

PACKERS 35, STEELERS 25



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Steelers quarterback Aaron Rodgers reaches for a loose football during Sunday night's game against the Packers at Acrisure Stadium. The veteran quarterback, who played 18 years with Green Bay, completed 24 of 36 passes for 219 yards and two touchdowns. Packers quarterback Jordan Love fared better, throwing for 360 yards and three touchdowns. Expanded coverage in **Sports, Section B.**

SPOILED REUNION

Packers get better of matchup with Rodgers on field, in stands

By Brian Batko
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Paul Studer is a diehard Packers fan raising a Lions fan. Adan Calderon is a Raiders fan who raised a Rodgers fan. Sunday night on the North Shore was a melting pot for Cheeseheads and Yinzers, fathers and sons, Wisconsinites and Steeler Nation and parts beyond, too. Really any football junkie could appreciate the

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scene at Acrisure Stadium, the sights and the sounds — well, maybe not *all* of the sights, given the garish retro jerseys rocked by the home team — as two of the NFL's marquee franchises met under the lights with the backdrop of one of the G.O.A.T.s of the game on the other side of the 'G' helmet. Seeing Mr. Rodgers suit up in

green for the New York Jets the past couple of seasons was one thing, but having him on the opposite sideline, that flick-of-the-wrist throwing motion flinging passes *against* the Packers for the first time? That's something out of an alternate universe. Which is precisely why Pittsburgh was the center of the football universe this weekend. "I don't think many Packers fans have ill will toward him — I surely don't," said Mr. Studer, a

native of Shawano, Wis., who now lives in Montana. "I think it'll be a fun game. Outside of this game, I want to see him do well." And Mr. Rodgers did fine, but not well enough for his new team in a 35-25 loss Sunday night. He chatted a few hours beforehand with various members of the Packers coaching staff

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TRADE DEAL DRAWING CLOSER

Trump, Xi to meet this week to workout details

By Chris Megerian,
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Associated Press

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — A trade deal between the United States and China is drawing closer, officials from the world's two largest economies said Sunday as they reached an initial consensus for President Donald Trump and Chinese leader Xi Jinping to aim to finalize during their high-stakes meeting.

Any agreement would be a relief to international markets even if it does not address underlying issues involving manufacturing imbalances and access to state-of-the-art computer chips.

Beijing recently limited exports of rare earth elements that are needed for advanced technologies, and Trump responded by threatening additional tariffs on Chinese products. The prospect of a widening conflict risked weakening economic growth worldwide.

China's top trade negotiator, Li Cheng-gang, told reporters the two sides had reached a "preliminary consensus," while

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STATE BUDGET IMPASSE

Pa. colleges, students feeling the strain

By Maddie Aiken
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Pennsylvania's higher education institutions and students are feeling the effects of the state's 100-plus day budget impasse in their pocketbooks.

Millions of dollars in state-issued appropriations and grants are held up in the 2025 budget, which has been delayed since the beginning of July. Though a \$49.7 billion spending plan was approved by the Republican-led state Senate earlier this week, it's unlikely the Democrat-controlled House will greenlight that budget.

That means the state's publicly funded universities are still waiting on their appropriations, and students who qualified for state-issued grants haven't received them yet.

Universities that get significant state funding include the four state-related schools — such as the University of Pittsburgh and Penn State — and the state's 10 state-owned universities, which include Slippery Rock University, Pennsylvania Western University and the Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

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SYNAGOGUE SHOOTING: 7 YEARS LATER

Acts of service keep victims' memory alive

By Tim Grant
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

At Beth Abraham Cemetery in the South Hills, volunteers spent Sunday morning raking leaves, shoveling soil and cleaning headstones. Among them was 20-year-old Ben Richlin, a University of Pittsburgh neuroscience major who joined about two dozen of his Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity brothers for the annual cemetery cleanup. His grandfather passed in February, and as he looked across the rows of gravestones, he imagined what each one represented — a gathering of

family and friends mourning someone they loved. "These gravesites mean so much to a lot of people," Mr. Richlin said. "It's gratifying to be able to do something this personally valuable. Families will visit their relatives and see that it's being kept up and that they are being honored like they should be." The cemetery cleanup was one of four volunteer projects held by the Jewish community this weekend ahead of Monday's community-wide remembrance marking seven

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MELISSA STRENGTHENS



Matis Delacroix/Associated Press

Workers board up shop windows ahead of Hurricane Melissa's forecast arrival in Kingston, Jamaica. Melissa continued to gain strength Sunday and grew into a Category 4 hurricane. The storm threatens to reach Category 5 status. Story, **A-7**



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Mostly sunny.
Daytime high, 60;
tonight's low, 36.
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