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Officer files federal suit against city

Whistleblower alleges assistant police chief retaliated against him

By Paula Reed Ward
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A Pittsburgh police officer is suing the city and an assistant chief, claiming he was discriminated against for exposing as much as \$1 million in potential waste through the bureau's information technology system.

Souroth Chatterji filed the civil rights and whistleblower complaint Wednesday in federal court in Pittsburgh, alleging that Assistant Chief Linda Barone, who also serves as the deputy director of public safety, threatened his career and urged subordinates to retaliate against him after he began investigating her potential involvement with B-Three Solutions Inc.

Alicia George, the police bureau spokeswoman, said neither she nor Assistant Chief Barone would comment on the lawsuit.

According to the lawsuit, Officer Chatterji, who joined the department in 2012, was asked to evaluate the bureau's IT programs by former police Chief Cameron McLay and Cmdr. Eric Holmes in 2015.

During his review, the lawsuit alleges, Officer Chatterji discovered that the city had paid millions of dollars to B-Three for updates

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Petition seeks removal of doctor's name from building

Parran involved in infamous Tuskegee syphilis experiments

By Bill Schackner
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The complex that houses the University of Pittsburgh's Graduate School of Public Health is a familiar Fifth Avenue sight, as is a giant outdoor sculpture of a skeletal man affixed to one of its halls, celebrating the human pursuit of knowledge.

But a now-deceased Pitt dean and figure in U.S. health history, for which Parran Hall is named, has a past that some students say is incompatible with an institution that is a national leader in training health care professionals.

A petition demanding that Pitt rename the building has begun circulating.

It says that Thomas Parran Jr., as U.S. surgeon general, "presided

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'IT'S CATASTROPHIC'



Students file out of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School after a deadly shooting Wednesday in Parkland, Fla.

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Former student opens fire at Florida high school, killing at least 17 people

Associated Press

PARKLAND, Fla. — A former student opened fire with a semiautomatic rifle at a Florida high school Wednesday, killing at least 17 people and sending scores of students fleeing into the streets in the nation's deadliest school shooting since a gunman attacked an elementary school in Newtown, Conn.

The shooter, who was equipped with a gas mask and

smoke grenades, set off a fire alarm to draw students out of classrooms shortly before the day ended at one of the state's largest schools, officials said.

Authorities offered no immediate details on the 19-year-old suspect or any possible motive, except to say that he had been expelled for disciplinary reasons from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, which has about 3,000 students.

Also, a sheriff said investigators were dissecting the sus-

pect's social media posts, and "some of the things that have come to mind are very, very disturbing."

Frantic parents rushed to the school to find SWAT team members and ambulances surrounding the huge campus. Live television footage showed emergency workers who appeared to be treating the wounded on sidewalks.

"It is a horrific situation," said Robert Runcie, superintendent of the school district in Parkland, about an hour's drive north of Miami. "It is a horrible day for us."

The suspect was taken into custody without a fight about

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an hour later in a residential neighborhood about a mile away. He had multiple magazines of ammunition, authorities said.

"It's catastrophic. There really are no words," Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel told reporters.

The attacker used the fire alarm "so the kids would come pouring out of the classrooms into the hall," Sen. Bill Nelson

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Point Park students spread love with flowers on Valentine's Day

Deliveries help to raise funds for trips, soccer

By Anya Sostek
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Where normally there are couches, tables and lounge furniture in the lobby of Point Park University's Lawrence Hall, Wednesday morning there was a jungle of red roses and baby's breath. Hundreds of bouquets of flowers lined tables and filled laundry carts, ready for what is surely one of Pittsburgh's most romantic school fundraisers.

For the past six years, Point Park students have pitched in to help florists on what is by far their busiest day of the year. This year, 85 students delivered nearly 300 bouquets to lovebirds in Downtown office buildings. The students also deliver flowers on the day before Valentine's Day and on Administrative Professionals



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Parker Werns, a graduate assistant for the Honors Program at Point Park University, sorts Valentine's Day flowers for delivery Wednesday. Students in the program delivered the flowers to raise money for travel.

Day, which is April 25 this year.

"We used to advertise on Craigslist and we would hire people for two days — Valentine's Day and the day before," said Rick

Conley, president and owner of Oliver Flowers, Downtown. "This has worked out well. The kids are enthusiastic and they're excited when they're raising money."

The fundraiser began after a florist mentioned to a Point Park graduate assistant that the store could use some help on Valentine's Day. In the past, all the money has gone to support the John Fallon Travel Fund, which helps students afford domestic and international trips. This year, the women's soccer team pitched in, too, to raise money for its operating budget. The school receives \$5.50 per bouquet of flowers delivered, and students deliver for Oliver Flowers, Jim Ludwig's Blumengarten Florist, Parkway Florist and others.

"I've never done something like this before — it was nice to see all the good intentions, all the good vibes all around," said Vanessa Vivas, an 18-year-old freshman. "I don't really have Valentine's Day plans, so this is the best way I can take that energy and give something good to the world."

Mr. Conley said he had heard of

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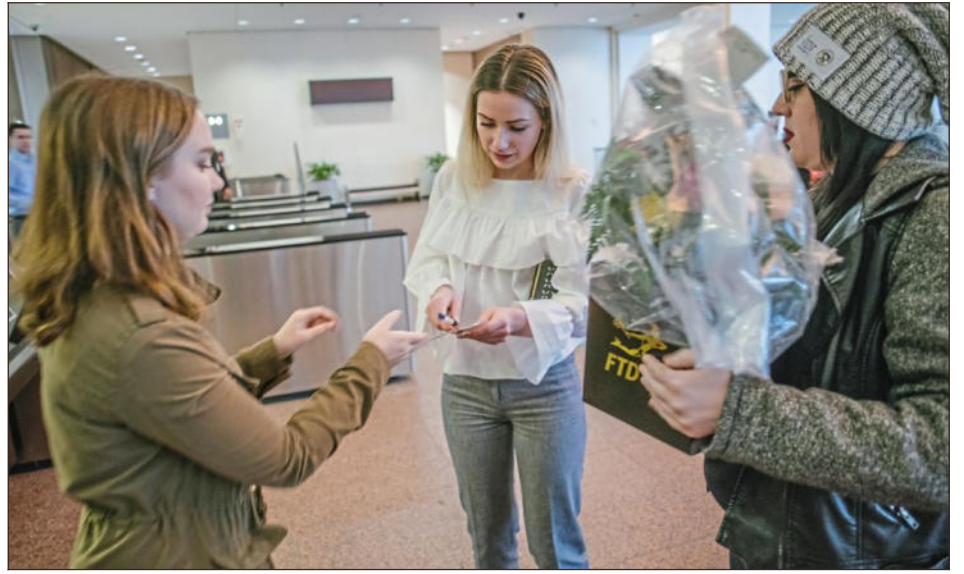
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church groups helping deliver flowers on Valentine's Day in other cities, but he was unaware of any other schools that did so.

In Lawrence Hall, the flowers were sorted by street and packed into the red laundry carts that students use for moving into school. Teams of two students then delivered them, navigating the carts over potholes and bumpy sidewalks. "It was a massage for your hands," joked Ethan Leisie, a 21-year-old sophomore finishing a two-hour morning shift.

Thankfully, the 40-degree weather Tuesday and Wednesday was about as good as can be expected for a Pittsburgh February. "We're really happy the sun is shining," said Helen Fallon, professor of journalism and director of Point Park's Honors Program, who organizes the event. "We've pushed our housing bins through the snow." Ms. Fallon, who set up the travel fund in honor of her late husband, works one day a week as a copy editor at the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

Weather aside, there were, of course, hiccups. Women's soccer coach Maggie Kuhn was surprised to find out that one early morning delivery was meant for a gentlemen's club — the students did not deliver that one. At the U.S. Steel Tower, graduate student Tyler Dague watched security make an endless series of phone calls —



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Point Park University students Beth Turnbull, left, of North Huntingdon and Haley Barnes, right, of South Fayette deliver flowers to Heather Cornish at BNY Mellon on Valentine's Day.

eventually to discover that the woman receiving flowers had called in sick.

The whole day, joked Mr. Dague, 25, was a lesson in the intricacies of the security procedures of Downtown office buildings — some that allowed deliveries up to offices, some that allowed the flowers to be left in the lobby, and many that required waits of 20 minutes or more just to deliver one package, as the front desk attempted to contact recipients who had to sign for their packages.

"Prior to 9/11, we walked right into the office, right up to the desk and handed it to them — it was much more personal," Mr. Conley said.

"With security in those buildings now, you can't do that anymore."

It took Point Park students Stacia Paglieri and Kristopher Chandler — a dating couple themselves who spent part of their Valentine's Day delivering flowers to others — more than an hour to deliver eight packages on a short stretch of Grant Street, navigating a maze of under-construction elevators at Oxford Centre, finding a woman listed as being on the 23rd floor in the Grant Building who actually worked on the 16th floor, and dealing with an incorrect phone number that the security desk had for a man receiving flowers at BNY Mellon.

The constant parade of flower deliveries and surprise guests was enough for one lobby security worker Downtown to grumble that next year, she'd be taking Valentine's Day off.

Mr. Chandler, however, kept it positive.

"It's just a good cause," he said, while sitting on a bench in the lobby at BNY Mellon, keeping an eye on the laundry cart he'd pushed into the building through a sticky set of double doors. "It's a way for us to help out and give back for the support that we get."

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Random acts of kindness

Her uplifting story of true perseverance

This short story is about a very special lady diagnosed with breast cancer about a year ago.

I have worked for an insurance agency for quite some time and have gotten to know some of our clients on a more personal level — Camille being one of them.

Camille stopped by the office last summer to tell me about her diagnosis and show me that she had lost most of her beautiful hair because of her treatments.

However, Camille, with her great spirit, told me she was going to beat this! I told her I absolutely believed her and would add her to my daily prayer list.

As promised, I began to pray every day that God would rid her body of the cancer.

Camille shared with me in the fall that the cancer was in remission. She stopped by the office before Christmas smiling from ear to ear with her awesome spirit. She handed me a gift bag containing a beautiful knitted scarf.

She said, "Every time you wear it, consider it a hug from me." Well, Camille, every day I smile, thanks to you, as I get hugged many times over.

I have shared your story to those who have commented on what a beautiful scarf I am wearing. Thank



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you, Camille, for spreading your joy to me and so many others. God is good.

KATHY CRUMP
Bethel Park

Stepping up to help strangers in need

Last month, my husband and I went to the Benedum Center, Downtown.

We parked the car in a lot and took the elevator down with two gentlemen, then went to the cashier to pay.

That is when my husband discovered he forgot his wallet. I tried to call my sister, who also was going to the show, and said — I

guess too loudly — "We are in trouble."

Immediately, the two gentlemen stepped forward and paid the parking fee to the cashier. We tried to get their names to send them money, but they said "it's OK" and walked away.

This was such a nice gesture and we will certainly remember it when we find someone in distress.

So, gentlemen, if you read this, we thank you so much for helping us out in this situation.

MEL AND BETTE SPOKANE
Cranberry

Snow plow operator comes to rescue

Several weeks ago, there was a day when 7 inches of snow fell. My wife and I, ages 80 and 85, respectively, decided to shovel it off.

After about five minutes, a pickup truck with a snow plow and salt spreader attached stopped by the end of our driveway. The driver got out, grabbed a shovel and said, "Let me help you."

We finished the whole job in 20 minutes. We offered to pay him, but he refused.

His name is Dave, and he plows snow professionally. It's nice to know there still are special people left in this world.

Thanks, Dave.
DOLORES AND JOE STEELE
Plum

Shining light on a very special night

New Year's Eve was cold, dark and snowy, and we were invited to our neighbor's party.

We are in our 80s, and earlier my husband had made a path in the snow across our front lawn to the neighbor's driveway.

When we came out that night with our flashlights, we were amazed to see our snow trail illuminated by bright candle luminarias.

Thank you, Steve and Lisa.

ELEANOR WITT
Wexford

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On this day, Feb. 15

1854 The Summit Tunnel of the Pennsylvania Railroad was opened, allowing continuous rail travel between Pittsburgh and Harrisburg.

1946 Seventy-thousand U.S. Steel Corp. employees in the Pittsburgh area began to return to work following the signing of an agreement for an 18-cent hourly wage increase, ending a 27-day shutdown of mills.

1989 The Soviet Union announced that the last of its troops had left Afghanistan after more than nine years of military intervention.

2012 In defiant swipes at its foes, Iran said it was dramatically closer to mastering the production of nuclear fuel.

2013 Pressing his case in Chicago, the town that launched his political career, President Barack Obama called for the government to take an active, wide-

ranging role in ensuring every American had a "ladder of opportunity" into the middle class.

Some items are from Stefan Lorant's "Pittsburgh: The Story of an American City" (digital.library.pitt.edu/chronology).

— Compiled by Alyssa Brown

Today's birthdays: Actress Claire Bloom, 87. Author Susan Brownmiller, 83. Songwriter Brian Holland, 77. Rock musician Mick Avory (The Kinks), 74. Jazz musician Henry Threadgill, 74. Actress-model Marisa Berenson, 71. Actress Jane Seymour, 67. Singer Melissa Manchester, 67. Actress Lynn Whitfield, 65. "Simpsons" creator Matt Groening, 64. Model Janice Dickinson, 63. Actor Christopher McDonald, 63. Reggae singer Ali Campbell, 59. Actor Joseph R. Gannascoli, 59. Musician Mikey Craig (Culture Club), 58. College and Pro Football Hall of Famer

Darrell Green, 58. Actor-comedian Steven Michael Quezada, 55. Country singer Michael Reynolds (Pinmonkey), 54. Actor Michael Easton, 51. Rock musician Stevie Benton (Drowning Pool), 47. Actress Renee O'Connor, 47. Actress Sarah Wynter, 45. Olympic gold medal swimmer Amy Van Dyken-Rouen, 45. Actress-director Miranda July, 44. Rock singer Brandon Boyd (Incubus), 42. Rock musician Ronnie Vannucci (The Killers), 42. Singer-songwriter-musician Conor Oberst (Bright Eyes), 38. Actress Ashley Lyn Cafagna, 35. Blues-rock musician Gary Clark Jr., 34. Actress Natalie Morales, 33. Actress Amber Riley, 32.

Thought for today: "We live by encouragement and die without it — slowly, sadly and angrily."

— Celeste Holm, American actress (1917-2012)

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and upgrades to its technology, but that the improvements were never completed. Further, he found that other companies would have provided a better product — often with free updates and maintenance — for less cost.

In the lawsuit, Officer Chatterji alleges that Assistant Chief Barone told him that “if he kept digging into B-Three Solutions, then it would lead to his ruin.”

Among Officer Chatterji's findings in his investigation, according to the lawsuit:

- The police bureau paid \$110,000 to B-Three in 2014 to automate officer daily activity sheets, which still has not been completed;

- It paid \$150,000 to automate and standardize the chain of custody process for property and evidence, and that, too, still has not been completed;

- The bureau paid \$75,000 in 2011 to automate and streamline its “confidential report systems,” used by homicide detectives — still not complete;

- It was paying \$300,000 annually for software maintenance, which, from other companies, would have been free.

The investigations into B-Three, the lawsuit also said, revealed that federal grant money was used to pay the company, and because of that, the police bureau was required to complete annual reports to the federal government, disclosing how the funds were spent.

Those reports, the lawsuit alleged, reported that the projects were completed by B-Three when they had not been.

Officer Chatterji reported his findings to then-Chief McLay and Cmdr. Holmes, who initiated an investigation into B-Three through the Office of Municipal Investigations and the FBI, the lawsuit said.



Pittsburgh police Assistant Chief Linda Barone

But after Mr. McLay resigned in November 2016, the lawsuit said, Assistant Chief Barone was promoted from commander to assistant chief, terminated the OMI investigation and ordered the bureau to end its investigation with the FBI, as well as a separate investigation of B-Three being handled by another IT contractor.

“The city of Pittsburgh is named as a defendant, not only because the Bureau of Police is under their control but because the city of Pittsburgh knew the waste was occurring for years and did nothing to stop it,” said attorney Alec Wright, who is representing Officer Chatterji. “High-ranking officials within the city of Pittsburgh knew McLay ordered the investigation into B-Three Solutions, and reports were coming in about waste there on projects never completed.”

City spokesman Timothy McNulty on Wednesday issued a statement:

“The city does not comment on legal matters or allegations raised in lawsuits, which in this instance pertain to personnel matters and a contract issued by the [former Mayor Luke] Ravenstahl administration,” he said.

Although it is true that B-Three has worked with the city since at least 2011 when Mr. Ravenstahl was in office, Chief McLay was hired by Mayor Bill Peduto, and Officer Chat-

terji's investigation into B-Three began during Mr. Peduto's first term in office.

The complaint also alleges that Officer Dawn Bowen and Sgt. Anthony Cortopassi intimidated Officer Chatterji at Assistant Chief Barone's instruction, and that they, along with Assistant Chief Barone's daughter, Alexis Barone, who works for Pittsburgh's Department of Innovation and Performance, referred to him by racial slurs relative to his Indian descent.

Officer Chatterji also claims in the lawsuit that he was denied a promotion to sergeant, even though he scored the highest in all categories.

Assistant Chief Barone stated to staff members, the complaint said, that Officer Chatterji wasn't promoted because he was “dishonest, untrustworthy and had violated numerous rules and policies.”

“Assistant Chief Barone also stated to colleagues and other staff members of Pittsburgh that Officer Chatterji only scored number one overall because he was ‘Indian’ and thus was given extra credit that ‘Americans’ were not given,” the lawsuit said. “Assistant Chief Barone further stated to colleagues and other staff members of Pittsburgh that Officer Chatterji was not promoted because of his incompetence because of his lack of understanding of ‘American ways.’”

Officer Chatterji is a U.S. Army veteran who served two tours of duty in Iraq.

“The city clearly supports a diverse police bureau, and in the last four years has made great strides in making the bureau more reflective of the city as a whole,” Mr. McNulty said. “It is also committed to providing police with the technology they need to make crime-fighting as effective as possible.”

Further, Mr. McNulty said, according to Public Safety Director Wendell Hissrich, a 25-year FBI vet-

eran, the agency reviewed files related to B-Three Solutions. Mr. McNulty also said Mr. Hissrich indicated that there is currently no FBI investigation into the firm or police bureau personnel.

An FBI spokeswoman said she could neither confirm nor deny the existence of any investigation.

On Jan. 29, according to the complaint, Ms. George, the police spokeswoman, confronted Officer Chatterji about his investigation into B-Three and told him “his career would be ruined unless he cooper-

ated with Assistant Chief Barone, which included signing a non-disclosure agreement relating to any information he learned about her and B-Three Solutions during his investigation.”

Officer Chatterji is seeking compensatory damages including back pay and future earnings at a sergeant's rank as well as punitive damages and attorney fees.

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Police inspect the site of a deadly explosion Wednesday in Oruro, Bolivia. Bolivian officials said a bomb caused the explosion that killed four people during Carnival celebrations late Tuesday.

World briefs

Jordan gets more U.S. aid despite rancor

Compiled from news services

AMMAN, Jordan — President Trump has threatened to retaliate against aid recipients like Jordan for having denounced his decision in December to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital. But on Wednesday, his top diplomat gave Jordan more money.

In a remarkably cordial reception that contrasted sharply with Vice President Mike Pence's visit last month, Secretary of State Rex W. Tillerson signed an agreement that guarantees Jordan nearly \$1.3 billion in annual assistance from the United States for the next five years.

The increase partly reflected Jordan's longtime role as an important partner in fighting extremism in the region and housing millions of refugees from the Syria war.

Chile sex abuse probe

VATICAN CITY — When a Vatican court convicted a Chilean predator priest of sex crimes, it went out of its way to affirm the credibility of his victims. Their testimony had been consistent and corroborated, while their motives in coming forward had been only to "free themselves of a weight that had tormented their consciences," the tribunal said.

One key witness in the Rev. Fernando Karadima's 2010 trial is preparing to testify again, this time in a spin-off case with potentially more significant consequences. Juan Carlos Cruz's allegations of a cover-up raise questions about Pope Francis' already shaky track record on preventing clergy sex abuse and concealment.

After the pope's defense of Bishop Juan Barros sparked an outcry during his recent trip to Chile, Francis did an about-face and asked Maltese Archbishop Charles Scicluna, a former Vatican sex crimes investigator, to gather testimony about Bishop Barros and then report back. Mr. Cruz, who now works in communications in the U.S., is his first witness Saturday.

Algerian strike

ALGIERS, Algeria — Public service labor unions have gone on strike in Algeria, paralyzed education, health, vocational training and the telecommunications industries.

Meziane Meriane, the head of the SNPEST teachers union, denounced workers' sinking purchasing power and told The Associated Press the protests Wednesday aimed to force the government to begin negotiations on "urgent pay rises."

Most schools in Algiers, the capital, were shut down amid the strike, there were long queues at hospitals and people struggled to withdraw money at cash machines.

Kim Jong Un impersonator

The man who showed up at the Pyeongchang Olympics opening ceremony dressed as North Korean leader Kim Jong Un is not Korean, does not speak Korean and is not from either Korea. According to Yahoo's Eric Adelson, the impersonator gave his name as "Howard" and said he's from Australia and of Chinese descent. After getting the bum's rush out of the opening ceremony along with his partner, a President Donald Trump impersonator, he was back Wednesday for the women's ice hockey game between the unified Korean team and Japan.

And again, Fake Kim was escorted roughly from the premises.

Apparently officials on the scene thought Howard was trying to rile up the North Korean cheerleaders on hand, and indeed, he told Mr. Adelson that one of his goals was to "meet the cheerleaders." And he kind of did, though they didn't exactly look altogether happy at his presence.

S. Africa's Zuma resigns amid scandal

Deputy president is now in charge

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — South African President Jacob Zuma resigned on Wednesday in a televised address to the nation, ending a turbulent tenure marred by corruption scandals that sapped the popularity of the ruling African National Congress and hurt one of Africa's biggest economies.

The resignation signaled an imminent end to a leadership crisis in South Africa and set the stage for Mr. Zuma to be replaced by Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa, who has promised a robust campaign against corruption but will quickly face pressure to produce results in a country struggling with unemployment, economic inequity and other problems. Ahead of 2019 elections, Mr. Ramaphosa also has the tough task of rebuilding a ruling party whose moral stature has diminished since it took power at the end of white minority rule in 1994.

"I have therefore come to the decision to resign as president of the republic with immediate effect," said Mr. Zuma, who added that he took the decision even though he disagreed with the ruling party's demand that he quit immediately or face a motion of no confidence in the parliament on Thursday. Mr. Zuma, 75, had said he was willing to resign early from his second five-year term but wanted to stay in office for several more months.

"Of course, I must accept that if my party and my compatriots wish that I be removed from office, they must exercise that right and do so in the man-



Themba Hadebe/Associated Press

ner prescribed by the constitution," Mr. Zuma said.

The African National Congress welcomed the resignation, expressing gratitude for Mr. Zuma's "loyal service" during his nearly 10 years as president and encouraging party members to support Mr. Ramaphosa, now the country's acting president. By the end of the week, Mr. Ramaphosa is likely to be elected president by the ANC-dominated parliament and to give a state of the nation address that had been postponed during the political turmoil.

South Africa's biggest opposition party, the Democratic Alliance, said the ruling party must act against associates of Mr. Zuma who are also suspected of wrongdoing and mismanagement.

"Zuma built a deep system of corruption that has penetrated every part of the government and the criminal prosecution system," Democratic Alliance leader Mmusi Maimane said.

"Now the country looks to Cyril Ramaphosa to save us from a man that he and the ANC protected and supported. We must never allow this to happen

again," said Mr. Maimane, who wants parliament to be dissolved so that early elections can be held.

Mr. Ramaphosa, a union leader during apartheid, was a key negotiator of the transition from white minority rule to democracy in the 1990s and later became a wealthy businessman. He replaced Mr. Zuma as leader of the ANC in December and has been consolidating his control, while also raising his international profile with a visit last month to the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

On Wednesday morning, South African police raided the home of prominent business associates of Mr. Zuma who are accused of being at the center of corruption scandals that have infuriated the country. An elite police unit entered the compound of the Gupta family, which has been accused of using its connections to the president to influence Cabinet appointments and win state contracts.

Several people were arrested during police operations, South African media reported.

Both Mr. Zuma and the Guptas deny any wrongdoing.

Still, Mr. Zuma, a former anti-apartheid activist who spent a decade at the Robben Island prison where Nelson Mandela was held, was popular among some South Africans for his personal warmth and populist policies.

In 2006, while being tried on charges of raping an HIV-positive family friend, Mr. Zuma was widely criticized after testifying he took a shower after extramarital sex to lower the risk of AIDS. He was acquitted of rape. But during his tenure, he called for earlier and expanded treatment for HIV-positive South Africans that helped to curb the death rate and urged his countrymen to get tested for HIV.

He presided over a South African triumph, the staging of the World Cup soccer tournament in 2010. He was also leader during the fatal shooting by police of several dozen protesters during labor unrest at a platinum mine in Marikana in 2012.

The former president was defiant in a television interview earlier Wednesday, saying he had done nothing wrong despite the ANC's demand for his resignation.

Israel's Netanyahu vows not to step down

Coalition supports longtime PM

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu vowed to carry on Wednesday after police recommended indicting him on corruption charges, angrily dismissing the allegations and the critics calling on him to step down.

With his coalition partners dutifully lining up behind him, the longtime leader readied himself for a prolonged battle over his political legitimacy as the attorney general considers whether to ultimately press charges.

The police announcement that Mr. Netanyahu's acceptance of nearly \$300,000 in gifts from two billionaires amounted to bribery sent shockwaves through the Israeli political system and delivered a humiliating blow to Mr. Netanyahu after years of allegations and investigations. But it did not appear to immediately threaten his lengthy rule as reaction largely fell along partisan lines. Nearly all of Mr. Netanyahu's Cabinet ministers issued statements of support and his coalition partners all signaled they would stick by him, for now.

"Let me reassure you: the coalition is stable. No one, not I and no one else, plans to go to elections. We will continue to work together with you for the people of Israel until the end of our term," he said to a gathering of local government officials in Tel Aviv. "After I read the recommendations report, I can say it is biased, extreme, full of holes like Swiss cheese and doesn't hold water."

In an impassioned defense, Mr. Netanyahu took aim at police investigators saying their figures were vastly inflated and tried "to create a false impression of exchanges that never existed."

Though he is not legally compelled to resign, several opposition figures called on Mr. Netanyahu to do so.

Under similar circumstances a decade ago Mr. Netanyahu, then the opposition leader, urged then-Prime Minister Ehud Olmert to resign after police recommended he be indicted.

In contrast to Mr. Olmert, who eventually stepped down and was convicted and imprisoned, Mr. Netanyahu is still relatively popular with the public and enjoys broad political support in his Likud party and among coalition partners — nearly all of whom stand to lose power if elections were held today.

Public Security Minister Gilad Erdan, who oversees the police, said the prime minister "deserves the assumption of innocence," while Mr. Netanyahu's coalition whip, David Amsalem, accused the police of committing "an illegitimate act here to attempt a coup d'etat in Israel."

Kremlin remains aloof as Russians wounded in U.S. strikes return

Mercenaries hurt by the hundreds

By Henry Meyer and Stepan Kravchenko
Bloomberg News

Even as the Kremlin denies any official link to them, sources say that scores of Russian mercenaries wounded in U.S. strikes in Syria are being treated at Defense Ministry hospitals.

The wounded were brought to military hospitals in Moscow and St. Petersburg, according to two people in contact with them, after more than 200 fighters died in last week's

failed assault on a base held by U.S.-backed forces in Syria's eastern Deir Ezzor region. The death toll is rising as some of the wounded succumb to their injuries, according to one of the people.

Russia's denied any official involvement. There's no "specific detailed information" on what happened, and while there may be Russian citizens in Syria, "they don't belong to the Russian armed forces," Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov told reporters on a conference call Wednesday.

The incident shines a light on a little-known weapon in the Kremlin's hybrid-war arsenal. Mercenaries, who've been active

in the conflicts in eastern Ukraine and Syria, allow Russia to deny official involvement in operations when things go wrong. Fighters involved in the Feb. 7 assault in Syria were linked to Wagner, two people familiar with the matter said, a shadowy private military contractor which has a training camp at a commando base in southern Russia.

The U.S. Treasury named Dmitry Utkin as Wagner's leader last June as it sanctioned him for sending fighters to eastern Ukraine. Mr. Utkin was photographed next to President Vladimir Putin at a Kremlin reception in late 2016, held to honor him and oth-

ers for their service to Russia, for which they have received state awards, according to Mr. Peskov.

Wagner is made up of detachments that may be controlled by Yevgeny Prigozhin, a wealthy businessman who's been dubbed "Putin's Cook" because his company provides catering services to the Kremlin, according to the Fontanka news service. Mr. Prigozhin, who's denied any links to Wagner, was sanctioned by the U.S. Treasury in 2016, which said he has "extensive business dealings" with the Russian Defense Ministry.

In what may be the deadliest clash between citizens of the former Cold War foes,

the Deir Ezzor attack involved hundreds of Russian and Ukrainian mercenaries, who were fighting for Syrian President Bashar Assad's forces, according to the two Russians. The fighters had no air cover or mobile air defense to protect them during the fighting, they said.

A U.S. official put the death toll at 100, with 200 to 300 injured, but was unable to say how many were Russian. The Conflict Intelligence Team, an independent group that uses open-source information to track Russian military moves in Syria, says it has confirmed eight names of Russian mercenaries killed in last week's airstrike.

National



Joel Auerbach/Associated Press

Parents wait for news after reports of a shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Wednesday in Parkland, Fla.

At least 17 dead in shootings at Florida school

SCHOOL, FROM A-1

told CNN.

"And there the carnage began," said Mr. Nelson, who said he was briefed by the FBI.

The Florida Democrat said he did not know whether the gunman used the smoke grenades, but he assumed that's why he had a gas mask on.

Most of the fatalities were inside the building, though some victims were found fatally shot outside, the sheriff said.

The gunman was identified as Nikolas Cruz.

Student Daniel Huerfano said he recognized Mr. Cruz from an Instagram photo in which Mr. Cruz had posed with a gun in front of his face. He recalled that Mr. Cruz was shy when he attended the school and remembered seeing him walk around with his lunch bag.

Mr. Cruz "was that weird kid that you see ... like a loner," he said.

Victoria Olvera, a 17-year-old junior, said Mr. Cruz was expelled last school year after a fight with his ex-girlfriend's new boyfriend. She said Mr. Cruz had been abusive to his girlfriend.

"I think everyone had in their minds if anybody was going to do it, it was going to be him," Victoria said.

Freshman Max Charles was in class when he heard five gunshots.

"We were in the corner, away from the windows," he said. "The teacher locked the door and turned



John McCall/South Florida Sun-Sentinel via AP
Police officers ride in the back of a pickup truck as they tend to a victim following the shootings Wednesday in Parkland, Fla.



Source: Esri, Associated Press
Post-Gazette

off the light. I thought maybe I could die or something."

As he was leaving the building, he saw four dead students and one dead teacher. He said he was relieved when he finally found his mother.

"I was happy that I was alive," Max said. "She was crying when she saw me."

Michael Nembhard was sitting in his garage on a cul-de-sac when he saw a young man in a burgundy shirt walking down the street. In an instant, a po-

lice cruiser pulled up, and officers jumped out with guns drawn.

"All I heard was 'Get on the ground! Get on the ground!' " Mr. Nembhard said. He said he could not see the suspect's face, but that the man got on the ground without incident.

The day started normally at the school, which had a morning fire drill. Students were in class around 2:30 p.m. when another alarm sounded.

Noah Parness, a 17-year-old junior, said he and the other students calmly went outside to their fire-drill areas when he suddenly heard popping sounds.

"We saw a bunch of teachers running down the stairway, and then everybody shifted and broke into a sprint," Noah said. "I hopped a fence."

Beth Feingold said her daughter, Brittani, sent a text that said, "We're on code red. I'm fine," but sent another text shortly afterward saying, "Mom, I'm so scared." She was later able to escape.

Television footage showed students leaving in a single-file line with their hands over their heads. It was reminiscent of the Newtown attack, which shocked even a country numbed by the regularity of school shootings.

The Dec. 14, 2012, assault at Sandy Hook Elementary School killed 26 people — 20 first-graders and six staff members. The 20-year-old gunman, who had also fatally shot his mother in her bed, then killed himself.

When Caesar Figueroa

got to the Florida school to check on his 16-year-old daughter, he saw police officers wielding guns as they approached the campus.

"My wife called me that there was an active shooter, and the school was on lockdown. I got on the road and saw helicopters. ... It was crazy and my daughter wasn't answering her phone."

She finally texted him that she was inside a closet with friends.

Len Murray's 17-year-old son, a junior at the school, sent his parents a chilling text: "Mom and Dad, there have been shots fired on campus at school. There are police sirens outside. I'm in the auditorium and the doors are locked."

A few minutes later, he texted again: "I'm fine."

Mr. Murray said he raced to the school only to be stopped by authorities under a highway overpass within view of the school buildings.

He said he told his son to save his battery and stop texting. The boy's mother told him to turn off his ringer.

Mr. Murray said he's had just one thought running through his mind since he got his son's text: "All I keep thinking about is when I dropped him off this morning. I usually say, 'I love you,' and I didn't this morning. He's 17, he's at that age, and I didn't say it this morning, and I'm just kicking myself right now over and over and over. Say it early and often, I'm telling you."

U.S. politicians lament latest mass shooting

Associated Press

PARKLAND, Fla. — After a school shooting Wednesday in his district, U.S. Rep. Ted Deutch, D-Fla., described the outreach from fellow lawmakers — in his words — as both "heartwarming and obscene."

Seventeen people died in the attack in Parkland, and the suspect, a 19-year-old former student, is in custody.

Mr. Deutch said he uses the word "obscene" because school shootings have become so commonplace that lawmakers were offering him guidance on what to expect in the coming days as constituents grapple with the tragedy.

Former Arizona Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, who survived after being shot in the head in 2011, said the shooting in Florida should "strike fear into all Americans."

Ms. Giffords, a Democrat, said in a statement Wednesday that her heart goes out to the victims and survivors. She called the shooting the latest attack in an epidemic of gun violence that continues "day after deadly day."

She also said in the statement that the latest in a series of shootings should stir fresh resolve in Congress to "find the courage to pass the laws we need to protect our children."

U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., said he is "devastated and saddened" by the shooting.

The senator said he remains ready to assist state and local officials and "anyone impacted by this horrible tragedy." He also said in his statement Wednesday that he hopes authorities can find out in coming hours and days more about why and how the killer "carried out this carnage."

U.S. Rep. Debbie Wasserman-Schultz, D-Fla., also issued condolences. She called the attack "another senseless school shooting ... this time in our community."

Mr. Deutch said it's time to find ways to save lives. He said he wants President Donald Trump to call those concerned to the White House to "do something" about gun violence.

The White House canceled its daily press briefing after the shooting that sent students rushing into the streets.

Mr. Trump spoke with Florida's governor, Republican Rick Scott, about the shooting. The president said in a tweet that the White House is "working closely with law enforcement on the terrible Florida school shooting."

He earlier tweeted his condolences to the families of the victims.

"My prayers and condolences to the families of the victims of the terrible Florida shooting. No child, teacher or anyone else should ever feel unsafe in an American school," Mr. Trump wrote on Twitter. "We are working closely with law enforcement on the terrible Florida school shooting."

