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Steelers quarterback Aaron Rodgers tries to get a throw off as he's pressured by Browns defensive tackle Mason Graham during the second half of their game Sunday at Huntington Bank Field in Cleveland. With the loss, the Steelers failed to clinch the AFC North. More game coverage in Sports, Section B.

WINTER WEATHER

STORM IMPACTS MUCH OF COUNTRY

Whiteout conditions affect holiday travel

By Leah Willingham and Jeff Martin
Associated Press

A powerful winter storm was sweeping east from the Plains on Sunday, driven by what meteorologists describe as an intense cyclone that is expected to impact much of the country with a mixture of snow, ice, rain and strong winds.

"Part of the storm system is getting heavy snow, other parts of the storm along the cold front are getting higher winds and much colder temperatures as the front passes," said Bob Oravec, a lead forecaster at the National Weather Service office in College Park, Md. "They're all related to each other — different parts of the country will be receiving different effects from this storm."

Snow and strengthening winds spread Sunday across the Upper Midwest, where the National Weather Service warned of whiteout conditions and possible blizzard conditions that could make travel impossible in some areas. Snowfall totals were expected to exceed a foot across parts of the upper Great Lakes, with up to 2 feet possible along the south shore of Lake Superior.

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SYNAGOGUE SHOOTING

Bowers' attorneys file appeal

By Megan Guza
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Attorneys for condemned Pittsburgh synagogue shooter Robert Bowers have formally filed an appeal to the Third Circuit Court seeking at least a resentencing for their client.

In a 500-page document, they argue, among a dozen other perceived issues, that the court improperly excluded some jurors, improperly included another juror, and improperly began shackling Bowers partway through the trial based on vague concerns from U.S. marshals.

Filed earlier this month, the document raises 16 separate issues defense attorneys say necessitate at least a resentencing.

Bowers was found guilty in June 2023 of all 63 charges against him in connection with the Oct. 27, 2018, shooting at the Squirrel Hill synagogue. Jurors found him eligible to receive the death penalty a month later, and on Aug. 3, 2023, they unanimously sentenced him to death.

Eleven people were killed in the shooting: Joyce Fienberg, Richard Gottfried, Rose Mallinger, Jerry Rabinowitz, Cecil and David Rosenthal, Bernice and Sylvan Simon, Dan Stein, Melvin Wax and Irving

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NO CLEVELAND CLINCH

DK Metcalf's absence a blow to offense, playoff chances

By Brian Batko
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

COMMENTARY

There's a famous Mike Tomlin clip of him mic'd up on the sideline of a game when he delivers a message to team leader Maurkice Pouncey as he came off the field following a spat with an opposing player. "Hey, look, man," Mr. Tomlin yells at his starting center.

"Sometimes we gotta put that personal pride to the side when the cause is bigger than you." That all-access moment was ringing in my head throughout the Steelers' 13-6 loss Sunday to the Cleveland Browns at Huntington Bank Field, where they always seem to leave their offense back in Pittsburgh rather than bringing it through the

turnpike tollbooths. The big brother in this Pennsylvania-Ohio border rivalry has now lost four in a row in little brother's home and has just one win in the "Dawg Pound" since 2017. Now DK Metcalf is even more in the doghouse with Steeler Nation, which is fair. He's one of the most popular players on the team — any number of local kids had his jersey under their Christmas tree Thursday morning — but if you could've drafted

a script in which Mr. Metcalf's absence sinks the Steelers' chances of locking up the division title in Cleveland, then their chances of making the playoffs, that's exactly what played out in the first game of his two-week suspension. Let's go back to that Tomlin-Pouncey exchange. "This cause is bigger than you, isn't it?" Mr. Tomlin

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Trades attracting more students

Debt, AI concerns turn young adults to skills careers instead of college

By Maddie Aiken
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Saddled with college debt and recently unemployed, Jamie Harrington knew he needed a "hard reset." The 35-year-old, who has a bachelor's degree in history and a graduate certificate in geospatial technologies from Indiana University of Pennsylvania, was let go from a Pittsburgh financial institution earlier this year. Despite his education and more than a decade of work experience, Mr. Harrington faced upward of 100 job rejections. That's when the Beaver resi-

dent decided to pivot his entire career. This fall, he enrolled at the Community College of Beaver County to earn an associate degree in advanced manufacturing and process technology. When Mr. Harrington graduates in several years, he expects to earn between \$39 to \$47 an hour at a plant. He'll also have a job and skill set that he believes will make him "bulletproof" from recessions, offshoring and artificial intelligence. "I've lived it for 15 years now — what the job [market] is like," Mr.

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Carrick High School carpentry student Roland Michelson works on a project during class earlier this month in Carrick.



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