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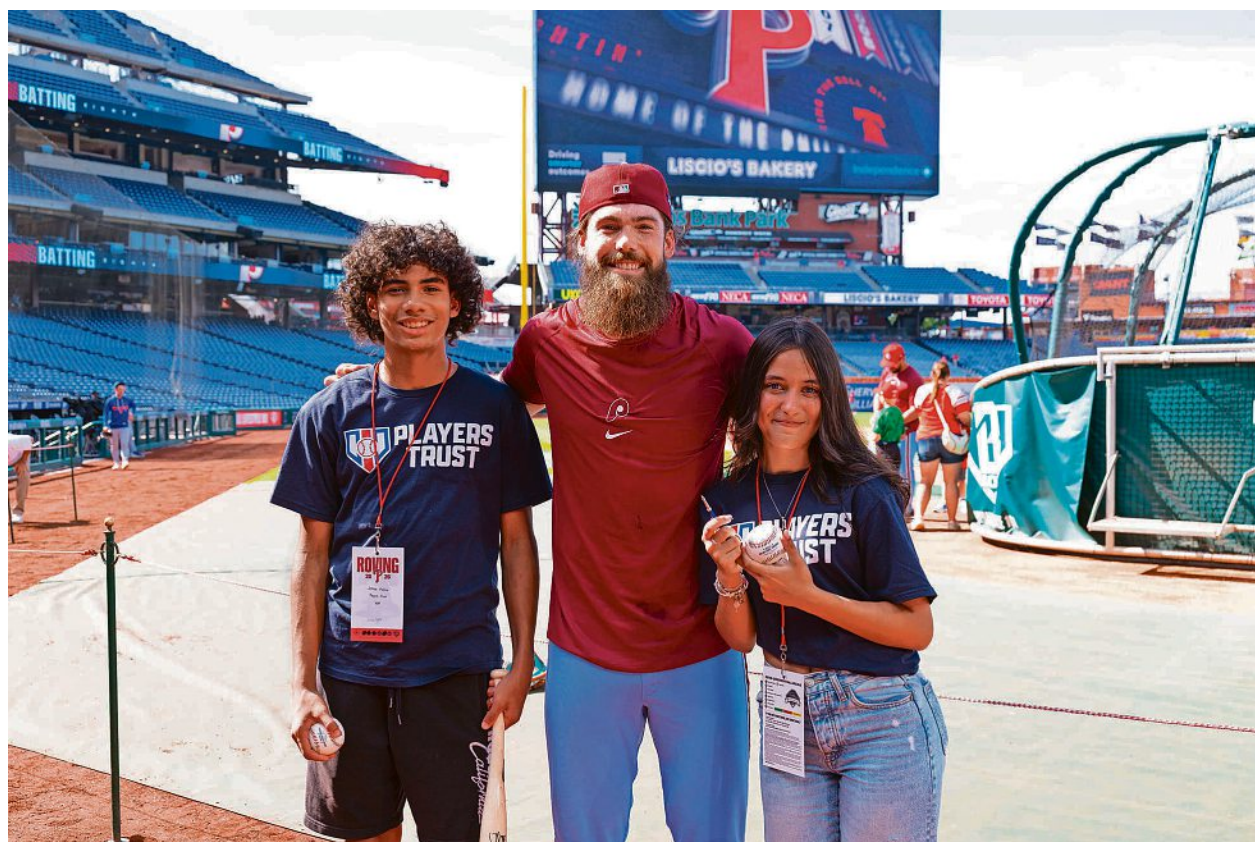
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## ALL STAR-BOUND



Joshua Medina (left) and Alyssa Negron (right) pictured with Phillies outfielder Brandon Marsh during the Phillies versus Mets game on June 18. PHOTOS PROVIDED BY PLAYERS TRUST

## Freedom Fuel stations cut gas prices in South Jersey

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In New Jersey, AAA identified the average July 8 gas cost as \$3.86 per gallon.

At select South Jersey gas stations, however, gas may be found for approximately 40 cents cheaper, selling at \$3.47 per gallon.

These stations — dubbed Freedom Fuel stations — are a White House initiative as a response to the price of gas increasing since the conflict began with Iran earlier this year.

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Freedom Fuel was busy on a recent morning. The West Berlin, New Jersey station was offering gas at \$3.47 a gallon, cheaper than most other stations in the area. PHAEDRA TRETHERAN/COURIER-POST

## Camden teens win math challenge for MLB All-Star Game access

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Two lucky 14-year-olds from Camden are being given the chance to receive red carpet treatment at the MLB All-Star game. ● Joshua Medina and Alyssa Negron won the recent MLB STEM League tournament, allowing them to live out a baseball fan's dream. ● These two, along with students from Philadelphia, Miami and Japan, are to receive a behind-the-scenes experience at Citizens Bank Park during the All-Star game. ● Medina and Negron, who are entering high school in the fall, joined the program through their school.

"One of my teachers were talking about it and needed people to do it. I thought it was fun because I wanted to try everything I could, since it was my last year in the school," Negron said.

Launched in partnership with the Players Trust in 2022, the MLB Players STEM League is a baseball-inspired board game tournament for middle-school aged children, using the classic American pastime to cultivate students' math skills. The nonprofit arm of the MLB collaborated with an educational nonprofit LearnFresh to develop the game.

LearnFresh had already collaborated with the NBA for a basketball-inspired educational board game, which sparked the idea of a baseball iteration under the Players Trust.

The board game's baseball iteration is used by more than 30,000 students annually, said Amy Hever, executive director of the Players Trust.

"And this [the board game] was a unique opportunity to take advantage of that passion and harness, really, the unique excitement and energy around the sport of baseball and do it in a way



Alyssa Negron and Joshua Medina were celebrated by classmates as they won the championship on June 17.

that makes learning fun," she added.

This year, the championship tournament was held locally across the Philadelphia and Camden region.

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## Salem County officer charged in connection to 2 K-9 deaths

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A South Jersey officer has been charged in connection with the death of two K-9s.

On May 29, Officer Cody Henderson of the Salem County Sheriff's Office allegedly left K-9s Rip and Boomer in a police car for several hours, leading to their deaths. Court documents reveal that the two dogs were kept in the car for approximately seven hours.

According to the Salem County Prosecutor's Office, the car was turned off, the windows were closed and no emergency alert system was activated. Prosecutors said that indoor kennels were "immediately available," but not used.

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