Los Angeles Times contributed.

Petition seeks removal of Parran's name

PETITION, FROM A-1

over the infamous Tuskegee Syphilis Experiments, in which treatment for syphilis was withheld from African-American men in Alabama long after penicillin was proven effective."

Dr. Parran served as surgeon general from 1936 to 1948 and later founded the public health school at Pitt. He became its first dean.

A history posted to the school's website does not mention Dr. Parran but notes the school's creation in 1948 with a \$13.6 million grant from the A.W. Mellon Educational and Charitable Trust. The school enrolled its first students in 1950 as the 13th school of public health in the nation.

In government research that was conducted in Tuskegee, Ala., the U.S. Public Health Service intentionally withheld treatment for syphilis from illiterate black sharecroppers. It occurred between 1932 and 1972 and enabled the government to follow the progress of the disease.

Late Wednesday, Pitt officials said a committee already is being formed to study the matter and make recommendations this spring. The move is in response to a request made in January by the school's current dean, said Pamela Connelly, Pitt vice chancellor for diversity and inclusion.

"It's a very serious and important issue," she said.

A committee on campus that is seeking to organize Pitt graduate students into a union established the petition online and in print. It is circulating at a time of growing unease nationally over symbolic tributes to figures who were historically significant but also tainted by America's racial past.

The petition says the experiments were done without the subjects' consent, and that while students learn about the episode as part of their training, Pitt delivers only part of the story.

"We learn about the Tuskegee Syphilis Experiments as the exemplar of an unethical study and as a par-

ticularly ugly, racist, and troubling episode in the history of medical experimentation," the petition states. "What we are not told is that the very building Pitt's public health research is conducted in is named after Thomas Parran."

Abby Cartus, 29, a doctoral student in public health, said she and a classmate got the idea for the petition last fall. Both took classes in the building but had no idea of its history until they read an article about it.

"We were kind of horrified," she said.

Ms. Cartus, a North Side resident, belongs to the Graduate Student Organizing Committee. She said the petition debuted Tuesday and had garnered more than 70 signatures, not counting those on paper. She said there are plans to open it up to all students, campus employees and the city.

"As with all unethical human experimentation, knowledge is not neutral," she said. "How that knowledge is obtained matters."



Pam Panchak/Post-Gazette
The sculpture, "Man," by Virgil Cantini, is seen Wednesday mounted on Parran Hall on the University of Pittsburgh Oakland campus.

She said that like other symbols of the past that are stirring debate in Pittsburgh and beyond, this one deserves public discussion and the university has had ample time to ponder what to do. "They represent symbolic links to a very troubling past," she said. "History doesn't go away just because

we aren't talking about it and not acknowledging it."

"It's not enough to move on," she added.

Pitt released a letter dated Jan. 8 from the school's dean, Donald Burke, to Ms. Connelly. It stated that a schoolwide meeting within public health already was planned for April 20, given what Dr. Burke described as "renewed concerns" about Dr. Parran's role in the Tuskegee experiments.

"I now request that the University of Pittsburgh consider whether it is consistent with its mission to have the main Graduate School of Public Health building named for Thomas Parran," Dr. Burke wrote.

His letter did not specify what the new concerns were. Ms. Connelly said they may involve closer involvement with Tuskegee than previously known.

"Parran's legacy has been a concern to us at the Graduate School of Public Health for some time," Dr. Burke wrote.

His letter also referred to another set of experiments in Guatemala that Dr. Parran oversaw. In them, nearly 700 prisoners, mental patients and soldiers were

intentionally infected with syphilis to gauge the effectiveness of penicillin.

Both the Tuskegee and Guatemala experiments led to public apologies by two U.S. presidents, Bill Clinton and Barack Obama.

Dr. Burke's letter did not discuss the outcome of an earlier town hall meeting within the school held in 2011 after the Guatemala studies came to light.

Ms. Cartus said she hopes Pitt's administration and its board of trustees, scheduled to meet on campus Feb. 23, will consider what people are saying through their petition signatures.

Dr. Parran arrived at Pitt as a sought-after addition to the campus and is credited with helping establish the public health school into one of prominence among its national peers. The hall was named for him in 1969, a year after his death.

The public health school, located in Parran and Crabtree halls, is in the heart of the Oakland campus.

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National

Several hospitalized after vehicle tries to enter NSA campus

Driver, officer, onlooker injured

Associated Press

FORT MEADE, Md. — An unauthorized vehicle tried to enter the secure campus of the National Security Agency at Fort Meade on Wednesday morning, sparking a confrontation that left three people injured, authorities said.

Guns were fired during the incident, but officials said they did not believe any of the injuries resulted from gunfire. Gordon Johnson, special agent in charge of the FBI's Baltimore field office, would not give details about who opened fire but did say that, preliminarily, it looks like



Jose Luis Magana/Associated Press
Fort Meade gate next to the The National Security Agency is seen Wednesday in Fort Meade, Md. One person was wounded in a shooting Wednesday morning outside the National Security Agency campus.

all gunfire was directed toward the vehicle.

At a news conference Wednesday afternoon, Mr.

Johnson said the FBI was still collecting evidence but believes it was an isolated incident.

"I cannot emphasize enough that we believe there is no indication that this has a nexus to terrorism," Mr. Johnson told reporters gathered at a parking lot next to the National Cryptologic Museum.

Mr. Johnson and Tommy Groves, an NSA spokesman, declined to rule out any other potential cause — including whether the driver entered the campus by mistake. The military's Cyber Command is also located at the base.

Mr. Johnson said the three injured were the driver of the vehicle, an NSA police officer and a civilian onlooker. He would not give any details about how they were injured.

Two other people who were in the vehicle have been taken into custody and were being questioned, Mr.

Johnson said. The injuries suffered by the police officer and the onlooker did not appear to be life threatening, he said. He did not have any information about the driver's injuries.

The incident began when the vehicle tried to enter the spy agency's campus without authorization around 7 a.m., the NSA said in a statement.

The FBI is leading the investigation.

Images from local news outlets showed authorities surrounding two handcuffed people after a black SUV ran into a barrier outside the Maryland base.

Mr. Johnson said the vehicle had New York license plates and he believed it was a rental car. He said he did not know why the people in the vehicle were at the facility.

After praising Porter, Trump at last says he's 'totally opposed to domestic violence'

From wire services

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump at last broke his silence Wednesday to explicitly denounce domestic violence in the wake of allegations that a top White House aide had abused two former wives. Chief of staff John Kelly, under fire for mishandling the

Washington roundup

matter, stayed largely out of sight, his future in doubt and the White House in tumult.

The chaos surrounding the departure of aide Rob Porter put a harsh spotlight

on Mr. Kelly, the retired general who was brought on last summer to instill military-like discipline in the West Wing. Questions persisted about what and when Mr. Kelly knew about the abuse allegations against Mr. Porter, who resigned as staff secretary last week after the accusations became public.

In Mr. Trump's first comments after Mr. Porter resigned, he praised his former aide. Next, he appeared to cast doubt on the ex-wives' allegation.

Finally, on Wednesday, Mr. Trump told reporters in the Oval Office: "I am totally opposed to domestic violence and everybody here knows that. I am totally opposed to domestic violence of any kind. Everyone knows that, and it almost wouldn't even have to be said."

The porn star's progress

Stormy Daniels, the porn star whom Mr. Trump's attorney acknowledges paying \$130,000 just before Election Day, believes she is now free to discuss an alleged sexual encounter with the man who is now president, her manager said Wednesday.

Wrangling over migrants

Mr. Trump pushed a 500-page immigration bill as the only option in Congress to help "Dreamers" just as a bipartisan coalition of senators appeared close Wednesday to agreeing on a proposal that may draw broader support.

VA head scrutinized

An inspector general's report has found "serious derelictions" in Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin's 10-day, \$122,000 business trip to Europe, which included airfare for his wife and extensive sightseeing.

National briefs

Climber dies on Oregon's tallest peak

Compiled from news services

GOVERNMENT CAMP, Ore. — One climber fell to his death and several others had to be rescued after conditions turned treacherous on Oregon's tallest peak.

More than a half-dozen people had been climbing near Mount Hood's peak when a climber fell about 1,000 feet, said Sgt. Brian Jensen, a Clackamas County sheriff's office spokesman.

"One of the guys slipped," said climber Quinn Talley of Welches, Ore., who had been descending after summiting Tuesday morning. "At first he was just sliding and right before he disappeared, he started cartwheeling."

Mr. Talley, who said he's climbed the mountain about 20 times and has never seen worse conditions, said he tried to reach the man, but the ice was too dangerous.

KOIN-TV reported that video taken from a helicopter showed other climbers performing CPR on the man before he was airlifted by an Oregon Army National Guard helicopter to a hospital. He was later declared dead. Authorities have not released his identity.

N.H. soda law

CONCORD, N.H. — Fewer children will wash down their chicken fingers and fries with soda if a bill limiting beverage choices for restaurant children's meals gets through the New Hampshire Legislature.

The bill would apply to restaurants that serve children's meals that bundle together food and a beverage for one price. Drinks served with such meals would be limited to milk, 100 percent juice or juice combined with water, plain water, or flavored water with no sweeteners. Customers still could purchase soda or other sugary drinks on the side.

Seven cities in California, the county of Santa Clara, California, and the city of Lafayette, Colo., all have passed ordinances on healthy default beverages for restaurant children's meals, according to the Center for Science in the Public Interest. Similar statewide legislation is pending in Vermont, Hawaii, Massachusetts and New York.

Brain injury diagnosis

CHICAGO — The first blood test to help doctors diagnose traumatic brain injuries has won U.S. government approval.

The move means Banyan Biomarkers can commercialize its test, giving the company an early lead in the biotech industry's race to find a way to diagnose concussions.

The test doesn't detect concussions and the approval won't immediately change how patients with suspected concussions or other brain trauma are treated. But Wednesday's green light by the Food and Drug Administration "is a big deal because then it opens the door and accelerates technology," said Michael McCrea, a brain injury expert at Medical College of Wisconsin.

The test detects two proteins present in brain cells that can leak into the bloodstream following a blow to the head. Banyan's research shows the test can detect them up within 12 hours of injury. It's designed to help doctors quickly determine which patients with suspected concussions may have brain injuries. Patients with a positive test would need a CT scan to confirm the results and determine if surgery or other treatment is needed.

Also in the nation ...

Federal officials are in the midst of an immigration enforcement operation in the Los Angeles area and have so far detained more than 100 people suspected of being in violation of immigration laws.

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Act 47's value

Oversight is lifted, but city structure hasn't changed

Mayor Bill Peduto and Gov. Tom Wolf were all smiles Monday at the announcement of Pittsburgh's removal from Act 47 financially distressed status. However, the end of 14 years of oversight is more a political triumph than an economic one, and the congratulatory handshaking should not overshadow a key point: Financial distress is a condition communities can experience at any time, not a place they fall into once.

Oversight was not a usurpation of the city's sovereignty when Pittsburgh's budget tanked in 2003. It helped the city crawl back from a web of problems that caused layoffs, the shuttering of pools and recreation centers, and a deferment of infrastructure spending that's come home to roost in the form of crumbling roads, dilapidated sets of city steps and rickety bridges. If left in place, it would have continued to pay dividends to a city now on the upswing.

Although officials speak of new safeguards to prevent backsliding — maintaining certain fund balances, for example — the city is just one or two bad breaks away from another financial pickle. In his fifth year of leading the city, Mr. Peduto has yet to ink a deal with big nonprofits for payments in lieu of real estate taxes. Critics warn that a new hike in the real estate transfer tax could tamp down investment. Stock market volatility would affect the solvency of chronically underfunded pension plans. Should revenues slip, expenses spiral or the city overextend itself on a new venture, such as any of the social justice initiatives Mr. Peduto has in mind, the wolf will be at the door again.

While some of the players may have changed, Pittsburgh still has the same government that got the

city into Act 47 in the first place.

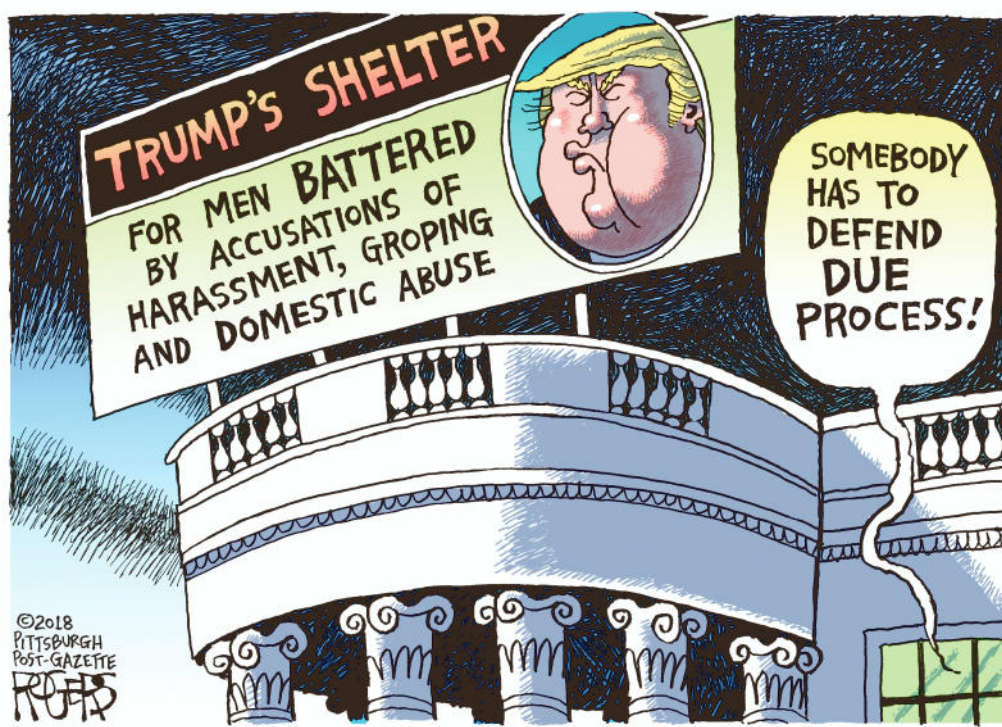
Pittsburgh's two sets of overseers rode herd on the city's budget and spending practices and pushed for various kinds of efficiencies. In later years, one oversight body, the Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority, generated controversy with poor financial practices of its own. That gave heft to calls to liberate the city from Act 47. Across the 14 years of oversight, however, the overseers

did their jobs. In 2010, for example, the ICA rejected then-Mayor Luke Ravenstahl's budget because it was predicated on a privatization of parking assets that had not — and never did — take place. Overseers also conducted studies of the city's public safety bureaus and pushed the city to adopt better financial management practices.

Oversight resulted in a series of recovery plans that limited outlays — to the dismay of some of the city's unionized employees — but the plans also demanded improvement in dozens of other areas. Overseers tracked the city's progress on items that ranged from setting up a risk management program to creating a streamlined permitting process in building inspection to involving the fire bureau in rescue work. Oversight may be gone, but such external levers of change are still needed.

Now, as city Controller Michael Lamb said, the city must “focus on those factors that not only keep us solvent but also make us competitive. We need to address the continued loss of population through an honest discussion about taxes, public safety and public education. We need to increase pressure on our largest employers on the issue of wages so that we can actually grow the city's middle class.”

Those are all issues on which oversight might have helped.



Visit Rob Rogers' Cartoon Blog at post-gazette.com/robrogers.

Letters to the editor

Politics must have no role in congressional map

Regarding the current dispute over whether the state Supreme Court has the right to redraw Pennsylvania's congressional district map in order to undo Republican gerrymandering (Feb. 14, “Governor Rejects Map Redrawn by Republicans”): State Senate Majority Leader Jake Corman made statements indicating that district mapping is the constitutionally mandated purview of the Legislature. I have always wondered why we allow the foxes not only to guard the henhouse but also to design it.

Clearly, it's not just the mapping but the state's constitution itself that should be revisited. (This sort of built-in conflict of interest is exactly why we have such a ridiculously large state Legislature — we leave it up to the officeholders to be willing to eliminate offices. They'll never do it, and we'll keep on paying for it.) Congressional districting should be determined by disinterested third parties guided by computers, not politics.

DIANE AVERILL
Highland Park

For governing health

Republicans, take the long view on gerrymandering.

The recent state Supreme Court ruling confirming the partisan biases of our current congressional district lines was a tremendous gift to Pennsylvania voters. But if we don't want every map contested with costly lawsuits and bounced from courts to governors, we need a long-term fix. There are many Democrats looking forward to the day when the majority is back in their hands and they can flip the tables on their political opponents. As a citizen, I don't want flip-flopping, and neither should any politician invested in good governance and functional democracy. We need a fair, math-based, independent process for how we draw our districts in this state, which can be brought about only by amending our state constitution.

And the only way to get this fixed before the 2020 census triggers another redrawing is to pass one of the bipartisan bills currently held up in committee in both the House (H.B. 722) and the Senate (S.B. 22) during the current legislative session. These bills have wide support from both sides of the aisle, yet majority committee leaders Rep. Daryl Metcalfe, R-Cranberry, and Sen. Mike Folmer, R-Lebanon, still haven't released them for action and a vote.

Our own Rep. Rick Saccone, R-Elizabeth Township, is on the State Government Committee, where H.B. 722 (now the most-sponsored bill this session) languishes. Please, Mr. Saccone, set aside short-term self-interest and invest in the long-term health of the commonwealth by supporting the bill and pushing it to a vote.

TANIA R. LYON
Mt. Lebanon

A precious right

I live on a street in Mt. Lebanon that is so politically liberal that you would think half of San Francisco had been transplanted here. Recently, as I walked to my car, I could scan

the streets around me for some distance and the only political sign for the upcoming special election was for Conor Lamb. I thought for a few seconds and promptly drove to the Republican headquarters and got a couple of Rick Saccone signs.

I am glad that I got more than one sign. After I got home and put up the sign in my yard, the next morning it was gone. I was disappointed, not angry. When children or those of diminished intelligence do something stupid, adults sigh and get on with life. I put up a new sign that is still there.

We have lived in our house for so many years that we have neighbors whom we honestly love. We are surrounded by some of the kindest and most generous people I have ever known. And when they go vote, we promptly walk in behind them and cancel their votes.

This is still America. I have lived and worked in some of the least democratic countries in the world. Like Mr. Lamb, I served in the Marine Corps. Millions of people in the past 250 years have served this country, and when we put on the uniform, no one asked about our political affiliation. As Americans, we expect — no, demand — that people be treated fairly, be respected and be allowed to vote for anyone they choose.

My biggest disappointment is when I read that only 30 percent or 35 percent of the eligible voters bothered to go to the polls. We have worked too hard for this, for too many years, for this precious right that most of the people on this planet still do not have. I hope that those who live in the 18th Congressional District will get out and vote on Tuesday, March 13.

JIM CANNON
Mt. Lebanon

Potential prison closings must be studied from all angles

We want to issue our public support for Senate Bill 748, which establishes the Public Safety Facilities Act. This long-overdue legislation prevents the quick and often unnecessary closures of state prison facilities that force our officers into life-changing decisions — and communities into economic devastation. All of this happens with little or no warning.

Our officers and their families, some of whom had recently bought homes, have been forced to make decisions in a matter of days that change the lives of their loved ones forever. When the State Correctional Institution Pittsburgh recently closed, most officers had to transfer to a prison 64 miles away. That's a lot of gas and wear and tear on automobiles. Others are traveling much farther, and some have had to relocate their families to other areas in the commonwealth, including as far away as SCI Camp Hill (202 miles) and SCI Chester County (312 miles).

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Marty Allen a treasure

I was saddened to learn of Marty Allen's death (Feb. 14 news obituary, “Pittsburgh Native, Comedian Was Still Performing at Age 95”). Mr. Allen was a Pittsburgh treasure whom I was privileged to see on several occasions — mostly recently at the Monroeville Convention Center. He had the audience in stitches and received a standing ovation.

Not only was Mr. Allen a consummate performer but he was generous with his time — always willing to speak with his fans, sign autographs and pose for pictures. He personified Pittsburgh.

On Sept. 24, 2009, Mr. Allen was deservedly inducted into the inaugural class of the Taylor Allerdice Hall of Fame. He will be missed.

CELIA SHAPIRO
Squirrel Hill

Called to account

Zuma and Netanyahu show perils of perk-seeking

Two very visible world leaders, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel and just-departed President Jacob Zuma of South Africa, have been accused of having taken advantage of their official positions for personal gain.

Their situations and likely fates are different, dependent on the laws and politics of their two countries, but the compromised position of both are clear.

Mr. Netanyahu, in his third consecutive and fourth term as prime minister of Israel, is accused by the Israeli police, after a long and sometimes publicized investigation, of having accepted cash and luxury gifts from various patrons, including an Israeli businessman and an Australian billionaire, allegedly in return for favors that included positive media coverage for his political campaigns. The outcome of the police recommendation that Mr. Netanyahu be indicted is unclear. He, of course, vows to fight. Israeli Attorney General Avichai Mandelblit must decide whether to pursue the police recommendation to prosecute, and the attorney general himself is a former aide to Mr. Netanyahu.

What is clear is that Israeli voters are embarrassed by the police charges, although this is not their first experience of allegedly criminal prime ministers, including previous charges against Mr. Netanyahu. They might also be just tired of Mr. Netanyahu after his many, sometimes controversial, years as leader of Israel. Some Americans have not

appreciated his aggressive opposition to the Iran nuclear deal signed in 2015, or his view of the United States' efforts to get negotiations toward a two-state, Israel-Palestine resolution of the problem of land in the former Palestine.

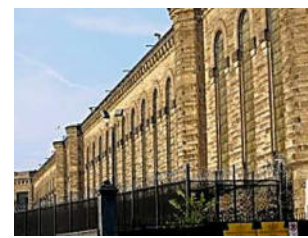
The case of Mr. Zuma is much clearer. Solid evidence exists of Mr. Zuma's personal corruption, including both massive improvements to his personal property paid for by the state and a corrupt relationship with a prominent, rich, South African Indian business family, the Guptas. Police raided the Gupta Johannesburg residence on Wednesday and arrested three people.

The dominant South African political party, the African National Congress, could have gotten rid of Mr. Zuma through the parliament by engineering a no-confidence vote, and it already had lined up his successor, elected as ANC president in December, businessman Cyril Ramaphosa. Mr. Zuma had been given a deadline either to resign or be defenestrated from the post he occupied for nine years. On Wednesday, he announced his resignation.

In a world where ethical standards, including among political leaders, seem to be slipping in a major way, it is encouraging to see both the Israeli police and the South African political establishment taking action. Corrupt behavior by leaders cannot go unnoticed or unpunished. All of these people are, in the end, servants of the public and accountable to them.

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SCI Pittsburgh closed in 2017.

After facing potential prison closures in their districts, Sens. David Argall, John Yudichak, Lisa Baker, Michele Brooks and Wayne Fontana took to the drawing board to fight for us. Senate Bill 748, modeled after similar legislation in New York, provides for a transparent, concrete process that allows communities reasonable time to make their case against closure.

We do not believe Pennsylvania should be closing prisons, and believe violent criminals are being paroled to help cut the prison population. Senate Bill 748 will ensure that a fair process is created that studies potential closings from every angle and supports people and communities over politics.

JASON BLOOM
President
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Perspectives

E.J. Dionne Jr.

The power of simple decency

Republicans beware: Voters are tiring of the crassness and chaos in Washington

The most important split in American politics may not be left vs. right or pro-Trump vs. anti-Trump but normality vs. the Trump-inspired Washington circus. If the doings in the nation's capital seem strange when you are there, they look positively lunatic at any distance from 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

First, the White House is seized by vicious infighting over its inability to tell the truth about what it knew when concerning allegations of domestic violence against a top aide. It's remarkable how sealed off from reality this self-involved snake pit has become.

Combine this with the astounding disconnect between what President Donald Trump's own intelligence officials told us Tuesday about the threat of Russian meddling in our midterm elections and Mr. Trump's denials and inactivity. The signal is that Mr. Trump doesn't care what happens to the nation he leads. He is concerned only that Russian meddling taints the electoral triumph he boasts about and that further investigations of it could get him into trouble.

Oh, and there's also that payoff to the porn star.

Then there are his fiscal policies. They achieve something rather astounding by contradicting both his promises of budgetary prudence and his pledges to be a pro-worker populist. Instead we get policies tilted toward the wealthiest that punish the least advantaged and throw the nation's finances into chaos — an impressively perverse trifecta. And his infrastructure program is not a big bang of construction but a whimper that effectively relies on everyone but the federal government to do the building.

Mr. Trump's foes reached their conclusion about his contradictions and misadventures long ago. They have responded by surging to the polls in just about every election held since 2016. The latest example was the Democrats' pickup of a seat in the Florida House of Representatives in a special election Tuesday. Margaret Good prevailed on a swing of roughly 12 points in a district that had voted for Mr. Trump by 5 points. It was the 36th Democratic state legislative gain since Mr. Trump's election.

These victories also reflect a de-

mobilization of Mr. Trump's own constituency. Hard-core Trump loyalists are still likely to cast ballots this year. But he also drew support from loyal Republicans and white working-class swing voters, many of whom were not enthralled by him but couldn't abide Hillary Clinton — or were just plain angry. They can't be overjoyed by the last 13 months.

Some members of this dispirited group overlap with a third constituency that is under-analyzed because its ranks are not exceptionally partisan or ideological. They are citizens who ask for a basic minimum from elected officials: dignity and decorum, problem-solving and orderliness rather than chaos. Mr. Trump and the conservatives sustaining him are out of line with this behavioral conservatism built on self-restraint and temperamental evenness.

It is not to romanticize the heartland to say that anyone who spends time in the Midwest runs into such solid citizens all the time. They are horrified by spousal abuse. They include small business owners who prefer low taxes but care about schools, roads, libraries and parks. They

may be critical of government, but they also expect it to do useful things. They don't much like bragging and find an obsession with enemies unhealthy.

They are churchgoers who don't watch TV preachers, may have doubts about this or that doctrine and don't tell others how religious they are. But they take from their faith and Scripture that they have obligations to their communities and a duty to try to live by the standards they uphold.

They like to look up to their leaders with respect and feel betrayed when the powers that be give them every reason not to.

This fall's elections will be decided by which side mobilizes its most ardent supporters. But I'm betting there also is a quiet revolution of conscience among those who are sick to death of the chaos they see every day on the news, a White House whose energy is devoted to stabbing internal foes in the back, and a president who can't stop thinking about himself. In this circumstance, demanding simple decency is a radical and subversive act.

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Alexandra Petri

The poor live large!

So they'll love Blue Apron-style food stamps

Some people have raised objections to the concept proposed by budget director Mick Mulvaney of replacing SNAP (food stamps) with a "Blue Apron-style" shipment of nonperishables. They point out that this is really nothing like Blue Apron, which sends perishables to families that choose to eat them every week. They say that this untested, difficult-to-scale approach is an insult on par with forcing people to pedal for hours on a stationary bike in order to receive housing assistance and calling this a "Soul Cycle-style opportunity."

But what do they know? Answer: not more than me, a former corn-syrup lobbyist now advising the Department of Agriculture on dietary guidelines who has never known poverty or sadness except, once, the sadness of not having a bill small enough that a vending machine would accept.



They should have been born with wealth, as was I, and the dim sense that anyone struggling is doing so just to have a compelling narrative about adversity to put on their college application and take away poor Junior's slot at Penn. Or that anyone who requires government assistance is doing so just for recreation — they get a thrill from filling out paperwork and being judged. Clearly, these people are insufficiently motivated to have been born to scions of wealth, and therefore we must replace their safety net with a fire.

Indeed, this program does not go far enough. Why stop at taking away people's (already constricted) ability to choose food that suits their families? Why not mandate Stitch Fix-style deliveries of sackcloth and ashes so that we may know that these people are truly humbled? Why not insist that if you have smiled even once in your life, you should be ineligible for any assistance?

I know from close study of a series of cherry-picked anecdotes in columns and speeches that those on SNAP are using their EBT cards (not cash, of course; we could not trust such people with cash, as we can Louise Linton) to throw themselves garish military-style parades and fly around in private jets. Well, someone is doing that. Therefore, we must impose more restrictions on those receiving government assistance to show that we know the value of a dollar.

They cannot buy wasteful nonsense like diapers, or toothpaste, or a rotisserie chicken. (How dare they buy a precooked meal when they spend their entire days relaxing lavishly at their two full-time jobs!) They should use their ample spare time to cook. Like Blue Apron. See, this is Blue Apron-style after all.

I do not know what should go in these boxes, or how it will all work, but I imagine it will be quite simple and not require much thought.

What if, as Annie Lowrey asked on Twitter, recipients lack a fixed address? All I can say is that if they have no permanent abode, perhaps they ought to be denied these boxes altogether. Some of us can only afford to summer in one place and winter in another — imagine spending *each day* at a new address! The luxury: unthinkable! Surely we cannot reward such extravagance with food, as well.

To answer Ms. Lowrey's further objections, briefly: No poor children are fussy eaters. Sometimes, they demand "more," and this plan will give them "more." Of something. Not nutrients, perhaps, or choice, but certainly of shelf-stable nonperishables they did not request but that I thought were a good idea.

Do not fear that one of these packages might be misplaced or dampened. I am reasonably confident it will never rain again.

If the food does not arrive on time, they can just order in from Uber Eats.

Do not ask whether anyone wanted this. Of course they wanted this. Their lives are too easy, and they should be made examples of. The reason that people are poor is that being poor is pleasant and they have chosen it. That is why. The reason I am not is because I am inherently good in some way they are not. Things are fair as they are, and we must make them more so.

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Eileen Levis

The real world of prosthetics

Prosthetists are highly trained board-certified medical professionals

Regarding "A Hard Path to Walk: Startup Firm Wants to Bring Prosthetic Limbs Into the 21st Century" (Feb. 5) — published at post-gazette.com under the headline "Artificial Limbs, a Backwater of Medicine, Get a New Look":

This article is flawed, erroneous and misleading in terms of prosthetists and prosthetic care.

Prosthetists in Pennsylvania are licensed under the Pennsylvania Board of Medicine, the same board that licenses medical doctors. To become a prosthetist, one must obtain a master's degree in the field of prosthetics, complete a National Commission on Orthotic and Prosthetic Education-approved residency program, pass the rigorous testing to become certified by the American Board for Certification in Orthotics and Prosthetics and meet all educational and experiential requirements to apply for a license.

The prosthetist, many times along with a patient's physician and/or physical therapist, con-

ducts an evaluation that includes — at minimum — an assessment of patients' physical and cognitive capabilities, medical histories and additional disorders as well as cardiopulmonary, musculoskeletal and neurological examinations. The prosthetist then conducts a mobility predictor test, in many cases the AMP PRO, which is a widely accepted tool used to assess the patient's functional level and capabilities. The results of the evaluation and testing, not "intuition," are what the prosthetist relies on in selecting appropriate prosthetic components.

The prosthetist will then, either by scan or mold (not "Play-Doh"), create the basis for the prosthetic socket to be fabricated. Fabrication is done by either the prosthetist, prosthetic technician or Food and Drug Administration-approved fabrication lab. Never is a "rubber" prosthesis pulled "off a shelf" and put on a patient.

Once completed, a series of fittings is needed to achieve the best fit. Many issues impact the fit of a

prosthesis. The patient's overall health condition, the condition of the residual limb (stump), stabilization of weight gain/loss, medications, fluid retention and patient compliance.

Prosthetic care is just that. Patients are not dispensed devices and off they go. Their prosthetic care is ongoing. This often involves patient advocates or navigators and always includes the patients, their families and their rehabilitation teams in planning their care.

It is important to understand that the prosthetist is reimbursed only for the cost of the device and that all professional services, long- and short-term, are provided with no additional reimbursement.

The practice of prosthetics is subject to many of the same challenges faced in all health care specialties — reimbursement and regulation being at the top of the list. We are fortunate in Pennsylvania that most insurers will, in fact, pay for replacement limbs when medically necessary.

Technology and advances in prosthetics, just as in other areas of medicine, have been outstanding. Some of that technology can be very costly. But falls are a major costly health risk to amputees, and some of the newer technologies are proven to reduce these risks.

Moving forward, should the Post-Gazette choose to publish health care-related articles, perhaps the stories should be more fact-based and less used as an advertising tool for any given individual or company. Further, if the PG truly wants factual information about the practice of prosthetics, which I believe it owes its readership, I suggest you contact the American Board for Certification in Orthotics and Prosthetics, the American Orthotic and Prosthetic Association, and the National Association for the Advancement of Orthotics and Prosthetics.

Eileen Levis is president of the Pennsylvania Orthotic and Prosthetic Society, based in Bethlehem.

Pittsburgh gets shorted on highway dollars

No matter how you slice it — and Dr. Neal Schorr has sliced this as many ways as a deli ham — Pittsburgh never has gotten its fair share of state money for urban highway reconstruction these past 50 years.

Dr. Schorr, 62, knows Philadelphia has more people and should get more money. But taking every variable into account — population, average daily traffic, miles of roads — he figures Philadelphia and Harrisburg receive between 4 to 24 times as much funding as Pittsburgh.

"This is a political problem," says the retired Marshall physician who has been a lifelong student and critic of Pennsylvania highways.

He can present a funding chart for every doubt anyone might have. So as President Donald Trump offers America a \$1.5 trillion infrastructure plan without much money in it — all but \$200 billion would need to come from state, local and private sources — let's take a look at one studious man's take on why Western Pennsylvania highways aren't better.

Start with population. Throw out parts of Greater Philadelphia in neighboring states and its metro area is about one and three-quarters the size of Pittsburgh's. The Harrisburg metro area is one-quarter the size of Pittsburgh's.

After adjusting for population, Dr. Schorr figures the Philadelphia region got almost eight times as much money to reconstruct an



Brian O'Neill

urban slice of Interstate 95 as Pittsburgh received for the Parkway West from the Fort Pitt Tunnel to I-79. Harrisburg got almost 22 times as much to reconstruct I-83.

Naysayers might say hold up, Doc, you aren't adjusting for all the long-distance commuters on I-95. But the fact is, those making long hauls mostly bypass Philadelphia on the New Jersey Turnpike; the portion of I-95 in the City of Brotherly Love is largely daily commuters.

When Dr. Schorr compared average daily traffic for the busiest urban expressways in Pittsburgh, Harrisburg and Philadelphia, they were actually pretty close.

Some 140,000 vehicles cross the Fort Pitt Bridge daily and, after some drop-off on Carson Street, 100,000 are on the Parkway West, according to 2012 PennDOT figures.

Harrisburg, meantime, has 114,000 to 130,000 on two key slices of Interstate 83, and the Cottman-Girard Avenue segment of I-95 in Philadelphia hits 190,000.

That doesn't seem like a lot of difference, does it?

Yet when Dr. Schorr looked at dollars spent per lane mile on I-83 in Harrisburg vs I-376 in Pittsburgh, and adjusts for population, he finds \$16.75 million was spent per lane mile in Harrisburg — and

\$29.65 per lane mile per capita. On I-376 in Pittsburgh, those same figures are \$3.2 million per lane mile and \$1.35 per capita.

As for Philadelphia, had Pittsburgh received for the Parkway West the same amount of funding per capita as Philadelphia did to reconstruct the Girard Avenue segment of I-95, we'd have been given \$570 million instead of \$73 million.

