a recent dinner meeting and presented with the Swoyersville Kiwanis Good Samaritan Award Certificate and a monetary gift from the club.



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THE TIMES LEADER

(Under Act of No. 587, approved May 16, 1929)

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Mary Allison Shubilla, being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that he/she is the bookkeeper of The Times Leader, a daily newspaper published in the City of Wilkes-Barre, County and State aforesaid, by Avant Publications, LLC, that said The Times Leader was established in 1939, and that the printed notice or publication hereto attached is exactly as printed in the regular edition of The Times Leader on the following date(s):

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of September, 2026

[Signature]

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ELECTION 2026

Republicans face a midterm verdict

Iran war drags on months longer than Trump promised

By Mike Catalini
and Steven Sloan
ASSOCIATED PRESS

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — Mike Gibbons sat out the presidential election two years ago, frustrated that Democrat Kamala Harris did not take a stronger stand against Israel's war in Gaza and unable to bring himself to cast a vote for Republican Donald Trump.

That is not his plan this year.

The 33-year-old restaurant server in this eastern Pennsylvania town that once

housed one of the world's largest steelmakers is eager to vote for any Democrat he can in November. As the war with Iran that Trump initially said would last weeks surpasses six months on Friday, Gibbons is feeling the fallout every time he fills his tank at nearly \$1 per gallon more than last year.

"The price of gas affects the price of everything and the price of everything's up and my pay hasn't gone up," he said. "I'm doing blue no matter who this time."

The Iran war has reshaped the rapidly approaching

midterm elections, undermining Trump's campaign

pledge to steer clear of foreign

conflicts and challenging

Republicans who would

rather focus on their tax cuts

as they cling to narrow major-



Lucienna Lowe of Sugarloaf Orchards, whose family has been farming since 1846, talks to a customer at the State Farmers Market in Raleigh, N.C., on Aug. 21. ALLEN G. BREED/ASSOCIATED PRESS

ities in Congress.

While the president's supporters are undeterred, the war's unpopularity and economic ripple effects could tilt the scales in tightly contested U.S. House districts like the one in Bethlehem, where Republican Rep. Ryan Mackenzie is one of this year's most vulnerable incumbents.

Midterm elections are always difficult for the party in power in Washington. But interviews with voters around the country show how a war that Trump expected to end with a swift victory could undermine the final years of his presidency.

MANY U.S. ADULTS SAY THE WAR HAS NOT BEEN WORTH FIGHTING

About two-thirds of U.S. adults say the war with Iran has not been worth fighting, according to a July poll from The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research. That includes the vast majority of Democrats and independents, as well as more than one-third of Republicans.

Although Trump has long criticized Iran's leadership, he did little to prepare Americans or allies for such a lengthy conflict. Republican President George W. Bush, for instance, spent more than a year making a case for launching a war in Iraq through speeches and attempts to build an interna-

tional coalition. Trump did none of that.

Trump has refused to acknowledge the war's cost, saying this month he would "never apologize" for higher prices stemming from it and insisting he did "the right thing" to prevent Iran from obtaining a nuclear weapon. His administration announced new sanctions this week in an attempt to further isolate Tehran.

In Congress, Republicans have shifted from initially cheerleading Trump's moves in Iran to expressing concern about the toll of the war. But the party has largely unified to block measures that would curb Trump's war powers and leaders have shown no interest in cutting off money for Iran to expressing concern about the toll of the war. But the party has largely unified to block measures that would curb Trump's war powers and leaders have shown no interest in cutting off money for Iran to expressing concern about the toll of the war. But the party has largely unified to block measures that would curb Trump's war powers and leaders have shown no interest in cutting off money for Iran to expressing concern about the toll of the war.

Democrats who were blamed just two years ago for presiding over high prices see an opportunity to turn the issue back on their opponents. As part of his comeback U.S. Senate bid in Ohio, Sherrod Brown released an ad this week filmed at a gas station as he said "the cost of gas is out of control and we're the ones paying for it."

Speaking to a group of older adults recently in a Republican-dominated swath of western Maryland, Democratic U.S. Sen. Angela Alsobrooks blamed higher prices on the war. Heading into November,

she encouraged fellow Democrats to stay focused on the war's impact and what it says about Trump's leadership.

"We ought to be saying what is obvious, which is our country is heading in the wrong direction," she said in an interview.

That resonates with voters such as Brandon Bane, a fast-food worker in Bakersfield, California, where Republican Rep. David Valadao is also in a competitive congressional race. Bane, who described himself as a political independent, said he often has to balance paying rent and groceries, noting high gas prices have only added to the challenge.

