



PSU’S
OFFENSE

ALTHOUGH PENN STATE HAS OPENED THE SEASON 2-0, THE NITTANY LIONS’ OFFENSIVE STARS AREN’T PLAYING WITH CONFIDENCE. THAT’S A CONCERN AS THEY FACE VILLANOVA TODAY. **C1**

UTAH

Kirk assassination suspect arrested
after father recognizes him

Utah’s governor urges Americans to find an ‘off-ramp’ from political violence.



Authorities arrested a suspect in the assassination of right-wing activist Charlie Kirk, 33 hours after the 31-year-old ally of President Donald Trump was shot at Utah Valley University in Orem. Utah resident Tyler Robinson, 22, above, was recognized by his father from the photos released by the FBI. When his father told him to turn himself in, The Associated Press reported, the suspect refused and his father reached out to their youth pastor, who occasionally works with the U.S. Marshals Service. Robinson is believed to have acted alone, Utah Gov. Spencer Cox told a news conference. Cox became emotional, below, when he asked Americans to react to Kirk’s killing by embracing differences, framing it as a potential watershed in the nation’s history. “This is our moment. Do we escalate or do we find an off-ramp?” said Cox, who compared the current political climate to that of the 1960s, a decade marked by the assassinations of two Kennedys and civil rights leaders the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and Medgar Evers. *Photos by Patrick T. Fallon, AFP, above; Lindsay Wasson, AP, below*

The suspect is an unaffiliated voter but recently became ‘more political.’ **B1**



LIFE D1

Bargatze is a
surprising choice
to host the Emmys

After years of quietly growing his success in the stand-up circuit, Nate Bargatze has recently achieved genuine hot property status. Unlike most of his predecessors as host of the Emmy Awards, Bargatze’s experience in television is limited to his comedy specials, a Christmas special and appearances on late-night shows.



LOCAL & STATE A2

Midstate teen guitar
prodigy to open for
Stone Temple Pilots

Sixteen-year-old York County teen Alex Warner has amassed quite a list of accolades in a short time. And on Sunday, Warner, who has been playing guitar since he was 8 years old, will open at Rock Fest, held at the Hollywood Casino in Grantville. “I’m definitely feeling pretty good about it,” he says.

SPOTLIGHT PA

Taxpayers billed
\$6M to repair
Governor’s
Residence

*Shapiro administration
officials are shielding
information about nearly a
quarter of those expenses,
citing security concerns.*

Angela Couloumbis
and Vincent DiFonzo *Spotlight PA*

The Shapiro administration has spent more than \$6 million in public dollars over the past four months to fix extensive damage to the governor’s stately residence following a brazen, middle-of-the-night arson attack.

Despite using taxpayer money, state officials are shielding information about nearly a quarter of those expenses, including who was paid and exactly what the money was spent on.

The secrecy adds another layer of mystery to feverish efforts to restore multiple fire-damaged rooms inside the 29,000-square-foot residence overlooking the Susquehanna River, as well as replace furniture and other household items destroyed by smoke and flames on April 13.

Private donors have separately contributed to a fund managed by a Harrisburg-based nonprofit to help restore the mansion. So far, neither the organization nor the administration has disclosed the donors’ identities or the amount they contributed to the privately run fund, nor provided a general description of what that money has or will be used for.

A spokesperson for Democratic Gov. Josh Shapiro has said state officials intend to release a list of donors to the fund in the future, though it is unclear when or how detailed the disclosure will be. **SEE SPOTLIGHT PA, A2**

STATE GOVERNMENT

Pa. steps in after
White House
cancels LGBTQ+
crisis line

*The 988 program has taken 1.5
million calls from young people
across the country since 2022.*

Amy Worden *aworden@pennlive.com*

Two months ago the Trump administration terminated the national crisis line program aimed at preventing suicide among LGBTQ+ young people.

Until it was halted, LGBTQ+ people under 25 who were in crisis could dial the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline and “press 3” or text “PRIDE” to reach a counselor to get help. Individuals were then connected to trained staff at The Trevor Project, a national LGBTQ+ crisis intervention, advocacy and education organization.

But on July 17, the Trump administration pulled the plug on the help line, saying the LGBTQ+ program had run out of funds appropriated by Congress and that funding would have had to be redirected from another part of the 988 crisis line program for it to continue.

“Our country’s federal government — including the very agency in charge of protecting our mental health — cut a **SEE STATE GOVERNMENT, A2**