A \$1 billion investment in the Harrisburg region's transportation system began in 2014, and Pittsburgh can't even get basic structural improvements like acceleration lanes at the Parkway West's Greentree Road interchange.

A Latin phrase in law, *res ipsa loquitur*, means "the thing speaks for itself." A litigant might use the phrase when a surgeon leaves a scalpel inside the patient after sewing him up. That term applies here, too, Dr. Schorr believes.

"If you've got the money in Philadelphia and Harrisburg, then you've got the money here. We pay the same gas tax and registration fees."

But who will speak for Pittsburgh? Dr. Schorr has no complaints with District 11 of PennDOT, which he sees doing great work with the money it's allotted. Our problem is how the state divvies up the spoils, though, of course, PennDOT doesn't buy Dr. Schorr's argument.

"Cherry-picking numbers from a few projects to buttress an argument that the Pittsburgh region is shortchanged does not account for the challenges I have outlined

here," PennDOT spokesman Rich Kirkpatrick said at the end of a long email sent late Wednesday. PennDOT must "stretch limited resources as far as we can to keep the entire system in as good a shape as possible."

Dr. Schorr lives in House Speaker Mike Turzai's district. He's been trying without success since last March to get a meeting with him (Dr. Schorr shared his email exchange with Mr. Turzai's office, and says he's stopped by the district office seven times.) They're scheduled to finally meet with a PennDOT district highway engineer in late March.

I've not made a pothole-sized dent in the analysis Dr. Schorr has done here, but then he's been at this kind of thing for some time. He may be the only medical student who ever landed two summer internships at PennDOT; he drove every mile of Interstate in the commonwealth before he turned 25; and, 15 years ago, PennDOT endorsed his detailed proposal to add a tunnel on both sides of the Fort Pitt Tunnel to ease congestion inbound and outbound — but the state never funded it.

When I mentioned that that traffic always grows to fill widened highways, and it's impossible to pave your way out of congestion, he was ready for that, too.

"Give us \$2 billion to extend the light rail out [to Pittsburgh International Airport]," he said. "I already have the route figured out."

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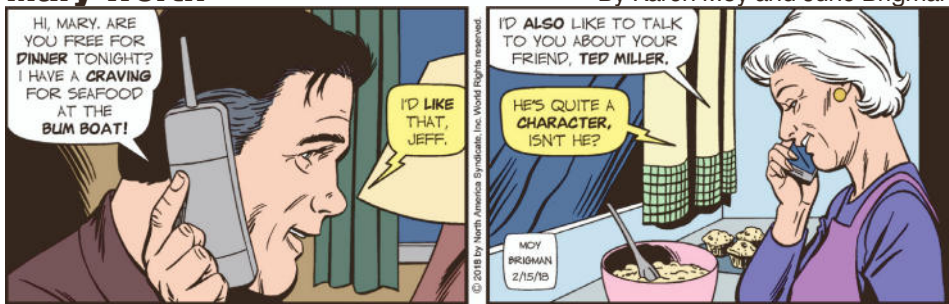
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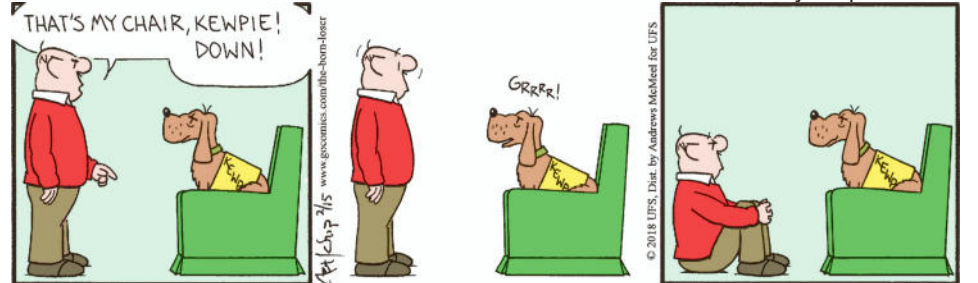
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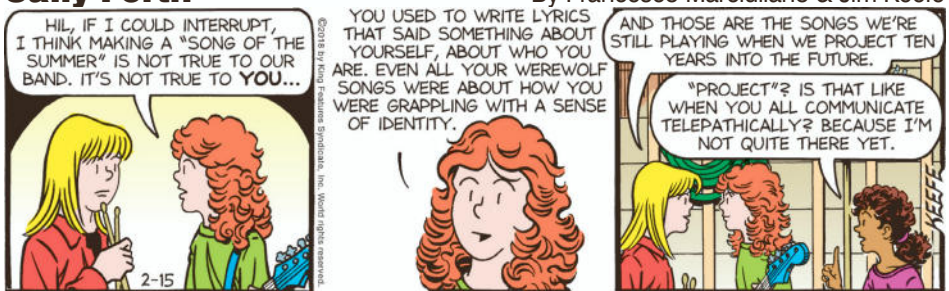
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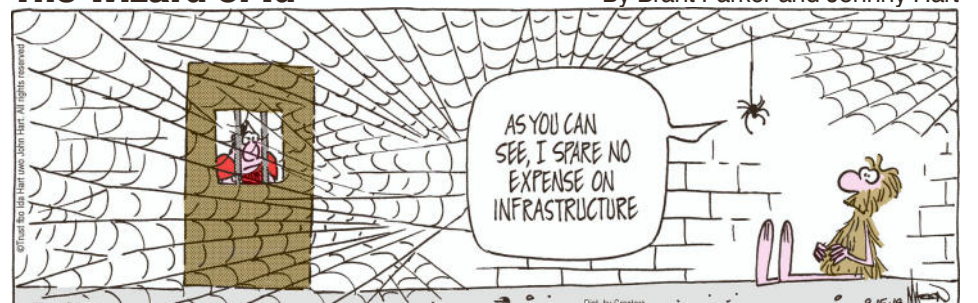
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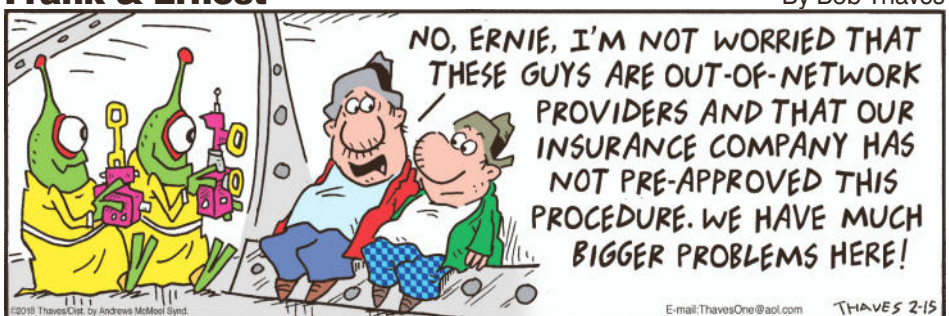
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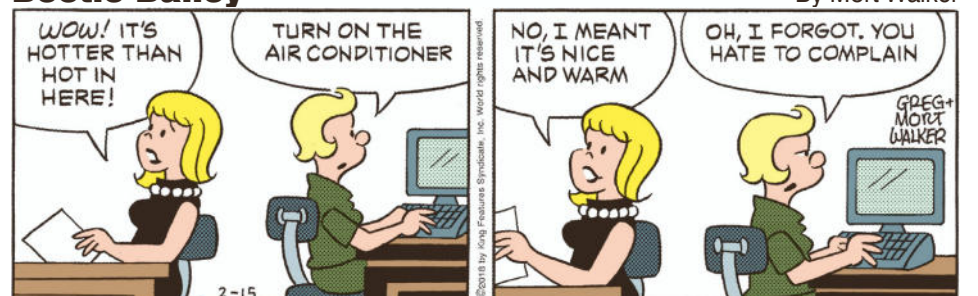
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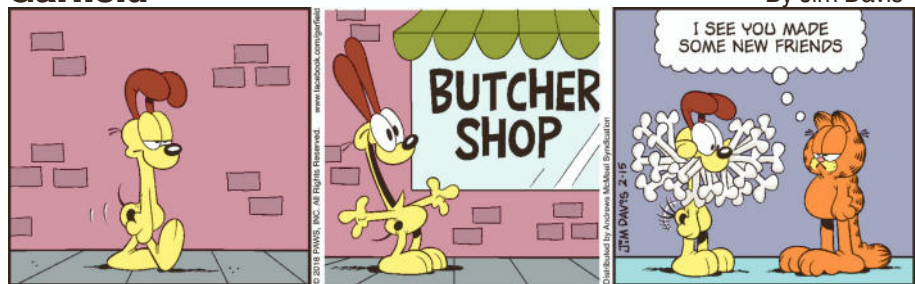
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Garfield

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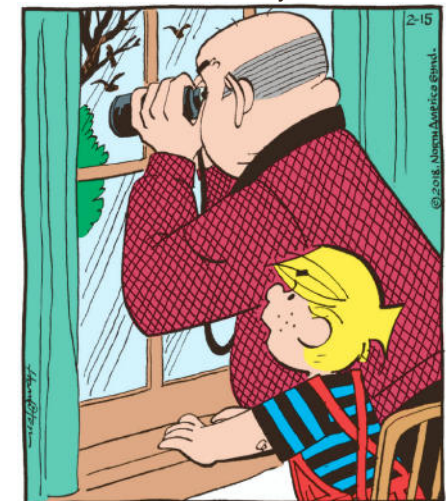


Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum

The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



"I think we're ready for the tide to go out."

"It's not polite to STARE. ... Can I look now?"

Marmaduke

By Brad & Paul Anderson

Bizarro

By Wayno and Piraro



"That's strange. I don't remember that sign the last time we were here."



"I didn't realize you had octuplets!"

Mother Goose and Grimm

By Mike Peters



Tundra

By Chad Carpenter



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Lio

By Mark Tatulli



Drabble

By Kevin Fagan



TV schedule table for Thursday with columns for time slots (8, 8:30, 9, 9:30, 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30) and various channels (KDKA, WTAE, WJAC, WTRF, WTVV, WPTV, WPXI, WPEC, WPMJ, WPNT, WYWN, WYTV, WPCB, WUAB, WPGH, WEPA).

PREMIUM CABLE


Premium Cable schedule table with columns for channel (HBO, HBO/2, HBO/FAM, HBO/SIG, MAX, SHO, STARZ, STARZ-E, STZENC, STZ/ENCL, STZ/ENCW, STZ/ENSU, TMC) and program details.

BASIC, EXPANDED AND DIGITAL CABLE

Basic, Expanded and Digital Cable schedule table with columns for channel (A&E, AMC, ANIM, ATTSP, BBC, BET, BRAVO, CMT, CNBC, CNN, COM, C-SPAN, DEST, DFC, DIS, DSC, DSC/INV, E!, ESPN, ESPN2, ESPN-C, EWTN, FNC, FOOD, FREE FRM, FS1, FX, FXX, GOLF, GSN, HALL, HGTV, HIST, IFC, LIFE, MSNBC, MTV, NBCS, NGeo, NICK, OWN, OXYGEN, PARM, PCNC, SC, SYFY, TBS, TCM, TLC, TNT, TOON, TRAV, TRUTV, TVL, USA, VH1, WE, WGN-A) and program details.

Today

63
45



A.M. RUSH
54
LUNCH
58
RUSH
61

Warmer; spotty drizzle in the morning, then rain. Winds WSW at 8-16 mph.

Tomorrow

46
19



Cooler; morning rain, then a snow shower. Winds NW at 8-16 mph.

Saturday


40
28



Rather cloudy, a bit of snow in the p.m. Winds SSE at 4-8 mph.

Sunday


45
31



Intervals of clouds and sunshine. Winds S at 6-12 mph.

Monday

55
49



Cloudy and milder with a shower possible. Winds SSW at 7-14 mph.

Weather outlook

Cloudy and warmer with spotty drizzle this morning followed by periods of rain this afternoon. Chance of precipitation 70%. Mild tonight with rain, heavy at times; watch for flash flooding. Chance of precipitation 80%. Cloudy and cooler with periods of rain tomorrow morning followed by a snow shower in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation 65%.



Nation Cities

City	Today		Tomorrow	
	Hi/Lo	W	Hi/Lo	W
Albany	50/41	c	43/18	sh
Albuquerque	54/35	sh	54/35	sh
Allentown	63/53	c	56/23	sh
Anchorage	30/18	pc	28/14	s
Atlanta	73/62	c	72/52	c
Atlantic City	60/53	pc	60/27	c
Baltimore	67/60	c	61/24	c
Birmingham	75/61	c	67/46	c
Boise	42/29	s	45/30	pc
Boston	53/46	c	51/23	sf
Buffalo	47/33	c	33/15	sf
Charleston, S.C.	78/60	c	81/58	pc
Charleston, W.Va.	70/59	r	60/28	r
Charlotte	77/61	c	76/47	sh
Chicago	42/27	r	28/9	pc
Cincinnati	66/42	r	43/25	r
Cleveland	57/34	r	35/22	c
Columbus	62/42	r	42/24	r
Dallas	78/52	c	52/38	r
Dayton	60/37	r	38/21	c
Denver	43/15	c	45/28	s
Des Moines	42/11	c	27/18	s
Detroit	45/28	r	31/14	pc
Erie	52/31	r	32/18	sf
Fairbanks	26/3	c	17/-2	pc
Grand Rapids	43/25	r	28/12	pc
Greensboro	74/61	c	72/39	sh
Hartford	55/45	c	50/19	sh
Harrisburg	64/54	c	56/23	r
Honolulu	80/67	sh	80/68	pc
Houston	79/63	sh	73/54	sh
Indianapolis	62/35	r	37/23	c
Jackson, Miss.	80/60	c	66/47	r
Kansas City	62/19	c	35/25	s
Las Vegas	65/40	pc	63/42	s
Los Angeles	69/49	s	73/50	s
Louisville	69/48	r	49/29	r
Memphis	71/56	sh	56/38	r
Miami	84/66	pc	85/66	pc
Milwaukee	44/19	c	26/14	pc
Minneapolis	34/2	c	21/16	s
Myrtle Beach	72/60	c	74/54	pc
Nashville	73/59	c	59/37	r
New Orleans	81/61	pc	79/62	pc
New York City	63/53	pc	58/26	sh
Norfolk	74/62	c	73/39	sh
Oklahoma City	78/30	c	42/31	c
Omaha	42/12	pc	29/23	s
Orlando	83/62	pc	86/61	s
Philadelphia	64/57	c	60/27	sh
Phoenix	66/50	sh	71/49	s
Portland, Maine	45/36	c	48/16	sh
Portland, Ore.	50/39	sh	51/41	r
Providence	55/47	c	55/23	sh
Richmond	73/62	pc	72/31	sh
Sacramento	65/33	s	66/35	pc
St. Louis	71/31	r	38/25	pc
Salt Lake City	44/28	sn	48/36	s
San Diego	68/52	s	72/50	s
San Francisco	63/43	s	64/45	s
San Juan	81/73	pc	82/72	pc
Seattle	47/40	c	49/42	r
Spokane	35/28	pc	41/29	c
Syracuse	51/35	c	36/16	sn
Tampa	84/65	pc	81/63	s
Toledo	52/30	r	34/16	c
Tucson	59/48	sh	65/50	sh
Washington, D.C.	71/61	c	62/30	c
Wheeling	64/46	r	47/19	r
Wilmington, Del.	63/57	c	59/25	sh

Yesterday's Record

Readings from the Pittsburgh Int'l. Airport through 3 p.m. Feb 14, 2018

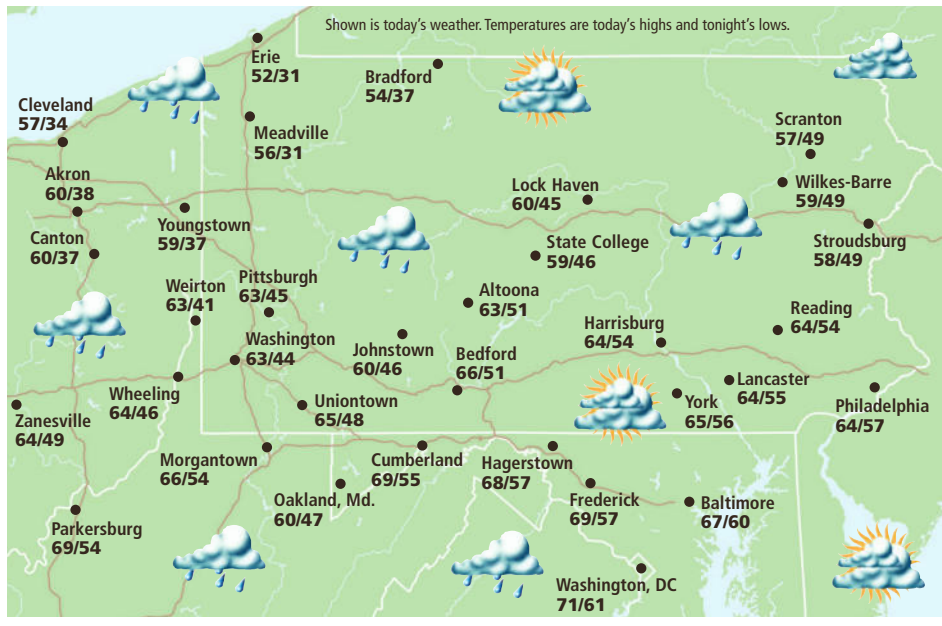
TEMPERATURE
High 51
Normal high 39
Year ago 50
Record high 64 (1918)
Low 39
Normal low 23
Year ago 25
Record low -7 (1905)

DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL
Yesterday +14.2
Month to date -0.3
Year to date -2.1

HUMIDITY
High 95 (at 5 p.m.)
Low 70 (at 11)

PRECIPITATION (inches)
24 hours ending 3 p.m. yest. 0.03
Month to date 1.50
Normal month to date 1.20
Departure from normal +0.30
Year to date 5.78
Normal year to date 3.90
Departure from normal +1.88

BAROMETER
Yesterday's high 30.32
Yesterday's low 30.09



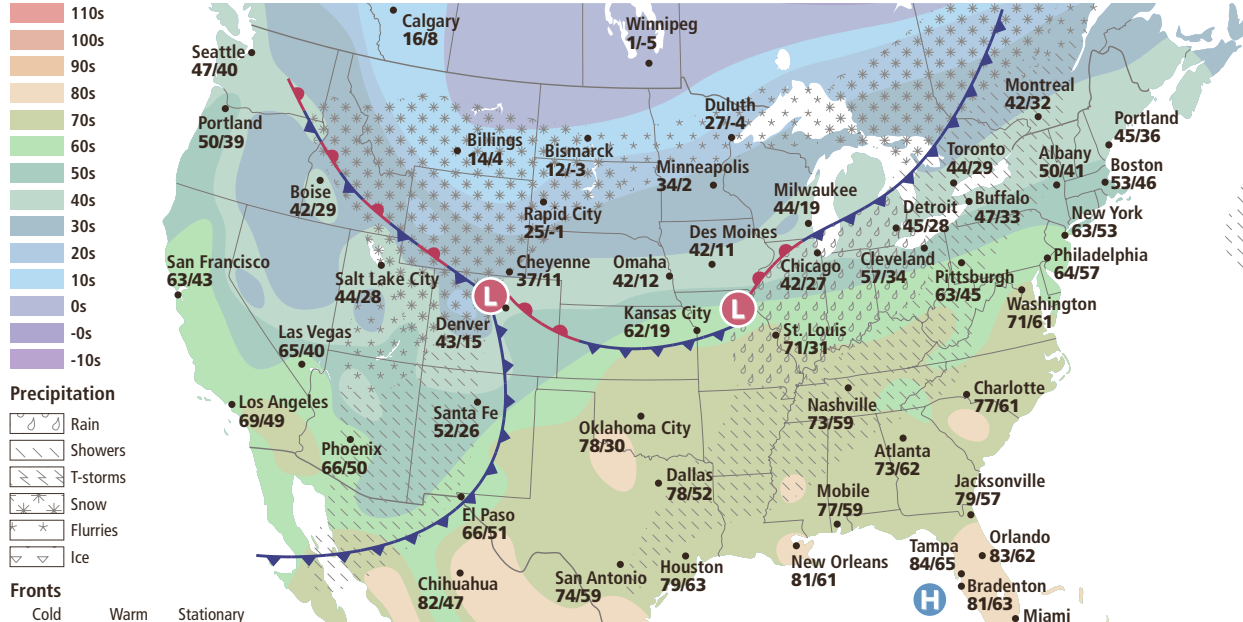
Skywatch today

Sunrise 7:15 a.m.
Sunset 5:56 p.m.
Moonrise 7:12 a.m.
Moonset 5:53 p.m.

Air Quality

Primary pollutant: Particulates
0-50: Good, 51-100: Moderate, 101-150: Unhealthy for sensitive groups, 151-200: Unhealthy, 201-300: Very Unhealthy, 301-500: Hazardous
Source: Pa. Dept. of Environmental Protection

Shown are today's noon positions of weather systems and precipitation. Temperature bands are highs for the day.



U.S. EXTREMES
(For the 48 contiguous states yesterday)
High 88 at Immokalee, Fla.
Low -6 at Greysbull, Wyo.

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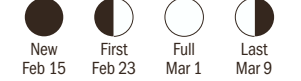
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River Stages

Location	Stage
ALLEGHENY	
Franklin, Pa.	5.80 R
Parker, Pa.	5.50 F
Sharpsburg, Pa.	12.80 S
MONONGAHELA	
Gray's Landing, Pa.	15.00 F
CHEAT	
Parsons, W.Va.	6.40 F
WEST FORK	
Clarksburg, W.Va.	5.74 F
YOUGHIOGHENY	
Sutersville, Pa.	8.80 F
BEAVER	
Beaver Falls, Pa.	6.60 S
OHIO	
Pittsburgh, Pa.	16.20 R
Dashields Dam	17.40 R
Montgomery Dam, Pa.	16.70 F
Pike Is. Lock and Dam, W.Va.	21.30 F

F-Falling; M-Missing; P-Pool; R-Rising; S-Stationary

Moon Phases



World Cities

City	Today		Tomorrow	
	Hi/Lo	W	Hi/Lo	W
Athens	54/47	r	55/45	sh
Auckland	79/62	s	81/67	s
Baghdad	69/51	pc	61/56	r
Beijing	44/24	s	47/20	s
Berlin	39/31	c	44/28	s
Bermuda	70/65	pc	71/67	pc
Bogota	67/48	c	67/47	c
Buenos Aires	87/68	c	89/69	pc
Cairo	69/52	pc	69/52	pc
Copenhagen	36/33	c	41/33	sn
Dublin	42/33	pc	47/37	c
Frankfurt	38/30	sn	46/29	s
Hong Kong	72/63	pc	72/63	pc
Jerusalem	59/44	pc	60/46	s
Johannesburg	75/58	c	75/59	c
Kinshasa	90/76	t	90/74	t
London	50/34	pc	49/35	pc
Madrid	58/43	c	61/41	c
Manila	89/76	pc	90/76	pc
Mexico City	76/49	pc	78/49	pc
Montreal	42/32	c	33/5	sn
Moscow	18/16	c	24/21	sf
Nairobi	80/56	pc	81/59	pc
Nassau	83/72	pc	84/73	s
New Delhi	77/54	pc	80/53	pc
Oslo	31/28	sn	32/23	pc
Paris	52/36	r	49/35	c
Rio de Janeiro	84/76	t	85/75	pc
Rome	52/31	pc	54/38	pc
Seoul	38/19	pc	39/19	s
Singapore	88/76	c	90/76	pc
Sydney	83/68	s	83/71	s
Tokyo	57/39	pc	48/38	pc
Toronto	44/29	c	30/12	c
Vancouver	42/35	r	47/37	c
Vienna	37/31	c	42/29	sh
Warsaw	31/26	c	37/29	sf

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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Field grows to replace retiring Mustio

By Chris Potter
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Among Republicans, the race to replace state Rep. Mark Mustio in the airport-area suburbs is getting as crowded as the skies over Pittsburgh International during the holiday season.

The latest candidate in the 44th District is Valerie Gaydos, a business owner and investor in tech firms from Aleppo.

In a statement Wednesday morning, Ms. Gaydos called herself “pro-life, pro-growth, pro-business,” saying she was “a conservative, tried and true. And I

have been all my life.”

In an interview Tuesday evening, Ms. Gaydos said she was motivated by the feeling that “there’s a tremendous lack of business acumen” among elected officials.

And while this is her first run for office, she said she previously worked as an intern for the late U.S. Sen. H. John Heinz III and as an aide for former state Sen. D. Michael Fisher of Upper St. Clair.

Federal Election Commission records suggest that she has also supported Democratic causes in the past, including U.S. Senate candidate Joe Sestak, to whom she has given \$2,500, including a

\$500 contribution as recently as 2016.

Ms. Gaydos, who appears to have also supported Republicans, including former U.S. Rep. Melissa Hart and U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey, said her giving reflects the fact that “we need to reach across the aisle and we don’t see enough of that. There’s too much infighting. ... We’re all Pennsylvanians.”

She joins a field of candidates seeking to replace Mr. Mustio. The Republican announced last month that he was stepping down

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Republican state Rep. Mark Mustio

Woodland Hills school chief tells board he’s resigning

District has had a tumultuous year

By Elizabeth Behrman
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The superintendent of the Woodland Hills School District has announced his intention to resign effective June 30.

Alan Johnson said at a school board meeting Wednesday that he wants to enact the severance clause of his contract, board president Jamie Glasser said.

If details of the severance agreement can be worked out by next week’s meeting, the board will vote on whether to accept it, she said.

Ms. Glasser said Mr. Johnson has been with the district since 2011. He could not be reached for comment Wednesday night. The district was formed in 1981 by a court-ordered merger of the Edgewood, General Braddock, Swissvale, Churchill and Turtle Creek school districts.

The past year has been tumultuous for the Woodland Hills School District, which has seen itself the subject of national headlines and a lawsuit filed by five former students.

The Allegheny County District Attorney’s office continues to investigate whether school resource Officer Steve Shaulis, a member of the Churchill Police Department, used excessive force after photos surfaced of a student who said his tooth was punched out during an altercation with the officer.

Former high school principal Kevin Murray, who was investigated in late 2016 after he was recorded threatening to strike a student, resigned as principal and head football coach last summer while waiting for his recertification from the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

A handful of other students came forward and joined a federal lawsuit filed in August alleging similar mistreatment at the hands of school leaders.

State Auditor General Eugene DePasquale announced in September that he planned to conduct a performance audit of the school district after receiving multiple requests from local lawmakers.

No results of the audit have been announced.

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VALENTINE SWEETHEARTS



Jessie Wardarski/Post-Gazette

College students Pawel Morysewicz of Shadyside and Diana Sokol of Rostraver hold hands Wednesday as Mr. Morysewicz works at a coffee kiosk in Downtown on Valentine’s Day. The couple met four months ago on Halloween night.

Mansion was built on tax fraud, IRS alleges

By Torsten Ove
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Joseph Nocito Sr. calls his elephantine Bell Acres mansion, the largest private house in Pennsylvania and one of the biggest in the country, “Villa Noci.”

Locals call it “the Castle” — sometimes with an eye roll.

Certainly no one can miss this place.

Passengers on some flights into Pittsburgh International Airport can easily see the spread from afar, with its pool and fountain, gardens, and basketball and tennis courts.

But Mr. Nocito could someday soon be exchanging this 39,000-square-foot edifice, valued by some real estate experts at \$20 million, for the more Spartan confines of a federal prison cell.

The criminal division of the Internal Revenue Service, which has been examining Mr. Nocito’s finances for years, says the home was built on tax fraud.

A federal grand jury on Tuesday handed up a long-awaited indictment of Mr. Nocito, who is in his mid-70s, on a charge of conspiracy and nine counts of filing false income tax returns.

The case was expected ever since his former secretary, Ann Harris, pleaded guilty in 2015 and agreed to cooperate against

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WVU temporarily bans social, recruiting activities of 16 fraternities

FRAT ACTIVITY SUSPENDED

By Andrew Goldstein
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

West Virginia University on Wednesday announced a moratorium on all social and recruiting activities of 16 of its fraternities.

The university also said it will start a review plan and strengthen fraternity oversight following concerns over continued behavioral issues.

“We are at a tipping point,” uni-

versity president Gordon Gee said in a news release. “We have seen the headlines across the country. We have had a few of our own in recent weeks. I cannot in good conscience as your president stand by and do nothing.”

The news release did not refer to any specific incidents involving fraternities. A university spokesman could not be reached Wednesday evening for further comment.

Not affected by the moratorium

are African-American fraternities and sororities and any other sorority that is a member of the university’s Panhellenic Association.

The fraternities immediately affected are social and social-professional fraternities that are members of the university’s Interfraternity Council. They are: Alpha Gamma Rho, Alpha Epsilon Pi, Alpha Sigma Phi, Kappa Alpha

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Darrell Sapp/Post-Gazette

DRIVE-THRU ASHES Mike Zozom of Dravosburg talks with the Rev. Jessica McClure Archer of Sampson’s Mills Presbyterian Church after receiving ashes Wednesday in the parking lot of Faith Lutheran Church along Lincoln Way in White Oak. The churches teamed up to offer “Ash and Dash” for those who wanted to observe Ash Wednesday with a quick prayer and a dabbing of ashes without having to leave their car.

Questions on bullying follow new Plum superintendent

By Matt McKinney
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Some community members have criticized the appointment of Brendan Hyland as Plum School District superintendent, saying a 2014 lawsuit indicates he failed to respond adequately to a student’s complaints of bullying and sexual harassment while he was a North Allegheny principal.

Mr. Hyland was named Plum superintendent Tuesday during a contentious meeting.

Some who spoke at the meeting mentioned the lawsuit, filed in U.S. District Court in Pittsburgh, that included claims that the North Allegheny School District violated Title IX, the federal

law that bars sex discrimination in public schools, and the Equal Protection clause of the Constitution.

Part of the lawsuit was settled and the rest was dismissed. Mr. Hyland, who led North Allegheny Intermediate High School before landing the Plum superintendent job, was not a defendant, but his actions were described in the lawsuit.

The school district’s insurer settled part of the lawsuit out of court, Plum solicitor Bruce Dice said. Terms of the settlement were not publicly available Wednesday.

According to the lawsuit, a

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New Castle man gets 10 years for prostituting teen addict

By Torsten Ove
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The second of two New Castle men who prostituted a 14-year-old heroin addict was sentenced to federal prison Wednesday for 10 years.

U.S. District Judge Mark Hornak imposed that term on David Monrean, 24.

Monrean and his friend, Ronald Hartman, 27, were pimps for the girl from Grove City.

A heroin addict, she had sex with Johns in an Ohio motel and gave her money to the two men. They then bought heroin and all three used it.

Both men pleaded to transporting a minor across state lines for sex after an investigation by the FBI and Grove City police. Hartman is serving 15 years.

The case was one of several brought in recent years by the local U.S. attorney's office in an effort to combat an increase in teen sex trafficking.

The investigation began in 2016 when the girl left her home after getting out of a heroin treatment program. Her mother learned she was corresponding on Facebook with Hartman about acting as a prostitute in exchange for heroin.

The girl took nude pictures of herself with a cell phone and he put those images online to advertise her for sex.

He and Monrean then drove her to and from the Ohio motel for sex with Johns.

She made \$340, which they all used to buy heroin.

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Is prenatal drug abuse also child abuse?

Top court asked to take up issue

By Marie McCullough
Philadelphia Inquirer

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has been asked to decide whether drug abuse during pregnancy can be punished as child abuse under state law.

That issue, which has torn American law and politics since the crack epidemic of the 1980s, is stirring renewed debate as the opioid crisis spawns another generation of newborns hooked on their mothers' drugs.

The case in question, *In the Interest of L.J.B.*, involves a woman who gave birth in February 2017 at Williamsport Hospital. Clinton County Children and Youth Services alleged she tested positive for opiates, benzodiazepines (anti-anxiety drugs that can heighten the effect of opiates) and

marijuana, and that her infant spent 19 days at the hospital being treated for withdrawal symptoms. CYS took custody of the baby, accusing the mother of child abuse under Pennsylvania's Child Protective Services Law.

In the ensuing legal battle, the baby's parents won the first round. Clinton County Common Pleas Court concluded there was no abuse because the mother's actions affected her fetus and the law does not consider a fetus to be a child.

On appeal to state Superior Court, CYS argued that the mother knew her baby would suffer through withdrawal after birth. A three-judge panel ruled that her illegal drug use might constitute child abuse under the law "if it is established the mother intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly caused or created a reasonable likelihood of bodily injury to a child after birth." They sent the case back to the lower

court for further proceedings.

Two of the Superior Court judges, however, added a separate opinion that urged the state Supreme Court to review it.

Punishing drug abuse as child abuse, the two judges warned, could deter women from getting prenatal care and drug rehabilitation, break up families, and open the door to penalizing many other choices during pregnancy.

"Should she travel to countries where the Zika virus is present? Should she obtain cancer treatment even though it could put her child at risk?" wrote Superior Court Judge Eugene B. Strassburger. "I question whether treating as child abusers women who are addicted to drugs results in safer outcomes for children."

Late last month, the mother's attorneys — including Drexel University law professor David Cohen

and Carol Tracy of the Women's Law Project in Philadelphia — formally petitioned the state's high court to take up the case. There is no time frame for the court to reply.

"Our position is that actions taken while pregnant are not what the state statute is supposed to cover," Mr. Cohen said in an interview. "That's not what the Legislature intended, and it would raise serious constitutional issues."

Lawyers for CYS declined to comment.

The severity of newborn drug withdrawal varies. The symptoms — including inconsolable crying, tremors, vomiting, diarrhea — are usually treated with decreasing doses of oral morphine or methadone, both opioid medicines. Studies of the long-term effects of withdrawal on health and development are inconclusive, and many findings are hard to distinguish from the effects of poverty.

The federal child abuse law, and most state child abuse statutes, are designed to help — not punish — women in addiction by identifying them when they give birth and connecting them to social services.

In their petition, the mother's lawyers point out that several Pennsylvania state senators introduced a bill in 2011 to explicitly include drug use by pregnant women as child abuse, but the proposal never got beyond the Senate Committee on Aging and Youth.

The petition also notes that professional societies, including the National Perinatal Association and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, oppose punitive approaches. "Seeking obstetric-gynecologic care should not expose a woman to criminal or civil penalties, such as incarceration, involuntary commitment, loss of custody of her children, or loss of housing," the ob-gyn group said.

A HEART FOR ORGAN TRANSPLANT



Steph Chambers/Post-Gazette

Adreanna Fisher, 5 of Washington reacts as Pumper, the heart-shaped mascot of Second Chance Fundraising, visits her, her grandmother Kimberly Fisher and her brother Milez on Wednesday during National Donor Day and Valentine's Day at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC in Lawrenceville. Milez, 1, is a liver transplant patient. Craig Smith [not pictured], a heart transplant recipient, delivered superhero capes and cards to the children who currently are on the organ transplant waiting list or are recovering from a recent transplant.

WVU halts activity at 16 frats

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Order, Lambda Chi Alpha, Phi Delta Theta, Phi Gamma Delta, Phi Kappa Psi, Phi Sigma Kappa, Pi Kappa Alpha, Pi Kappa Phi, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, Sigma Alpha Mu, Sigma Chi, Sigma Nu, Sigma Phi Epsilon and Theta Chi.

