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Leaders call for ‘radical’ action on AI

Sense of urgency emphasized at city’s 2nd tech summit in 2 months

By Chloe Jad
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Everything the artificial intelligence revolution needs is right here in Pittsburgh. What’s needed now is a sense of urgency, the drive to act now — or as one official put it on the first day of the AI Horizons Summit in Bakery Square: “Radical collaboration.” “We have to combine the forces and the resources of our old and new leaders in the energy industry and AI, to all

grow in the same direction,” said Joanna Doven, executive director of the AI Strike Team, which is hosting the summit. “We have to break down more barriers — too often, we talk to the same people in our own industries, in our own silos, and now is the time to radically merge.” Leading AI experts are back in Pittsburgh this week for the second major AI event in the city in less than two months. In July, Republican Sen.

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Representatives from Carnegie Robotics demonstrate a robotic dog from Boston Dynamics during the AI Horizons Summit in Bakery Square on Thursday.

Pa. is ready to lead the AI revolution, Shapiro says

By Hallie Lauer
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In one of the most well-attended AI Horizons Summit panels of the day, Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro touted the state’s capabilities and commitment to further the development of artificial intelligence. Mr. Shapiro, who has been an early and vocal supporter of what many are calling the AI revolution, noted how

Pennsylvania is uniquely positioned to help lead the country through what promises to be an era of historic change. “We were the epicenter of growth and development and revolution because of the coal under our ground and because of the steel that we’ve made here,” he said. “And now, this is the next chapter in our innovative growth.”

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FLIGHT 93 REMEMBERED



Gov. Josh Shapiro, left, and Kenny Nacke pause at the wreath during a memorial ceremony on Thursday for the crash of Flight 93. Mr. Nacke’s brother Louis, also known as Joey, was killed in the crash 24 years ago.

‘UNITY, COURAGE’

Ceremony honors the legacy of the ‘heroes’ who ‘made history’

By Benjamin Kail
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EDWARD FELT was always a problem solver. The 41-year-old software engineer needed to get to San Francisco for an unexpected work trip, and he couldn’t get a flight on his usual Continental Airlines. So he booked last minute with United Airlines — Flight 93.

“I knew my brother was traveling that day,” Gordon Felt told the Post-Gazette Thursday morning, 24 years after Flight 93 crashed in this Somerset County field after passengers fought back against the terrorist hijackers. “But these things happen to other people — that’s what you think.” Standing near the solemn white marble memorial engraved with

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Michael French, director of Green Forests Work, rings a bell as the victims’ names are read during the ceremony.

KIRK’S KILLER REMAINS AT LARGE

FBI releases video, photos, offers reward

The Associated Press

OREM, Utah — The shooter who assassinated conservative activist Charlie Kirk and then vanished off a roof and into the woods remained at large more than 24 hours later Thursday as federal investigators appealed for the public’s help by releasing photos of the person they believe is responsible. Investigators obtained clues, including a palm print, a shoe impression and a high-powered hunting rifle found in a wooded area along the path the shooter fled. But they had yet to name a suspect or cite a motive in the killing they were treating as the latest act of political violence to convulse the United States across the ideological spectrum. The photos of a person in a hat, sunglasses and a long-sleeve black shirt, with a backpack, as well as a \$100,000 reward for information leading to an arrest suggested that law enforcement thought tips from the public might be needed to crack the case. Two people who were taken into custody shortly after Wednesday’s shooting at Utah Valley University were later released, forcing officials to chase new leads on a separate person of interest they pursued Thursday. During a news conference Thursday night with FBI Director Kash Patel,

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Kirk

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Federal Bureau of Investigation via AP
The FBI is seeking a person of interest in connection with the fatal shooting of Charlie Kirk at Utah Valley University on Wednesday in Orem, Utah.

PRT seeks OK to divert \$106 million in funds

By Ford Turner
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Pittsburgh Regional Transit on Thursday said it has asked PennDOT for approval to use more than \$100 million originally intended for capital projects for transit operations, allowing it to avoid

service cuts and fare increases. A similar request was made within the past week by SEPTA, the state’s largest transit agency, and Gov. Josh Shapiro quickly directed PennDOT to approve the request from the Philadelphia-area agency. A spokesperson for PennDOT, Erin Waters-Trasatt,

said it was reviewing the PRT request and “determining next steps.” PRT said in its statement that if the approval comes, it would allow the shift of “up to \$106.7 million in capital funds and allow PRT to use the money to plug a projected \$100 million operating budget deficit for

the 2025-26 fiscal year.” It continued, “PRT would use the remaining balance — and a mix of local, federal, and reserve funds — to preserve service and avoid a fare increase for the 2026-27 fiscal year.”

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