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The Todd Financial Associates bike team crosses the finish line Sunday in Allegheny Commons Park during Pedal Pittsburgh, a bicycle ride around the city that raises money for Bike Pittsburgh. The event offers four course options for participants.

SPOKES PEOPLE

From 10-mile ride to 62-mile trek, bicyclists embrace Pedal Pittsburgh

By Anya Sostek
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

By about 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Dan Goldstein, of Morningside, had biked 62 miles with more than 5,000 feet of elevation, completing the longest loop as part of Pedal Pittsburgh — Pittsburgh's biggest annual bike event.

Around the same time, Casey Hunter and his 8-year-old son finished a 10-mile course, also part of the same event. Mr. Hunter, of Hazelwood, has done the biking chal-

lenge for about 12 years, but this was the first time his son had ridden the course — by himself. "We've done it since before he was born," said Mr. Hunter, "and he's done it since before he knew he was doing it."

Pedal Pittsburgh has become an annual tradition in Pittsburgh with a ride for everyone, from toddlers in bike seats to preschoolers learning to stop at intersections to fitness enthusiasts out for a challenge.

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Cyclists ride along Ridge Avenue on the North Side during the 31st annual event.

Pa., DOJ fight over voter information

State pushes back on request to share

By Lindsay Shachnow
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Letters between the U.S. Department of Justice and the Pennsylvania Department of State reveal a polite but pointed exchange in what has become part of a nationwide fight over the federal government's role in elections.

An Aug. 14 letter from the Department of Justice asks for a copy of Pennsylvania's voter registration list, including the "registrant's full name, date of birth, residential address, [and] his or her state driver's license number or the last four digits of the registrant's Social Security number" to "register indi-

viduals for federal elections."

Pennsylvania Secretary of the Commonwealth Al Schmidt declined to provide the requested information.

"This request, and reported efforts to collect broad data on millions of Americans, represent a concerning attempt to expand the federal government's role in our country's electoral process," he wrote Thursday in response to the DOJ.

He said Pennsylvania's Department of State takes "seriously its obligation to safeguard the integrity and accuracy of Pennsylvania's voter rolls, as well as the security of Pennsylvanians' personal information."

"Because your letters do not provide any legal justification for the Department to disregard this sacred obligation, we are unable to share

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WESTERN WILDFIRES



Noah Berger/Associated Press

A helicopter drops retardant on the Pickett Fire, which was burning Sunday in the Aetna Springs area of Napa County, Calif. Thousands of homes were under evacuation orders and warnings from wildfires in Northern California wine country and central Oregon as crews battled the flames in dry, hot weather. Story, A-6.

Trump vows to dispatch military

Threatens deployment to Baltimore after spat

By Jonathan J. Cooper and Leah Askarinam
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Sunday threatened to expand his military deployments to more Democratic-led cities, responding to an offer by Maryland's governor to join him in a tour of Baltimore by saying he might instead "send in the 'troops.'"

His latest pledge to ramp up the military's presence in left-leaning cities came as at least some National Guard units in the nation's capital began carrying weapons over the weekend, making good on a directive issued Friday by Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth. An Associated Press photographer on Sunday saw members of the South Carolina National Guard outside Union Station with holstered handguns.

The most recent developments in Trump's extraordinary effort to override the law enforcement authority of state and local governments came after he said he was considering Chicago and New York for troop deployments similar to what he has

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UPMC Magee nurses vote to unionize

By Kris B. Mamula
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Registered nurses at UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital voted in favor of representation by SEIU Healthcare Pennsylvania, capping off a decadeslong drive by the union to organize a health system flagship hospital in Oakland, the union said Sunday.

The vote for union representation was 402 to 305 after balloting on Aug. 19 and 23. The votes were counted Saturday, according to SEIU.

"My coworkers and I are absolutely overjoyed to finally win a union voice for our patients, our profession and our community," eight-year UPMC veteran and oncology nurse Jenna Berry said in a prepared statement. "We were incredibly inspired and thankful for the overwhelming support from our community, patients and elected officials."

In a statement, UPMC said it looked forward to partnering with SEIU.

"We respect the decision of UPMC Magee nurses to unionize with the SEIU and look forward to a respectful

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