In November 2014, WVU student Nolan Burch died after consuming alcohol during a hazing ritual at a Kappa Sigma fraternity event. Two students were charged in the death, and the fraternity was disbanded.

In the announcement Wednesday, the university said basic chapter operations, philanthropic or service activities and brotherhood events will be allowed under the moratorium.

WVU said it will immediately raise the academic standards to join a fraternity or sorority from the current 2.5 grade point average to 2.75. That will increase to 3.0 by the 2020 fall semester, according to the university.

WVU's Office of Fraternity and Sorority Life will conduct the review with the help of a group of students, alumni and partners from the Greek organizations' national headquarters.

The university said its decision "comes in the context of a growing national debate over fraternity and sorority life on college campuses, with several institutions banning fraternity and sorority life altogether or tightly restricting their activities."

The University of Pittsburgh suspended the Sigma Chi fraternity in January after a student was hospitalized following an incident involving alcohol.

Penn State University has suspended more than a dozen fraternities in the wake of the death last February of sophomore Tim Piazza during a hazing ritual in which he drank a large amount of alcohol and fell down a flight of stairs.

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Field of candidates grows to replace retiring Mustio

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after the end of his eighth term representing the dis-

trict, which includes suburban communities west of Pittsburgh.

Other candidates in-

clude Bob Doddato, a North Fayette supervisor who announced his candidacy two weeks ago.

An accountant who touts fiscal improvements in North Fayette, Mr. Doddato issued a Jan. 30 statement calling himself "a constitutional conservative [who] will fight to protect Second Amendment rights for all Pennsylvanians" and who "is also strongly pro life."

Moon supervisor David Bachman, who owns a home-building company, also announced his bid with a brief statement on Facebook Tuesday.

In an interview, Mr. Bachman said he is "more of a pragmatist than dogmatically conservative." While he is "an adamant pro-life guy," he said, he is willing "to look at decriminalization of marijuana."

In his first term as a supervisor, he said, he helped hold the line on taxes while expanding street-paving efforts.

Republican Allegheny County Councilman Sam DeMarco, meanwhile, had planned to announce a run but decided against it last year.

Educator Michele Knoll, of Ohio Township, is the lone Democrat to declare her candidacy in the 44th District and is campaigning with a focus on education issues.

Having planned to challenge Mr. Mustio before his resignation, she has a head start on the other candidates: By the end of 2017, she had raised just under \$20,000 from outside sources.

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STATE

Chemist charged with stealing cyanide

A chemist stole potassium cyanide from his workplace to use as pest control at home and poured it down a suburban Philadelphia storm drain when he learned there was an investigation, prosecutors said.

Richard O'Rourke, 60, has been charged with risking a catastrophe, theft, receiving stolen property and recklessly endangering others. He's accused of taking about a cup of potassium cyanide from the Merck & Co. facility in Montgomery County in December.

Reached at his home Wednesday, Mr. O'Rourke said he didn't want to comment. A message seeking comment from his lawyer wasn't returned.

A co-worker witnessed him pouring potassium cyanide into a beaker and then into a Nalgene water bottle on Dec. 14, then leaving the building, according to a release from District Attorney Kevin Steele. That worker informed authorities, and Mr. O'Rourke later dumped the chemical near his Warrington home about 30 miles north of Philadelphia, after learning there was an investigation. The state Department of Environmental Protection

began monitoring the water supply after determining there was a possible threat to drinking water. The department went into "high alert" and increased its monitoring at stormwater systems, retention basins, waterways and tributaries, from Dec. 15 to Dec. 29.

It was determined that there was no evidence of water contamination, or any environmental or human health impacts related to the dumping, department spokesman Neil Shader said.

Mr. Steele said a heavy rainfall at the time likely helped diffuse the chemical.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for March 6.



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New Plum superintendent faces questions

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former North Allegheny Intermediate student claimed her classmates bullied, harassed and assaulted her when she was a freshman, and school officials — including Mr. Hyland, then principal — failed to respond appropriately.

Jaimie George, an attorney representing the student, who is identified only as S.K. in the lawsuit, did not respond to a request for comment.

The events described in the suit began in 2009, the evening before the S.K.'s first day of freshman year, when she received threatening texts from a sophomore student as part of a hazing ritual "well known to staff," according to the lawsuit. Mr. Hyland did not discipline the student, and the harassment continued, the suit says.

Other classmates began to sexually harass S.K., according to the lawsuit. Football players threw bananas at the student and accused her of having a sexually transmitted disease, the complaint says. After each incident, the student reported the bullying to Mr. Hyland and other school officials — but they did not take any disciplinary action, according to the complaint.

During football games,

"I will say my concern and commitment to addressing these types of behaviors has been a constant and will always be a focus at Plum so we can have the most positive learning environment as possible for our students."

— **Brendan Hyland**,
newly appointed superintendent
for Plum School District



Timothy Glasspool, former superintendent at Plum Borough School District

classmates harassed and groped the student — and in one case, threatened to beat her with brass knuckles, according to the lawsuit. Mr. Hyland, who was a football coach at the school, told S.K. to find him on the sideline if the harassment continued, the complaint says.

Classmates also showed up at the student's job to harass her and poured liquid on her head in the school hallway, according to the lawsuit. Mr. Hyland confronted the bullies, but never disciplined them, allowing the behavior to escalate, the student claimed in the suit. She said that eventually she tried to kill herself.

A school psychologist suggested S.K. transfer schools, according to the suit. Mr. Hyland offered her a new laptop and the district paid the student's tuition to at-

tend school elsewhere, the lawsuit says.

Parents at the Plum board meeting on Tuesday questioned Mr. Hyland's ability to handle cases of bullying and harassment.

In response, Mr. Hyland said Wednesday that he couldn't comment on specific discipline cases, but

that he has always followed laws and policies involving bullying and harassment.

"I will say my concern and commitment to addressing these types of behaviors has been a constant and will always be a focus at Plum so we can have the most positive learning environment as possible for our students," he said.

The terms of Mr. Hyland's Plum contract were not disclosed at the meeting. The five-year agreement includes a starting annual salary of \$155,000 and five weeks of vacation. After the first year, Mr. Hyland will be eligible for an annual increase of 2.5 percent each year, topping out at \$171,000.

He replaces former superintendent Timothy Glasspool, who left last year, citing an "antagonistic school board." Mr. Glasspool was placed on paid leave in May 2016 after a grand jury report detailed the findings of a sex-abuse scandal in the district. Three former high school teachers were sentenced to prison after sexual assault convictions involving students.

Under his separation agreement, Mr. Glasspool received his salary of \$157,600.

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Marshall man convicted of sex crimes dodged prison, caught in Ariz.

By Torsten Ove
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Daniel Teed

Daniel Teed of Marshall, who was supposed to self-report to federal prison last month for his role in the abuse of a 16-year-old girl at group sex parties, has been captured in Arizona and faces new charges that are certain to add to his 10-year sentence.

U.S. marshals caught Teed, 56, in Flagstaff on Monday after a nationwide manhunt.

Sentenced in the sex case in October, Teed was supposed to surrender himself to federal prison by Jan. 5.

He didn't show up, and the marshals searched for him in several states. They eventually tracked him to Flagstaff, where he was using an alias and had tried to disguise himself.

He'll be returned to federal court in Pittsburgh to face a new indictment charging him with failing to register as a sex offender and skipping out on his sentence.

Teed's original case involved preying on a 10th-grader prostituted by a former Beaver County basketball coach, Ralph Ruprecht.

Ruprecht, who is serving 16 years in prison for rape, arranged for sex parties with underage girls and

adult women at hotels and an apartment in the Strip District.

One of the girls was a 16-year-old who was forced to have sex with groups of men in 2015 and 2016.

Teed, who formerly operated a trucking company and once ran for the state Legislature, was one of Ruprecht's customers. He admitted that he sexually abused the girl with Ruprecht and that he knew she was 16.

The girl is in foster care.

At the time of his sentencing, Teed said he would "take full responsibility for the actions I have been a part of." His family asked for leniency, saying he was a good guy who made a "mistake."

The judge said what Teed did was no mistake and handed him a 10-year sentence and 20 years of probation.

Man arrested after SWAT callout in Stanton Heights

By Andrew Goldstein
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Pittsburgh police arrested a man Wednesday in connection with a standoff at a home in Stanton Heights.

Corey Yurko, 29, of Stanton Heights was charged with simple assault and terroristic threats.

About 1:30 p.m., police went to a home in the 5500

block of Celadine Street to arrest Mr. Yurko on a warrant stemming from domestic violence charges and a protection-from-abuse order violation.

Police said they believed Mr. Yurko was in the home and reportedly had access to weapons. City police spokeswoman Alicia George said Mr. Yurko "made some comments" to family members that

prompted authorities to call in the SWAT team.

The team eventually entered the house to try to find Mr. Yurko, but when they searched the home he was not there. The house was empty and officers did not recover any weapons, police said.

Police said after clearing the SWAT situation about 5:30 p.m., they worked with relatives of Mr. Yurko to try

to assure a peaceful resolution.

Later Wednesday, police learned that Mr. Yurko was at a relative's home in the 1400 block of Woodbine Street. Mr. Yurko surrendered without incident.

The simple assault and terroristic threats charges stemmed from an existing arrest warrant, according to police, who added that more charges are pending.



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Former CEO charged with tax fraud

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her boss. Her case is pending.

Mr. Nocito, former president and CEO of Automated Health Systems, a health services management company in the North Hills, conspired to conceal millions of dollars in personal income from the IRS, prosecutors said.

With the help of Ms. Harris and his former chief financial officer, who is an unnamed conspirator in the indictment but has not been charged, Mr. Nocito caused the construction costs for his mansion to be recorded as business expenses for his companies, agents said.

He also devised what U.S. Attorney Scott Brady called “an elaborate shell game” in which he transferred money among his companies for the purpose of evading taxes.

As an example, agents say Mr. Nocito paid the builder of his home a monthly payment that he and the other conspirators called “consulting services” on Nocito company books. He arranged for the builder’s employees to be paid as though they were employees of another of his companies, Northland Properties, which Mr. Nocito then expensed as business costs.

In addition to using various corporate entities to pay for his house, Mr. Nocito is also charged with falsely claiming as business expenses payments for his Jaguar, Maserati and Rolls Royce, his butler and cook, private school tuition for his grandchildren, mortgage payments for his relatives, insurance premiums and country club memberships.

In company ledgers, he



Joseph Nocito's home in Bell Acres.

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expensed those purchases variously as “travel,” “advertising” or “office expense.”

In addition, he is accused of understating his income on his personal tax returns by not reporting the income he diverted for the personal expenses.

The indictment also says Mr. Nocito concealed millions in taxable profits of AHS by shuffling payments between the company and other corporate entities he owned — including Northland Properties, Golden Triangle Leasing and Management Financial Services — so he could reduce the payments as business expenses and lower AHS’s tax liabilities.

He then used those untaxed AHS profits to build his mansion and pay for his

lavish personal expenses, prosecutors said.

The maximum prison term Mr. Nocito faces is 32 years, but defendants in federal court cases almost never get anywhere near the maximum, especially in white-collar cases. But should Mr. Nocito be convicted, it is likely he will face prison time because of the scale of the fraud and the length of time it went on.

His lawyer, Phil DiLucente, said the government has been investigating his client in what he called a “tax dispute case” for nearly a decade.

“Since the investigation began in 2010, Mr. Nocito has been cooperative with the IRS and the U.S. attorney’s office,” he said. “Mr. Nocito looks forward to resolving this matter in a court

of law rather than in the media and he will have no further response to the government’s allegations until the appropriate time and place.”

Federal authorities would not comment beyond statements.

In one of them, Ed Wirth, acting agent in charge of the criminal division of the IRS in Pittsburgh, said those who fraudulently write off personal expenses and underreport income cheat “the honest taxpayers who pay their fair share for the government services and protections that we all enjoy.”

Mr. Nocito is not in custody. He is set to be arraigned March 6 in federal court.

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Partner's son admits taking \$827,000 from law practice

By Torsten Ove
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The son of a partner at a Downtown bankruptcy law firm admitted Wednesday that he embezzled \$827,000 from the practice while working as the office manager, but he said he didn’t remember all the details because he was on drugs.

Anthony Calaiaro, 34, of Castle Shannon, pleaded guilty to bank fraud before U.S. District Judge David Cercone, admitting that he forged checks on the Allegheny Valley Bank business account of Calaiaro Valencik and used them for himself.

He had been indicted last year following an investigation by the FBI and Pittsburgh police, who got involved after the bank handling the firm’s account saw suspicious activity and alerted the partners.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Lee Karl said Mr. Calaiaro, son of partner Donald Calaiaro, handled invoices, checks and payroll, but he didn’t have signatory authority over the business account.

So he forged the name of a partner and made some 500 checks payable to himself between June 2014 and April 2016.

He then falsified the descriptions for the checks in the check register to conceal his thefts, making it look like the checks

had been used to pay vendors.

Near the end of the scheme, Mr. Calaiaro also prepared six checks totaling \$28,000 made payable to the law firm and drawn on the firm’s Interest on Lawyers Trust Account at Allegheny Valley Bank.

He forged a signature on the checks and deposited them into the business account so he could continue writing checks for himself.

After Mr. Karl read a description of his crimes, the judge asked Mr. Calaiaro if he agreed. He and his lawyer, Linda Cohn, said he’d been on drugs at the time so couldn’t recall all that had happened. He had made a confession to the FBI, acknowledging that he had stolen money, but he wasn’t sure of how much he’d taken or how many checks he’d deposited.

“I just don’t remember,” he told the judge.

“He was surprised at the amount,” Ms. Cohn said.

No one from the law firm was in court, and Mr. Calaiaro’s father did not appear. But the firm had previously said in a statement that it cooperated with the FBI and that its clients did not lose any money.

Judge Cercone set sentencing for June 22.

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News Obituaries

ROGER W. STUART II | April 12, 1939 - Feb. 11, 2018

Compassionate investigative reporter, editor who ministered late in life

By Gary Rotstein
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The son of a newspaperman, Roger W. Stuart II devoted four decades of his life to reporting — doggedly but sensitively — on the Pittsburgh area’s politicians, civil rights activists, gangsters, municipal leaders, school officials, disadvantaged individuals and many more.

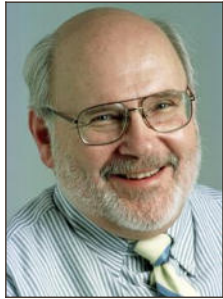
And in a rare twist for an investigative journalist, he capped his career by serving as lay minister to a Presbyterian congregation in Penn Hills.

In either calling, the soft-spoken, meticulous, ever-caring Mr. Stuart was a true storyteller, using his words to educate the broader community about issues the public ought to hear about. He invested months at a time in newsrooms, burrowing through records and making countless calls to bring to light such problems as high black infant mortality rates, unregulated personal care homes and hazardous workplaces.

“He liked to tackle some of the most nettlesome issues of our day,” recalled Maddy Ross, one of Mr. Stuart’s former editors at The Pittsburgh Press. “He was humble — fairly quiet for a reporter — but he had a way of engaging people so that they would open up to him.”

Mr. Stuart, who mentored numerous younger journalists in reporting techniques and solid news writing at both the Press and Pittsburgh Post-Gazette from 1961-2004, died in his Dormont home Sunday at age 78. A survivor of two heart attacks in his earlier years, he had several late-life afflictions and died after contracting bronchitis.

While Mr. Stuart made his biggest splashes with award-winning investigative series and special projects, he also spent many years covering suburban



Roger W. Stuart II

meetings, state government affairs, civil rights, welfare issues and other beats. He spent time as an editorial writer for the Press after his first heart attack at 37, and his last position was as editor of the Post-Gazette’s South suburban section. He had joined the Post-Gazette after it acquired the rival newspaper in 1993.

Mr. Stuart’s beard, glasses, pate, paunch and full-throated laugh, combined with his compassionate nature, gave him a bit of a Santa Claus aura to younger reporters. But he was never one to shy away from tough questioning of officials, a trait he likely inherited from his father, who covered the nation’s capital for the former New York World-Telegram & Sun. The political reporter’s son grew up in Laurel, Md., became editor of the George Washington University student newspaper and landed his first job at the Press immediately after college graduation.

Mr. Stuart’s son, Albert, of Dormont, said, “My grandfather went into it for the writing angle, but for Dad, it was all about doing the reporting and getting a good story. ... His mental Rolodex was beyond comprehension. The list of people he knew by sight and name, and who knew him and knew him well, blew my mind.”

Many sons learn how to shave, drive and tie a tie from their fathers, but

when Albert was an aspiring journalist himself before becoming a minister, his father taught him how to file a Freedom of Information Act request — a technique of investigative reporters to obtain hard-to-access government records.

Mr. Stuart could be as methodical as anyone in a newsroom — checking documents, making calls, visiting row offices for records, calling back the same sources to double-check information. Indefatigable is what he was.

“Giving him a cardboard box full of information to sift through was like a gift to Roger,” said Lawrence Walsh, a longtime colleague at both newspapers.

When he combined the doggedness with a sense of justice on behalf of less-privileged members of society, Mr. Stuart’s exhaustive efforts could sometimes exasperate editors, who admired him just the same. He was relentless in digging into the region’s inexplicably high black infant mortality rates for an extensive and high-praised Press series in 1991.

“It bugged him so badly that it occurred in this town that has such great medical facilities,” Ms. Ross recalled. “I couldn’t get him to stop working on that story. He kept following every lead that might have an answer — it really touched his heart and soul.”

Mr. Stuart put ample time into exploring and explaining Pittsburgh’s black community, including during and after the 1968 riots that erupted in the wake of Martin Luther King Jr.’s assassination. In a different project in 1985, he won the trust of the Amish community in eastern Ohio to describe their lifestyle in a way that few other journalists had or could.

“He wanted to talk to everybody, and make sure everybody’s stories got heard,

and he was somebody everyone would talk to because they felt they got a fair shake from him,” said his son, Albert.

Mr. Stuart grew up Presbyterian and was a longtime parishioner at Sunset Hills United Presbyterian Church in Mt. Lebanon, but he took his faith to a new level after retiring from newspaper work. He became trained as a lay minister and spent 10 years essentially running United Presbyterian Church of Universal in Penn Hills, which had no ordained minister.

He was joined many times in his work there by his wife, Cynthia, the high school sweetheart to whom he was married for 57 years before her death in October. She had also assisted him in his writing, listening to Mr. Stuart read his stories over the phone — that was him again being unusually methodical — and offering her advice before he submitted them to editors.

In addition to his son Albert, Mr. Stuart is survived by two other sons, Joshua, of Brentwood, and William, of Massillon, Ohio; a sister, Barbara Stuart Swisher, of Grass Valley, Calif.; his twin brother, William T. Stuart, of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; and nine grandchildren.

Friends will be received from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Laughlin Cremation & Funeral Tributes Inc., 222 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. March 18 at United Presbyterian Church of Universal, 2545 Main St., Penn Hills.

Memorial contributions may be made to the University of Pittsburgh’s Alzheimer Disease Research Center, 200 Lothrop St., Pittsburgh 15213, or to United Presbyterian Church of Universal.

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JOHN PATSY ‘TITO’ FRANCONA

Died Feb. 13, 2018

New Brighton’s baseball legend

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Terry Francona loves to talk about his dad. Their relationship went way beyond baseball.

One was a Cleveland Indians player, the other the team’s adored manager.

Father and son. Tito and the kid who became Tito.

John Patsy “Tito” Francona, who proudly watched his son, Terry, follow his footsteps to the major leagues, died Tuesday night at his home in New Brighton.

The Aliquippa native was 84 and had been recreation director in New Brighton until retiring in 1997.

Mr. Francona’s death cast a pall over Cleveland’s training camp in Goodyear, Ariz., as pitchers and catchers reported Wednesday. Terry Francona, who has been affectionately called “Tito” for years in a respectful bow to his dad, will leave the team for several days to be with family.

Services will be private. “We’re all incredibly saddened by Tito’s passing,” Indians president Chris Antonetti said. “Not only was he a really good player in our franchise history, but he was a friend to so many of us. ... Having Terry here for the last five years, one of the most meaningful things for me was to get to know his dad and build a friendship with him.”

“He was such a warm, thoughtful, exuberant person that brightened every room he walked into. To have the opportunity to visit with him when he’d come into town, to hear his stories, to see how he and Terry connected was really meaningful. He will be missed by so many of us.”

After Terry Francona was fired in Boston following the 2011 season, he spent a year in broadcasting before he was hired by the Indians. In Cleveland, he was closer to his dad, who would occa-



John Patsy “Tito” Francona in 2007

sionally drive in for games.

“It was such a deep bond and having a chance to talk to [Terry] today, he was able to reflect back and talk about so many great memories he shared with his dad that showed how deep that bond was,” Mr. Antonetti said. “He said, ‘I had the best mom and dad in the world and to have the chance over the past handful of seasons to share a lot of those moments with my dad, for him to come to Cleveland and watch every game on TV, with a chance to talk about them with him afterward, were memories that he will continue to cherish.’”

Terry Francona was born during the first year his dad played in Cleveland. An outfielder, Mr. Francona that season batted .359 and finished fifth in American League MVP voting. He led the AL in doubles the following year, and in 1961 he was an AL All-Star and led the league in singles.

He made his debut in 1956 with the Baltimore Orioles and retired as a player after the 1970 season with Milwaukee.

The Indians ask that donations in Mr. Francona’s memory be made to Cleveland Indians Charities at http://mlb.mlb.com/cle/community/donation_form.jsp.

Funds will be directed to youth baseball-oriented programs in Cleveland and New Brighton.

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flying transport planes, and retired from the reserve 28 years later as a lieutenant colonel. The business in McKeesport flourished for a period, and then closed, and Mort started a second career in the architectural lighting business. He worked for Lightolier, an innovator in the field, eventually moving to Chicago, where he became the manager of the company's midwest business before retiring. He is survived by his wife; daughter, Nancy (Jeff) Millman; son, David (Becky) Fiedler; granddaughters, Amy (Alyssa) Fiedler, M.D. and Morgan (Nathan) Delack; and two great-grandchildren, Hannah and Caleb. Services will be held on Friday, February 16, 2018, at 3 p.m. at Beth Israel Memorial Chapel, Boynton Beach, Florida. Burial will take place in Temple Cemetery, Versailles, PA. Please honor Mort with a donation to a charity of your choice.



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FRIEND LISA MARIE

Age 60, on Sunday, February 4, 2018, in Houston TX. Daughter of the late Raymond and Anne Friend; sister of Kathleen Matlock; aunt of Julie McCartney and Thomas Matlock; niece of Mary Grace Joyce. No visitations. Please meet in Holy Apostles Parish at St. Albert the Great Church on Saturday at 10:30 a.m. for her Mass of Christian Burial. Arrangements entrusted to **BORON FUNERAL HOME, INC.**

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GIGLIOTTI HELEN L. (HUDALE)

Formerly of Swissvale, a resident of Hamilton Hills in Turtle Creek, age 98, on Monday, February 12, 2018. Beloved wife of both the late Rudy Hudale who died in 1963 and Joseph Gigliotti who died in 1994; devoted mother of Rudy (Chris) Hudale of Forest Hills and Ron (Marnie) Hudale of Hampton; dear grandmother of Brian Hudale, Holly (John) Guna, Jamie (Chad) Miller, Rudy (Erin) Hudale; Matthew Hudale, Melinda (Chris) Jackson and Carly (Frank) Molchen. Helen is also survived by 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her brothers, Larry and Albert Barko. Helen was a homemaker and worked as a waitress at the former Village Dairy in Forest Hills. Her favorite pastime was tending to her flower garden. Friends are welcome on Thursday from 2-8 p.m. at **PATRICK T. LANIGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, INC.**, Turtle Creek/Monroeville Chapel, 1111 Monroeville Ave. at James St., Turtle Creek, 412-823-9350. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Maurice Church on Friday at 10:30 a.m. Helen will be laid to rest in Braddock Catholic Cemetery.
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GLABICKI MARY JANE (MIHELIC)

Age 89, of Penn Hills, formerly of Lawrenceville, on Wednesday, February 14, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Edward B. Glabicki; loving mother of Christine M. Glabicki and Valerie J. (Gino) Gattone; sister of Rose Quering, the late William (surviving wife Rita) Basa, Frank Basa, and Christine Basa; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Family and friends received at the **WALTER J. ZALEWSKI FUNERAL HOME**, 216 44th St., Lawrenceville, on Friday 2-8 p.m. Funeral Mass at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, St. Augustine Church, on Saturday at 10 a.m.
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GREEN PEARL

Age 100, of Pittsburgh, formerly of Denver, CO passed away peacefully on Monday, February 12, 2018. Wife of the late Lonnie Green; beloved mother of Marian Reese, Dorothy (William) Powell, Evelyn Green, Harold Green, Paul Green and the late Lonnie Green III and Carl Green; loving grandmother to 12 grandchildren. Pearl is survived by a host of great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other family and friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date.
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IOLI JOSEPH V.

Age 87, of Peters Twp., on Wednesday, February 14, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Antoinette (Ionadi); loving father of Deborah Ioli, Renee (Gary) Lavin, Joseph (Christine) Ioli, and Anthony (Stephanie) Ioli; brother of Frank Ioli and the late Rosemary Lombardo; cherished grandfather of Andrew Lavin, Michael Lavin, Julianna Ioli, Alexander Ioli, Joseph Ioli, Zachary Ioli, Anthony Ioli, Nicholas Ioli, and Joshua Ioli; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Joe was a Central Catholic graduate, a US Army veteran, serving in the Korean War, and an avid golfer. He was the owner and operator of Joseph Ioli, Inc., for over 60 years. His greatest joy was spending time with family and friends. Funeral arrangements by **BEINHAUERS**. Friends are welcome at 2828 Washington Road, McMurray 724-941-3211, Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Saturday 10 a.m. in St. Thomas More Church. Inurnment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Family suggests memorial contributions to Central Catholic High School, Advancement Office, 4770 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Please view or add tributes at:

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JACKSON MELVIN

Peacefully on February 11, 2018, of the Hill District, formerly of Garfield. Father of Devon, Traci, Troy, Steven, and Nicole. Visitation at **SPRIGGS-WATSON FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, Thursday, February 15, 2018, at 4 p.m. Services to immediately follow at 5 p.m. Professional arrangements entrusted to Spriggs-Watson Funeral Home, Inc., 720 North Lang Ave.
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JEROME MABON F. "SONNY"

Age 75, of Center Twp., peacefully on Monday, February 12, 2018. Born September 15, 1942 in Pittsburgh, son of the late Mabon F. and Mary (Harpur) Jerome. Beloved husband of almost 50 years to Nancy Jerome; loving father of Lucinda Jerome, Jerry (Katy) Jerome, and Jason (Jennifer) Jerome; proud grandfather of Alaina, Lily, Natalie, and Samuel; and dear brother of Joann (Daniel) Hayden, and the late Jacqueline Karol. Family and friends will be received Thursday from 1-4, 6-8 at **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME OF CRANBERRY**, 2678 Rochester Rd, Cranberry Twp. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday at 10 a.m. at St. Andrews Roman Catholic Church. Everyone is asked to meet directly at the church to celebrate Sonny's mass. Interment will follow in Allegheny County Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Association, or the American Diabetes Association. Please visit www.devlinfuneralhome.com to view this tribute and send online condolences
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JOHNSON TYRONE "ALAN"

On Sunday, February 11, 2018, age 67, of Turtle Creek, PA. Father of Sabrina Johnson; also survived by brothers, sisters, a host of other family members, and friends. Visitation Friday 4-8 p.m. on February 16, 2018, at Living Water Ministry, 736 Washington Ave., Braddock, PA, where the funeral service will be held Saturday 11 a.m. Interment private. Services of comfort entrusted to **WATTS MEMORIAL CHAPEL, INC.**, 808 Talbot Ave., Braddock, PA 15104. (412) 271-3880.
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KAMMERER CLAIRE A. (STERZINGER)

Age 76, of Fort Mill, SC, passed away at her home on February 11, 2018, from complications of amyloidosis. She was born in Pittsburgh, PA on April 9, 1941, to the late Fred and Martha Sterzinger. She is survived by her loving spouse of 55 years, Donald Kammerer; children, Terri Meyer. (Bill) Overland Park,

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KS and Amy Wilson of Spring, TX; and grandchildren, Abigail, Zachary and Sophia Meyer, Drew and Brett Wilson. Claire will be remembered for her impeccable sense of style in her home and garden, along with her kind and generous nature. She especially enjoyed traveling with her husband, children, and beloved grandchildren over the past five years, creating fond memories for her family to cherish. A visitation will be held Thursday, February 15, 2018, from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at **PALMETTO FUNERAL HOME** in Fort Mill, SC, and a Funeral Mass will occur at 11:30 a.m. Friday, February 16, 2018, at St. Philip Neri Catholic Church, 292 Munn Rd. E, Fort Mill, SC with Father John Giuliani, officiating. A luncheon will follow the service in the parish fellowship hall where the family will greet friends and relatives. Memorials may be made to the Amyloidosis Foundation at www.amyloidosis.org or by mail to Amyloidosis Foundation, 1751 N. Main St., Suite 2, Clarkston, MI 48346. Please offer condolences at: www.Palmettofh.com
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KARABINOS BARBARA MAE O.P. (DOMINICAN ORDER)

Was called home to heaven by our Lord on January 29, 2018 in Antioch, California. "Babs" was born on May 19, 1932 to George Karabinos and Anne (Beney) in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She was preceded in death by her parents and stepfather, Theodore (Ted) Sayer; brothers, George "Square" Karabinos and Robert Karabinos of Pittsburgh; and sister, Pauline "Mitzi" James of Norman, Oklahoma. She is survived by brother, Francis "Shanky" Karabinos and his wife, Theresa "Tessie" of Columbus, Ohio; along with numerous nieces and nephews, and their families. She is also survived by her dear friend and longtime caregiver, Mrs. Julie St. Andre O.P. "Babs" worked for over 40 years in the energy industry beginning with Gulf Oil in Pittsburgh. She also lived in Atlanta, Chicago, Houston, and Antioch, California before retiring with Chevron after a long and fruitful career. But she always remained loyal to friends and family back home, and enjoyed watching and rooting for her beloved Pittsburgh Steelers football team! "Babs" was a tireless servant of our Lord, and was a member of the Dominican Laity Order of Preachers. She attended and volunteered extensively at Most Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Antioch, serving the priests and contributing to outreach programs such as the St. Vincent de Paul Society who fed and clothed so many in the community. One of the highlights of her life was traveling to the Holy Land with Church members to walk in Christ's footsteps. Giving and loving others was her true calling, and she endeared herself to all who were fortunate to know her. Friends will be received in the **EDWARD P. KANAI FUNERAL HOME**, 500 Greenfield Ave. on Friday, February 16, 2018 from 6-8 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held in St. Rosalia Church on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at 9 a.m. followed by a Committal Service at Calvary Catholic Cemetery. Donations may be made in her honor to the St. Vincent de Paul Society in Antioch, California.
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KENT JAMES E.

Age 88, on Wednesday, February 14, 2018, formerly of Sheraden. Beloved husband of the late Geraldine (Haigh) Kent; father of James E. Kent, Jr.; grandfather of Brittany and Cody Kent. Jim was a proud American and served his country in the Army during the Korean War. For over 60 years he was a member of the American Legion Post 496 in Sheraden and was Past Commander. Friends received Friday at the **WILLIAM F. CONROY FUNERAL HOME**, 2944 Chartiers Ave., Sheraden, from 3 p.m. until the time of the funeral service at 7 p.m.
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LOGGI ARCANGELO

December 29, 1929 - February 11, 2018. Died peacefully at home, surrounded by family, after recent years of declining health. Born and raised in Verona, PA, he was the oldest child of immigrant parents from Italy who came to America for a better life. Arcangelo (Arkie to many) was predeceased by his brother, Amidio (Jean) Loggi; and his sister, Isabella (Albert) Adamo. They formed a strong family bond which helped them through some difficult times. He was a lifelong member of St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church in Verona. Arcangelo was a multiple sports star player for Verona High School in his youth. He was a veteran of the Korean War, a skilled machinist and car repair guru who helped run Pittsburgh Crankshaft Service for decades. He was a terrific baseball coach who made a great impression on many young men. He loved gardening, particularly his tomatoes and his fig trees. He loved baseball and football, so the Pirates and Steelers were regular topics of conversation. Best of all, he was a dedicated father who encouraged all of his children to work hard, study, travel and pursue their dreams. Family was always the most important piece of his life. He was as proud of us as we were of him. Fortunately for the family, Arcangelo survived early health problems in his 40's. He was able to retire, travel with his wife, Anna, friends and family. It was a special gift to have him around to enjoy many great family events. His long life was a bonus and he treated it as such. His gentleness was special and noted by everyone who came into contact with him. He had a wonderful smile, particularly whenever dessert was around. Arcangelo is survived by his wife of 63 years, Anna; and his children, Louis (Laura) Loggi, Rose (David Frost) Loggi, Laura Ann Loggi and Brittany (JC) Smith. He was blessed with grandchildren, Elaine (husband Nate Mochizuki) Loggi, Brian Loggi and Ryan (wife Sara), Skyler and Kalen Smith; plus 27 nieces and nephews; and many dear friends. We would like to thank his hospice team from Allegheny Health Network for the compassionate care he received. Friends and relatives will be received at the **BURKET - TRUBY FUNERAL HOME CREMATION & ALTERNATIVE SERVICES, INC.**, 421 Allegheny Ave., Oakmont, PA on Thursday, February 15, 2018, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial 10 a.m. Friday, February 16, 2018, St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Center Ave., Verona with Entombment to follow in Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Donations may be made to either: Central Association of the Miraculous Medal, www.MiraculousMedal.org or Little Sisters of the Poor, 1028 Benton Ave., Pittsburgh, PA, www.Littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org
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LUCENTE EUGENE T.

Age 81, of Champion, PA, died Wednesday, February 14, 2018, at his home. He was born July 30, 1936, in Pittsburgh, a son of the late Joseph and Clara LaDonne Lucente. Mr. Lucente was a graduate of Pittsburgh Central Catholic High School. He was a retired construction superintendent for P.J. Dick, Inc. He was a veteran of the US Army Reserves and a member of the Mon Valley Ski Club. He is survived by his wife, Susanna Gazzo Lucente; his daughter, Bethany Lucente of Champion; a brother, Donald Lucente of Pittsburgh; and his pet dog, Mokie. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his son, Eugene Joseph (E.J.) Lucente; and two brothers, Frank and George Lucente. Friends will be received from 6-9 p.m. Thursday and 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. Friday in the **CLYDE BROOKS FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, corner of Municipal Building Road and Route 711, Melcroft, PA. Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. Michael's of the Valley Episcopal Church, Rector, PA, with Rev. Dr. James D. Simons officiating. Interment will follow in St. Michael's Cemetery. To offer a condolence or remembrance, please visit: brooksfuneralhomes.com
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MAHONY CATHI (BLAIR)

On Tuesday, February 13, 2018, of Pleasant Hills. Wife of Rick Mahony; mother of Steve and Shannon Mahony; daughter of the late James E. and Jane Blair; sister of David J. (Toni) Blair. Friends will be received at the **JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 412-881-4100, 4201 Brownsville Rd., Brentwood 15227, on Friday, February 16, 2018, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral services will be held on Saturday at John McMillan Presbyterian Church, 875 Clifton Rd., Bethel Park, PA 15102 at 11 a.m. EVERYONE PLEASE MEET AT CHURCH. In lieu of flowers, please mail contributions in Cathi's honor to: Magee-Women's Research Institute, 3339 Ward Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213 or contribute by phone at 412-641-8968. Please send condolences to:

www.johnslater.com
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MESSMER GEORGE H., JR.