"It hasn't been worth it at all," he said of the war, adding that he plans to vote for Valadao's challenger, Democrat Randy Villegas.

Melissa Wegman, a Democratic retiree who is also from Bakersfield, said she was shocked when the pump recently whirled to \$128 to fill the tank on her SUV.

"I have to manage a budget," she said.

SOME VOTERS ARE STICKING WITH REPUBLICANS

But there is a risk, too, that the war does not provide Democrats with the political boost they are expecting.

While there is plenty of frustration about prices, there are also voters willing to make adjustments without blaming Republicans. Many remain aligned with Trump and are not interested in seeing Democrats return to power.

North Carolina is a top pickup opportunity for Democrats hoping to flip a U.S. Senate seat. But at the State Farmers Market in Raleigh, North Carolina, Lucienna Lowe of Sugarloaf Orchards said her faith in Trump is solid.

"There has to be a reason why they're over there," she said. "They wouldn't be over there doing that if there wasn't something more going on than what we're seeing."

prices on apples even as fuel and fertilizer costs soar. Her family has been farming since 1846 so she feels resilient to weather the next rough patch and tells others to do the same.

"Suck it up, buttercup," she said.

Similarly in Iowa, where Democrats are bullish on their prospects of flipping everything from a U.S. Senate seat and the governor's mansion to several U.S. House races, Larry Cole said higher gas prices as a result of the war are just the "nature of the beast."

The 66-year-old Republican service manager from Perry, Iowa, said he will back Republicans in this midterm elections and does not want to see Democrats gain control in either chamber. He said Trump has taken action that other presidents were not willing to do to keep Iran in check.

Trump "hit them where they need to be hit," Cole said.

Mark Duffy, 65, of Scottsdale, Arizona, said he did not expect the Iran war to go on as long as it has, but it has not had material effects on his life.

"I didn't think it would go this long," said Duffy, who retired a year ago from his career selling electronic components. "I don't think anybody did, but now the next wave is the economic sanctions, so we'll see if that works and maybe that is a way for other people to join."

For others, the war has only reinforced a sense that neither political party is responsive to the needs of voters.

As he left a tattoo parlor in Ashland, Virginia, 26-year-old Evan Mlse said he feels the increase in gas prices and worries about whether his mom will be able to retire or whether he will someday be able to.

But he had not decided whether to support Democrats or Republicans in November.

"I feel like our government is pretty corrupt through and through," he said. "It's kind of just a sit-back-and-watch thing. And I think my generation especially feels helpless."

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Investigators scour scene of Minneapolis shooting

3 dead, including suspect; 5 injured

By Ellen Schmidt
and Tim Sullivan
ASSOCIATED PRESS

MINNEAPOLIS — Investigators on Thursday were scouring the scene of the downtown Minneapolis shooting that left three people dead, including the suspect, and five others injured.

Dozens of law enforcement officers were at the apartment building where the shooting occurred Wednesday evening, along with a mobile crime scene unit from the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the state investigative agency.

The five wounded by gunfire included two Minneapolis police officers, while a sixth person, another officer, suffered other injuries, police Sgt. Garrett Parten said at a Wednesday news conference. The three officers were hospitalized but expected to make full recoveries, said Interim Police

Chief Bill Peterson.

A 911 call about shots fired at the building came in just after 4:30 p.m. Officers were inside the building within two minutes and quickly found victims, Peterson said.

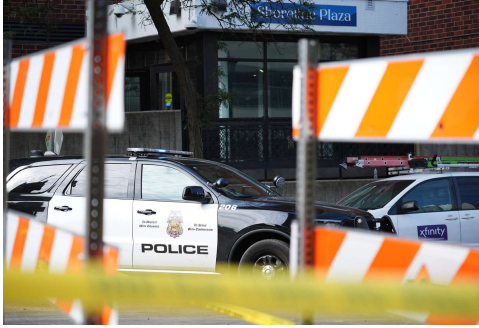
Officers heard more gunshots and followed them to a higher floor, where they found “a haze that significantly limited their visibility,” he said. Peterson did not provide additional details about the haze.

One officer was shot in the leg and another was shot twice in the abdomen, he said.

Authorities did not provide any details about the suspected shooter but said they were familiar with the person before the shooting.

One victim was fatally shot at the scene, and one died after arriving at the hospital, he said. It was not immediately clear how the shooter died, he said.

