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## CANDIDATES FOCUS ON PA. IN SPRINT TO ELECTION DAY

### Thousands turn out for Harris' first rally in Erie, a pivotal swing county

By Jonathan Salant and Hallie Lauer  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

ERIE — In her first-ever campaign visit to pivotal Erie County, Vice President Kamala Harris emphasized her plans to improve the economy and build the middle class while also going on the attack against former President Donald Trump, who carried the county eight years ago en route to carrying Pennsylvania and winning the White House.

Trump, she said, "has no plans for how he'd address the needs of the American people and American families. Folks, it's time to turn the page."

Ms. Harris emphasized the opportunity to elect "a new and optimistic generation

of leadership."

"One of the highest forms of patriotism is to fight for the ideals of our country," Ms. Harris said at Erie Insurance Arena, which holds about 9,400 people and was her largest crowd thus far in Western Pennsylvania. Except for obstructed seats and an area reserved for the media, the place was packed. "We're all here together because we know



Harris

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### Trump vows to increase oil drilling during truncated town hall in Montgomery County

The Associated Press

OAKS, Pa. — While Vice President Kamala Harris spoke Monday night in Erie, former President Donald Trump took his fight for Pennsylvania to the southeastern suburbs of Philadelphia.

Trump, the Republican nominee, has been making regular appearances in what is the country's largest battleground state. Just last week, Trump made stops in both Scranton and Reading.

Trump beat Hillary Clinton by more than 40,000 votes in Pennsylvania on his way to winning the presidency in 2016. But Joe Biden, a Scranton native, beat Trump by about 80,000 votes in the state four years ago.

Trump spoke at a town hall Monday in suburban Oaks. Responding to a man who said his dream of homeownership feels out of reach, Trump said regulations make it too expensive to build in some places. He repeated his pledge to increase U.S. oil drilling, which he said would drive down costs, though domestic production is already at record highs.



Trump

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Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro shows a signed agreement with Carnegie Mellon University President Farnam Jahanian, left, Nvidia Vice President Anthony Robbins, second from left, and University of Pittsburgh Chancellor Joan Gabel at Monday's AI Horizons summit in Bakery Square. The agreement established Pittsburgh as the global chipmaker's first "AI Tech Community," and initiated a partnership to promote medical AI and robotics research at the two schools.

## TECH SUPPORT

### AI development is Pittsburgh's next act, Shapiro says during inaugural summit

By Evan Robinson-Johnson  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

At the inaugural AI Horizons summit Monday, Gov. Josh Shapiro called Pittsburgh the future of artificial intelligence development and said Pennsylvania, unlike other states that are more tech wary, is a place where "everyone's going in the same direction."

State employees involved in a limited pilot reported saving an average of 105 minutes per day using ChatGPT through the state's inaugural partnership with OpenAI, he said. And there's a potential to build much more.

"We view AI as a critically important, helpful tool when it comes to delivering

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government services [and] supporting our fellow Pennsylvanians," the governor said.

Moments later, he signed an agreement between one of the largest AI architects, Nvidia, and two of the leading AI research institutions, the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University, forming a partnership that could drive further advancements in medicine and robotics.

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Attendees wear headphones to hear speakers as several panel discussions take place simultaneously at Monday's AI Horizons summit.

#### MIDEAST CONFLICT

## Israeli strike on Lebanon village kills at least 21

By Yahya Habchiti, Kareem Chehayeb and Wafaa Shurafa  
Associated Press

AITO, Lebanon — An Israeli airstrike hit an apartment building in northern Lebanon on Monday, killing at least 21 people, according to the Lebanese Red Cross.

There was no immediate comment from the Israeli military and it was not clear what the target was. The strike hit a small apartment building in the village of Aito, which is part of the country's Christian heartland in the north and far from the Hezbollah militant group's main areas of influence in the south and east.

Rescue workers in Aito searched through the rubble of the building as ambulances stood by to receive the bodies of victims. A number of nearby buildings and cars also were damaged in the strike.

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## Incumbent auditor general plays up his reforms; challengers promise even more

By Ford Turner  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The Nov. 5 election contest for state auditor general — an oft-overlooked post that serves as a fiscal watchdog — includes an incumbent Republican who touts a string of reforms, and a Democratic state representative who promises even more changes.

Republican Timothy L. DeFoor and Democratic state Rep. Malcolm Kenyatta will be

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