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KIRK ASSASSINATED DURING UTAH SPEECH

Political activist felled by gunshot; shooter's identity unknown



Tess Crowley/The Deseret News photos via AP

Charlie Kirk speaks before he was shot Wednesday during a visit by his organization, Turning Point USA, to Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah. Mr. Kirk died after suffering a gunshot wound to his neck.

By Hannah Schoenbaum,
Alanna Durkin Richer
and Mark Sherman
Associated Press

OREM, Utah — Charlie Kirk, a conservative activist and close ally of President Donald Trump who played an influential role in rallying young Republican voters, was shot and killed Wednesday at a Utah college event in what the governor called a political assassination carried out from a rooftop.

"This is a dark day for our state. It's a tragic day for our nation," said Utah Gov. Spencer Cox. "I want to be very clear this is a political assassination."

It wasn't immediately clear

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late Wednesday whether any suspect was in custody or if the shooter was still at large as law enforcement provided evolving and difficult-to-reconcile information. FBI Director Kash Patel, who earlier in the day posted on social media that a "subject" had been taken into custody, later

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The crowd reacts after Mr. Kirk was shot on Wednesday.

INCLUSIONARY ZONING

Housing dispute picks up steam

Council eyes expansion
of city's divisive policy

By Madaleine Rubin
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The fight over a divisive policy meant to increase Pittsburgh's supply of affordable housing continues to play out on Grant Street inside courtrooms and City Council chambers.

Council on Wednesday held a public hearing on inclusionary zoning ahead of a vote on Mayor Ed Gainey's plan to implement the policy citywide. The policy is facing a lawsuit in a district court.

Inclusionary zoning, a strategy intended to fight the city's affordable housing shortage, mandates portions of new housing developments be affordable for low-income residents. It exists in several states and was first implemented in Lawrenceville six years ago.

Since then, the policy has been applied to three other Pittsburgh neighborhoods, endorsed by supporters who say it has

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STATE BUDGET IMPASSE

GOP leader says deal is close

With transit solved, says
pact could arrive in days

By Ford Turner
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

HARRISBURG — The lead negotiator for Senate Republicans on a 2025-26 state budget that is now 72 days overdue, said Wednesday that ramped-up negotiations could conclude with a deal within the next several days, but a top Democrat wasn't nearly as sure.

The statement from Sen. Joe Pittman of Indiana County, the Republican Senate majority leader, followed a recent breakthrough on the long-contested issue of mass transit funding. Mr. Pittman said that development led to a surge in activity in negotiations.

"With Democrats removing transit from the budget table last week by providing funding through the method we suggested, the frequency and detail of discussions have increased and could allow for a budget agreement to be finalized within the next several days," Mr. Pittman said.

Asked about that potential timeline, Democratic Sen. Jay Costa of Allegheny

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FLIGHT 93 REMEMBERED, 24 YEARS LATER

9/11 tribute connecting beauty to tragedy

By Lindsay Shachnow
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Twelve motorcyclists made an unplanned pit stop 19 years ago.

They had been heading to the Flight 93 National Memorial in tiny Stonycreek, Pa., when they came across a small, white chapel.

The priest welcomed them, and they went inside.

As rain poured down, a man asked for help putting flags up in a field by the chapel to honor the passengers and crew aboard Flight 93 on Sept. 11, 2001, who prevented the aircraft from reaching the terrorists' intended target, instead

crashing in Somerset County and killing all 40 passengers and crew.

The motorcycle riders' actions that day sparked a tradition that has carried on since.

"When you carry a flag for one of the people that lost their lives, it does something to you," said Kazmer Wolpink, one of the mo-

torcyclists at the chapel that day. "They were heroes to us."

From just 12 on that first ride to more than 100 now, the group of motorcyclists has come back each year, riding to Shanksville over Labor Day weekend to pay tribute

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Beautiful with plenty of
sun. Daytime high, 80;
tonight's low, 52.
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