



Bills' confidence in '24 2nd-round pick wavers

SPORTS, 1C

ROCHESTER

Democrat and Chronicle

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2025 | DEMOCRATANDCHRONICLE.COM

PART OF THE USA TODAY NETWORK



Kshitij Shetty boards the new RIT-RTS Connection shuttle, which he says began using this particular vehicle on Aug. 11. The service is now run by WeDriveU, RIT's new bus provider. PHOTOS BY MISHA MANJURAN OBEROI/DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE

LONG WAITS, MISSED SHUTTLES

RIT students struggle with unreliable transit to the city

Misha Manjuran Oberoi
Rochester Democrat and Chronicle
USA TODAY NETWORK

Mumbai, India, native Kshitij Shetty is a 24-year-old international graduate student at the Rochester Institute of Technology, studying human computer interaction. Because he takes the bus, his mornings working his summer job at the university look something like this:
Timings reflect the ride we took together on Aug. 14.

8:15 a.m.: Walk from his apartment on Monroe Avenue to the Goodman & Pearl bus stop

8:27 a.m.: Catch the 41 Route RTS bus

9:13 a.m.: Get off on Hylan Drive Hub

9:05 a.m.: Catch the RIT-RTS Connection shuttle from Hylan Hub East

9:13 a.m.: Get off on Gleason Circle and walk to his workplace

This hourlong journey, which would take 16 minutes by car, is one of Shetty's best days.

On days when the 41 Route bus is a



few minutes late, he misses the RIT shuttle and has to wait 30 minutes for the next one. He's informed his work adviser that he can only reach work by 9:15 – 15 minutes after the official start time – because of the transit schedule.

See RIT TRANSIT, Page 5A

▲ The shuttle passes by off-campus RIT-affiliated housing, such as Apex Apartments, and is fairly full.



The shuttle arrives at Gleason Circle, from where Shetty walks to his workplace.

“Our current focus is onboarding the new shuttle provider, WeDriveU, and improving mobility within campus.”

Joel Mazeika
RIT's transportation services manager

HURRICANE ERIN

Storm reaches closest U.S. point

Intensity unleashes big waves and rip currents

Dinah Voyles Pulver, Thao Nguyen and Jeanine Santucci
USA TODAY

Hurricane Erin reached its closest approach to the East Coast and was beginning to move away from North Carolina early Aug. 21.

At 11 a.m. ET on Aug 21, Erin remained a Category 2 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 100 mph. It was located about 260 miles east of Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, and was moving north-northeast at 18 mph.

The storm was expected to make a turn to the northeast and pick up speed. Its timeline for passing by the East Coast has accelerated some, and Erin is expected to slowly weaken until it reaches post-tropical cyclone status by Aug. 23, forecasters said.

However, the storm continued to unleash powerful waves and rip currents, threatening beachfront homes and flooding roads as authorities urged people to stay out of the water.

The National Hurricane Center warned that roads in low-lying barrier islands will become impassable, with powerful waves of 15 to 20 feet crashing ashore. The North Carolina Department of Transportation closed

See HURRICANE ERIN, Page 6A

U.S., EU lock in trade deal lowering tariffs

Andrea Shalal and David Lawder
REUTERS

WASHINGTON – The United States and the European Union on Aug. 21 locked in a framework trade deal reached last month that includes a 15% tariff on most EU imports, including autos, pharmaceuticals, semiconductors and lumber.

In a 3½-page joint statement, the two sides listed the commitments made, including the EU's pledge to eliminate tariffs on all U.S. industrial goods and to provide preferential market access for a wide range of U.S. seafood and agricultural goods.

Washington will take steps to reduce the current 27.5% U.S. tariffs on cars and car parts, a huge burden for European carmakers, once Brussels introduces the legislation needed to enact promised tariff cuts on U.S. goods, it said.

President Donald Trump and European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced the deal on July 27 at Trump's luxury golf course in Turnberry, Scotland, after an hour-long meeting that followed months of negotiations.

See TARIFFS, Page 6A

Subscriber-only eNewspaper

The eNewspaper is an electronic copy of your print newspaper. Enjoy every page by going to democratandchronicle.com/enewspaper or scan this code on your mobile device. You will also find late news and sports in the bonus sections. Check it out today!



Volume 193 | No. 231
Subscribe 800-790-9565
©2025 \$3.49

