

LABOR DAY 2026



Justin Guido photos/For the Post-Gazette
Caden Papa, whose father, Steve, is a Pittsburgh firefighter, gets ready to ride in a fire truck Monday before the Pittsburgh Labor Day Parade in Downtown Pittsburgh.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Marchers celebrate, but some say unions still have work to do

By Chloe Jad
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Ednah Holt comes from a union family — she remembers her father’s meetings with steelworkers at her childhood home in Garfield and typing up their grievances.

If you want change, you have to be there to do it. ... In order to make change happen, you have to get a little uncomfortable.”

Lacey Matthews
AGH registered nurse

She stood under the sun on Monday morning with her fellow union members of the Ohio-Pittsburgh Screen Actors Guild–American Federation of Television and Radio Artists, waiting their turn to march in the city’s annual Labor Day Parade. The event dates as far back as 1887, according to Post-Gazette archives.

As a recording artist, dancer and singer, Holt calls herself a triple threat — one of the two Black women who starred in the Talking Heads’ iconic 1984 “Stop Making Sense” concert film. She caught up with lead

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American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees members march in the Pittsburgh Labor Day Parade on Monday.

Tech leaders to make pitch for Pittsburgh

Will tout region as ‘center of the universe’ for autonomy to transportation officials

By Chloe Jad
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Federal transportation executives are visiting the Steel City next week, and regional leaders hope to use it as an opportunity to sell Pittsburgh as the “center of the universe” for autonomy.

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Administrator Jonathan Morrison will tour Pittsburgh’s automation and transportation assets Sept. 15-17, accompanied by a

delegation of senior NHTSA leadership and technical experts, according to a news release. The visit overlaps with the Pittsburgh innovation community’s showcase week called Start Up PGH, which concludes with the third annual AI Horizons summit.

Matt Smith, chief growth officer of the Allegheny Conference on Community Development, called it a “huge signal” of the region’s value as

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Courtesy of Regional Industrial Development Corp.
The site of PennSTART, a future test facility for autonomous vehicles, will be visited by federal transportation officials next week.

AMAZON CARGO JET CRASH PROBED

More information set to be released Tuesday

By David Fischer,
Marc Levy and Jeffrey Collins
Associated Press

MIAMI — The five people killed when an Amazon cargo jet ran off a runway at Miami International Airport were all inside a van carrying seven people from a cleaning company, and an SUV hit outside of airport property, National Transportation Safety Board Chairwoman Jennifer Homendy said Monday.

Homendy called the scene of Sunday’s crash “utter devastation.” She didn’t detail how many people were in the SUV or where the dead were located.

Homendy walked the route the Boeing 767 followed, noting tire marks from the pavement into the grass, the destroyed van carrying the cleaning crew, torn fencing, navigational equipment, and the crushed SUV outside airport property.

The debris included vehicle air bags, equipment from the vehicles, the airplane and the airport, and “fencing everywhere,” Homendy said.

“It’s pretty extensive. Hard to see and I’m sure it must have been very difficult for the responders as well,” Homendy said.

The airline, all told, traveled about 1,300 feet past the paved surface. Debris was everywhere, she said.

“I would describe it in one word as

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WAR IN THE MIDEAST

Iran boasts improved ballistic missile

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Iran state media on Monday said a ballistic missile with improved capabilities was demonstrating a new doctrine: Tehran “will take action against any threat, even before it is carried out.”

The report by Iran’s state news agency repeatedly cited comments aired on state TV the day before by the head of Iran’s Supreme National Security Council, Mohsen Rezaei, who boasted of new missile capability and claimed it had been “tested” against a U.S. warship. But it was not clear whether what was tested was the missile the new report described, the solid-fueled Qassem Basir.

The U.S. on Saturday said ballistic missiles were launched at U.S. warships and it struck three Iranian oil tankers in response. Experts called the launch a dangerous escalation, noting that until then Iran’s attacks at sea had targeted commercial shipping during six months of war. The U.S. said the warships evaded the attacks.

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