Minneapolis council member Elizabeth



Police continue to investigate the scene of a Wednesday shooting at Shoreline Plaza apartments on Thursday in Minneapolis. ELLEN SCHMIDT/ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shaffer represents the neighborhood where the shooting happened. She said 16 displaced residents had sheltered in a nearby church overnight and that the Red Cross had been providing support. Shaffer

said her staff hadn't received any previous constituent complaints related to safety or building management. “That is surprising when you read the news reports, you know, of what was happening in the building,

but there was, we have heard nothing,” she said.

Resident Julius Bailey was sitting with a friend just outside the building entrance when he heard gunshots and saw a man he recognized as another resi-

dent holding a pistol. Bailey said he heard a woman screaming and immediately started running, counting eight shots as he headed for safety.

Bailey said the man with the gun was well known in the building for being belligerent and showing off his weapon. Bailey, who moved into the building in June, said he went out of his way to avoid the man.

“I could tell he was trouble,” he said.

Chris Miller, who also lives in the apartment building, said he heard a rapid succession of gunshots and quickly ran outside for safety. He said he believed he knew who carried out the shooting and that he encountered someone in the hallway with a handgun earlier this week and reported that person to management.

Associated Press reporters Mark Vancleave, Hallee Golden in Seattle, Safyah Riddle in Los Angeles and Josh Keely in Phoenix contributed to this report.

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Iran targets Kuwait in retaliation for U.S. bombardments

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Sunday.

Iran fired at Kuwait on Thursday as part of its retaliation for U.S. bombardments earlier in the week. Meanwhile, Israeli police said they arrested a settler allegedly involved in an attack on Palestinians last week.

Here's a look at the latest developments in the Iran war and the wider Middle East.

IRAN FIRES AT KUWAIT

Strens sounded in Kuwait early on Thursday, where air defenses intercepted missiles and drones during a “blatant Iranian aggression,” the Defense Ministry said in a post on X. It came after U.S. allies Bahrain and Jordan said their air defense systems also intercepted several Iranian air attacks Wednesday.

Fighting between the U.S. and Iran has increased this week after the U.S. hit Iranian rocket launchers on an island in the Strait of Hormuz on

VANCE SAYS U.S. IS INVESTIGATING REPORTED AIR STRIKE THAT HIT IRANIAN WEDDING

U.S. Vice President JD Vance said he was briefed on the reported attack at a wedding on Tuesday that Iranian state media said killed five people and injured dozens of others. Vance said “we’re investigating it very fully.”

Vance said the U.S. never targets civilians in combat but added that “sometimes things happen.”

“We’re investigating it because obviously we care, we want to know,” Vance said. “When our military makes mistakes, they learn from them to try to get better from them.”

U.S. Central Command spokesman Capt. Tim Hawkins previously said the U.S. military was looking into the reports.

Hundreds of mourners attended the funeral Thursday of four victims of the airstrike, Iranian state TV

reported.

Mourners carried caskets wrapped in the Iranian flag as families, relatives, soldiers and others accompanied the coffins in the streets of the port town of Kūhestak, located about 1,100 kilometers (680 miles) southeast of Iran's capital Tehran.

Iranian state TV said on Thursday that a person injured in the attack had died, increasing the death toll to five.

ISRAELI ATTACKS KILL THREE PALESTINIANS IN GAZA, HOSPITAL OFFICIALS SAY

Israeli attacks killed three Palestinians, including a 15-year-old child, in northern Gaza and Gaza City on Thursday, according to officials at the Shifa hospital, where the casualties were taken.

The Israeli military said that it “identified two terrorists who crossed the Yellow Line and approached the troops in a manner that posed an immediate threat.” However, officials at the

Shifa hospital said the two Palestinians were killed in a “safe area” west of the so-called yellow line, which delineates the part of the Gaza Strip that the Israeli military controls.

Another strike later in the day killed one Palestinian in Gaza City and critically wounded two others, the hospital added.

ISRAELI MILITARY SAYS IT HAS CONTROL OF STRATEGIC AREA IN LEBANON

Israel's military said on Thursday it had taken “operational control” of the strategic Ali Taher ridge area in southern Lebanon, the site of sporadic clashes between Israeli forces and Hezbollah militants in recent weeks. It's where Hezbollah is believed to have an extensive underground military facility.

The military said troops had cleared Hezbollah fighters from two underground routes, killing some while others fled. It said operations were ongoing.

There was no immediate comment from Hezbollah.

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BLIGHT

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surcharge on deeds filed in the Recorder of Deeds Office and a \$250 fee imposed on tax sales of delinquent properties.

