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Gov. Josh Shapiro, who survived an arson attack in April, pauses while he discusses the incident at the Eradicate Hate Summit at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center on Tuesday.

'WE NEED TO BE UNIVERSAL IN OUR CONDEMNATION'

Months after arson attack, Shapiro urges unity to stop political violence

By Hallie Lauer
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Nearly five months after an arson attack on his home, Pennsylvania Gov. Josh Shapiro addressed the fifth annual Eradicate Hate Global Summit, urging unity and moral clarity amid a rise in political and hate-driven violence nationwide.

Mr. Shapiro, a Democrat, gave a keynote speech at the Eradicate Hate Global Summit on Tuesday morning. Mr. Shapiro's remarks came days after the assassination of conservative activist Charlie Kirk.

Mr. Shapiro and his family had gone to sleep after celebrating the first night of Passover last April when they were awoken by state police officers pounding on their

This type of violence has no place in our society, regardless of what motivates it ..."

Gov. Josh Shapiro
at the summit on Tuesday

doors, telling them to evacuate. Alleged arsonist Cody Balmer had snuck past security and used a Molotov cocktail to start the fires. He later told police that he targeted the governor because of "what he wants to do to the Palestinian people," police records said.

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Dehumanization leading to increased polarization in society, speakers say

By Stephana Ocneanu
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A Muslim woman from Louisville and a Mexican-Jewish entrepreneur might not seem like natural allies, but at the Eradicate Hate Global Summit in Pittsburgh, Lonnie Ali and Daniel Lubetzky sat side by side with a common plea — to choose compassion over division.

Ms. Ali, widow of boxing legend and humanitarian Muhammad Ali, and Mr. Lubetzky, the founder of

Kind Snacks and the son of a Holocaust survivor, spoke candidly Tuesday about polarization, dehumanization and what it will take to rebuild compassion in a fractured society.

Ms. Ali reflected on the years since her husband's death in 2016, a time where she felt society was "taking a sled and going downhill."

Since then, the political climate, she said, has only grown harsher.

"It feels like everything

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KIRK ASSASSINATION

UTAH TO PURSUE DEATH PENALTY

Prosecutors: DNA, text link suspect to shooting

By Jesse Bedayn,
Hannah Schoenbaum
and John Seewer
Associated Press

PROVO, Utah — Prosecutors brought a murder charge Tuesday against the man accused of assassinating Charlie Kirk and outlined evidence, including a text message confession to his partner and a note left beforehand saying he had the opportunity to kill one of the nation's leading conservative voices "and I'm going to take it."

DNA on the trigger of the rifle that killed Mr. Kirk also matched that of Tyler Robinson, Utah County Attorney Jeff Gray said while outlining the evidence and announcing charges that could result in the death penalty if Mr. Robinson is convicted.

The prosecutor said Mr. Robinson, 22, wrote in one text that he spent more than a week planning the attack on Mr. Kirk, a prominent force in politics credited with energizing the Republican youth movement and helping Donald Trump win back the White House in 2024.

"The murder of Charlie Kirk is an American tragedy," Mr. Gray said.

Mr. Kirk was gunned down Sept. 10 while speaking with students at Utah Valley University. Prosecutors allege Mr. Robinson shot Mr. Kirk in the neck with a bolt-action rifle from the roof of a nearby building on the campus in Orem, about 40 miles south of Salt Lake City.

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PENN STATE

President's raise stirs resentment

Some professors point to branch campus closures

By Maddie Aiken
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

When Penn State New Kensington professor Andrea Adolph learned of President Neeli Bendapudi's 47% salary raise, she felt it was "obscene."

Over the past few years, Ms. Adolph, an English professor, has listened to university leaders raise the alarm bells over a budget crisis. She has watched some of her fellow professors accept buyouts. In May, she, her colleagues and her students learned the difficult news that the New Kensington campus would be one of seven branch campuses to shutter in just two years.

Hearing Friday, then, that the Board of Trustees would increase Ms. Bendapudi's base salary to \$1.4 million — a \$450,000 raise — didn't make sense to Ms. Adolph.

"It's obscene ... both the fact that she was offered it and the fact that she accepted it," Ms. Adolph said.

The salary increase makes Ms. Bendapudi, in terms of base salaries, the second-highest paid public university leader in the country.

She now earns a higher base salary than all of her colleagues in the Big Ten, according to September 2025 data from the Chronicle of Higher Education. Her base

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ROBERT REDFORD | Aug. 18, 1936 - Sept. 16, 2025

Oscar-winning director, actor and indie patriarch

By Bob Thomas
Associated Press

Robert Redford, the Hollywood golden boy who became an Oscar-winning director, liberal activist and godfather for independent cinema under the name of one of his best-loved characters, died Tuesday. He was 89.

Mr. Redford died "at his home at Sundance in the mountains of Utah — the place he loved, surrounded by those he loved," publicist Cindi Berger said in a statement.

He died in his sleep, but no cause was provided.

After rising to stardom in the 1960s, Mr. Redford was one of the biggest stars of the '70s with such films as "The Candidate," "All the President's Men" and "The Way We Were," capping that decade with the best director Oscar for 1980's "Ordinary People," which also won best picture in 1980.

His wavy blond hair and boyish grin made him the most desired of leading men, but he worked hard to transcend his looks — whether through his political advocacy, his

willingness to take on unglamorous roles or his dedication to providing a platform for low-budget movies.

His roles ranged from Washington Post journalist Bob Woodward to a mountain man in "Jeremiah Johnson" to a double agent in the Marvel Cinematic Universe, and his co-stars included Jane Fonda, Meryl Streep and Tom Cruise.

But his most famous screen partner was his old friend and fellow activist and practical joker Paul Newman, their films a variation of their

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Robert Redford



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