Age 71, of Spring Hill, surrounded by his family on Sunday, February 11, 2018. Husband of the late Marlane "Shorti" (Henzler); loving father of Connie Sharkey (Tim) and Carol Stinebaugh (Kenny); proud grandfather of Emily, Timmy, Abby, Johnny and Danielle; brother of Marlene Stapel (Jim), Ray Messmer (Jane), and Jim Messmer (Colleen). Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends. Son of the late George, Sr. and Marie Messmer. Friends will be received Wednesday and Thursday from 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. at **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 806 Perry Hwy., Ross Twp. A Mass of Christian Burial will be in St. Boniface Church, 2008 East St., Pgh., PA 15212 on Friday at 9:30 a.m. George proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. He retired after a 30-year career with UPS. After retirement, he was able to spend more time focusing on his golf game, which was his favorite hobby. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family to help defer medical expenses.
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MICHAEL MARIE L.

Marie L. Michael was born on September 25, 1930, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Camille and Frances (Sangmeister) Lancelot. She died Tuesday, January 30, 2018, in Arlington Heights. Marie loved music, dancing, and words. Her family has so many joyful memories of the skits she would put on with grandchildren and nephews and nieces, and the stories she would tell. She joked that her maiden name was not Lancelot, but "Laugh a Lot." She devoted herself to family and friends. She was a member of St. James Catholic Church in Arlington Heights. Marie put her love and compassion into volunteer work with Compassionate Friends, an organization that helps parents who lost children, Meals on Wheels, and so many other organizations. Marie is survived by her children, Kathy, Bob, and Andrea; grandchildren, Will, Sam, Sarah, Danielle, and Christopher; brother, Joseph and sister-in-law, Patricia; and nephews and nieces, Mike, Maureen, Lisa, Rich and their children. She was preceded in death by her husband, Thomas; son, Tommy; brother-in-law, Anthony; and by her parents. Funeral Mass will be held 10:00 a.m., Saturday, February 17, 2018, at St. James Catholic Church, 831 North Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60004. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org, or PO Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011. Funeral Information and condolences may be given at GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.
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MIZE ANGELA MOORE

Age 57, of Peters Township, after a courageous battle, passed away Monday, February 12, 2018, surrounded by her husband and daughters. Beloved wife of Mitch Mize; loving mother of Lindsey Simon (Michael) Gurk, Alexandra Chase Simon, Whitney Ann Wilcutt, John Mitchell Mize, Jr., and Julie Elizabeth (Drew) Nichols; caring grandmother of Lilly and Emory Wilcutt, and one precious grandchild on the way; treasured daughter of Ned and Elaine Ramm; cherished sister of Lisa Bender and the late Tony Moore. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Angela received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from the University of Alabama, Birmingham. She felt such joy from helping and caring for people. It ultimately led her into a successful career as a Realtor for Berkshire Hathaway in the South Hills. Angela was also a certified scuba diver, exceptional snow skier, ran half-marathons, and went skydiving in Nevada with her daughter, Lindsey. She enjoyed the outdoors, hiking, bicycling and the water. Whether it was the lake or ocean, it brought her peace and tranquility, savoring in life's simplest gifts. Angela's flowers and garden were a joy in her life, she had a green thumb that always showed at her home. Angela will be remembered for her strong faith, always putting others before herself, bright personality, shining beauty inside and out, big smile, beautiful blue eyes, and huge heart. Most of all, Angela's greatest gift was her family. She was her husband's best friend and companion for 19 years, and was a devoted mother, always teaching them how to live a happy, fulfilling life. Angela will be truly missed by all whom she has touched. Funeral arrangements by **BEINHAUERS**. Friends and family are welcome at 2828 Washington Rd., McMurray, 724-941-3211 on Friday 1 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday 6 p.m. at the South Hills Bible Chapel. Interment will be private. Please add or view tributes at:

www.beinhauer.com
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MORRIS GLADYS PHILLIPS DAY

Was peacefully called home on Tuesday, February 6, 2018, age 94, of Pittsburgh. Beloved mother of Pastor Robert Day, Evangelist Betty Rethage, Freddie Day and Geneva Day; also survived by a host of grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Visitation with the family Friday 4-8 p.m. in the Zion Church of God in Christ, 8304 Frankstown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15221 where a Homegoing Service will be held Saturday 10:00 a.m. Interment Chartiers Cemetery. Arrangements by **ROBINSON FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 2025 Perrysville Avenue, Perry Hilltop.
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MOSS JOHN

Of Munhall, on February 5, 2018, age 74. Son of the late John and Dorothy (Forman) Moss; stepson of the late William Sutton, Sr.; beloved husband of 51 years of Mary Jane Moss (Wojnarowski); father of John (Kathleen) Moss of Shadyside, Candace Moss of North Palm Beach, FL, Renee (Randy) Ruggles of Munhall and Jason (Megan) Moss of Munhall; brother of Dorothy (late Leo) White, Carol (late George) Gallagher, Patricia (late Marty) Yanosko and the late William Sutton, Jr.; grandfather of Nathan, Juliana, Emma and Elisabeth. Family and friends will be received at the **SAVOLSKIS - WASIK - GLENN FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 3501 Main Street, Munhall on Saturday, February 17, 2018, 11 a.m. until the time of the Blessing Service at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to St. Jude Children's Hospital or St. Therese School Library.
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Thursday

 PUZZLES, HOROSCOPE AND BRIDGE

Aces on Bridge

BOBBY WOLFF

In the qualifying rounds of the 2017 NEC Trophy, Sartaj Hans of Australia had the opportunity for a nice play. He declared six clubs on the auction shown; this was an elegant sequence to get back to clubs after initially agreeing hearts.

After a top diamond lead, Hans won and drew trumps at once, seeing East discard a diamond and a heart, then took the heart finesse. When it lost and a heart came back, the bad break there came to light. Now the key issue was whether to play East or West for four spades. In a sense, the location of the spade queen was irrelevant to declarer's play.

NORTH
 ♠ K J
 ♥ A Q J 5
 ♦ A J 9
 ♣ Q 6 3 2

EAST
 ♠ 10 8 7 2
 ♥ K 10 9 7 3
 ♦ 10 7 5
 ♣ 4

SOUTH
 ♠ A 9 6 5
 ♥ 8 4 2
 ♦ 4
 ♣ A K 9 7 5

Vulnerable: Both
 Dealer: South

The bidding:
 South West North East
 1 ♣ 1 ♠ 1 ♥ Pass
 2 ♣ Pass 2 NT* Pass
 3 ♣ Pass 4 ♣ Pass
 4 ♣ Pass 4 NT Pass
 5 ♥ Pass 6 ♣ All pass

Opening Lead: Diamond king
 If West was the player with four spades, South could simply cash the remaining heart winners and ruff a heart to reach a five-card ending. If West held only three

spades, they would ruff out. If he came down to the bare diamond king, declarer would cross to the spade king and ruff out that suit instead.

However, Hans decided that East's failure to raise diamonds at his first turn suggested that he had only three diamonds. So West had six diamonds, three clubs and one heart, and thus only three spades.

Accordingly, it was East who was going to be the victim of a squeeze. Declarer won the second heart, played three rounds of spades ruffing in dummy, and trumped a second diamond in hand. At this point, he led the last club from hand and caught East in a simple major-suit squeeze. Contract made.

Horoscope

JERALDINE SAUNDERS

Thursday, February 15, 2018

The following astrological forecasts should be read for entertainment value only. These predictions have no reliable basis in scientific fact.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Stand out in a crowd. Proudly show off your originality rather than hiding your intentions or acting in secret. If you are roused to take action, reflect on whether your gut reaction is correct.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Input from friends or participation in group activities could lead you to dream of bigger and better things. Those in charge will put an emphasis on trustworthiness and public image.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your sincerity shines brightly when you are working with a loved one toward achieving a common goal. There is no room in your heart or home for subterfuge or backstabbing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Learn to walk before you can run. You may think you are ready to dive into a new project, but make sure

that you are adequately prepared. Any task worth doing is worth doing well.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be on the lookout for diamonds in the rough. You may feel overwhelmed by the number of new people that you meet but if you open up you may discover a true lifelong friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Mutual gain is the key to success. What is good for you must benefit the other person as well, whether you are setting up a date with your latest romantic conquest or putting together a business deal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do a good deed and donate to a charity. You will enjoy the karmic ramifications, even if they aren't tax deductible. Spread happiness and good cheer and you will easily achieve it yourself.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your wisdom and knowledge will elicit admiration. Good communication or an old-fashioned pow-wow will remove a doubt or concern. Avoid making major purchases.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Beg or borrow, but never steal, to fulfill your financial obligations. You can find a way to do the ethically correct thing.

You do not need to resort to underhanded actions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may be swayed by a wide range of opinions in the business world, especially if they offer a shortcut that fulfills your fantasies. Those opinions may be based on self-interest.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Focus on being in touch with the trends. Rub shoulders with the "in crowd." You could become caught up in a fantasy or distracted by something that looks too good to be true and probably is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take charge of a situation. You can relieve tensions by acting as a mediator or offering sage advice. Show compassion; save wounded feelings by not pointing any fingers.

IF FEBRUARY 15 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You might follow the yellow brick road of romantic fantasies during the next three to four weeks. You might find that your friends are not as great and powerful as you imagine because they may distract you from what is important. In April, when your street smarts are in full flower, it will be a good time to make monetary decisions or changes to your investments.

Sudoku

Complete the grid so that every row, column, and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.

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			7	9			1	

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3	7	9	1	6	2	8	5	4
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5	6	4	7	2	1	3	8	9

Cryptoquip

M G J C H R J Y H W S X M B U F F H
 R B S I R I Y I I W V K D W F J C B J
 D U B U C C B J H K F ? D F ' X
 B W M B J X F G I X G B R I F G D U V !

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: M equals W

Solution for previous Cryptoquip: Splinter groups used to be very trendy, but I guess recently they have fallen out of faction.

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words, and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error. © 2018 by Kings Feature Syndicate Inc.

Jumble

Previous Jumble solution below
 Quick Crossword

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NGUTS
 VLAHE
 BRMEAK
 GUMSPY

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Celebrity Cipher

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's Clue: R equals K.

“UPKKTPO M TC VAB LNCB
 CETKTBNPX HAUUNVTAV, TB TC PXCA
 KMUMUSMKTVO BA BPRM ANB BDM
 BKPCD.” — WK. LAJHM SKABDMKC

Solution for previous Celebrity Cipher: "And in the end, the love you take is equal to the love you make." — John Lennon and Paul McCartney

Quick Crossword

ACROSS

1 Violet lead-in
 6 Takes on cargo
 11 Horses' hair
 12 Like a hermit
 13 Starchy food
 15 Acid in vinegar
 16 Brand names
 18 Newspaper big wigs
 19 Stock option
 21 Fiesta cheer
 22 In — veritas
 23 Apiece
 25 Pink lady ingredient
 28 Prefix for "below"
 30 Slalom, say
 31 Tpk.
 32 Sweater front
 33 Execs
 35 Oust
 37 Affix
 38 Tall flower
 40 Long sighs

41 Circus routine
 42 Dirty place
 43 Cookie —
 46 Charm
 48 Astronaut's supply
 50 Fastened permanently
 54 Zen riddles
 55 Become acclimated
 56 Total indifference
 57 Like many models

DOWN

1 Ref's kin
 2 Philosopher — -tzu
 3 Cable channel
 4 One with lots to sell
 5 Early movie dog
 6 Resinous deposits
 7 Pub pint
 8 Be too fond
 9 Oklahoma town
 10 Min. fractions
 14 "Peter and the Wolf" duck

15 Noted wise guy
 17 Rubber bands
 19 Languished
 20 Probably hungry
 22 Brando's
 "— Zapata!"
 24 Hotfoot it
 25 Super-duper
 26 Like a bug bite
 27 Earns as profit
 29 Left Bank pal
 34 Wheat, rye or corn
 36 Fragrant white flower
 39 Ollie's partner
 43 Prank
 44 Nerve-cell part
 45 Tatum's dad
 46 Ricky Ricardo
 47 Travel choice
 49 Dik-dik kin
 51 Carry wearily
 52 Foot-pound relative
 53 Actress Susan

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 RAM STU
 LORENA ERECTS
 GHOSTS SADDER
 EMOTES PESTO

Wednesday's Jumble: Alley, Seize, Wobble, Victor. When he gave her a heart-shaped sugar cookie, she thought it was — Very sweet.

The New York Times Crossword

No. 0111

ACROSS

1 Start of a magic incantation
 5 Hasbro toy that involves pulling and twisting
 10 Degree in abstract mathematics
 13 AMC's "Better Call ___"
 14 Celebrating Hanukkah, say
 15 Opposite of 29-Down
 16 Line from someone who's been interrupted
 19 Kinda ... or a continuation of 16-Across
 20 Bump heads
 21 Like a course labeled "101"
 22 School in San Luis Obispo
 24 Some almanac info
 25 What may take its toll?: Abbr.
 26 Most hajjis
 28 Cousin of contra-
 31 Pass on, as lore
 33 Ewe can do it!
 36 Line from someone who's been interrupted
 39 Joined ... or a continuation of 36-Across
 40 Is appealing
 41 Hollywood's Cameron
 42 Some canasta plays
 43 Square figure?
 45 Big pipes
 47 Body shot?
 51 Actress Hayek of "Frida"
 52 Elite group
 54 Hit 2011 animated film
 55 Line from someone who's been interrupted
 58 Beethoven's "Minuet ___" ... or a continuation of 55-Across

DIALOG WISEASS
 IMPALA BANKSHOT
 LAPSAT ORNATELY
 ALLEYOOPS TEA
 TOED PSAS DMZ
 ENT GMC WELCOME
 SEVAREID LEAFED
 FASTBREAK
 ATHENS LINSEEDS
 CROWDED FAT MEH
 TIO SEAL WINO
 KGB FREETHROW
 ASSUAGES CREATE
 FOULLINE HITTER
 TOPPLED OBSESS

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58			59						60		
61			62						63		

59 Visibly embarrassed
 60 "I can't ___"
 61 Photographer Goldin
 62 Giving orders
 63 Bingo relative

27 Tara of "American Pie"
 28 Bustle
 29 Only spoken word (by Marcel Marceau) in Mel Brooks's "Silent Movie"

DOWN

1 Jiggly dish
 2 Makings of a model?
 3 Oscar winner Mercedes
 4 Imitating
 5 Stop, at sea
 6 Sees red?
 7 Crux
 8 School of thought
 9 Co-written best seller
 10 Wham or bam
 11 City near ancient Carthage
 12 Fruity drink brand
 14 Fruity filled cakes
 17 Clumsy boat
 18 Man buns and the Mannequin Challenge, once
 23 Dr. ___
 24 Engages in some pregame banter
 26 Provider of global support?

30 50-50, e.g.
 32 Just made (out)
 33 Obesity meas.
 34 Computing pioneer Lovelace
 35 The whole shebang
 37 Plan to pay later, say
 38 Exchanged bonds?
 42 Marcel Marceau, e.g.
 44 Weakling
 45 Hawaii's ___ Loa
 46 Ally (with)
 47 Stylize
 48 Really, really want
 49 George ___, Vermont senator for 34 years
 50 It's taboo
 51 Ad space meas.
 52 Leatherworkers' tools
 53 T-shaped crosses
 56 Nigerian tribe
 57 Quaint cry

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PYEONGCHANG GAMES



STARTING LINE

Headlines, highlights and first thoughts on what's going on in Pyeongchang:

MEDAL RACE
(Through midnight Wednesday)

Country	G	S	B	Tot
Germany	8	2	3	13
Norway	4	6	3	13
Netherlands	5	4	2	11

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THE GLITTER OF ORANGE



The Netherlands continues to run the table in speed skating. The Dutch won their fifth consecutive event Wednesday — the women's 1,000 by Jorien ter Mors, pictured — and countryman Sven Kramer was favored to make it 6 of 6 in the men's 10,000 meters Thursday. It helps explain how the nation with no mountains and little snow was in third place in the overall medal standings.

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HOT LINES



BLACK & WHITE: Coming along as the underbelly of the hoopla surrounding Shaun White's third career gold medal is a resurfacing of sexual misconduct allegations made against him in 2016 by a female drummer in his band.

Initially, White tried to brush past the questions. "Honestly I'm here to talk about the Olympics, not gossip," White said. Realizing later that such allegations aren't "gossip," he apologized. Follow-ups have become a war of wills between journalists wanting to question him about the case and handlers trying to keep attention on the Games. **More, Page C-2.**

AN NHL FIX: NHL players might not be in Pyeongchang. But perhaps the next best thing is. Literally, the next best thing. The player projected as the top overall pick in June's NHL draft is playing on the blue line for Sweden. Rasmus Dahlin is 17 and "one of a kind," says Joel Lundqvist, Sweden's team captain. Some equate him with Ottawa's Erik Karlsson. Dahlin is also the youngest player in the men's tournament. Sweden is next on the ice Friday vs. Germany (7:10 a.m., NBCSN).

NUMEROLOGY

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Age of Aksel Lund Svindal, who Wednesday night became the oldest man to win a gold medal in skiing after conquering the downhill. The previous oldest was Austria's Mario Matt, who was 34 when he won the slalom in Sochi. **Story, Page C-2.**

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Some of the rationales for picking them are not what you might think at first

Numbers tell the story for players

It doesn't take too much guesswork to figure out the story behind the most prominent jersey number on the Penguins.

Sidney Crosby was born Aug. 7, 1987: 8/7/87. His superstition regarding the number even carries over to his contract, which has an annual \$8.7 million cap hit.

But on a team full of unorthodox jersey numbers — from Jake Guentzel's 59, to Patric Hornqvist's 72 and Carl Hagelin's 62 — the stories on why players wear the digits they do vary from case to case. Sometimes, there's a



On the Penguins
SAM WERNER

story behind it. In other cases, though, it's just a number they were handed one day.

Most of the younger players fall into the latter camp. Guentzel got 59 when he arrived at his first training camp with the Penguins, and Conor Sheary was assigned

43 when he was on an amateur tryout in 2014.

Guentzel wore 44 in Wilkes-Barre, but 59 actually does have a (coincidental) connection to his background. He wore 20 in high school, 19 in juniors and 20 in college. Add those three numbers together and you get 59.

Especially once he locked down his spot in the NHL, Guentzel admitted he likely could've requested a slightly more conventional number, but he opted to



Matt Freed/Post-Gazette

No. 59? Jake Guentzel grew into it.

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THE OTHER SIDE

Former Steelers offensive coordinator Todd Haley was officially introduced to Cleveland Wednesday.



John Kuntz/cleveland.com

Todd Haley, the Browns new offensive coordinator after six years with the Steelers, was introduced to the Cleveland media Wednesday at team headquarters in Berea, Ohio.

Haley says it was time for him to move on

By Gerry Dulac
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Offensive coordinator had inking 2017 would be last with Steelers

BEREA, Ohio — Todd Haley sensed his departure from the Steelers was imminent, despite putting up staggering offensive numbers and doing what he said he was brought in to do for quarterback Ben Roethlisberger.

So he said he wasn't surprised when the Steelers decided not to renew his contract as offensive coordinator and admitted, "It was time to move on."

Haley, in his first interview since being hired as offensive coordinator by the rival Cleveland Browns, told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Wednesday, "I kinda sensed something

was up. I can't tell you what, but I wasn't completely unprepared."

Haley was not rehired after six seasons with the Steelers, even though they ranked third in total offense and passing offense in the 2017 regular season. In what proved to be an unceremonious farewell, the Steelers scored 42 points in the play-off loss to the Jaguars and averaged 32.3 points in the final eight games.

One of the first warning signs likely came before the season when the Steelers didn't extend his contract as they did a year earlier for de-

fensive coordinator Keith Butler.

It probably didn't help when quarterbacks coach Randy Fichtner moved from the coaches booth to the sideline midway through the season. Fichtner, who has a good relationship with Roethlisberger, was named Haley's successor.

"The time spent there meant a lot to me, for a lot of reasons," Haley said. "I'm very proud of most of the things we did. We did a lot of good things, we won a lot of games, developed multiple really good players and Ben got better."

"My job was well-documented. It

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"My job was ... to help elongate [Ben Roethlisberger's] career and protect him, and I don't see how anyone can argue we didn't do that."

Todd Haley



On the Pirates
BILL BRINK

Rodriguez uneasy about two key exits

But understands GM's position, too

BRADENTON, Fla. — In a way, Sean Rodriguez called it.

Not that the trading of Gerrit Cole and Andrew McCutchen was hard to predict, considering how many conversations they had had with other teams regarding the two players. At PiratesFest in December, Rodriguez expressed concern about possible reductions in the roster.

"There might be a few pieces that we might need," Rodriguez said then. "But I guess the bigger thing would be, are they trying to alleviate — I don't know how to properly say this — in certain areas? Because I definitely want to call them out, but not like that. Are we getting rid of guys?"

They did. Upon reporting Wednesday to Pirate City, Rodriguez expressed something akin to admiration for general manager Neal Huntington regarding the moves.

"A few decisions that I'm willing to bet weren't easy for Neal and them to make," he said. "That's why I'm a player and I'm not a front-office person. Those aren't decisions that I would be able to come to. I'm glad I don't have to."

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SPRING TRAINING



FROM BRADENTON

KEY DATES

Feb. 19: First full-squad workout at Pirate City.

Feb. 24: Exhibition opener vs. Tampa Bay Rays in Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:05 p.m.

Feb. 25: First home game of the spring vs. New York Yankees, 1:05 p.m.

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Could Pitt possibly have had just two offensive rebounds Tuesday? **Page C-6**

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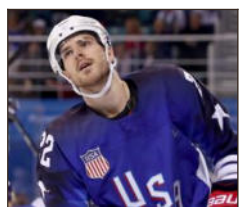
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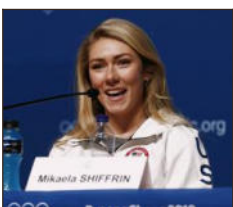
WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE GAMES

Events and athletes in the spotlight over the next 24 hours at the 23rd Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang:



A must win?

After opening with a stunning 3-2 loss to Slovenia Wednesday, the USA men's hockey team must rebound vs. Slovakia (10 p.m., CNBC) if it hopes to get out of Group B. Slovakia scored its own surprise, having defeated Olympic Athletes from Russia.



Weather permitting ...

Mikaela Shiffrin will race for the second of three consecutive days — hardly conducive for the gold medal haul predicted for her. Still, it is the slalom, in which she is defending champion, has won the past three world titles and is favored here (8 p.m., WPXI).



Down to business

As men's figure skating begins (8 p.m., WPXI, NBCSN), U.S. champion Nathan Chen was considered the USA's best hope. But Adam Rippon, left, dazzled in the team event. FYI: Only one American man has won gold in the past 30 years.

THE MEDALS TABLE

Complete standings as of midnight Wednesday. Standings through 32 of 39 possible medal events:

Nation	G	S	B	Tot	Nation	G	S	B	Tot
Germany	8	2	3	13	Italy	1	1	1	3
Norway	4	6	3	13	South Korea	1	0	1	2
Netherlands	5	4	2	11	Australia	0	1	1	2
Canada	3	4	4	11	Czech Republic	0	1	1	2
United States	4	1	2	7	Switzerland	0	1	1	2
Japan	0	4	3	7	Finland	0	0	2	2
France	2	1	2	5	China	0	2	0	2
OA Russia	0	1	4	5	Slovakia	0	1	0	1
Austria	2	1	1	4	Kazakhstan	0	0	1	1
Sweden	2	1	0	3					

ROUNDUP

Winners, names and numbers from Pyeongchang:

■ Pairs figure skating

Aliona Savchenko and Bruno Massot of Germany won pairs figure skating gold with a flawless, record-setting free skate. Savchenko and Massot scored 159.31 points in their program set to music by Armand Amar on the final day of pairs skating. That gave them 235.90 points, catapulting them from fourth place after a shaky short program. It's Germany's first pairs gold since 1952. China's Sui Wenjing and Han Cong, who led after the short program, recovered from a slow start to their free skate to score 153.08 points. But their early bobbles proved costly — they finished with 235.47 points, less than half a point off the top step of the podium. Meagan Duhamel and Eric Radford added another bronze medal after winning team bronze with Canada.



Associated Press German sliders Tobias Art and Tobias Wendl win again.

Hahn in 1976 and 1980. The Austrian team of Peter Penz and Georg Fischler was second, less than one-tenth of a second off the winning time. Germany's Toni Eggert and Sascha Benecken took third.

■ Speed skating

Jorien ter Mors set an Olympic record to win the 1,000 meters at the speed skating Oval, earning a fifth gold medal for the Netherlands in as many events. Favorite Nao Kodaira slumped over the last half-lap and had to settle for silver ahead of her Japanese teammate, Miho Takagi. Brittany Bowe of the United States finished just outside the medals. No one has ever completed the race faster at sea level. Ter Mors crossed in 1:13.56, beating Kodaira by 0.26 seconds and Takagi by 0.42 seconds.

■ Nordic combined

Eric Frenzel of Germany won gold in Nordic combined while Akito Watabe of Japan earned silver and Lukas Klapfer of Austria took bronze. Frenzel erased 38 seconds after the ski jump stage and surged ahead of Watabe on the final uphill of the 10k cross-country race to defend his title on the normal hill.

■ Women's giant slalom

American Mikaela Shiffrin turned in an electric opening run, sitting in second position and was in prime position for a gold medal. She trails leader Manuela Moelgg of Italy by a scant 0.20 seconds heading into the final run, which was later.

■ Men's hockey

Five practices were supposed to prepare the Americans for this, and they knew at the second intermission Slovenia was going to come out punching. The preparation and the knowledge were not enough to fend off the fatigue as the United States blew a two-goal lead and lost a 3-2 stunner in overtime Wednesday night in the Olympic opener for both teams. Slovenia captain Jan Mursak scored the tying goal with 1:37 left in regulation and the winner 38 seconds into overtime. Brian O'Neill and Jordan Greenway, who became the first African-American hockey player for the USA at an Olympics, scored to build the 2-0 lead. But Slovenia came to life when Jan Urbas scored 5:37 into the third period. In the other game, tournament favorite Russia lost to Slovakia, 3-2.

■ Men's doubles luge

Germans Tobias Wendl and Tobias Arlt on their second consecutive Olympic doubles luge gold medal, prevailing in a bit of a surprise. Wendl and Arlt finished their two runs in 1:31.697. They're the first German team to win consecutive doubles golds since Hans Rinn and Norbert



Associated Press Aljona Savchenko and Bruno Massot of Germany perform in the pairs free skate Wednesday night. They posted a record score of 159.31 to vault from fourth place to the gold medal.

Svindal wins downhill

Norwegian, 35, is oldest to win Alpine skiing gold

By The Associated Press

JEONGSEON, South Korea — Aksel Lund Svindal won the men's downhill Thursday, making the 35-year-old Norwegian the oldest Olympic gold medalist in Alpine skiing.

Svindal was 0.12 seconds faster than Norway teammate Kjetil Jansrud down the 1.8-mile (2.9-kilometer) course at Jeongseon. Beat Feuz of Switzerland took bronze, 0.18 behind Svindal's time of 1 minute, 40.25 seconds.

The race started in near-perfect calm and cold conditions four days after it was postponed due to fierce winds that made racing unsafe. It was 34 degrees Fahrenheit under sunshine and blue skies broken up by a few wispy clouds.

In a race that often has a surprise winner, the new Olympic champion has been the most consistent downhill racer over the past decade despite a series of severe injuries. In fact, the three medalists were the most touted pre-race favorites. Jansrud took downhill bronze four years ago at Sochi and Feuz is the current world champion.

Svindal got silver in downhill at the 2010 Vancouver Olympics and was fourth at the Sochi Olympics. He also won world championship gold medals in downhill in 2007 and 2013.

Now, after turning 35 in December, he is three months older than Austria's Mario Matt was in 2014 when winning the Olympic slalom. The oldest Olympic medalist in Alpine racing is American Bode Miller, who was 36 when taking bronze in super-G at the Sochi Games.

Svindal excelled on the bottom half of the Jeongseon course after some uneasy moments early in his run. The snow conditions



Dimitar Dilkov/Getty Images

Norway's Aksel Lund Svindal barrels down the mountain en route to gold in the men's downhill Wednesday in Pyeongchang. Svindal completed the nearly 2-mile course in 1 minute, 40.25 seconds.

seemed faster than in training runs, and Svindal worked hard to find the best racing line. He took a tight angle across a tricky side hill, went wide at one turn, and fought through the air off one big jump.

The big Norwegian trailed Feuz by 0.23 at half-way then mastered the lower section. Svindal punched his left arm air in the finish area upon seeing the clock and the green light next to his name. The only time in the race he had led was the one that mattered.

Jansrud started three minutes later on a course where he won the only previous downhill, an Olympic test on the World Cup circuit two years ago when Svindal was injured.

Ahead at four straight time checks, Jansrud's lead steadily dropped from 0.43 and he was twisted sideways in mid-air before landing one jump. He still had 0.04 in hand heading into a twisting approach to the final jump. Jansrud threw his head back in anguish when he saw his time.

Feuz, the in-form downhiller in 2018, was unbalanced early in his run. Racing before the Norwegians, he smiled wryly for the television cameras at the finish and wiggled his right hand as if acknowledging his leading time would not hold up.

No man has ever retained the Olympic downhill title and defending champion Matthias Mayer's chance was gone soon after halfway. The Austrian racer finished 1.21 behind Svindal in ninth place.

Notebook

Controversy surrounds White outside of gold

By The Associated Press

American Shaun White's victory news conference in Pyeongchang wasn't all golden and good news.

Hours after winning the men's halfpipe at these 2018 Winter Olympics, White talked about the emotions of rebounding from a slump and a bad crash to capture the third gold of his career. He talked about his third run of the day, when he landed back-to-back 1440s for the first time in his life.

"I just dug deep and made it happen," he said.

But there were also ques-

tions about a sexual harassment suit filed by Lena Zawaideh, a former drummer in his band. The claim, which dates to 2016, has come back into the news this week.

"Honestly I'm here to talk about the Olympics, not gossip," White said.

"I am who I am and I'm proud of who I am," he continued. "And my friends, you know, love me and vouch for me and I think that stands on its own."

When a reporter tried to follow up, U.S. Ski & Snowboard official Nick Alexakos interrupted, saying: "I think we're here to talk about the

gold medal. If you don't have another question why don't you go ahead and pass the mike."

In an appearance later on NBC's "Today" show, White apologized for using the word "gossip" in reference to the lawsuit, saying he used "a poor choice of words to describe such a sensitive subject" and he's "truly sorry."

Luger still recovering

American Emily Sweeney is recovering from a frightening crash that knocked her out of the final run of the women's luge competition. Sweeney was still experienc-

ing back pain after crash, and she was being monitored by USA Luge's medical staff. USA Luge says Sweeney is doing well and her parents are visiting with her in the Athletes' Village. Sweeney doesn't have any other events scheduled at the Olympics.

U.S. skier out

U.S. Alpine skier Tommy Biesemeyer injured his right ankle in training and wasn't able to compete in the downhill. Teammate Ryan Cochran-Siegle took Biesemeyer's place in the downhill.

WHAT'S ON AT THE GAMES

A 24-hour overview of Olympic TV highlights from Pyeongchang on the NBC family of networks beginning at 6 a.m. Viewers should note that not all events are live. FYI: Pyeongchang is 14 hours ahead of Pittsburgh.

Network	6	7	8	9	10	11	Noon	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Mid	1	2	3	4	5	
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Hockey

Numbers often add up to tell a story

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stick with 59.

"I'm sure I could have, but it's different," he said. "I might as well stick with it now. I've got a year with it under my belt. I think it's kind of cool."

Of course, it helps that he scored 13 playoff goals as a rookie with 59 on his back.

"That's part of it," he said. "You just try and stick with it and you don't want to change too much."

Sheary didn't offer too much of an opinion on 43. He wore 12 growing up, and had to switch to 13 in college at Massachusetts. As you might guess from someone unafraid to wear 13, Sheary doesn't put too much stock in jersey superstition.

"I didn't win too many games at UMass, maybe that had something to do with it," he joked. "But I don't see it as bad luck. Honestly I don't think it's that big of a deal. I like certain numbers, but I think I'll just stick with what I have."

Dominik Simon, called up from Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, didn't quite have that luxury. He started off his NHL career with 49 — his birth year, 1994, reversed — but gave that up to veteran goalie Michael Leighton when the Penguins acquired him in December.

"He's been around for 15 years and he had the number," Simon said. "He's a veteran, so I just left the number to him."

"I was just choosing between some numbers and I liked 12 the most, so I chose 12."

These numbers that are randomly assigned or chosen in a player's first few years can stick with throughout their careers, though.

Patric Hornqvist, for instance, got 27 as a rookie in Nashville in 2008. When he joined the Penguins in 2014, Craig Adams had that number, so he just flipped it.

"I'm one of those guys, I don't really care what number I use," Hornqvist said. "As long as I don't switch every year. Now, I want to stick with one of those two numbers, I don't want to grab a new number."

Ryan Reaves is the same way. He got 75 at his first training camp with St. Louis — "In alphabetical order, [T.J.] Oshie was 74 and Reaves was 75. That's the story of 75." — but wears it to this day. He had the option of switching to 38, his AHL number, when he made it to the NHL. But Reaves had taken a liking to it by that point.

A former football player, Reaves liked that 75 felt like a football number. It also let



No. 75? It felt like a football number for Ryan Reaves. Fitting for anyone who has ever watched him play hockey. Steph Chambers/Post-Gazette

him stand out on the ice. He's currently the only NHL regular to wear the number.

"I wasn't when I came into the league, but there aren't a lot now," Reaves said. "I saw a story of best players wearing each number right now, and I think, by default, I got No. 75."

Other players' choices have put a bit more thought behind them. Evgeni Malkin wears 71 to honor former Russian star Valeri Kharlamov, whose 17 was widely retired across Russian hockey.

Carl Hagelin wore 26 growing up in Sweden to honor his idol, Martin St. Louis. When he joined the New York Rangers, 26 was taken by Ruslan Fedotenko, so he flipped to 62.

"The year after when Fedotenko was gone, they asked if I wanted to go back to 26, but I said no, 62 sounds like a good NHL number for me," Hagelin recalled.

"I got up and I had a good start, just playing in the NHL. They told me I was going to pack for a week and then I kept playing up there and never got sent down. I think that's why I liked it. Now, I really like 62. There's not a ton of guys with it."

And that last part seems to be one of the major draws

for players with higher numbers. Hagelin said he'll now see some younger kids in Sweden wearing 62 looking up to him, the way he once did to St. Louis (whom he ended up playing with for a season with the Rangers).

Hagelin, Reaves, Crosby and Kris Letang are the only players in Penguins history to wear their current numbers. Only five players have worn Guentzel's 59 and Sheary's 43, and Hornqvist is the fourth to wear 72.

"If you're wearing No. 13, there's been a lot of 13s before you that are pretty good," Sheary said. "43 is kind of a number that not too many guys wear, so that's a cool thing."