Schuylkill County Commissioners Chairman Larry Padora urged communities to develop land banks like the county's, which is administered by the county's redevelopment authority.

A land bank, Padora explained, is a legal device that allows municipalities to purchase properties at judicial sales without competing with private buyers. A property can be bought for \$100 through a land bank, Padora said.

Judicial sales are court-ordered, and the property is sold to the highest bidder free of encumbrances.



Damage seen at a former synagogue at the corner of West Mahanoy and South Catawissa streets in Mahanoy City on Feb. 13, 2026. The building partially collapsed the night of Feb. 12. FILE

Buying blighted properties through a land bank, proponents say, keeps them out of the hands of absentee landlords. Marty Sowers, municipal services manager at Light-Heigel & Associates, was the featured presenter

at the blight summit.

He urged municipalities to “write teeth” into their code enforcement ordinances with the correct legal and enforcement clauses.

Enforcement through injunctive relief, execution of search warrants and temporary condemnation of property that poses an imminent danger of health, safety and welfare are some of the ways municipalities can deal with problem properties, Sowers said.

Registration of vacant and condemned properties requires owners to pay an annual fee, properly secure the property and submit to periodic inspections, Sowers said.

Pennsylvania's Neighborhood Blight Reclamation and Revitalization Act allows municipalities to place liens on the personal assets of properties with serious code violations or which create a public nuisance, he said.

Joe Bennett, a Lehighnton developer, urged municipalities to clamp down on absentee landlords.

“The longer we allow these predatory landlords to operate in our communities,” he said, “the more problems we will have.”

For more information on combating blight, contact Light-Heigel & Associates in Schuylkill Haven at 570-385-3439.

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SOCCER

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currently is about halfway finished. The association also hopes to pave the parking lot and provide some handicap-accessible parking, Zampetti related.

Ryncavage emphasized that the \$44,000 local commitment represents a significant investment by the volunteer-run organization and clears a major hurdle that often prevents smaller community athletic organizations from pursuing large-scale capital projects.

He also described a problem often faced by volunteer-run youth organizations that MYSA has recognized and is addressing.

"As you are dealing with youth organizations, obviously the children eventually age out. As the children age out, so do the parents. And so do the board members... And so," Ryncavage explained, "the problems that large associations like Mountain Top Youth Soccer often face are that knowledge and that initiative, they don't always get passed down from one group of board members to the next and that sometimes can create a problem."

Ryncavage commended the leaders of MYSA for recognizing this poten-

tial stumbling block and addressing it.

"As part of this project we are also creating a grand plan, a master plan for this facility, so that what you don't have are some projects starting over here and some projects starting over there and nothing ever getting done or information not being passed on to future board members," the second-term state representative related. "So, as part of this program not only are we going to make capital investments as part of this grant such as the ADA, the lighting, the irrigation, the paving, but we also are looking at it holistically from the top down to have a 5-year plan, a 10-year plan so that that investment isn't wasted long term."

"I have to give kudos to the Mountain Top Youth Soccer Association," Ryncavage said. "The grant that they are going after is not an easy grant. Most municipalities can't even qualify for these grants. They require professional engineering. They obviously require you to put your own skin in the game and so for Mountain Top Youth Soccer Association to put together \$0 grand in less than six months to match this grant application as well as hire the necessary technical staff like professional and certi-

fied engineers to put the work together shows the commitment of the parents to make sure this stays here for years to come."

Ryncavage said he anticipates the GTRP grant to be awarded this winter with construction to begin at the complex next spring.

FREE CONCERT IN FAIRVIEW

The Fairview Twp. recreation committee will wrap up its summer program of events with a free Concert in the Park at 6 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 30, at Fairview Twp. Memorial Park. The concert will feature the Freeland St. Ann's Band. Local vendors Abe's Hot Dogs and Lone-Star Sno Cones will be at the park located at 28 Memorial Park Road beginning at 5 p.m. Attendees are encouraged to lawn bring chairs.

HOSE COMPANY POTATO PANCAKE SALE

Mountain Top Hose Company No. 1 will hold a potato pancake sale from 3:30 to 7 p.m. Friday, Aug. 28, at the pavilion at the hose company picnic grounds. Cost is \$2 each or three for \$5. To keep the line moving, the hose company asks anyone planning to order more than 24 potato pancakes to contact Jina at 570-328-6623 to place an order.

Superior Court to hold special session

By James Halpin
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A three-judge panel of the Pennsylvania Superior Court will be coming to Luzerne County this fall to conduct a special session.

