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## Spirit drops Orlando flights from Arnold Palmer airport

### Myrtle Beach route to replace longtime centerpiece of local service

BY RICH CHOLODOFSKY

Spirit Airlines is pulling the plug on its long-running Orlando service from Arnold Palmer Regional Airport next month, a move that leaves the Unity airfield without its most popular year-round destination.

The discount carrier confirmed Wednesday it has removed the Florida destination from its schedule effective April 15. The following day,

Spirit will resume seasonal service to Myrtle Beach, S.C.

Spirit spokesman Thomas Fletcher said in an email to TribLive the Myrtle Beach route will replace Orlando as the airline's sole service from the Westmoreland County airport. The airline offered no further explanation for the cutback.

Gabe Monzo, executive director of the Westmoreland County Airport

Authority, said he learned of the shift last month but has no information on whether Spirit might resume Orlando service in the future.

"They said they don't have a lot of airplanes to go around, so that's the decision they made," Monzo said. "Myrtle Beach is a good city for us, and they're flying there five days a week. It's great we're getting Myrtle



Spirit Airlines is expected to emerge from its second bankruptcy this year. It is the only commercial carrier operating at the airport. (Kristina Serafini | TribLive)

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## Public safety radio breach is no tall task, experts say

### Pittsburgh's analog system can be accessed with inexpensive gear

BY JUSTIN VELLUCCI AND JULIA BURDELSKI

It doesn't cost much to break onto a police-scanner channel and curse, spew hateful language or threaten an elected leader as an "unauthorized user" has been doing this week in Pittsburgh, experts told TribLive on Wednesday.

In fact, right on Amazon.com, the popular Chinese brand Baofeng sells hundreds of two-way radios that can be adapted to do just that for less than \$50.

"Anyone who spends \$45 on one of these radios can go on YouTube ... and cause havoc," said Adam Scott Wandt, an associate professor in public policy at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City. "And that seems to be what you guys are experiencing."

Wednesday marked the third consecutive day an unauthorized user or users broadcast racist and obscene messages over a public-safety radio channel in Pittsburgh.

The foul comments follow earlier transmissions of anti-semitic language and a death threat against the city's mayor.

The Federal Communications Commission, said by local authorities to be investigating, has not returned repeated phone calls and emails about the intrusions.

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## FUELING FEARS



Mike Gilmore pumps gas at the Citgo station Wednesday in Greensburg. Some stations in Westmoreland County raised prices by 16 to 19 cents per gallon overnight Tuesday. (Photos: Louis B. Ruediger | TribLive)

### W.Pa. gas prices jump overnight; economists warn volatility could impact broader economy

BY EMBER DUKE, JOE NAPSHA AND PATRICK VARINE

The pain at the pump has returned for Western Pennsylvania motorists as U.S. and Israeli attacks on Iran create uncertainty over the global oil supply, a volatility that economists say could wreak havoc on the local economy.

Gas prices across the Pittsburgh region jumped between Monday and Wednesday as the impact of the burgeoning war in the Middle East spread across oil-producing countries. Some stations in Westmoreland County raised prices by 16 to 19 cents per gallon overnight Tuesday, after increasing them by 10 cents Monday.

AAA East Central reported Wednesday that the national average for a gallon of regular gas reached \$3.10, but local towns are seeing even sharper spikes. Jim Garrity, a AAA spokesman for the region, said some areas have seen prices climb significantly higher

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Regular gas was selling for just under \$3.50 per gallon Wednesday at the Sunoco gas station along Route 66 in Salem.

## War powers fails in Senate

### Fetterman only Dem to vote against measure that would demand congressional OK

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WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans voted down an effort Wednesday to halt President Donald Trump's war against Iran, demonstrating early support for a conflict that has rapidly spread across the Middle East with no clear U.S. exit strategy.

The legislation, known as a war powers resolution, failed on a 47-53 vote tally. The vote fell mostly along party lines, though Democratic Sen. John Fetterman of Pennsylvania voted against it and Republican Sen. Rand Paul of Kentucky voted in favor.

The war powers resolution gave lawmakers an opportunity to demand congressional approval before any further attacks are carried out. The vote forced them to take a stand on a war shaping the fate of U.S. military members, countless other lives and the future of the region.

Underscoring the gravity of the moment, Democratic senators filled the Senate chamber and sat at their desks as the voting got underway. Typically, senators step into the chamber to cast their vote then leave.

"Today every senator — every single one — will pick a side," Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer said before the vote. "Do you stand with the American people who are exhausted with forever wars in the Middle East or stand with Donald

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## Online fan registration open for NFL Draft



The main stage for the NFL Draft — set for April 23-25 — will be outside Acrisure Stadium on Pittsburgh's North Shore. (Erin Yudit | PMP Newsroom)

### League is selling VIP ticket packages on top of free event sign-ups

BY RACHEL WILKINSON AND COLIN WILLIAMS

Fan registration for the 2026 NFL Draft in Pittsburgh is open.

In a joint release, the league, Visit Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh Steelers said the event will transform Pittsburgh's central neighborhoods into an "expansive Draft campus" showcasing the city's landmarks and rivers.

The league is encouraging

draft attendees to download and sign up for draft events using the NFL OnePass app or through the league's draft website.

"I think the launch of the draft section of the OnePass app is you're on the clock, and the countdown has begun," said Nikki Ewell, NFL's vice president of global events at a press event Wednesday.

Information published on the app includes frequently asked questions, informa-

tion about the draft's clear-bag policy (similar to that of a Steelers game or concert), and "a first initial pass of what the attractions are going to look like."

Still forthcoming, said Ewell, are more "fan-facing" maps highlighting food and beverage and other points of interest, and parking and transportation information, to be released in early April.

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A boy climbs on an unexploded Iranian projectile Wednesday in an open field in the outskirts of Qamishli, eastern Syria. (AP)

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