Whether these numbers were randomly assigned, chosen for no reason or full of personal significance, they're how fans identify their favorite players on the ice. So whether they have meaning or not, they're part of a player's identity.

"That's the number that's going to stick with me from now on," Reaves said. "I think that's what everybody knows me by now."

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Morning skate losing its appeal

Penguins proving it no longer is the ritual it has been for so long

By Jason Mackey
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Because they were off Wednesday, the Penguins likely will have a full morning skate Thursday at PPG Paints Arena ahead of a game against the Los Angeles Kings.

It will be one of only a handful of those they've had this season.

Perhaps a byproduct of playing 213 games between 2015-17 — the most in a two-year window in NHL history — the Penguins have had fewer and fewer players choose to take the ice the morning of a game.

Although none of them is ready to attribute the Penguins' 13-4-1 record since Jan. 1 to the extra rest, it surely hasn't hurt. The Penguins have appeared faster, more rested and more energetic, and they are — by coincidence or not — playing better hockey.

"You get to February, usually after Christmas, you start to see the numbers lessen for guys who go out," said Sidney Crosby, one who regularly takes the option not to skate the morning of a game. "Everyone needs to get ready different ways. That seems to be more the trend after Christmas."

It certainly has been for this team, and it starts at the top. Not just Crosby, but coach Mike Sullivan, too. Even co-owner Mario Lemieux and general manager Jim Rutherford have little use for the longtime hockey tradition.

"I've never been one to place a whole lot of stock in a morning skate," Sullivan said. "At this time of year, especially with the amount of hockey that this group has played, sometimes not having to put your equipment on twice in a day is mentally refreshing."

Players who stay off the ice the morning of a game don't simply enjoy a few extra hours of sleep.

They still come to the rink, participate in meetings, watch video and do some sort of off-ice workout. Sullivan said that can include something as simple as riding a stationary bike or perhaps a dynamic warm-up.

Strength and conditioning coaches always are around and available to help players work out in whatever fashion they think helps them the most.

The group regularly taking the option [not to skate] started out as Crosby, Phil

Kessel and Kris Letang. Tuesday, it also included Olli Maatta, Justin Schultz, Brian Dumoulin, Riley Sheahan, Carl Hagelin, Carter Rowney and Evgeni Malkin — one of the more aggressive optionals of the season.

"When I was young, I was doing every morning skate," Letang said. "I would stay on the ice for 45 minutes. As I got older, I thought I was saving more energy by taking my option."

For someone such as Dumoulin, who's new to regularly taking his option, finding something else productive to do has been the biggest challenge.

Dumoulin said he always has been "a morning skate guy." But lately he has been a ride-the-bike guy or someone who just does something to break a light sweat, trying to preserve as much energy as possible for games.

"You see a lot of older guys [taking the option]," Dumoulin said. "They must know something."

Sticking to a routine is the most important part, Crosby said.

Hockey is definitely weird, in that for much of the week, for practice, they have to be ready to go at 11 a.m. or noon. But on game days, that time is scaled back about eight hours.

"There's something different about a game day," Crosby said. "It's unique in the way that you get your body and mind ready for being at your best at 7 or 8 o'clock at night, which isn't really an optimal time for your body to be at its best. You have to find ways to make sure that you build up for that time."

Others, such as ironman Kessel, likely use the time as a way to recover and ensure they're healthy enough to play whenever they're nicked up. Regardless, the Penguins definitely are doing it more, and there seems to be little sign that it's going to change any time soon.

"Our strength coaches do a great job with these guys in helping them prepare in creating what we need to physically off the ice," Sullivan said. "I think there's benefit, especially at this time of year."

"Because, for me, at this particular point in time, it's about having energy. It's about making sure that when the puck drops at nighttime that you can be at your very best."

Penguins report

Scouting report

Who: Penguins vs. Los Angeles Kings.

When, where: 7 p.m. Thursday, PPG Paints Arena.

Look, listen: AT&T Sports Net; WXDX-FM (105.9), PittsburghPenguins.com.

Noteworthy: Penguins scored at least five goals for the 13th time this season in 6-3 win Tuesday vs. Ottawa.

... Kings C Anze Kopitar has 23 goals this year after just 12 last season. ... Penguins C Sidney Crosby (30) and Evgeni Malkin (29) rank first and second in the NHL in points since Jan. 1. ... Kings playing the fourth game of a seven-game road trip. ... Penguins have won nine consecutive home games. ... Kings rank fourth in the NHL in penalty-kill percentage (.834).

Did you know? Penguins G Matt Murray's next start will be his 100th career NHL game.

The schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
2/17	Maple Leafs	7	AT&T
2/18	Blue Jackets	6	AT&T
2/23	Hurricanes	7:30	AT&T

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Baseball

Former Yankees great goes to camp as a rookie team executive

It's spring at last for Derek Jeter, Marlins

By Clark Spencer
Miami Herald

Derek Jeter hasn't shown his face at spring training since 2014, before he played the last of his 20 seasons as a shortstop with the New York Yankees. He was to end his hiatus Wednesday, though, when he shows up in street clothes to check out the Marlins — HIS Marlins — open camp in Jupiter.

"I'm sure it'll be kind of different and odd," Jeter said.

After four months of adjusting to his new corporate role as the CEO and part-owner of the Marlins, much of it spent sitting behind a desk and going around the community, shaking hands and posing for selfies, Jeter

finally gets to return to the diamond and examine a creation of his own making.

It will be the first Marlins spring training not involving former owner Jeffrey Loria since 2001.

It will be the first spring training for the Marlins not involving Giancarlo Stanton since 2009, the year before his big-league debut. He was traded under the new regime, as were Christian Yelich, Marcell Ozuna and Dee Gordon.

In their places will be a sea of new and unfamiliar faces, prospects acquired in those deals, as Jeter and majority owner Bruce Sherman go about the process of a top-to-bottom makeover of a franchise that hasn't enjoyed a winning season



"If you think about it ... For us, it's like we're a rookie going to spring training, as well."

Derek Jeter

since 2009 and hasn't tasted the playoffs since 2003.

"If you think about it," Jeter said Tuesday during a press conference at Marlins Park, "we took over the organization on Oct. 2, and there were no games to be played. It took us some time to get to know the players, and we still haven't seen them play. For us, it's like we're a rookie going to spring training, as well."

Most of the attention on Jeter and the Marlins to this

point has been on the trades they've made, the unloading of a MVP and home run champion (Stanton), a stolen base leader (Gordon), and two others (Yelich and Ozuna) who helped form one of the best outfield trios in the majors.

But Jeter said he has left most of those decisions to his front office staff, focusing instead on trying to revive a revenue-challenged franchise that struggles to fill seats and gain the commu-

nity's trust.

Jeter said Tuesday that ownership has added new investors since the takeover, but refused to offer specifics as to the number, their identities, or the amount of their contributions.

Jeter maintained, however, that the organization is not cash-poor.

"This is a well-capitalized ownership group," he said. "If we don't add another investor, everyone is fine. So don't think this is not a well-capitalized ownership group."

Jeter also touched on a number of other topics.

He'd like to see the retractable roof left open for more games. He hasn't made a decision yet on whether to keep the Home Run Sculpture.

He said he has spoken with the family of late pitcher Jose Fernandez about some sort of tribute.

"We will honor Jose and what he's meant to this organization in the near future," Jeter said. "How we do that is still up for discussion."

He even said players, in a departure from the strict policy involving facial hair with the Yankees, will be permitted to grow beards and mustaches, as long as they are "well-groomed."

Jeter on Tuesday also introduced the team's new president of business operations, Chip Bowers, whom he hired away from the NBA champion Golden State Warriors.

Bowers' task — generating more revenue.

SPRING TRAINING FROM BRADENTON



Hurdle stays positive after roster shuffle

By Elizabeth Bloom
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

BRADENTON, Fla. — This winter, the Pirates have been called tankers. And they've been called plenty worse by many fans. When preseason projections are made, the Pirates typically aren't included among the contenders.

Somebody forgot to tell manager Clint Hurdle.

"I've seen some wonderful things happen in this game," Hurdle said.

"More often than not, nobody writes the script."

After the first pitchers and catchers workout at Pirate City, Hurdle comfortably fielded questions about the Pirates' 2018 chances, echoing what the front office has said since the team traded outfielder Andrew McCutchen and starting pitcher Gerrit Cole: Don't count this team out.

"The wave that we've talked about in the past hit the beach over the winter," Hurdle said.

"The wave hit the beach. And there's actually another wave coming."

Hurdle said he has had conversations with "just about every player" since the Cole and McCutchen trades, which he doesn't want to dwell on.

"We're focused on the people that are here," Hurdle said.

"We're honoring the past through those men, the efforts they put in. Now, it's time to move forward. It's not fair to the men that are here to continue to talk about Gerrit not being here or Andrew not being here."

Instead, Hurdle was eager to talk about some of the new players he will work with now.

He received a positive scouting report on Colin Moran from third-base coach

Joey Cora, whose brother, Alex, was the Houston Astros bench coach last year and now manages the Boston Red Sox.

Hurdle gave the strongest indication yet that Moran will be the primary third baseman in 2018.

"We want to give him that opportunity to come in and take hold of it," he said.

And there was no need for tea leaves on Joe Musgrove, who had more success in the Astros bullpen than he did in the rotation: "We'd like to plug him in the rotation and let him run with it."

The left-field spot was somewhat murkier. Sean Rodriguez, Adam Frazier and Jordan Luplow are "the three top guys to look at," followed by newcomer Daniel Nava and, in certain scenarios, Jose Osuna, whom Hurdle prefers at third base.

A three- to four-man left-field platoon might not be what Pirates fans envisioned as the ideal way to fill the outfield hole left by McCutchen, but, in Hurdle's view, there's more to a roster than what meets the eye.

As he noted, their core was essentially the same in 2016 and 2017 as it was in their three-year postseason run. The current team, he said, "can't wait for the opportunity to go out and play."

"The place is going to explode when we win it all," Hurdle said.

"The place is going to explode."

"I still believe that. I look for the opportunity to stay and be a part of that. That's unwavering belief."

NOTE — Daniel Hudson did not throw his scheduled bullpen session because he sprained his right ankle while jogging.

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Associated Press

THE NEW KID Nowhere was the first day of camp more intense — or covered — than in Tempe, Ariz., where the Angels and prized offseason signing Shohei Ohtani were on center stage. Ohtani is projected to pitch and be part of the regular lineup on days he isn't on the mound.

Rodriguez tries to look ahead

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At PiratesFest, Rodriguez pointed to the 2016 dilution of the "one team, one goal" mindset that worked so well in 2015 and, as for the rest of the front office aside from Huntington — "I know there's a business side to it. I don't know who's at the forefront of it. Um, I kind of do. And I'm not taking shots at Neal, that's for sure, because it's not necessarily him."

Wednesday, he echoed Francisco Cervelli's thoughts, acknowledging the loss of two stalwarts while believing in the need to look ahead.

"You can't replace Andrew," Rodriguez said. "Andrew McCutchen's not the kind of player or person that's replaceable. Cole, obviously, is not too far from that."

"I like to take the mirror effect. Basically, you keep moving forward, you keep looking forward, but you definitely need the past to reflect on and to build on. Just take it as if there's always a mirror sitting in front of you where you can look back and reflect on that without looking back."

It would behoove Rodriguez to reflect on his past with the Pirates. He spent 2015 and 2016 with the team, playing 139 and 140 games. A strong September in 2016 led him to finish with a .270/.349/.510 line, with 18 home runs and a career-best 127 OPS-plus (a metric which adjusts on-base plus slugging percentage for league and park effects, with 100 the league average).

He left for Atlanta in 2017, having earned a shot at more playing time and a

two-year, \$11.5 million contract. After a stolen police cruiser collided with his car in Miami in January 2017, Rodriguez required surgery to repair a torn left rotator cuff, a dislocated biceps tendon and labrum damage. The injuries kept him out until July.

He played 15 games for the Braves before they traded him back to the Pirates, and he played 39 games for them, posting only a .572 combined OPS as his shoulder regained strength. Rodriguez said the shoulder was stronger than before the accident, thanks to his rehabilitation.

"He's healthy," manager Clint Hurdle said. "His swing is already different than what we saw the swing of last year, based on health."

Rodriguez can play every position but pitcher and

catcher, so he likely will move around this season. The corner outfield spots and third base might provide him some playing time.

"I don't ever sit there and say, if I play 100 games this year, I'm happy," he said.

He mentioned preparing for playing "180-plus," meaning the postseason run to the World Series. That already difficult path got harder with the subtraction of McCutchen and Cole, and the personnel in the clubhouse is different from when Rodriguez previously spent full seasons with the Pirates.

"The ones I do know look like they're hungry," he said. "I'm just hoping they're starving. That's what it's going to take."

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Baseball notebook

Former Pirates catcher Chris Stewart gets one-year deal with Braves

From local and wire dispatches

Catcher Chris Stewart agreed to \$575,000, one-year contract with the Atlanta Braves.

Stewart, 35, hit .183 in 51 games with the Pirates in 2017. He is a seven-year veteran, playing four seasons for the Pirates.

Braves general manager Alex Anthopoulos announced the roster addition after the Braves' first spring-training workout for pitch-

ers and catchers.

"This is a depth move, an insurance move," general manager Alex Anthopoulos said Wednesday at the first spring training workout.

Stewart will back up catchers Tyler Flowers and Kurt Suzuki.

"He's on a big league, non-guaranteed deal," Anthopoulos said. "We'll see how he looks in camp. If something happens in the next six weeks, it gives us another option."

Marlins

Injury-plagued left-hander Wei-Yin Chen, Miami's highest-paid pitcher, isn't expected to be ready for opening day, but the team hopes he can join the rotation sometime in the season. Chen is entering the third season of an \$80 million, five-year contract. A balky left elbow limited Chen to nine games last year and 22 in 2016. He was a durable starter with Baltimore and has a career record

of 53-38 in six seasons, but is only 7-6 with the Marlins. Chen began a throwing program in mid-January, and the Marlins won't rush his return, manager Don Mattingly said.

Elsewhere

As teams started spring training workouts across Florida and Arizona, the players association had a Kansas City Royals scout escorted out of the union's opening training session for unsigned free

agents. About 15 players attended the first day of workouts Wednesday at the union's camp in Bradenton, Fla. Media was barred from the IMG Academy. The scout was told he was not welcome but could set up a session with an individual player at the player's discretion, several people familiar with the situation said. The people spoke on condition of anonymity because no statements were authorized. More than 90 players remain without agreements

among the 166 who exercised their free-agency rights in November, the most sluggish market since the final offseason of collusion in 1987-88. Union head Tony Clark, said about 15 more players are likely to arrive at the free-agent camp this week.

Former Cleveland Indians star Tito Francona — father of Terry Francona and a longtime resident of New Brighton — died Tuesday. Obituary, Page B-3.

Pro Football / College Basketball

College basketball notebook

Providence stuns No. 3-ranked Villanova

By The Associated Press

Kyron Cartwright scored 17 points and Providence withstood several late surges to stun third-ranked Villanova, 76-71, Wednesday night in a Big East Conference showdown at Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence, R.I.

Rodney Bullock and Alpha Diallo each added 14

points for the Friars (17-9, 8-5 Big East), who snapped a five-game losing streak to the Wildcats.

It was Providence's first win against Villanova since Jan. 24, 2016.

Mikal Bridges had 19 points for Villanova (23-3, 10-3), but fouled out with 1:12 to play. It was the Wildcats second loss in three games.

For the Friars, this was

their second win this season against a top-5 team, having beaten Xavier in January. Villanova and Xavier meet Saturday for the second time.

Duke

Forward Marvin Bagley III missed his second game Wednesday night with a mild right knee sprain as No. 12 Duke (21-5, 9-4 ACC)

cruised past visiting Virginia Tech, 74-52.

Bagley, a freshman, leads the ACC with averages of 21.2 points and 11.4 rebounds for the 12th-ranked Blue Devils (20-5, 8-4). He also missed a victory Sunday night at Georgia Tech. He was hurt last week in the first half of a loss at No. 21 North Carolina, but played 39 minutes in that game with

15 points and 16 rebounds.

Belmont women

Belmont has a 15-game winning streak and its first national ranking in school history but understands that won't mean much to the NCAA tournament selection committee if it slips up at the wrong time. Belmont is located in Nashville, Tenn., and plays in the Ohio Valley

Conference. The OVC hasn't sent multiple teams to the NCAA tournament since. That means Belmont (24-3, 14-0 OVC) likely must win the OVC tournament to have a realistic shot at a third consecutive NCAA bid, even though the 24th-ranked Bruins just became the first OVC team to crack the top 25 since December 1992.

Pitt

Offensive rebounds missing from stats

The final question of Kevin Stallings' news conference after a 23-point loss to Boston College Tuesday night evoked a more impassioned response than usual from a coach who over the past several weeks has been restrained at best and defeated at worst in such situations.

After finishing his answer, he tapped his knuckles on the table twice, walked away from the microphone and apologized as he left the media room.

"I'm not trying to be a [expletive]," he said. "I'm just a little frustrated."

That frustration reached an apex toward the end of his answer, when what had been a question about his players becoming more assertive morphed into an edict on his team's offensive rebounding. Given what had transpired over the previous 40 minutes, it was difficult to turn anywhere else while examining yet another game that abruptly went so wrong.

An 81-58 loss to the Eagles was the product of many factors, perhaps none more important than the Panthers' shortcomings on the offensive glass. They finished the game with just two offensive rebounds, from which they got no second-chance points. Boston College, by contrast, had 18 offensive rebounds and 14 points off those collected misses.

The mark wasn't unprecedented — Pitt had only two offensive rebounds in a game as recently as March 2014, in a loss to North Carolina State — but it represented a nadir for a team that has struggled mightily in that aspect of the game for the past two months.

"We don't play with the kind of physicality we need to play with," Stallings said. "I do get we're freshmen and we're not as strong in some cases and not as athletic in some cases. But we don't



Matt Freed/Post-Gazette

A loose ball kicks away from Boston College's Ky Bowman, left, and Kene Chukwuka Tuesday.

**On the Panthers**
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embrace the physical nature of the game like you have to in this league."

Against the Eagles, Pitt went the first 34:44 without an offensive rebound. The lone Pitt player to finish with an offensive board was 6-foot-5 Jared Wilson-Frame. The other offensive rebound came with 5:16 remaining, when two Boston College players — Nik Popovic and Ky Bowman — ran into each other while converging on a Wilson-Frame missed layup, causing the ball to bounce off Popovic's hands and roll out of bounds.

Pitt had three players 6 feet 6 or taller play Tuesday — Kene Chukwuka, Terrell Brown and Shamiel Stevenson — with the trio combining for no offensive rebounds in 67 minutes.

While uncommonly low, those numbers are emblematic of a larger problem.

This season, Pitt has gotten rebounds on 23.1 percent of its missed shots, ranking it 321st among 351 Division I

teams, while allowing opponents to come down with 35.1 percent of their misses (341st in Division I and worst among major conference teams). In conference games, it's even worse, as the former figure has dipped to 19.9 percent and the latter risen to 37.9 percent. Those stats, in some part, are due to what Pitt players previously have described as a strategy to prioritize getting back on defense off a miss rather than selling out trying to get offensive rebounds.

Part of those struggles can be tied back to injured forward Ryan Luther. Without the 6-9 senior, who hasn't played since Dec. 9 due to a season-ending foot injury, the Panthers have lacked a physical and experienced presence on the low post. Luther is the team's leading offensive rebounder, with 36, despite having played in just 10 of Pitt's 27 games.

"We don't have an example right now," Stallings said of Luther. "That's not their fault. At some point, our front-court guys should be getting an offensive rebound. You shouldn't play 20-30 minutes and not get an offensive rebound. You

shouldn't. I'm just going to say that's on me. I've got to do more in practice to get them there. I haven't done my job if I look down there and we've got two offensive rebounds."

Those weaknesses helped Pitt remain winless in the ACC, and in what is by far its most winnable game the rest of the regular season, they might do the same. Wake Forest, the lone team among Pitt's final four foes with fewer than five conference wins, is allowing opponents to get just 25.6 percent of its misses in conference play, the best mark among ACC teams.

At the moment, though, the Panthers can worry only so much about what they're preparing to face in the coming days and weeks. The focus has to be on themselves. Stallings said as much after the game, noting he and his staff have to create more physical, adverse situations for their players in practice.

For their part, Pitt's players are trying to make the best of an increasingly bleak season.

"We still try to go out there and play as hard as we can every game," freshman guard Parker Stewart said.

Haley proud of years here

HALEY, FROM C-1

was to help elongate [Ben's] career and protect him, and I don't see how anyone can argue we didn't do that."

Indeed, Roethlisberger's sacks declined steadily under Haley, going from a high of 50 in 2009 to 17 in 2016 and 21 this past season. He has been named to the Pro Bowl each of the past four years and is coming off a season in which he threw 18 of his 28 touchdowns in the final seven games and led the team to four comeback victories.

His final game against the Jaguars — 469 yards and five touchdowns — came against the No. 1 pass defense in the league. Still, Roethlisberger often made post-game comments about plays that didn't work, appearing to take shots at Haley.

After that defeat, Haley sat down with coach Mike Tomlin and realized he would have to look elsewhere for a job.

"It was time to move on," Haley said. "I had a great conversation with Mike [Tomlin]. I'm very much at peace with it. That's why I stress the time there meant a lot to me, having family and friends who still live there."

Haley was hired immediately by the Browns after his departure from the Steelers and has been given free rein to run their offense. He met with members of the Browns media Wednesday for the first time, wearing a brown-and-orange long-sleeved T-shirt with "Browns" printed across the front.

In opening he said, "I had six really good years

there. I feel like I did a good job and we did a lot of good things. We developed arguably the best wide receiver in the league [Antonio Brown], arguably the best running back in the league [Le'Veon Bell], we had one of the top QBs in the league, we scored a lot of points. I was fond of my time there. It was something I really enjoyed."

When he was asked about his relationships with players and fellow coaches and his sometimes confrontational style, Haley said, "I don't have a lot to say about it. I do know that how I was mentored and taught early was that a coach's job is to come in and coach the players and develop the players first and foremost. That has to be No. 1. That is really how I go about business. I have developed a lot of great relationships in Pittsburgh with players, staff and coaches. Like I said, I have nothing but fond memories."

Haley said growing up in Pittsburgh, the son of a former Steelers player and personnel director, he "hated" the Browns. But he admired the team's rich history and will have no problem switching allegiance. He said he is looking forward, not back.

"I always want to beat whoever we are playing. Blood is thicker than water they say. We had Steelers stuff stocked up for six years, and people are amazed that when you go somewhere else, you put it in a box and see who wants it."

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Manziel to try comeback in new Spring League

By The Associated Press

Former Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback Johnny Manziel says he's making a football comeback.

NFL notebook

Manziel tweeted that he has signed with the developmental Spring League in Austin, Texas, which will play from March 28 to April 15. The league is designed for players hoping to impress NFL scouts. He played two seasons for the Cleveland Browns, who cut him in 2016 after several off-field incidents.

"Football has been a huge part of my life for as long as I can remember. Sometimes you take for granted how much you value something until it's gone. My goal is to make it back to the NFL and I realize I have to earn that privilege," Manziel said in a statement provided by the Spring League.

Bengals

Cincinnati took its first step in bolstering the offensive line, signing former New York Giants tackle Bobby Hart. He started 21 games for the Giants in the past three seasons, including seven in 2017.

Bills

Buffalo hired Terry Robiskie to be the receivers coach in the latest off-season shuffle of Sean McDermott's staff.

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Elliott begins chase to be next most popular driver

By The Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Chase Elliott won a popularity contest before he even won a Cup Series race.

Elliott was the overwhelming favorite to be crowned the sport's next most popular driver. Although the actual award will be handed out in nine months, fellow NASCAR drivers polled at Daytona 500 media day expect Elliott to be a slam-dunk winner.

That contest starts Thursday with the NASCAR Duels at 7 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. at Daytona to determine the rest of the field. Alex Bowman, who sat out all of 2017 waiting for Earnhardt's seat to open, put a Hendrick car on the Daytona 500 pole Sunday for a record-tying fourth consecutive year.

"I think [Elliott] already won the 2018 most popular driver award," Hendrick Motorsports teammate and seven-time Cup champion Jimmie Johnson said.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. won the award 15 consecutive years, including in 2017. But Earnhardt's retirement left the title up for grabs.

Well, sort of. All indications are Elliott will take over the top spot, maybe even for the foreseeable future.

"I feel like he's one of the most important ingredients in what NASCAR racing does going forward because of his family name," 2014 Cup champion Kevin Harvick said. "He has the legacy that's already been built in this sport by his dad. He's come into this sport with a great name and already proven that he's going to be competitive. He has those southeast, NASCAR ties to those core fans that none of the rest of us will ever have. He's the guy."

Elliott, 22, is the son of Hall of Fame driver Bill Elli-



Brian Lawdemilk/Getty Images

With Dale Earnhardt Jr. retired, Chase Elliott is expected to take his place in one big area — the hearts of NASCAR fans.



Thursday

What: Can-Am Duels, Daytona International Speedway, Daytona Beach, Fla.

When: 7 p.m.

TV: Fox Sports 1.

The skinny: Running order for spots 3 through 40 in the Daytona 500 (2:30 p.m. Sunday) will be determined by how drivers finish in these races.

ott. Both hail from Dawsonville, Ga.

Harvick called the younger Elliott the "biggest tie to our grass-roots NASCAR fan."

Elliott is entering his third full season at Hendrick Motorsports. He's winless in 77 career Cup starts, but had 12 top-five finishes in 2017

and five runner-ups.

"When he wins the first time, you're going to see things that you haven't seen in a long time from fan reaction and just enthusiasm about this sport," Harvick said. "And when that happens, it's going to be good for all of us."

Johnson said Elliott is "going to be a superstar."

Elliott took all the praise in stride, saying he appreciated "the kind words for sure."

But he added that "Nothing is ever for sure till it's for sure, right?"

Bill Elliott, nicknamed "Awesome Bill from Dawsonville," won the most popular award 16 times in 19 years. The late Dale Earnhardt won in 2001.

Elliott and the Earnhardts had a lock on the award since 1991.

NBA notebook

Tribute to late Saunders Thursday

By The Associated Press

The late Flip Saunders will be honored at Target Center Thursday night before Minnesota's game against the Los Angeles Lakers.

There'll be a permanent banner unveiled prior to tip-off. Auctions of custom sneakers, a special painting and the jerseys worn by the Timberwolves in the game will raise money for the Flip Saunders Legacy Fund, which was established to support individuals and groups in keeping alive the positive impact of his life. The shoe shop Kickstradamis has worked to make a

different pair of sneakers for each Timberwolves player, each inspired by the memory of Saunders.

Everyone in attendance will also receive a commemorative coin, in honor of his custom of having a themed keepsake created each season for players and staff.

Everyone in attendance will also receive a commemorative coin, in honor of his custom of having a themed keepsake created each season for players and staff. Saunders also used to randomly hand the trinkets out to people he would meet along the way, in an effort to include fans in the effort and process of each season.

Saunders died three days before the 2015-16 season opener, about 2½ months after being diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma.

76ers

Center Joel Embiid sat out a game Wednesday night against Miami because of soreness in his right ankle. He is scheduled to start Sunday for the Eastern Conference in the All-Star Game.

Warriors

Second-year guard Patrick McCaw will miss at least four weeks after breaking a bone in his left wrist Monday night against Phoenix.

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Shale well fee hike needed, DEP says

Regulatory program faces funding woes

By Laura Legere
Harrisburg Bureau

HARRISBURG — Large fines paid by drilling companies kept Pennsylvania's oil and gas regulatory program from bankruptcy last year, as program costs surpass dwindling revenue from well permits by nearly \$700,000 a month, the program's director said Wednesday.

Scott Perry, the deputy secretary for the Department of Environmental Protection's office of oil and gas management, laid out what he called the dire condition of the program's funding situation to justify a DEP proposal to more than double the cost of a permit to drill a shale gas well from \$5,000 to \$12,500.

The program, whose staff size was reduced from 226 to 190 to cut costs, reviews permit applications, inspects well sites and develops policies to improve oversight of the industry. Its primary funding source is a one-time permit fee paid by companies for each well they apply to drill.

Nearly all of those fees are paid by shale gas companies, but Mr. Perry said they fund the broad scope of the office's operations, including its oversight of traditional oil and gas wells, gas storage wells, abandoned wells and earthmoving activities for well sites.

The agency does not propose to raise permit fees for traditional wells, which number only about 100 a year and have had the same fee rate since 2009.

Shale gas well permit fees were last raised in 2014 with the expectation that companies would apply for 2,600 shale well permits a year. This year, they are on track to apply for just 1,500 permits.

With the staff reductions, Mr. Perry told an advisory board Wednesday, "I think it is safe to say that the office of oil and gas management is currently not achieving any of its goals," but the fee increase is needed just to maintain its current level of performance.

Absent a fee increase, the

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Artist rendering of the RDC Star LLC four-story office building known as District Fifteen.

Building to be gateway into tech hub

By Mark Belko
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

John Deklewa couldn't help but marvel at the contrast — a Strip District site that once churned out horseshoes now serving as the gateway into a tech hub that includes the development of autonomous vehicles.

"This is the new entrance of Robotics Row. Talk about transformational," mused Mr. Deklewa, CEO of RDC Design + Build.

His firm is hoping to cash in on that transformation with the construction of a four-story, 105,000-square-foot office and research and development building at the corner of 15th and Smallman streets.

Dubbed District 15, the \$23 million building is specifically designed to cater to a tech

crowd that seems to be gravitating more to the Strip.

It will feature a first-floor high bay with 18-foot ceilings tailored for research and development, plus three floors of office space. There also will be a fitness center, shower facilities and bike storage on site as well as outdoor patio space, two public plazas and a fourth-floor terrace.

Bridgeville-based RDC and its partner, Orangestar Properties of Mineral Ridge, Ohio, near Youngstown, broke ground Wednesday on the building, which will be located a stone's throw from the iconic produce terminal, which is slated for redevelopment.

Confident of the demand for space in the Strip, RDC and Orangestar are starting construction without a tenant in hand.

"Obviously, being in the position to break ground, we can't be more excited about not only the amount of tenants that have shown interest in this location and our building, but the type of tenants," said Shawn Fox, an RDC principal.

Among those that have expressed interest are robotics and artificial intelligence companies, as well suburban and out-of-town firms looking to move into the city, Mr. Fox said. "I think it's a combination of the location and the type of building we're offering," he said.

According to Mr. Deklewa, the site — in the 1800s — was used for the mass production of horseshoes and nails for horseshoes.

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North Side CoLab18 to be more than co-working space

By Courtney Linder
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette



Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald introduces CoLab18 Wednesday.

Pittsburgh's growing co-working scene includes spots such as The Beauty Shoppe in East Liberty, Revv in Oakland and Alloy 26 on the North Side, but this one is a little bit different.

CoLab18 isn't just a place to rent out and use for desk space. It's meant to be a programming space providing resources, training and internet access to the community it's grounded in — the North Side.

The 4,600-square-foot center is intended to drive inclusive innovation, community engagement and entrepreneurship on the North

Side, home of Nova Place, a former rundown mall that has become a center for technology in the community.

CoLab 18 is the byproduct of the Buhl Foundation's One North Side Consensus Plan, a 10-month survey of 2,204 households intended as a community-driven effort to improve the quality of life for residents in all 18 North Side neighborhoods.

That's where the name for CoLab18 came from, explained Diana Bucco, president of the Buhl Foundation, at a ribbon cutting Wednesday morning.

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Business briefs

ACHD licenses new restaurants

Several new restaurants were licensed by the Allegheny County Health Department in January. They include Najat's Cuisine on Beaver Street in Sewickley; Freshii, Grant Street, Downtown; Dragon Palace, Main Street, Sharpsburg; King Crust, Bower Hill Road, Mt. Lebanon; Pad Thai Noodle, Liberty Avenue, Bloomfield; Tasty Platters & Fried Chicken, Old William Penn Highway, Monroeville; and Chicken Plus, Broad Street, East Liberty.

O'Hara emergency heart care firm acquired

Medical technology company

LivaNova PLC of London has acquired TandemLife Inc., a medical products company based in O'Hara that specializes in emergency heart care. Terms of the deal were not released. TandemLife, founded in 1996, produces four systems consisting of a single pump and controller that allows clinicians to provide emergency care in settings outside of a major academic center.

Lockheed Martin's new Fla. facility to hire 1,800

Lockheed Martin broke ground Tuesday on a research-and-development facility in Orlando, Fla., where the Bethesda, Md.-based defense giant plans to hire 1,800 people to work on new weapons systems for the Pentagon. The

company is in fierce competition with rivals such as Boeing, Raytheon and Northrop Grumman to capture new defense spending as the Trump administration looks to update the U.S. nuclear arsenal.

Sam's Club's free shipping for premium members

Sam's Club is offering free shipping for premium members and simplifying its membership tiers. Starting Wednesday, the Walmart-owned warehouse club will give free shipping on online orders for Plus members on 95 percent of the items it sells. Free shipping and faster delivery have been key areas as retailers try to adapt to shoppers' shift online.

From staff and wire reports

Marijuana sales begin today

By Steve Twedt
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The first sales of medical marijuana products to patients are scheduled for Thursday, two years after Gov. Tom Wolf signed Pennsylvania's medical marijuana program into law.

Cresco Yeltrah's CY+ dispensary in Butler has its first appointments scheduled for Thursday morning, and the Solevo Wellness Center in Squirrel Hill will see patients beginning at 2 p.m.

Those two facilities are the only dispensaries currently approved to open in southwestern Pennsylvania, although others are expected

to go online in the coming weeks.

Both dispensaries will operate under tight security once they receive their first shipments of medical marijuana products from Cresco Yeltrah's grower-processor facility in Brookville, Jefferson County.

After that, only patients who have been certified by a physician as having one of 17 qualifying medical conditions, such as cancer, Parkinson's disease or seizure disorders, will have access to the facilities, along with their caregivers.

Pennsylvania law allows for medical marijuana to be sold in pills, oils, topical creams, tinctures, liquids and for vaping. No dry leaf or edible forms are allowed.

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Stocks climb as investors shake off inflation worries

By Marley Jay
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Investors saw some new hints that inflation is increasing on Wednesday, but they still sent banks, technology firms and consumer-focused companies climbing. That was a big change after the market's inflation-inspired plunge earlier this month.

After a shaky start, stocks rose for the fourth straight day, and banks made some of the largest gains as bond yields reached new four-year highs. The move in

yields came after the government said consumer prices climbed in January at a slightly faster pace than economists had expected. A different government report showed retail sales were unchanged in December and slipped last month.

"I think the fears of the economy overheating have been a little bit balanced out with the combination of these two numbers," said Katie Nixon, chief investment officer for Northern Trust Wealth Management. "The bond market is not suggesting that runaway infla-

tion is a deep concern."

Stocks began plunging Feb. 1 after the Labor Department said wages grew at a rapid clip in January. Investors worried that meant inflation was rising and that it would push the Federal Reserve to start raising interest rates more quickly, making it more expensive for people and businesses to borrow money. That would slow down economic growth as well as growth in corporate profits. Ms. Nixon said that Wednesday's reports show inflation probably isn't rising

that fast.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 35.69 points, or 1.3 percent, to 2,698.63. The Dow Jones industrial average added 253.04 points, or 1 percent, to 24,893.49. The Nasdaq composite climbed 130.10 points, or 1.9 percent, to 7,143.62. The Russell 2000 index of smaller-company stocks rose 27.15 points, or 1.8 percent, to 1,522.10.