Judges Megan Sullivan, Timika Lane and Corralee F. Stevens—a Hazleton native—will be at the Luzerne County Courthouse, 200 N. River St., Wilkes-Barre, to hear oral arguments in pending appeals of civil and criminal cases.

The two-day session, organized by Superior Court President Judge Anne E. Lazarus, will kick off with a ceremony at 9 a.m. Oct. 6. A class from Dallas High School is scheduled to attend the session.



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Maureen May, president of PASNAP, speaks during the 'Care-A-Van' protest outside the Highmark building in Wilkes-Barre on Thursday. JASON ARDAN/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Care-a-van travels through area with health care cost freeze message

STAFF REPORT

A coalition of advocates for health care reform traveled from Scranton to Wilkes-Barre to Hazleton on Thursday in a Care-A-Van with a message to major insurance corporations asking for a healthcare cost freeze. The group was led by an ice cream truck and featured heart-shaped popples and ice sculptures with the message to executives:

"Warm your hearts, freeze our costs." Patients, community members, health advocates and caregivers spoke about their struggles with unaffordable healthcare, along with the spiraling cost of groceries, gas, housing and utilities. They delivered a petition to each of the insurance corporations with over 650 signers calling for a cost freeze. The Care-A-Van



Supporters hold signs during the Health-Care-A-Van rally on Lackawanna Avenue in Scranton on Thursday. SEAN MCKEAG/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

was led by an ice cream truck and featured heart-shaped popples and ice sculptures with message to executives: "Warm your hearts, freeze our costs!" The contingent first stopped at the State Office Building on Lackawanna Avenue in Scranton,

then moved to Highmark Health on North Main Street in Wilkes-Barre, then to Lehigh Valley Hospital-Jefferson Health on East Broad Street in Hazleton. The group then traveled to Geisinger Corporate Headquarters in Danville.

COMMENT

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Supervisors voted last month to pay the church \$100 for each use of the facility while the township municipal building undergoes renovations.

Eachus also said the agenda should include both the time and location of the meeting, but it did not include the location.

Township manager Amy Evans replied that a notice including the time and location of the meeting has been posted on the township website for about two weeks and that the time and location also were advertised in a newspaper.

Supervisor Chairman Rick Talanca maintained that the meeting was properly advertised.

Salem Twp. resident Teri Barren also alleged that the meeting was not properly posted, and that notice of the planning commission meeting on Thursday also should have been posted on the church door.

Barren and Eachus were among eight plaintiffs who sued the supervisors and planning commission on Aug. 17 for violating the Sunshine Law by locking residents out of a July 23 planning commission meeting when members voted 2-1 to recommend expanding the special data center overlay district.

Luzerne County Judge Lisa Gelb found for the plaintiffs and ruled that the supervisors could not take action on the data center issue until after the planning commission conducts another meeting that complies with the law. The supervisors canceled a public hearing on



Salem Township resident Teri Barren speaks against a resolution limiting public comment at township meetings to township residents and taxpayers during a township supervisors meeting Wednesday. STEVE MCCARSKY/STAFF PHOTO

the issue that had been scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The planning commission added the data center overlay to Thursday's meeting agenda.

Barren also spoke against restricting public comment.

"What you're doing tonight, taking away the voice of surrounding areas, is wrong," Barren said. "You just don't want to listen to anybody else who goes against you. Everybody should have a voice."

Supervisor John Fogg Jr. said other municipalities restrict public comment to residents and taxpayers and asked why Salem Twp. should be different.

"Because everything that we do in this township, we set an example," Barren replied. "And every township meeting we go to prior to this one, you know what they say? 'We don't want to end up like Salem Twp. We don't want to end up with our supervisors selling us out and not letting people speak.'"

Fogg asked Barren if she goes to public meetings in

nearby Nescopeck Borough and voices her opinion.

Barren said she does and she is allowed to speak there.

Fogg then accused Barren and others in a group of spreading false information.

Fishing Creek Twp. resident Jake Canouse, who also identified himself as a Benton Area School Board member, said he has family and friends in Salem Twp. and he hopes the supervisor restricts comment to township residents and taxpayers only.

"Please let their voices be heard," Canouse said.

Carrie Yoder said Salem Township is supposed to be her "forever home."

"And, if you people (from another township) want to pay my taxes that are almost \$6,000 a year, then you can have a right to say something. This is not your township," Yoder said.

Several others spoke for and against restricting public comment, but several did not identify themselves and township officials did not ask them to state their names for the record.

VOTE

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included in the overlay, he realized that he could still benefit financially from the overlay approval if his mother's home was sold, so he reached out to the state ethics commission for advice.

