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First responders work the scene after a small plane crashed in Philadelphia on Friday. A medical transport jet with a child patient, her mother and four others aboard crashed into a Philadelphia neighborhood shortly after takeoff, exploding in a fireball that engulfed several homes.

'THERE WILL BE LOSS'

6 feared dead after medical plane crashes near Philadelphia mall

By Hank Sanders and Neil Vigdor
The New York Times

PHILADELPHIA — A small medical plane carrying six people crashed near a shopping center in Northeast Philadelphia on Friday night, leaving no apparent survivors, sending a large fireball into the air and engulfing vehicles and homes in flames, the authorities said.

Jet Rescue Air Ambulance, which owns the plane, said that there were four crew members — one pediatric

patient and one escort — on board at the time of the crash.

"We have no information that there were any survivors, and by the intensity of the flames and the debris field and the sight of the crash and we are doubtful that there are any survivors," said Shai Gold, a spokesman for Jet Rescue Air Ambulance.

He added that the company, which conducts between 600 and 700 flights a year and specializes in critical care patients, was not releasing any names until family members were notified and de-

scribed the plane, a Learjet 55, as an "excellent plane."

The plane was transporting a young female patient from Philadelphia, where her care had been completed, to her home in Mexico, Mr. Gold said. The plane had a planned stop in Missouri for fuel before its final destination, Tijuana International Airport, he said.

The patient's condition and where she had received her care were not released.

It was unclear if there were any casualties on the ground.

Cherelle Parker, the mayor of

Philadelphia, did not provide any information about the number of fatalities but said at a news conference about 8:30 p.m. that "several dwellings and vehicles were impacted."

She told residents not to touch anything that looked like debris and to stay inside if possible. Shelter was being provided for residents at Samuel Fels High School, about 2 miles from the crash site.

Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro said at a news conference late

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TRUMP READIES SERIES OF TARIFFS

Levies to affect China, Canada, Mexico

By Zeke Miller, Aamer Madhani and Josh Boak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Friday he would place 25% tariffs on imports from Canada and Mexico and 10% tariffs on goods from China effective Saturday, raising the specter of swift price increases for U.S. consumers even though he suggested he would try to blunt the impact on oil imports.

Trump had been threatening the tariffs to ensure greater cooperation from the countries on stopping illegal immigration and the smuggling of chemicals used for fentanyl, but he has also pledged to use tariffs to boost domestic manufacturing and raise revenues for the federal government.

"Starting tomorrow, those tariffs will be in place," White House press

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D.C. PLANE CRASH

Collision probe, recovery continue

Army helicopter's black box located

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Va. — Police boats combed the banks of the Potomac River on Friday, slowly scanning the shoreline in the rain as investigators sought clues into the midair collision that killed 67 people and raised questions about air traffic safety around the nation's capital.

The black box from the Army Black Hawk helicopter that collided with a commercial jetliner and crashed into the Potomac River has been recovered, investigators announced. They are reviewing that flight data recorder along with two recovered earlier from the jet.

No one survived the Wednesday night collision. The remains of 41 people had been pulled from the river as of Friday afternoon, including 28 that had been positively identified, Washington, D.C., Fire Chief

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Cancer testing sought in birth control suit

Requests database for users of the drug

By Kris B. Mamula
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A woman who used an injectable, long-acting contraceptive for five years is suing brand name and generic drugmakers in federal court in Pittsburgh, saying the companies failed to warn consumers about research linking the drug to brain tumors.

Patricia Bonilla, who lives in California, filed a two-count civil lawsuit demanding that makers of

Depo-Provera set up a monitoring database for women who used the drug for birth control and to cover the cost of future cancer screening. The lawsuit, filed by Lynn A. Ellenberger from the North Shore firm of Fegan Scott LLC, seeks class action status to represent all women who used the contraceptive.

Brand and generic makers of Depo-Provera: Pfizer Inc., Pharmacia & Upjohn LLC, Pharmacia LLC, Viatrix Inc., Greenstone LLC and Prasco LLC were named as defendants for failing to inform consumers about the risk of intracranial meningiomas with use of the

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PINNING THE BADGE



Lucy Schaly/Post-Gazette

The City of Pittsburgh Bureau of Police held a graduation ceremony Friday for Recruit Class BR 24-01 and BR 24-02 at Community College of Allegheny County on the North Side. Graduates held their badges and waited for family and friends to pin them onto their shirts.



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