After a 10 percent plunge in just nine days, the S&P 500 has risen 4.5 percent in the past four days.

The Labor Department said prices paid by consum-

ers rose 0.3 percent in January. That's the most in a year, and it sent bond yields and gold prices higher.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury note rose to 2.91 percent, its highest mark in four years, from 2.84 percent a day earlier. That helped banks, as the higher interest rates make lending more profitable. But it hurt high-dividend companies like utility and phone companies. Those stocks are often compared to bonds because of their big dividend payments and relatively steady prices, but investors find

them less appealing when bond yields are rising.

Americans cut back on purchases of cars, furniture and a variety of other products in January. The Commerce Department also lowered its estimate for spending in December. That came after a three-month stretch that included the strongest holiday sales in a decade.

Retailers traded higher despite the tepid numbers in the report. Amazon rose \$36.54, or 2.6 percent, to a record high of \$1,451.05 and Tiffany added \$2.15, or 2.1 percent, to \$103.11.

Fresh lineup of international cars at auto show

Driver's seat
SCOTT STURGIS

Presidents Day in Pittsburgh means more than thoughts of Honest Abe, mattress sales and maybe some time off work.

It's auto show time. The Pittsburgh International Auto Show opens Friday at 10 a.m. and runs through Monday at 6 p.m. at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Downtown.

This year's highlights — among 40 manufacturers and dozens of vendors — include more exotic cars than ever, the Ford F-150 Police Responder, and a chance to test drive four Toyota models.

Here's a closer look at those high points, followed by mini-reviews of some of the production cars there.

Exotic cars: Face it — this will be the closest many of us will get to a McLaren, Lamborghini, Bentley, Aston Martin or Ferrari.

One unusual item is Ferrari's GT4Lusso. Three passengers can join you for a death-defying ride, if you choose. The V-12 engine will inspire excitement with 680 horsepower and a 0-100 km/H in 3.4 seconds.

Another is the Ford GT. It has a long history of turning heads and wowing spectators — casual passers-by will probably think "Ferrari" — and it does it with a 3.5-liter EcoBoost engine, creating a whopping 647 horsepower. Ford also uses the GT as a test bed for new technologies in performance and lightweight materials.

Ford F-150 Police Responder: This is an off-road F-150 decked out in police gear and designed to grab your attention. Capable of speeds up to 100 mph, the all-new F-150 Police Responder features a 3.5-liter EcoBoost® engine and 10-speed transmission, putting out 375 horsepower and 470 lb.-ft. of torque.

Toyota test drives: Visitors will get a chance to tool around in four Toyota models — the C-HR, Camry, RAV4 and Tacoma.

Debuts

2019 Subaru Ascent: The small Japanese brand that taught U.S. drivers about the awesomeness of all-wheel drive is finally making room for the whole family with this seven- or eight-passenger, three-row SUV.

The turbocharged 2.4-liter four-cylinder engine will cre-



The pioneers behind the high-performance 2017 Ford GT designed it not only to win races but also to serve as a test bed for new technologies and ideas for future vehicles across Ford's vehicle lineup.

ate 260 horsepower, so motivation should be easy to find.

With towing capability of up to 5,000 pounds, the Ascent will be a contender, but with just 74.2 cubic feet behind the first row, space will be at a premium.

Subaru reports the Ascent will cruise into showrooms in the summer.

2019 Ford Mustang Bullitt: This new hot rod takes us back to the future.

The limited-edition Mustang Bullitt celebrates the 50th anniversary of the iconic movie "Bullitt," starring Steve McQueen.

The trim level features a 5.0-liter V8 engine that makes at least 475 horsepower and 420 lb.-ft. of torque. The top speed will be at 163 mph. That's 8 mph more than the Mustang GT.

All that power will go to the rear wheels via a six-speed manual transmission featuring the classic white cue-ball knob shifter. Visitors to the show can enjoy the 12-inch instrument cluster, Recaro black leather-trimmed seats, and green accent stitching.

2018 Jeep Wrangler: As much as marketers might disagree, few vehicles truly can be called icons, but the Jeep Wrangler is one. So FiatChrysler throws around the term "all new" with some extra consideration.

Find the 3.0-liter EcoDiesel V-6 option a cool idea, but I am a diesel geek. A 2.0-liter turbocharged inline four-cylinder engine joins the Wrangler lineup, while the 3.6-liter Pentastar V-6 engine is upgraded for 2018. A six-speed manual is standard while an eight-speed automatic is an option.

Pittsburgh International Auto Show

When: Friday through Monday. Charity preview Thursday.

Where: David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Downtown.

Show hours: 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday and Monday.

Price: \$12, seniors and military; \$10, ages 6 to 16; \$6; Monday: \$6.

The company says dozens of door, top and windshield combinations allow for endless configuration possibilities, and I believe them.

Must-see 2018 models

Here's a wrap-up of some 2018 models you'll see there:

2018 Hyundai Ioniq Hybrid: The Ioniq uses a four-cylinder engine mated to an electric motor that captures brake pedal energy to recharge the battery and help conserve fuel economy. A plug-in model is also available for 2018.

The Ioniq borrows the wind-cheating profile of the Prius, but offers shifty drivers a real, honest-to-goodness six-speed shifttable automatic transmission.

The 139 combined horsepower from 1.6-liter engine and 32 kW motor doesn't make a rocket out of the Ioniq.

2018 Genesis G90: This new division of Hyundai separates the wheat from the

chaff, gives the wheat a fancy name, and boosts the price.

But the result is not going to make you think "Hyundai." Mr. Driver's Seat didn't recognize one at first pass, so chances are you won't.

The 5.0-liter V-8 produces 420 horsepower. It rockets the G90 to 60 mph in 5.3 seconds. A silver T handle shifter motivates drivers through the eight-speed automatic operates seamlessly, and shift function is delightful.

2018 Hyundai Sonata Limited 2.0T: This sedan — even without the turbo — offers a great ride, nice handling, and decent performance. A 2016 turbocharged version added even better performance all around, so the same probably holds true for the 2018.

And you'll get the fun features of the expensive brands at a fraction of the price.

2018 Volkswagen Atlas: Volkswagen goes full-on with an effort to capture America's large three-row SUV market.

The Volkswagen Atlas tested had a 3.6-liter V-6 that produces 276 horsepower mated to an 8-speed automatic. A 2.0-liter four provides 235 horses.

2018 Volkswagen Tiguan: This sporty, midsize crossover from Volkswagen has grown up from previous incarnations, and features available three-row seating and more cargo space.

All trim levels of the Tiguan come with a 2.0-liter turbocharged four-cylinder that creates 184 horsepower.

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CoLab18 opens on North Side

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North Side residents envisioned a place to have access and tools necessary to thrive "in this rapidly changing economy that we're very aware of in Pittsburgh today," Ms. Bucco explained.

There's quick internet service. Comcast has enabled gigabit-speed internet access in the space and in surrounding hubs marked throughout Nova Place.

About 150 people can gather for events, and there are digital classrooms, conference rooms and "state-of-the-art" technology available for use. North Side residents get preference.

Programming will focus on community collaboration, education, digital engagement and workforce development. Riverside Center for Innovation, also on the North Side, already has plans to provide entrepreneurship training, while Innovation Works and Alloy 26 will host networking events.

At least 40 groups have committed to providing programming, according to a release.

So far, Allegheny Partners for Out of School Time and United Way's "Be a Middle School Mentor" will host programs, Citizens Bank will provide a four-part series on financial literacy, and BizFIT Construction will bring a training program for construction businesses owned by minorities, women and veterans.

Ms. Bucco emphasized that CoLab18 is meant to create equal access to the benefits of Pittsburgh's

changing economy, noting that such a vision requires the public, private and nonprofit sectors to coordinate.

In total, CoLab18 is a partnership between not only the Buhl Foundation but also Faros Properties, which owns Nova Place; Comcast; Urban Innovation21; Innovation Works; BNY Mellon; and Riverside Center for Innovation.

The partnership together has now committed \$9.3 million to support the One North Side Plan, which includes investments in Nova Place and CoLab18, according to Bob Grove, a spokesman for Comcast Keystone Region. That has grown from \$8.8 million one year ago.

Similar to a library concept, there's no fee for Pittsburgh residents to use the Wi-Fi, conference rooms and other amenities, Mr. Grove confirmed.

The new space is also a partial reaction to a Brookings report published last September, which contained recommendations for Pittsburgh to fully realize the potential of its innovation hubs.

Some of the suggestions included growing and better connecting the Oakland Innovation District to the rest of the regional economy.

That's a worthwhile goal, but the Brookings recommendations should extend past the home of the University of Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon University into the North Side, according to Juan Garrett, executive director of the Riverside Center for Innovation.

"We're definitely going to put the North Side on the map," he said Wednesday. "It's time for us to roll our sleeves up ... and it's time to get to work."

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Ohio group buys Day Toyota in Pleasant Hills

By Patricia Sabatini
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1,800 employees at 33 locations in northern Ohio and one in Florida.

CEO Ken Ganley said he expects to close on the transaction soon, declining to disclose the price. Tentative plans are to open under the Ken Ganley Toyota banner on Feb. 26, he said.

"I've been a Toyota dealer since 1995, and I love Toyota," Mr. Ganley said Wednesday. "When the opportunity presented itself, for me it was a no-brainer."

Day Automotive also has locations in Monroeville, Moon, Uniontown and on West Liberty Avenue in Pittsburgh that carry several brands besides Toyota.

The Toyota location, on Clairton Boulevard, was the only one offered for sale, Mr. Ganley said.

Day Automotive Group owner Debbie Campbell could not immediately be reached for comment Wednesday.

The acquisition of Day Toyota is Mr. Ganley's first entry into Pennsylvania. His company, based in Brecksville in suburban Cleveland and founded by his father in 1968, has about

"I've been in the business my whole life," Mr. Ganley, 43, said. "As a kid, I couldn't get enough of it. When I had days off from school I would make my dad take me to the dealership."

He said he would be open to other acquisitions in the Pittsburgh region, which he called a "tremendous market."

Mr. Ganley said no cuts are planned among Day Toyota's roughly 50 employees. "We plan to grow and hire more," he said. "Maybe over the first year [we plan] to add considerably to the staff."

Ganley is the 27th largest automotive group in the country with sales of \$1.5 billion, according to 2017 rankings by Automotive News. Day ranks No. 128 with sales of \$401.4 million.

The Day acquisition comes on the heels of two other notable deals in the Pittsburgh automotive market last year, including Lithia Motors' purchase of Baierl Automotive and the acquisition of a majority ownership stake in Kenny Ross Automotive by New York-based private equity firm GPB Capital.

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Building to rise in Strip

STRIP, FROM D-1

It also is part of the expanse of property that writer James Parton surveyed from the Hill District when he infamously described Pittsburgh with its smoke-belching factories as "hell with the lid taken off," said Bill Flanagan, chief corporate relations officer for the Allegheny Conference on Community Development. "That's literally how far we've come," he said.

Far from those industrial roots, the Strip now is home to tech firms such as Apple, Uber, Argo AI, and Robert Bosch LLC.

Mr. Deklewa said the new development will honor the Strip's past with antique brick and oversized windows to resemble an old warehouse and its future

with a curtain wall, glass articulations and angles to represent "new ideas and technology."

The new building is being erected on land owned by the Buncher Co. It is part of Buncher's ambitious \$450 million Riverfront Landing development, which is to feature more than 750 units of housing, plus retail and office space, on 37 acres of prime Allegheny riverfront now used mostly for parking.

Construction is expected to take 10 months.

District 15 will be Orangestar's first building in Pittsburgh. The real estate management and investment company also has properties in Texas.

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Fee hike needed

FEES, FROM D-1

only way to balance the program's revenue and expenses would be to furlough 70 staff members, he said.

"I could not pick a less ideal way of funding the office of oil and gas management than this extremely limited and completely unpredictable permit," he said. But, he added later, "it is frankly the only option" that the office has.

The program does not receive an appropriation from the state's general budget fund. It receives \$6 million from the annual impact fees paid by shale gas companies. Last fiscal year, it received nearly \$9.6 million from fines.

Industry groups have balked at the size of the pro-

posed fee hike. The Marcellus Shale Coalition has said it "appears excessive and may be prohibitive for some operators."

Indeed, Mr. Perry said, it is likely the higher fee will lead to a drop in the total number of permit applications as companies get more particular about which projects they propose.

Now, he said, the shale industry drills only about 40 percent of the well permits it receives in Pennsylvania.

DEP is planning to present a report on the state of the program's funding to the Environmental Quality Board, a rule-making body, in March with a formal presentation of the regulatory proposal in May. Usually, it takes a year and a half to finalize a proposed rule, so a higher fee would not likely take effect until the summer of 2019.

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ALL WEEKEND

'wellRED' comedy

Trae "The Liberal Redneck" Crowder, Drew Morgan and Corey Ryan Forrester bring their show "**wellRED: From Dixie With Love**" to the Pittsburgh Improv at The Waterfront, Homestead.

The three stand-up comedians have been touring nationally in support of their best-selling book, "Liberal Redneck Manifesto: Draggin Dixie Outta the Dark."

They note that "This year's tour [is] about celebrating everything great about the South and telling stories from a place of love. It's about dancing to country music at a gay wedding. It's about loving your neighbor whether you have the same religion, skin color or sexual preference, as long as they cheer for the same college football team (Go Vols! ... or Go Dawgs if you're Corey). It is about leaving behind bigotry but remembering the fried okra."

Whoopi Goldberg said of the trio: "The Liberal Rednecks changed not only my thinking but my way of thinking about people. Before them, I didn't realize I had made judgments. It's funny as hell, thoughtful and moving for reasons you would never think you'd be moved by."

Times are 8 p.m. Thursday; 7:30 and 9:45 p.m. Friday; and 7 and 9:30 p.m. Saturday. For tickets: \$25, \$45 VIP; www.improv.com or 412-462-5233.



THURSDAY

Welcome to Machine Head

Bay Area metal band **Machine Head** returns to Stage AE, North Shore, having just released its ninth album "Catharsis."

The first track, "Volatile," rages against alt-right politics and is dedicated to Heather D. Heyer, the counter-protester killed during the white supremacist rally last summer in Charlottesville, Va.

"I feel like metal could really infiltrate the mainstream with this album. And it needs to ... now more than ever," frontman Robb Flynn said in a statement. "A lot of consideration went into making these songs more identifiable to a wider audience. Simplifying ideas, simplifying hooks, really concentrating on storytelling as opposed to 'brutal poetry' or whatever."

Doors at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25; ticketmaster.com.

FRIDAY

Frick opening

The Frick Art Museum will hold a happy hour celebration for the opening of "**Revive, Remix, Respond: Contemporary Ceramic Artists and The Frick Pittsburgh**" at 7227 Reynolds St., Point Breeze.

Exhibition curator Dawn Reid Brean and exhibited artist Beth Lipman will give gallery talks. The event is free and open to the public. There will be a cash bar.

It runs from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The exhibition features works by 20 contemporary ceramic artists who were inspired by, responded to or related to The Frick Pittsburgh's collection. It continues through May 27. Info at 412-371-0600 or TheFrickPittsburgh.org.

THURSDAY

Guitar solo

Alia Music Pittsburgh presents acclaimed guitarist **Kenneth Meyer** performing a selection of five new compositions for solo guitar at Chatham University's James Laughlin Music Hall, 5798 W. Woodland Road, Squirrel Hill.

It begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15, \$10 for students and seniors. Information: aliamusicpittsburgh.org.

ALL WEEKEND

Oscar shorts

In advance of the 90th Academy Awards, the Rangos Giant Cinema at Carnegie Science Center, North Shore, will show the **2018 Oscar-nominated short films** from the animated and live action categories Friday through Feb. 22.

The animated shorts will show at 4 p.m. Friday through Feb. 22 (\$8; \$7 members) and 7 p.m. Feb. 19 and 21 (\$10; \$8 members). The live-action short films will show at 7 p.m. Feb. 16-18, 20 and 22. CarnegieScienceCenter.org/Rangos-Giant-Cinema.

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FRIDAY

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Partygoers are invited to “sip on sparkling spirits and have a roarin’ good time” at the **Senator John Heinz History Center’s 20th annual History Uncorked: Roaring '20s party** for young professionals.

The theme is inspired by the new exhibition “**American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition**,” which captures the era of flappers and suffragists, bootleggers and temperance workers, at the museum in the Strip District.

There will be dancing with the Boilermaker Jazz Band, speakeasy-themed pop-up escape room, food from Pittsburgh’s hottest eateries, and drinks from Wigle Whiskey and Penn Brewery.

It runs from 7 to 11 p.m. Guests must be 21 and over to attend. Tickets are \$65; \$75 at the door; www.showclix.com/event/history-uncorked-roaring-20s.



SATURDAY

Bodies in Motion

The Melwood Screening Room will host “**FEM_BODIED: Black Female Bodies in Motion**,” part of the Luna Park Experimental Film & Media Series, presenting new and rarely seen works by artists testing form and social, cultural and political structures.

Staycee Pearl curates this event with artists Corinne Spencer, Allana Clarke, Alisha Wormsley and Jasmine Hearn presenting a movement workshop and screening series of short films featuring the black female body in motion.

It begins at noon and features workshops, screening and discussion at 477 Melwood Ave., Oakland. The entire day is \$14, or \$7 for only the workshop or only the screening. For more information, <http://cinema.pfpca.org>.



SATURDAY

Pigeon landing

“**The Pigeon Comes to Pittsburgh: A Mo Willems Exhibit**” will make its world premiere at The Children’s Museum of Pittsburgh, North Side, on Saturday and run through Sept. 2.

The interactive, hands-on exhibit, presented in conjunction with the The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art, is inspired by the art and characters of children’s book author and illustrator Mo Willems, whose characters include Elephant and Piggie, Knuffle Bunny, and The Pigeon (“Don’t Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!”).

Activities include The Pigeon Hotdog Launcher, The Pigeon Palace Theater, Cookie Plinko, Wearable Bus, Elephant Piggie Phone and Leonardo the Monster Monster Blocks.

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sundays-Fridays and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturdays. Admission is \$16; \$14 for kids 2-18 and senior citizens. Children under 2 are free; www.pittsburghkids.org.

FRIDAY

Unleashing Skillet

Skillet, a Christian hard-rock/metal band from Memphis, Tenn., touring on its 10th album, “Unleashed,” will headline Winter Jam 2018 at the PPG Paints Arena, Uptown.

Skillet will be joined by worship leader Kari Jobe (featuring Cody Carnes), the Grammy-nominated Building 429, comedian John Crist, hip-hop artist KB, Grammy-nominated tour creators and hosts NewSong, and Dove winner Jordan Feliz.

The Pre-Jam Party will feature worship artist Dan Bremnes, singer-songwriter Mallary Hope and Westover.

“I can’t wait to see what God is going to do on Winter Jam 2018,” said NewSong co-founder Eddie Carswell. “Every year He amazes us with His presence and the people He draws to each venue to hear the Gospel.”

It begins at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 at the door; www.jam-tour.com.



SATURDAY

Closing ceremony

“**Shelter: Crafting a Safe Home**,” an exhibition by 14 artists exploring the issues of human displacement and housing insecurity, will close at Contemporary Craft in the Strip District with special activities.

At 2 p.m., exhibiting artists will share their thoughts on their artwork and the issues explored through “Shelter,” and then at 3 p.m. Pittsburgh dancers Kaitlin Flynn Goodwin and Emily V. Koch will perform “Rendering Home.” Also, a poetry reading will be given by City of Asylum writer-in-residence Osama Alomar, author of “The Teeth of the Comb.”

Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 2100 Smallman St. Suggested donation is \$5; www.contemporarycraft.org.

SUNDAY

Magic and comedy

“**Masters of Illusion: Believe the Impossible**” will bring five magicians from The CW prime-time TV series “Masters of Illusion” to the Palace Theatre, Greensburg, at 3 p.m.

Chipper Lowell, Jarrett & Raja, Michael Turco and Naathan Phan will offer sleight-of-hand, interactive mind magic, comedy, dangerous escapes and large-scale illusions.

Tickets are \$23 to \$60; www.thepalacetheatre.org.

SUNDAY

Steinway concert

The Steinway Society of Western Pennsylvania presents pianist **Katie Mahan** in concert at 3 p.m. at Carnegie Mellon University’s Kresge Theatre, 5000 Forbes Ave., Oakland. Her program includes Gershwin’s Three Preludes and a solo transcription of the composer’s famous “Rhapsody in Blue.”

Tickets are \$20; \$10 for students and free for CMU students with ID; www.sswpa.org.



NEW YEAR FEAST

SQUIRREL HILL OFFERS SOME OF THE CITY'S MOST CAPTIVATING FARE FOR CHINESE HOLIDAY

By Melissa McCart
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Chinese New Year begins Friday and lasts about two weeks, ushering in the Year of the Dog. It's a fine time to explore the Chinese restaurants in Squirrel Hill, the Pittsburgh neighborhood that supports more than 30 Chinese-owned businesses.

Pittsburgh's Chinese community has grown nearly 30 percent in the past four years, stabilizing the city's population that otherwise has been flat: According to U.S. Census figures, the city of Pittsburgh lost more than 2,000 residents from 2010 to 2016.

For those looking for a Chinese New Year feast, the best bet is to call ahead and have a conversation with an owner or a manager to set up a dinner, says Jenny Tao, co-owner of Taiwanese Bistro Cafe 33 (1711 Shady Ave.). That way, a restaurant can pick up specific ingredients to prepare special dishes that might not otherwise be on the menu.

"We don't want expensive ingredients to go to waste," by putting dishes on the menu and hoping they sell, Ms. Tao said a couple of weeks before the New Year had begun.

Even before the holiday, Ms. Tao had already cooked Chinese New Year dinners for those who booked ahead, such as a celebration that took over her dining room last week. Booking sooner is better, although I've found that restaurants are pretty accommodating through the stretch.

Not ready to commit to a big table and a multicourse feast? Visit the neighborhood's restaurants regardless, where there's an air of celebration even if you're stopping in for a straightforward or a modest meal. Read on for some suggestions.

CHENGDU GOURMET (5840 FORWARD AVE.)

The story: Chef owner Wei Zhu has racked up accolades for ambitious Sichuan cooking, offering home-style traditional dishes as well as Modernist styles that are taking hold in Flushing, Queens, where dressed-up dishes and unusual presentations show influence from Spain's El Bulli (now closed) from Ferran Adria or Yu Bo, the Chengdu chef who's garnering national attention for experimental cuisine at Yu's Family Kitchen in the Sichuan province.

The order: Chinese sausage when it's available, served thin-sliced, seasoned with rice wine, clove and star anise; Chinese pickled vegetables; Chinese broccoli with chiles; fish fillets with green peppercorns; seafood with sizzling rice crust.

KA MEI (2209 MURRAY AVE.)

The story: Having moved from Hong Kong to Pittsburgh in the 1980s, Carol Cheng and her husband, Kwok-Wah



A feast at Ka Mei on Murray Avenue in Squirrel Hill, clockwise from top left: Salted squid, congee, Chinese broccoli, crunchy noodles with pork, steamed spare ribs, whole fish remains, fortune cookies, Klondike bar, bitter melon, pea greens.

Melissa McCart/Post-Gazette photos



The pig ear appetizer at Sichuan Gourmet, where, according to owner John Zhuang, 70 percent of his clientele is Chinese.

Cheng, have been cooking home-style meals at Ka Mei since 2006.

The order: Dumplings with chives and pork; cold chicken; pork pan-fried noodles; whole fish special, layered with ginger, scallions and soy; water spinach.



Fish fillets with green peppercorns at Chengdu Gourmet in Squirrel Hill.

SICHUAN GOURMET (1900 MURRAY AVE.)

The story: Co-owner John Zhuang helps run this restaurant with a second location in Oakland — the only one of the two that offers a Xi'an menu of dishes such

as handmade noodles with chili oil, a Chinese burger, sauteed cold glass noodles, and pita in lamb soup.

The order: Here, order jelly noodles with minced pork (Liangfen); thin-sliced pig ear in chile oil; shredded potato with vinegar; fish stew with pickled vegetables and sour mustard greens (hot and sour fish stew); five-spice beef noodle soup.

SAKURA TEPPANYAKI AND SUSHI (5882 FORBES AVE.)

The story: Ping Geng and her husband, Feng Gao, opened a sushi restaurant, yet as people learned they're originally from the Shanxi province, they were asked to cook more regional Chinese fare. Mr. Gao has stepped up his game, logging in time at various Chinese cooking schools abroad and staging in regional Chinese kitchens.

The order: Hot oil noodles, shredded home-style cabbage, Chinese pickled beef, Xinjiang-style chicken for two, Laogul pork ribs.

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**EVERYDAY NOODLES
(5875 FORBES AVE.)**

The story: Owner Mike Chen recruits Taiwanese cooks to prepare hand-pulled noodles and soup dumplings in one of the most popular Chinese restaurants in the neighborhood, where diners pencil an order on a paper menu, then watch cooks convert an arm of dough into thin noodles right there in the dining room.

The order: Soup dumplings; pork, pork and crab, or shrimp and loofah; ox-tail noodle soup consomme, chicken noodle soup consomme, wonton noodle soup; sweet bean paste crispy pancakes (for dessert).

ROSE TEA CAFE (5874 FORBES AVE.)

The story: Rose Tea Cafe was started by Mike Wu and his sisters in a tiny storefront in 2001, serving Taiwanese bubble tea and a limited menu of snack foods. Today it offers an extensive Taiwanese menu, and the space is undergoing an expansion that will double the seating.

The order: Smelled bean curd, aka stinky tofu; fish cakes; three-cup chicken (chunk chicken); salt and pepper shrimp or squid; beef stew noodle soup.

HOW LEE (5888 FORBES AVE.)

The story: There's fine cooking coming out of this restaurant, with the Sichuan



Jung Liu throws and stretches a long strand of dough to make noodles at Everyday Noodles in Squirrel Hill.

menu offering the most intense heat; order one or two dishes and layer with less spicy fare.

The order: All hot: tiger skin peppers, roasted spicy fish, Sichuan kung pao

chicken; pork or beef hot pot.

TAIWANESE BISTRO CAFE 33 (1711 SHADY AVE.)

The story: Owner Jenny Tao opened



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Smelly crispy bean curd, front, and scallion pancake with beef at Taiwanese Bistro Cafe 33 in Squirrel Hill.

the restaurant near Forbes and Shady avenues in Squirrel Hill last September, transforming what used to be a laundromat into one of the most attractive casual restaurants in the neighborhood.

The order: Taiwanese sausage; scallion pancake with beef; stinky tofu (bean curd); soup dumplings; pork intestine in spicy sauce.

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Jeffrey Hatcher reveals clues to 'Holmes and Watson' play

By Sharon Eberson
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Pittsburgh was Paris to Steubenville, Ohio, native Jeffrey Hatcher when he was growing up. But London was all about Sherlock Holmes.

Mr. Hatcher, screenwriter of "Mr. Holmes" and three plays about Arthur Conan Doyle's master detective, grew up reading all of the short stories and novels about Holmes. When he accompanied his parents to England as a 10-year-old, he purchased an iconic deerstalker hat at Harrod's and wore it everywhere he went.

That was 50 years ago, and the bespectacled, bearded writer recalled, "I was really into it as a kid and into early adolescence, but it went back to its proper place for many, many years, by which I mean, I wasn't obsessive."

He returned to Holmes in a big way as an adult, and now his latest play, "Holmes and Watson," has made its way to Pittsburgh, via Andrew Paul's Kinetic Theatre, Friday through March 4. It is the director's fourth play with David Whalen as Holmes — the others were "The Mask of Moriarty," "The Crucifer of Blood," "Sherlock's Last Case" and "The Hound of the Baskervilles."

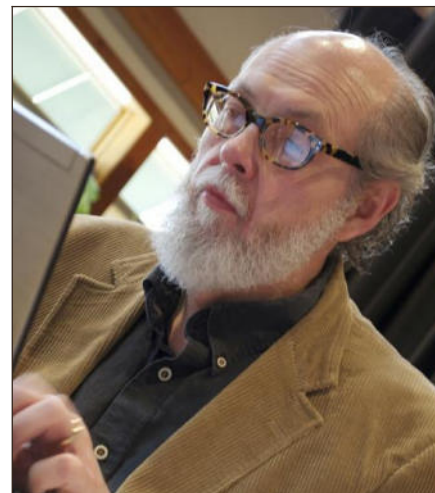
Pittsburgh native Whalen has been mostly on the road in productions from Cincinnati and Baltimore ("Shakespeare in Love" joint production) and Florida ("The Price"). In August, Mr. Whalen will star in the regional premiere of the stage adaptation of Stephen King's "Misery," opening the season for Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park.

The story of "Holmes and Watson" leans more to the detective's sidekick, Dr. John Watson, played by Daryll Heysham. In the aftermath of "Reichenbach Falls," when Holmes is initially thought to be dead, many sightings occur, and Dr. Watson is called on to reveal impostors or possibly identify his presumably lost friend.

Mr. Hatcher described the path that brought him to this story in a telephone conversation last week.

How did writing the screenplay for the 2015 movie "Mr. Holmes," which starred Ian McKellen, lead you back to writing about Sherlock Holmes for the stage?

I was given this book, "A Slight Trick of the Mind," by producer Anne Carey, and she said, "Do you want to make this into a movie?" And that's what "Mr. Holmes" was. And around that same time, I had



Playwright Jeffrey Hatcher's third Sherlock Holmes play, "Holmes and Watson," is being presented by Kinetic Theatre at the New Hazlett Theater, North Side.

been doing a lot of work at Arizona Theatre, and the artistic director there said, "Have you thought about doing a stage Sherlock Holmes?" I hadn't, but I thought a mashup might be fun, so I connected up Holmes with a Robert Louis Stevenson story called "The Suicide Club." [That became "Sherlock Holmes and the Adventure of the Suicide Club."] And I guess I would say, one thing led to another.

How much had you retained from

STAGE PREVIEW

'Holmes and Watson'

Where: Kinetic Theatre at New Hazlett Theater, 6 Allegheny Square E., North Side.

When: Friday through March 4. 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday (plus Feb. 28); 2 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets: \$36, \$99 family package (two adults and two children under 18); showclix.com or 1-888-718-4253.

your childhood readings of Holmes and Watson stories?

I had to re-educate myself. I wouldn't say I re-read all of the stories, but I've certainly gone back to them a good deal. There was even a lawsuit at the time of "Mr. Holmes," regarding what parts of the Conan Doyle canon were available in the public domain and what were still covered by copyright. It's a very murky,

twisty-turny story. I remember there was one line we had to cut from the film because it comes from one of the later stories, written in the 1920s, and those are still covered — at least, that's what the judge ruled.

What sparked the idea for "Holmes and Watson"?

I did another adaptation in the Twin Cities of a pastiche that Larry Millett had written, and I thought I was done. One film and two plays, that's fun. But then when we were doing the Millett play, it sparked an

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idea for this new one. I want to say it's happenstance and accidents, but in the way that people select their accidents, I keep returning to that same well.

What about that experience informed the new play?

The actor Steve Hendrickson [a close friend of Mr. Hatcher's] was playing the lead [in "Sherlock Holmes and the Ice Palace Murders"], and he had emergency surgery at the Park Square Theatre in St. Paul, Minn. So, opening night and the next two nights, the director played the role. They were similar types and height and he used cheat sheets, but then he had to go away. We were frantically trying to find a replacement who was the right height and age, and we checked every 6-foot-1 or -2 actor in town who was thin, ... In the end, I ended up doing it for four performances.

It got me to thinking, "What does the public expect?" They don't expect a chubby, cheerful, short Holmes. ... In a world when there are millions of people who might be mistaken for Sherlock Holmes, wouldn't it be conceivable that three guys claimed to be Holmes in an age where there aren't lots of photographs? People would know who he was but not necessarily what he looked like in the 1890s. So the genesis for the whole idea came from a casting issue.

This seems to be more of a Watson



Suellen Fitzsimmons

David Whalen returns to the role of Sherlock Holmes for Kinetic Theatre, in the local premiere of Jeffrey Hatcher's new thriller, "Holmes and Watson," Friday through March 4 at New Hazlett Theater.

story than a Holmes story ...

Watson never leaves the stage. It's by far Watson's show. ... What I tried to do was come up with something that if you inserted it into the timeline, it would make sense. And the people I've spent time with like the Baker Street Irregulars and other organizations who know much more about Holmes than I do, they love it when it works.

There are certain expectations of Sherlock Holmes, but we have seen Watson played so many different ways on stage and screen.

Watson has a weirdly double-edged sword because the most famous Watson of the 20th century, Nigel Bruce, was charming, but they emphasized a certain dim quality. It was endearing and successful, and he and Basil Rathbone were great friends, but it took a while for that to get wrung out of the system. And we've had wonderful Watsons, from Robert Duvall to Colin Blakely to Edward Harwick to Martin Freeman.

The one thing you must have is the mustache. Once in a blue moon you'll have a non-mustached Watson, and it's shocking. I'm sorry, but there are certain requirements, and we have a bit about that in "Holmes and Watson."

How important is it to get the details right?

Now, Conan Doyle didn't always work. He was always making errors ... sometimes calling someone by the wrong name. But the Baker Street Irregulars and other groups strive to make sense of those errors. To them — I should say us, because I was just inducted into that organization — Holmes is real, Watson's real, and Conan Doyle was merely the editor who was the intermediary. The idea is, if in one story, Dr. Watson's wife calls him James, as she does, and we know him as John Watson, then there is a good reason she called him James.

People believe these characters are real to this day ...

Somebody wrote in The New Yorker about what they called "second-class fiction." You probably wouldn't go swinging for Conan Doyle the way you would for Dickens or Flaubert or F. Scott Fitzgerald. For me, Conan Doyle, like Tolkien and Ian Fleming and John Le Carre ... to create a world that people believe in, somewhat more than their own, we really understand what Baker Street is like. A lot of what we understand about what Victorian England and early Edwardian England were like comes from those stories. They are indelibly imprinted on us, just like M's double-padded door in James Bond or Middle-earth in Tolkien.

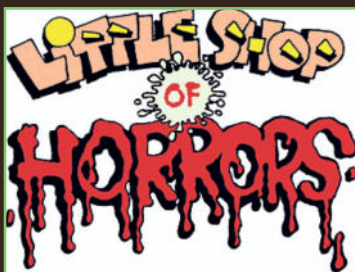
This marks a return to Pittsburgh for one of your works after several at City Theatre, including the world premiere of "Compleat Stage Beauty," and other theaters. What's it like for you coming back to Pittsburgh?

"I've always adored Pittsburgh. I grew up in Steubenville, and Pittsburgh was Paris to me. I used to go with my mother to Jay's Book Stall [in Oakland], and I think every book I ever got about movies and theater, up until college, it was always Jay's Book Stall. I haven't been back in a while, but I hope to return soon.

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At the Benedum Center

Diavolo, as seen on TV, brings multisensory performance to Byham

By Jane Vranish
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

We know that the Pittsburgh Dance Council tries to stay ahead of the trends. But executive director Randal Miller couldn't have predicted that Diavolo: Architecture in Motion, a Los Angeles-based company that celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2016, would make it to the top 10 on NBC's "America's Got Talent" this past season.