A commission representative recommended he abstain from any vote on the overlay district and prepare a written explanation of the reason to submit to the township, he said.

Fraind said he did just that and was prepared to abstain from a vote at Wednesday's meeting and would only have voted if there was a tie vote between the other two supervisors or if one of the other supervisors did not attend the meeting, which is allowed for

in the state ethics code.

However, the overlay ordinance was removed from Wednesday's agenda after a judge ruled that a July 23 meeting at which the planning commission voted to recommend that the supervisors approve the overlay was held in violation of the state Sunshine Act.

Luzerne County Judge Lisa Gelb found that the supervisors could not take action on the data center issue until after the planning commission conducts another meeting that complies with the law. The supervisors canceled a public hearing on the issue that had been scheduled prior to Wednesday's workshop meeting.

Two plaintiffs in the lawsuit filed in connection with the July 23 meeting alleged during public

comment on Wednesday that the supervisors meeting on Wednesday also was in violation of the Sunshine Act and that votes taken during it were invalid because the notice of the meeting was not posted at the venue and the agenda did not list the location of the meeting.

The planning commission was expected to hear from the 4-3 Greenbrook representatives and the public on 4-3's application to expand the overlay district and vote on the expansion again at a meeting scheduled to begin after The Citizens' Voice's deadline.

Planning commission member Susan Lynn abstained from voting on the issue at the July 23 meeting because she owns property included in the overlay district.

STEINEM

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a journalist, notably reporting in 1963 on degrading conditions in Hugh Hefner's Playboy empire — an undercover assignment she came to later regret. She credits a meeting six years later, where women spoke out in favor of abortion rights, with changing her career path.

"That speak-out was the beginning of activism for me," Steinem, who had undergone a secret illegal abortion herself at age 22, told the AP in an email in 2022, reflecting on the reversal of Roe v. Wade. "Either our country or our own bodies is equal, regardless of sex or race, or we're not living in a democracy."

Those who watched Steinem denounce discrimination for so many years likely never suspected that she'd had to overcome a deep fear of public speaking. She would have simply stuck to writing, she said, if only editors at the time had been willing to let her write about the women's movement.

But they weren't interested, she told the AP in 2015. "So I ended up going out and speaking, which was my nightmare," she said. "I mean, I was terrified. But I'm grateful, even though I still get scared even now."

STEINEM'S VISIBILITY ENDURED THROUGHOUT HER LIFE

Time hardly slowed Steinem down; through her 80s, she was traveling the globe and speaking out on issues of importance to her. These included everything from genital mutilation to Korean reconciliation, but it was equality for women that took precedence. "Being a feminist means that you see the world as whole instead of half," she once said. "It shouldn't need a name, and one day it won't."

As the years went on, Steinem's visibility endured. A few days after her 85th birthday, she was leading a women's "talking circle" at an off-Broadway play celebrating her life, where one by one, women in the audience — many fighting tears — rose to thank her and tell their own stories of discrimination. In 2020, her life was the subject of a feature film, "The Gloria, A Life on the Road."

And at 91, she collaborated on a picture book with Librarian peace activist and Nobel laureate Leymah Gbowee aimed at inspiring young people to change the world. "Rise, Girl, Rise: Our Sister-Friend Journey, Together for All" was published in February.

The constant visibility came with a price; even into her older years, Steinem expressed frustration that despite her accomplishments, she was often described as beautiful or glamorous. A 1992 Vanity Fair profile even noted her "spectacular racehorse legs."

"Nobody ever called me beautiful until I was publicly a feminist, and that was in my mid-30s," she told AP in a 2011 interview. "It was clear that label was being assigned to me. The most hurtful part



Leading supporters of the Equal Rights Amendment march in Washington, July 9, 1978, urging Congress to extend the time for ratification of the ERA. From left, are Gloria Steinem; Dick Gregory; Betty Friedan; Rep. Elizabeth Holtzman, D-N.Y. (partially obscured); Rep. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md.; and Rep. Margaret Heckler, R-Mass. The women at far left and right are unidentified. ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE



Steinem speaks at a rally organized by Women's March NYC in New York on Jan. 19, 2019. ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

is that you work very hard, and people say it's because of your looks."

Steinem often responded to hostility with humor. Of course, Steinem also had to deal with hostility — sometimes from surprising places. Appearing on Larry King's talk show on CNN in 1990, she was visibly stunned when a female caller greeted her cheerfully, then told her to "rot in hell" because she had ruined "the beautiful American family."

But by then, she noted, at least people were taking feminists seriously. That wasn't the case in 1972 when she co-founded Ms. Magazine, and many commentators — especially male — dismissed it as ridiculous, predicting an early demise. Among Steinem's detractors was President Richard Nixon, who was caught on an Oval Office tape ridiculing both her and the "Ms." tide. The ridicule was mutual: In a 1972 National Press Club speech, Steinem called Nixon "the most sexually insecure chief of state since Napoleon."

It was just one example of Steinem's trademark wit. Before she married at 66, she often explained her singlehood by saying "I can't mate in captivity." Laughter, she wrote, was "the only free emotion — the only one that can't be compelled."

Steinem had an unconventional childhood. Gloria Marie Steinem was

born on March 25, 1934, in Toledo, Ohio. Her father was a traveling antique salesperson; she spent her early years on the road with her parents, not attending regular school. "I just read everything I could get my hands on," she told an audience at Manhattan's 92NY earlier this year.

In 1944 her parents divorced, and 10-year-old Gloria was left to take care of her mother, a once-promising journalist who struggled to combine her work with running a household and who eventually suffered a nervous breakdown.

As a young girl she excelled at tap dancing — it was even going to be her "ticket out of Toledo," she said. That particular career did not materialize, though, and she attended Smith College in the 1950s — a time when, she said, women were being educated to be mothers and wives.

But marriage was not on Steinem's mind. "I was engaged to a very nice man. It wasn't his fault, but I just didn't want to get married," she told her 2026 audience. Instead, she took a modest fellowship to travel to India. After that, Steinem headed to Manhattan, where she couldn't rent her own apartment, because landlords assumed if a single woman "could earn enough, you must be a hooker."

She wanted to write about politics. But editors gave her assignments on food, fash-

ion, and, in what she jokingly called "the lowpoint of my life," an article about textured stockings. Even more demoralizing was her experience with an editor who, she said, gave her a choice one day: Spend the afternoon in a hotel with him, or mail his letters on the way out.

She chose to mail the letters. "There was no word for sexual harassment then," she has said. "It was just life."

But one assignment in 1963 sounded compelling: posing as a Playboy Bunny for an exposé in the now-defunct Show magazine. Steinem auditioned, assuming she'd be weeded out. But she was given her bunny costume — "so tight, it would give a man a cleavage" — and worked at the job for about a month.

"I could not have made a bigger mistake," she told the AP in 2011. "It was personally and professionally a disaster. In the short term, it was much harder to get assignments, and in the long term it's been used to ridicule me."

Steinem's writing became more political in her 30s. Steinem was in her 30s when she joined the editorial board of New York magazine, and her writing became more political. In 1969, she went to cover an abortion rights hearing. She had never told anyone about her illegal abortion at 22, in London. That was the moment, she has said, that triggered her career as a women's rights activist.

Steinem founded the National Women's Political Caucus in 1971 along with Betty Friedan, Shirley Chisholm and Bella Abzug. Unlike her friend Abzug, however, Steinem was not comfortable in front of a crowd. Gradually, with her early speaking partner Dorothy Pittman Hughes, a Black feminist and child welfare advocate, she found her footing. The two formed a powerful partnership at a time when feminism was viewed as largely a white, middle-class movement. In an iconic photo, the two raise their right arms together in the Black Power salute.

As she grew more famous, Steinem drew attention not just for her work but for a glamorous Manhattan life. Asked once about her streaked hair and aviator glasses, she explained that the hair was inspired by Holly Golightly, the free-spirited character in "Breakfast at Tiffany's."

The glasses? They were "more about hiding," she said. When reaction was hostile, Steinem would try to reason that it was a step above ridicule. But sometimes it stung, like a snarky Esquire profile in the early '70s, so hurtful that she cried, and colleagues called a news conference to defend her.

Steinem co-founded Ms. Magazine and stayed with it as an adviser. Then came Ms. Magazine in 1972. "I was so obsessed with the fear that it would fail and be a disgrace to the movement," Steinem said later. And opponents hoped that would happen. TV newsman Harry Reasoner, an especially tart critic, later apologized on air. Steinem continued with Ms. until it was bought in 2001 by the Feminist Majority Foundation, and remained an adviser.

Steinem never had children, and said she never regretted it. "No, not for a millisecond," she told the AP. "It's important that some of us not have children, to show that we have a choice."

In 2000, Steinem made a choice she'd never planned to: She got married, at 66, to British activist and businessman David Bale, whom she met at a fundraiser. Bale was the father of actor Christian Bale.

"I thought, 'I haven't

changed, marriage had changed," Steinem said. "David and I wanted to be together, we loved each other. He needed a green card." They married at a Cherokee ceremony in Oklahoma. Several years later, he became ill with brain lymphoma, and Steinem cared for him until his death in 2003.

Steinem said she had few regrets in life, but did miss being present when her father died. She received word that he'd been in a serious car accident, but did not respond in time, and he died alone. "I had taken care of my mom as a child, and I feared I'd never come back," she explained.

She was also sorry that she didn't become closer to her mother. "I was so fearful of becoming her," she said in an HBO documentary, "Gloria: In Her Own Words."

Steinem wrote about life on the road — though she never learned to drive.

Steinem's books included the 2015 road memoir "A Life on the Road" — but she wryly noted at the time that she'd never learned to drive. It would have taken away, she said, from her ability to converse with hosts who picked her up from airports or train stations. And, she noted, she always loved to chat with taxi drivers.

On Jan. 21, 2017, when hundreds of thousands of women gathered in Washington in their pink "pussyhats" for the historic Women's March, it surprised nobody that the keynote speaker, and the most rousing, was Steinem.

"We are linked," she told the crowd. "And this is a day that will change us forever because we are together."

For many women, Steinem was the galvanizing voice that day. She would go on to advocate hereafter. But, though many saw her as a singular figure in history, she often liked to say that if she hadn't come along, someone else would have accomplished the same things.

By the same token, she said, it was less important that younger people listen to her, and more important that they listen to themselves.

"The primary thing is not that they know who I am," she said, "but that they know who THEY are."

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Dates: Thursday, September 17, 2026
Friday, September 18, 2026
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Administrative Law Judge John Coogan
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PRICES

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Patrick De Haan, head of petroleum analysis at GasBuddy, said supply and demand hasn't been driving prices.

"It's been a challenging year for motorists, with constant ups and downs at the pump that stayed elevated into this final summer holiday, though relief may lie ahead if tensions ease," he said. "Last year, saw the cheapest Labor Day since 2020, but the pendulum has swung wildly this summer. This year has been less about typical supply and demand, and more about uncertainty over how global tensions will affect the availability of crude oil and refined products."

According to AAA, the following are the average prices of gasoline as of Thursday.
■ Nation: \$4.14 (\$3.18 on Sept. 2, 2025)
■ Pennsylvania: \$4.29 (\$3.29 on Sept. 2, 2025)
■ Lackawanna County: \$4.28
■ Luzerne County: \$4.26
■ Schuylkill County: \$4.25
■ Wyoming County: \$4.23
GasBuddy reported the

following states had the lowest average prices as of Monday: Indiana, \$3.38; Texas, \$3.57; and South Carolina, \$3.60.

GasBuddy said these states had the highest average prices: California, \$5.63; Hawaii, \$5.35; and Washington, \$5.24.

SHEETZ OFFERING DISCOUNT

Convenience store chain Sheetz announced it's offering customers 20 cents off per gallon on all fuel grades, excluding high-flow diesel, starting Thursday. The deal ends Tuesday.

To redeem the offer, customers must add it under the OPEERZ tab in the Sheetz app and scan their My Sheetz Rewards at the pump. Only after accepting the discount on the screen, will the discounted price be displayed at the pump. Fuel discounts can be applied to up to 25 gallons per transaction.

Customers can save an additional 20 cents by purchasing any Made-to-Order item.

TRAVEL TIMES

The best and worst times, respectively, to travel this

holiday weekend, according to INRIX, a provider of transportation data and insights:

- Sept. 3: before 1 p.m.; 2-7 p.m.
- Sept. 4: before noon; noon to 8 p.m.
- Sept. 5: before 10 a.m.; 1-5 p.m.
- Sept. 6: minimal traffic impact expected
- Sept. 7 (Labor Day): before noon; 2-5 p.m.

PA TURNPIKE

The Pennsylvania Turnpike is projecting 2.9 million motorists will use the highway Sept. 3-7, a 1.2% increase compared with 2025 volumes.

Officials offered the following breakdown of total traffic:

- Sept. 3: 675,000
- Sept. 4: 725,000
- Sept. 5: 545,000
- Sept. 6: 475,000
- Sept. 7 (Labor Day): 485,000

All construction and maintenance projects will be suspended 3 p.m. Sept. 3 to 11 p.m. Sept. 7 to ensure as many travel lanes are open as possible, officials said.

To stay up to date on turnpike conditions, use 511PA Smartphone App or go to 511pa.com.