How to describe this multisensory performance group, you say?

Artistic director Jacques Heim talks about what it isn't. "Not for the dance intellect purist — that isn't Diavolo," he says. Not commercial. Not movement-based circus — "not at all."

Then what do they do?

The group presents Olympic-sized programs involving giant sets, combined with

DANCE PREVIEW

Diavolo: Architecture in Motion

Where: Byham Theater, Downtown.

When: 8 p.m. Saturday.

Tickets: Sold out.

dance, acrobatics and daredevil tactics.

And how did Mr. Heim get to this point? He admits to being a rebel who was kicked out of six different schools when he was a boy in Paris. He took to the streets, so to speak, as a performer. Not the usual kind, however. For example, he would dress up as a waiter and barge into a restaurant.

It was a form of improvisation, cloaked in artistic aggression, that would become



George Simian

Diavolo: Architecture in Motion performs "Passengers."

his philosophy. But he still had to discover that unique artistic voice.

He would find it in America, in Vermont, where he sought a degree in film, aspiring to be an actor. However, there he found dance, and he embraced its univer-

sal appeal. Middlebury College had a reputation for contact improvisation, whose laws of gravity, inertia and momentum

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were taught by pioneers such as the legendary Steve Paxton.

After Mr. Heim graduated, he followed the interactive aspect of dance to California Institute of Arts, which was "all about collaboration."

It took an earthquake to shake loose his purpose. While living in an apartment building, he saw the residents, who didn't know each other beforehand, share food, blankets and flashlights. He realized that when "put in a state of survival, people come together as a team, as a unit, as a family."

And that became the metaphor for Diavolo, a name that translates into "day" (dia) and "to fly" (volo). It's "not about the hard work that we create on stage, but the process of what is happening in the rehearsal room."

He was able to hone his philosophy during an eight-year teaching stint at UCLA, where his students learned about shaping commitment and creative confidence by climbing on top of a building or standing on a nine-foot wall to perform a dramatic monologue.

Half of his salary went to the burgeoning Diavolo, and it paid off. The company made its mark at the acclaimed Edinburgh Festival. And Cirque du Soleil came calling, which resulted in one of the Montreal group's most popular Las

Vegas attractions, "KA," where Mr. Heim created the movable, tilting, sliding stages.

The company will bring two works that appeared on "America's Got Talent" to the Byham Theater, Downtown. However, Mr. Heim hopes that the audience will "be able to see this beautiful artistic journey that is different from the quick two minutes, three minutes" that appeared on "AGT."

The first is a newer piece, "Passengers," which features a large train-like structure. "At the end of the day, we are passengers on this vehicle called 'Life,'" he explains. Audiences can also glean an undercurrent of metaphors that involve prisoners, refugees and war "going to an unknown destination."

The other piece, considered his signature work, is "Trajectoire" and is dominated by a large rocker resembling a crescent moon. Conceived back in 1999-2000, Mr. Heim encouraged his dancers by saying, "Let's play."

This became a symbol of Diavolo's own trajectory. The work is about "destiny and destination, finding your balance in life. You feel you want to fly, to reach the unknown."

It's something that he still embraces with an unwavering passion.

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LIVING UP TO THE HYPE

MARVEL/DISNEY'S 'BLACK PANTHER' IS AN EPIC POWER STRUGGLE AND A NEW VISION OF AFRICA

By Tony Norman
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Hollywood rarely has anything interesting to say about Africa. It has always been a blank canvas upon which the colonial dreams of white directors are exercised — and exorcised.

In the Hollywood imagination, Africa is the ultimate flyover continent: a place where planes and boats occasionally land to take prehistoric cargo back to civilization — whether in the hold of slave ships or in barges big enough to transport King Kong.

Beautiful shots of savanna and rainforests aside, Africa isn't portrayed as a place where wonder or aspiration goes beyond surviving the next civil war or ebola outbreak.

Last month, when President Donald Trump said that the countries that collectively constitute the continent of Africa were excrement, he was shoveling contempt on top of a longstanding cultural bias shared by many Americans.

With "Black Panther," director Brian Coogler's expansive, open-hearted voyage into the world of Marvel/Disney big-budget superhero franchises, the stereotyping of Africa has finally come to a full stop.

The continent that gave birth to humanity won't look the same on the big screen ever again thanks to the introduction of Wakanda, the fictional home of the most technologically advanced people on the planet.

"Black Panther" picks up shortly after the events of "Captain America: Civil War" in which two factions of the Avengers squared off over the question of civil liberties for super-humans.

T'Challa (Chadwick Boseman) returns home to Wakanda to be crowned king after the assassination of his father, T'Chaka. Though awed by the responsibility that comes with ruling a technological wonderland that has galloped a century ahead of the West, T'Challa is unsure about whether Wakanda is on the right path.

As the movie's opening creation myth sequence makes clear, a major part of his country's exceptionalism is due to the fortuitous arrival of an asteroid made of vibranium that smashed into the area of East Africa eventually settled by the five tribes that founded Wakanda.

Vibranium, a powerful energy absorbing metal gave Wakanda a crucial edge in technological development as the rest of the continent — and humanity — lagged.

For thousands of years, Wakanda's tribes coalesced under a long succession of



Matt Kennedy photo

Chadwick Boseman as the title character in "Black Panther."

leaders who assumed the Black Panther mantle and kept their land safe from invaders and colonizers. They hid their nation from envious eyes by disguising it as a land of tradition-bound shepherds and goat-herders — a move that literally gave Wakanda a "secret identity."

Prompted by Wakandan spy and former lover Nakia (Lupita Nyong'o), T'Challa begins to wonder whether the ancient tradition of hiding Wakanda's technological superiority instead of sharing it with the world is morally tenable, especially on a continent beset by so many problems rooted in underdevelopment and corrupt post-colonial leadership.

Twenty minutes into "Black Panther" the audience is acutely aware that what is on the screen is not typical Marvel/Disney movie fare. The film is unburdened by the weight of what is increasingly a cliched superhero origin story featuring a wise-cracking protagonist who relies on cunning and individuality to save the day and chart his destiny in the world.

While T'Challa has enhanced speed, agility and strength because of a rare plant cultivated by royal shamans, it is also true that every generation of Black Panthers is a collective enterprise requiring cooperation from a community of tribal stakeholders that goes far beyond the royal family.

Black Panthers ascend to the royal throne only after making themselves available to any challenge by representatives of the nation's primary tribes. In doing so, Black Panthers must be temporarily stripped of their powers so that it is a fair battle. Wakanda may be technologi-

MOVIE REVIEW

'Black Panther'

★★★★½

Starring: Chadwick Boseman, Letitia Wright, Danai Gurira, Lupita Nyong'o, Andy Serkis.

Rating: PG-13 for prolonged sequences of action violence, and a brief rude gesture.

cally advanced, but it is not a democracy, so succession to the throne can be brutal, barbaric and bloody.

M'Baku (Winston Duke), the imposing and powerful leader of the tradition-bound mountain tribe challenges T'Challa's claim to the throne in a dramatic battle that sets the stage for an important plot development.

As the movie deftly illustrates when Erik Killmonger (Michael B. Jordan) arrives on the scene to also challenge T'Challa's claim to Wakanda's throne, there's a thin line between enlightened monarchy and nationalistic despotism.

Killmonger's backstory is one of the best things about "Black Panther" because it does a rare thing — it renders a Marvel villain sympathetic, complex and memorable. Mr. Jordan embodies both charisma and menace in every scene like some loud-talking American vacationing in the Motherland.

While Killmonger is an unapologetic murderer and highly trained American

Special-Ops soldier-turned-mercenary, his arguments against Wakanda's isolationism ring true even though his goal of supplying advanced weapons to "revolutionary" movements around the world would result in mass genocide.

Fortunately, "Black Panther" isn't just about a bunch of guys challenging each other to Wakanda's throne. It is also the story of the powerful women who make an orderly Wakanda possible.

General Okoye (Danai Gurira) is the leader of the fierce Dora Milaje, an elite squad of female warriors charged with protecting the Black Panther and the royal family.

Shuri (Letitia Wright) is T'Challa's giddy young sister and the genius-level designer of many of Wakanda's weapons and innovations. She is impatient with her nation's traditions but observes them as long as they don't interfere with her research.

Queen Ramonda (Angela Bassett) is T'Challa's mother and the grieving widow who lost a husband to assassination and could very well lose her son in the battle for the throne.

The most powerful woman involved with "Black Panther" is the one who worked behind the scenes. Cinematographer Rachel Morrison managed to make every frame of the movie pop with the joy of discovery. Because of her sense of design, millions of moviegoers will see Africa through fresh eyes. The way she frames Wakanda from ordinary marketplaces to elevated bullet trains and skyscrapers constitute first-class world-building.

Ms. Morrison and Mr. Coogler successfully resisted the Marvel/Disney temptation of imposing an incoherent action sequence on the third act by making sure that every battle scene made both visual and narrative sense. Consequently, there is more of an emphasis on drama than superpower hijinks throughout the film.

Even so, the movie isn't perfect. Tradition aside, it seems strange that leadership of the most technologically advanced country on Earth would be determined by a brutal fight on a waterfall. It is an absurd plot hole in an otherwise outstanding narrative that dares to ask thoughtful questions about whether a society blessed with an overabundance of technological and natural resources can afford to look the other way while the rest of the world suffers.

There are two post-credit sequences, so stay seated until the lights come on.

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Charting the rise of the world's first black superhero

David Betancourt
The Washington Post

The crown for the world's greatest black superhero has always been worn by the Black Panther.

He was also the world's first. And for more than 50 years, Marvel Comics' African legend has been hurling a black-gloved fist to the stereotypical notion that superheroes of color only work as side characters.

T'Challa, the man under the mask, is a king who rules an African nation that has never been invaded, one that's the most technologically advanced society in the Marvel universe. He's been an Avenger, married and divorced a member of the X-Men, and helped fend off aliens. Few Marvel characters come close to matching his intelligence, and he's traded punches with some of the greatest heroes and villains around and stood tall in the end. Heck, even his grandfather punched Captain America once.

Speaking of the Captain, that indestructible star-spangled shield? It's made of vibranium, a metal mined only in T'Challa's Wakanda.

The Black Panther has allowed comic book fans of color to look past the medium's lack of diversity and take solace in an undeniable fact: He's simply one of the coolest superheroes around. The rest of the world will probably catch up when Marvel Studios releases the hotly anticipated, ecstatically reviewed "Black Panther" movie.

"Sometimes the first character of a category is perfect," said former "Black Panther" comic book writer Reginald Hudlin. "Superman is like that. Batman is like that. Wonder Woman is like that. They are perfect. And Black Panther is like that."

In 1966, Stan Lee and Jack Kirby created the character to correct the lack of superhero representation — just months before the founding of the Black Panther Party. (To avoid controversy, Marvel briefly changed the name to Black Leopard but later realized that just didn't have the same oomph.)

The pair — both white — had brought an awareness of civil rights to their work before. In 1963, they created X-Men, who, while drawn as white, faced discrimination for being mutants. Professor Xavier was seen as a Martin Luther King Jr. figure, while his friend-turned-enemy Magneto took a by-any-means-necessary, Malcolm X-like approach to prejudice.

In Black Panther's first appearance, he defeated the Fantastic Four in their own comic. In the years since, fan-favorite runs of three black writers have come to define the character. Christopher Priest in the 1990s made him a no-nonsense hero with an elite all-female bodyguard squad, the Dora Milaje. Hudlin established Wakanda as an unrivaled kingdom in 2005. Ta-Nehisi Coates, author of "Between the World and Me," took over in 2016 by having the character confront a revolution that questions the legitimacy of Wakanda's monarchy.



Matt Kennedy/Marvel Studios Walt Disney

Chadwick Boseman, left, and Michael B. Jordan in "Black Panther."

Many of the black superheroes who followed Black Panther beat him to the screen. Robert Townsend directed and starred in "Meteor Man," a comedic superhero take in 1993. In 1998, the three-film "Blade" franchise, starring Wesley Snipes as a half-human/half-vampire, was perhaps the movie that helped Hollywood realize the box office possibilities for a Marvel character. Eartha Kitt took on the role of the villain Catwoman on the "Batman" TV show in 1967. Catwoman got her own dreadfully reviewed movie starring Halle Berry in 2004.

In recent years, more black superheroes have populated Marvel and DC films but all in secondary parts, including Cyborg (Ray Fisher) in "Justice League," the Falcon (Anthony Mackie) in "Captain America: Civil War," Storm (Ms. Berry) in the X-Men movies and Nick Fury (Samuel L. Jackson) in "The Avengers." As TV has gotten more superhero shows with more diverse casts, Luke Cage and Black Lightning have gotten self-titled series on Netflix and The CW, respectively.

Black Panther's path to the screen has been rocky. There were rumors of a John Singleton-directed version starring Mr. Snipes in the '90s, but it stalled because of Marvel's bankruptcy issues, its horrible box-office track record at the time, executives unable to separate the hero from the same-name political movement and a lack of modern CGI.

At one point, Mr. Hudlin, director of "Marshall" and producer of "Django Unchained," envisioned making the film. He even read a stack of scripts. One had T'Challa growing up in the projects in America, unaware that he was African royalty.

"They were all awful," Mr. Hudlin said. "I just read [them] and said, 'God, this is everything the movie should not be.'"

But after Marvel Studios cinematic universe started a decade ago and launched successful series such as "Iron Man" and "The Avengers," fans knew it was bound to use its rights to the top black superhero.

Chadwick Boseman was cast in 2014, and the character made his first cinematic appearance in 2016's "Captain America: Civil War." Ava DuVernay ("Selma") was in talks to direct his first solo film, but she and the studio had differences of opinion on the story. Marvel hired Ryan Coogler, acclaimed director of "Fruitvale Station" and "Creed," and cast the star of those films, Michael B. Jordan, as the villain, Erik Killmonger.

Mr. Hudlin said he met Mr. Boseman shortly after the actor was cast, at an awards event in Los Angeles. The two caught each other's eye, smiled, and Mr. Boseman said, "I know you want to talk about it." Mr. Hudlin walked away from that conversation so impressed that he cast Mr. Boseman as Thurgood Marshall in his biopic.

The most important thing, Mr. Hudlin said, is that Marvel got the movie right. "Ultimately, this movie is going to be so huge, it's going to change Hollywood. It's going to change the perception of black films."

If it is indeed successful, one reason will be that the Black Panther's ethos goes beyond superheroics and offers a deeper meaning. Salim Akil, co-creator of the "Black Lightning" TV show, said that the character gets at "the connection that a lot of African-Americans want to have with Africa. We lost that part of us, so it's great to be able to see that in the context of a superhero."

Evan Narcisse, a writer for the blog Io9 who also co-writes "The Rise of the Black Panther" miniseries with Mr. Coates, said T'Challa and his homeland channel a lot of

unspoken desire that black readers have for how they want their collective paths to be represented.

"Wakanda represents this unbroken chain of achievement of black excellence that never got interrupted by colonialism," he said.

Mr. Narcisse, who's Haitian-American, writes a Black Panther series that is "filtered through my own Haitian identity." When writing about the Wakandans' pride in their homeland, he's able to bring in the pride Haitians feel about achieving independence from France.

"We're in a political moment where the president of the United States calls people from Haiti and Africa, he calls those countries 's---holes,'" Mr. Narcisse said. "If you're a young person hearing that ... you need to see a superhero that's smart, cunning and noble who also looks like you. Granted, it's fiction, but superheroes have always had an aspirational aspect to them."

Another writer, Roye Okupe, grew up in Lagos, Nigeria, and after graduating from George Washington University in 2009, he created YouNeek Studios, a self-published line of African superhero graphic novels, including "E.X.O." and "Malika: Warrior Queen." Mr. Okupe said "Black Panther" has an opportunity to show mainstream viewers that there are ways Africa can be portrayed aside from the usual war and corruption. He said he hopes that after its success, "people around the world writing stories like this about Afro-futurism, high-concept fantasy stories based on African culture and African mythology, can be given an opportunity to pitch to movie studios, pitch to TV networks."

"It's not just about showing African-ness into your face. It's showing the different side of a culture that you don't necessarily get to see all the time."

As for hardcore fans on Black Twitter, they made the hashtag #blackpanthersoliti trend before the movie was even in production. In recent months, many have tweeted GIFs and viewed trailers repeatedly, and watched as the cast — which also includes Angela Bassett, Sterling K. Brown, Lupita Nyong'o and Forest Whitaker — tweet images of their characters.

Marvel sees "the impact of Black Twitter, and they're using that to their advantage by creating this mass marketing machine around it," said Jamie Broadnax, founder of the geek culture site Black Girl Nerds.

"Black Panther" is on pace to sell more advance tickets than any superhero film in Fandango's 18-year history. Actress Octavia Spencer is planning to buy out a theater in Mississippi for kids of color, and ESPN journalist Jemele Hill is organizing a screening for 200 students in Detroit.

Ms. Broadnax said the reason for the hype is simple.

"I truly believe that most people in this world want to see diversity in their entertainment," she says. "I think there's a large contingent of folks out there that actually want to see a different kind of superhero."

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Under new name, BBGuns put the boom-bap! into debut album

By Scott Mervis
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

When Lazy JP and Barz Blackman release their new album this week, they don't have to worry about people getting hung up on the name.

The alternative hip-hop duo, previously known as LAZYBLACKMAN, is making its debut album under the new banner of BBGuns.

"We both loved the name LAZYBLACKMAN and were initially reluctant to change, but considering the social climate, we thought it'd be for the best," says Lazy JP (whose real name is Justin Pitkavish). "People wouldn't really get it unless they saw us together, and I didn't want to not be booked or people think less of either of us because of it."

BBGuns has to have one of the more interesting hip-hop origin stories. They both went to Highlands High School in Natrona Heights, but with JP being a year ahead, they didn't know each other very well.

JP was a singer heavily into '90s Britpop and indie hip-hop like Aesop Rocky and Lupe Fiasco. Joel "Barz Blackman" Carter



BBGuns: Lazy JP, left, and Barz Blackman.

had mad rap skills, influenced by Lupe, as well as Nas and MF DOOM.

"I knew Barz rapped a little, but it wasn't until I saw him walking down the street rapping to himself — with very over-the-top "rap hands" — that I decided to reach out and see if he wanted to work on stuff."

He hit him up on Facebook the next day,

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BBGuns

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and they started working together in 2010, leading up to the release of "RAWLAW LP," a mixtape using remixes of classic songs like David Bowie's "Fame," Portishead's "Strangers" and Talking Heads' "Once in a Lifetime."

It doesn't prepare you for BBGuns' "Thirst," an aggressive indie hip-hop album with a refreshing old-school kick.

"Basically, we wanted to find a way to take what worked with the 'RAWLAW LP' and turn that into completely original material," JP says. "Most of the project was done with my roommate C. Scott, who has more of a boom-bap hip-hop sound, so it was a challenge bringing the two styles together. I think we were able to find a nice balance bringing melodic indie-pop hooks

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Pittsburgh's Mars Jackson does a 'Heart Dance'

Mars Jackson, the sole R&B/hip-hop artist on the Pittsburgh label Misra, is offering a taste of his forthcoming album with the single "Heart Dance," a smooth R&B jam over an "electro-boogie" beat produced by Nice Rec and Grand Ear.

It arrives with a video — directed by Jordan Armstrong and shot at Highway Robbery Vintage, a clothing store on the South Side — in which Jackson plays a clerk swooning over a shopper played by Adri Johnson.



Mars Jackson

The album, "Good Days Never Last Forever" (formerly called "Unemployed Faith"), will be released with a show on May 4. In the meantime, Jackson, a singer/rapper originally from New York who grew up in Pittsburgh and graduated from

Schenley High School and Slippery Rock University, plays a gig at Club Cafe on Friday.

"This show is my first headliner show, which there will be more of," he says. "I just want to see how the audience will vibe to my new set and some new songs from the album. I just wanted to provide the score for the audience that night and highlight two other local artists in Benji and Sellers."

It begins at 10 p.m. Admission is \$10; clubcafefive.com.

MATHENY ON MISRA

More in the typical Misra vein is William Matheny, the singer-songwriter from Morgantown, who played keyboards in the West Virginia bands Southeast Engine and guitar in The Paranoid Style.

He will be at Mr. Smalls, Millvale, on Friday for the reissue release show of his

LOCAL SCENE

2016 album, "Strange Constellations." Misra throws around lots of comparisons in describing him, evoking Loudon Wainwright III, Warren Zevon, Elvis Costello and Graham Parker. While he might not have the forceful or distinctive delivery of some of those guys, the Americana singer-songwriter can turn a phrase.

He will be joined by Chet Vincent & The Big Bend, Bindley Hardware Co. and Dan Getkin & The Twelve-Six at 8 p.m. Admission: \$8; \$10 at door; www.ticketfly.com.

BURGH BOYZ FEST

The Burgh Boyz podcast will go live in concert with the first installment of The Burgh Boyz Fest, featuring artists they've had on the show.

It's at The Boiler Room Pittsburgh, 1070 Banksville Ave., Banksville, with Hardo, Asco100k, OWEY, Stunna2Fly, Kizzl, \$TONEY, Palermo Stone, JkJ, Hubbs, Franchise and more.

"It will be at least one or two songs from everyone — from Hubbs to Hardo — so a good mix of music and also a great networking opportunity for any artist that wants to get in the same room with these artists," Mr. Stone says.

"We plan to make this an event that we can do once a month to commemorate our guests from the show, show the city love, and have some fun," says DJ Motormane.

It runs from 7 to 11 p.m., ages 18 and up. Cash bar for anyone 21 and over with a valid ID. Admission is \$10; eventbrite.com.

The Burgh Boyz podcast, which features DJ Spillz, DJ Motormane, Flackwood, Portia Foxx and Quentin Cuff, can be heard on Blogdieradio.com Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

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with lyrical underground hip-hop grit and wordplay."

The goal was to curate the sound, Gorillaz-style, also working with producers Shade Cobain, Glo Phase, Logan Sound and Krackill\$ as well as live musicians, including guitarist Dhruva Krishna and cellist Leland Shaw.

The result is a unique mix-and-match effect on songs ranging from the disco-house pulse of "Dreamcast" to the electro banger "Drive" to the breezier throwback "Lost Soul."

They called the project "Thirst" and chose to release it on Valentine's Day "because it is an ode to the Tinder age," JP says. "I think the millennial generation has its own unique challenges when it comes to dating, love, relationships, sexuality and growing up."

What message does BBGuns have for

them?

It's not easy to define, he says, "but I would say that sometimes we need to find comfort in realizing that when it comes to love, we don't know anything. We spend time replaying past experiences trying to learn and study them, but at the end of the day we need to let go and just live ... find comfort in the unknown."

BBGuns, by mixing and melding genres, seem to relish the unknown, musically speaking.

"We play punk shows, we play funk shows, rap shows, etc.," JP says. "It can be hard sometimes feeling like you don't truly belong to any one scene, but at the same time we are constantly being exposed to new circles and crowds. I personally believe if your work is that good then it will transcend the confines of the genre."

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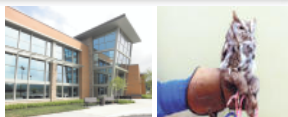
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More to do: Music, comedy and other fun things

ALL WEEKEND: Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre performs “Swan Lake,” the enchanted love story and battle between good and evil at the Benedum, Downtown, with the PBT Orchestra doing Tchaikovsky’s score. Times are 8 p.m. Friday, 2 and 8 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets start at \$28; pbt.org.

ALL WEEKEND: The one-man mystery “The Absolute Brightness of Leonard Pelkey” continues its run at City Theatre, South Side (citytheatrecompany.org), and the musical comedy “A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum” continues at the Pittsburgh Public Theater’s O’Reilly Theater, Downtown (ppt.org). Both wrap up Feb. 25.

FRIDAY: In Bed by Ten, the dance party for people who can’t stay out late, hosts its first dance of 2018 upstairs at Spirit, 242 51st St., Lawrenceville, as a benefit for Day One Project, a charity that works to end the cycle of poverty for single-parent families. It runs from 6 to 9 p.m. Suggested cover is \$5; spiritpgh.com; In-

bedByTenPGH.com.

FRIDAY: The Functional Literacy Ministry of Haiti will host a **Pray for Haiti Day** fundraising celebration at the Lincoln Avenue Church of God, 404 Lincoln Ave., East Liberty, at 7 p.m. The celebration includes music, prayer and history to mark the nonprofit’s 35 years of outreach to the people of Haiti. Free and open to the public. A goodwill donation is welcome. For more information, flmhaiti.org or 412-784-0342.

FRIDAY: ZOSO — The Ultimate Led Zeppelin Experience, formed in 1995, will get the Led out at Stage AE, North Shore. Doors at 8 p.m. \$15-\$20; ticketmaster.com.

FRIDAY: North Carolina band **BIG Something** brings a fusion of funk, rock, jazz and electro to the Rex Theater, 1602 E. Carson St., South Side, at 9 p.m. with The Clock Reads. \$12-\$15; ticketfly.com.

SATURDAY-SUNDAY: The 43rd **Pittsburgh Antiques Show & Sale** will feature 50 vendors bringing all manner of fine antiques and collectibles at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Pittsburgh South,



Stephanie Strasburg/Post-Gazette

Keith Randolph Smith portrays Chuck and other characters in the one-man show “The Absolute Brightness of Leonard Pelkey” at City Theatre, South Side.

164 Fort Couch Road, Bethel Park. The show will include an exhibit, “Mold Makers — The True Artists of the Glass Industry,” from the Historical Glass Club of Pittsburgh. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. Admission: \$5; early buyers (9-10 a.m. Saturday) \$10; under 12 free; www.Pittsburghglassclub.org.

SUNDAY: Marty Willson-Piper, former guitarist for British psych-rock band The Church, does an intimate show at Get Hip Recordings, 1800 Columbus Ave., North Side. On his latest tour, he is joined by his wife, Olivia Willson-Piper, on violin and Hannah Moorhead on bass. Zack Keim, of the Nox Boys, opens the show at 7 p.m. Admission is \$15; all ages; www.gethip.com.

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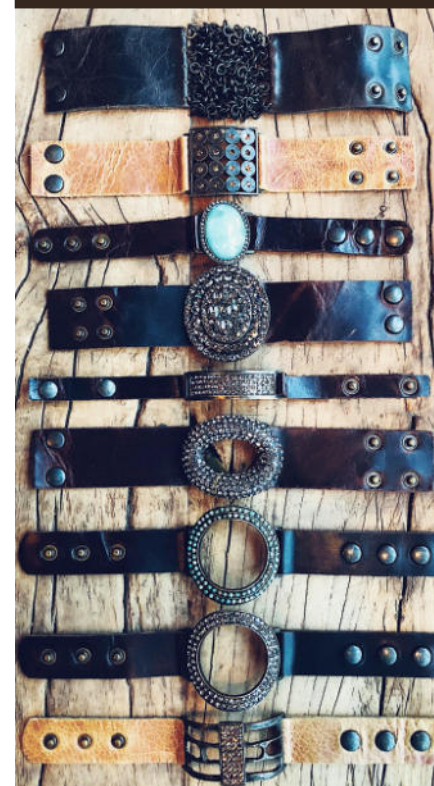
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NEW ON DVD

"Wonder": Julia Roberts and Owen Wilson star as the parents of a young boy born with a "facial difference" (Jacob Tremblay) who must overcome the challenges of going to a regular elementary school for the first time. Rotten Tomatoes score: 85%

"Roman J Israel, Esq.": Denzel Washington plays a liberal lawyer who learns that the firm he's working for has run afoul of his values of helping the poor and dispossessed. With Colin Farrell and Carmen Ejogo. Rotten Tomatoes: 51%

"The Ballad of Lefty Brown": Bill Pullman looks to avenge the death of his longtime partner in this action-packed Western with Jim Caviezel, Peter Fonda, Kathy Baker and Tommy Flanagan. Rotten Tomatoes: 80%

"Blade of the Immortal": Samurai film starring Takuya Kimura and Hana Sugisaki.

"Hellraiser — Judgment": Direct-to-DVD horror thriller.

"Hey Arnold! The Jungle Movie": Animated film based on the Nickelodeon series.

Also: "Monster Family"; "Pokemon the



Dale Robinette

Julia Roberts and Owen Wilson star as parents in "Wonder."

Movie: I Choose You!"

TV on DVD: "Animal Kingdom: The Complete Second Season" "Broad City: Season Four," "The Deuce: The Complete First Season," "The Sinner: Season One."

WHAT'S ON TV

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"Roseanne: The Return" (ABC):

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Chris Stapleton will take the stage on Saturday's "Austin City Limits" on WQED.

NEW, FROM WE-16

Special sneak peek at the upcoming reboot of the sitcom starring Roseanne Barr and John Goodman. 10 p.m.

Friday

"Everything Sucks!" (Netflix): New Netflix comedy series set at an Oregon high school in the 1990s is a clash of drama-club geeks and AV-club nerds.

"Irreplaceable You" (Netflix): Feature film debut from "Veep" producer/director Stephanie Laing is a tear-jerker about a cancer diagnosis that interrupts the lives of young lovers played by Gugu Mbatha-Raw and Michiel Huisman.

"Mozart in the Jungle" (Amazon): Season four (10 episodes) of this romantic drama about a fictional New York Symphony, based on the memoir of Blair Tindall, will be released in the wee hours.

Saturday

"Austin City Limits" (WQED): Gritty Grammy-winning country rocker Chris Stapleton hits the "ACL" stage.

NEW MUSIC FRIDAY

I'm With Her, "See You Around":



Superchunk's "What a Time to Be Alive."

Debut album from the super-trio of folk/bluegrass singer-songwriters Sara Watkins, Sarah Jarosz and Aoife O'Donovan.

Superchunk, "What a Time to Be Alive": First album in four years from the veteran

North Carolina indie-rock band is billed as a defiant protest record written in the aftermath of the 2016 election.

Senses Fail, "If There Is Light, It Will Find You": Jersey post-hardcore group promises a "dramatic shift" back to the band's rock roots on this seventh album.

Laurie Anderson & Kronos Quartet, "Landfall": First collaboration between the avant-pop songwriter and the string quartet is a piece inspired by Ms. Anderson's experience during Hurricane Sandy.

GAMING

"Fe" (EA): Swedish studio Zoink Games describes it as "a wordless adventure, exploring and unearthing the secrets of the forest through sight and sound." (Friday)

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BLACK PANTHER ★★½ After the death of his father, the King of Wakanda, T'Challah returns home to the isolated, technologically advanced African nation to succeed to the throne and take his rightful place as king. PG-13 for prolonged sequences of action violence, and a brief rude gesture. 134 min. *AMC Delmont, Mt. Lebanon, South Hills, Waterfront & Westmoreland; Century Square; Cinemark Monroeville, North, Robinson & Tarentum; Cranberry; Dependable; Penn Hills; Phoenix CV & NV; SouthSide Works; Tull; Waterworks.*

EARLY MAN Set at the dawn of time, Early Man tells the story of Dug,

along with sidekick Hognob, as they unite his tribe against a mighty enemy Lord Nooth and his Bronze Age City to save their home. PG for rude humor and some action. 89 min. *AMC Westmoreland; Cinemark Monroeville, North, Robinson & Tarentum; Phoenix CV & NV.*

SAMSON After losing the love of his life to a cruel Philistine prince, a young Hebrew with supernatural strength defends his people, sacrificing everything to avenge his love, his people and his God. PG-13 for violence and battle sequences. *Cinemark Tarentum.*

CURRENT MOVIES

DARKEST HOUR ★★½ During

movie guide

Key: Movies are rated on a scale of ★ (bomb) to ★★★★★ (classic).



PETER RABBIT ★★½

Feature adaptation of Beatrix Potter's classic tale of a rebellious rabbit, voiced by James Corden, trying to sneak into a farmer's vegetable garden. PG for some rude humor and action. 93 min. *AMC Westmoreland; Cinemark Monroeville, North, Robinson & Tarentum; Dependable; Penn Hills; Phoenix NV; SouthSide Works.*

the early days of World War II, the fate of Western Europe hangs on the newly appointed British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. PG-13 for some thematic material. 125 min. *AMC Westmoreland, Cinemark Tarentum, Phoenix CV.*

DEN OF THIEVES Crime saga follows the lives of an elite unit of the LA County Sheriff's Department and the state's most successful bank robbery crew. R for violence, language and some sexuality/nudity. 90 min. *Phoenix NV; SouthSide Works.*

THE 15:17 TO PARIS ★★½ Clint Eastwood directs this thriller based on the true story of three Americans who thwart a 2015 terrorist attack on the Thalys train from Amsterdam. Spencer Stone, Anthony Sadler and Alek Skarlatos star as themselves. PG-13 on appeal for bloody images, violence, some suggestive material, drug references and language. 94

min. *AMC Westmoreland; Cinemark Monroeville, North, Robinson & Tarentum; Dependable; Phoenix CV & NV; SouthSide Works.*

FOREVER MY GIRL After being gone for a decade, a country star returns home to the love he left behind. PG for thematic elements including drinking and language. 104 min. *AMC Westmoreland, Cinemark Tarentum.*

FIFTY SHADES FREED Just as Ana steps into her role as Mrs. Grey and Christian relaxes into an unfamiliar stability, new threats could jeopardize their happy ending before it even begins. R for strong sexual content, nudity and language. 105 min. *AMC Westmoreland; Cinemark Monroeville, North, Robinson & Tarentum; Penn Hills; Phoenix CV & NV; SouthSide Works.*

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P.T. Barnum and the birth of show business. PG for thematic elements including a brawl. 105 min. *AMC Westmoreland; Cinemark Monroeville, North, Robinson & Tarentum; Phoenix CV & NV; SouthSide Works.*

HOSTILES ★★½ In 1892, a legendary Army captain reluctantly agrees to escort a Cheyenne chief and his family through dangerous territory. R for strong violence, and language. 134 min. *AMC Westmoreland.*

I, TONYA The dark comic story of figure skater Tonya Harding, her scheming husband, hard-driving mother and the infamous attack on rival Nancy Kerrigan. R for pervasive language, violence and some sexual content/nudity. 120 min. *AMC Westmoreland, Tull.*

INSIDIOUS: THE LAST KEY ★★ Parapsychologist Dr. Elise Rainier faces her most fearsome and personal haunting yet, in her own family home. PG-13 for disturbing thematic content, violence and terror, and brief strong language. 103 min. *Phoenix NV.*

JUMANJI: WELCOME TO THE JUNGLE ★★½ Four teenagers discover an old video game console and are drawn into the game's jungle setting. PG-13 for adventure action, suggestive content and some language. 119 min. *AMC Westmoreland; Cinemark Monroeville, North, Robinson & Tarentum; Dependable; Phoenix CV & NV; SouthSide Works.*

LADY BIRD ★★★ The adventures of a young woman living in Northern California for a year. R for language, sexual content, brief graphic nudity and teen partying. 93 min. *AMC Westmoreland.*

MAZE RUNNER: THE DEATH CURE Thomas (Dylan O'Brien) embarks on a mission to find a cure for a deadly disease known as the "Flare" in this finale to the "Maze Runner" series. PG-13 for intense sequences of sci-fi violence and action, language, and some thematic elements. 142 min. *AMC Westmoreland; Cinemark Monroeville, Robinson & Tarentum; Phoenix CV & NV.*

PADDINGTON 2 ★★½ Paddington the bear, now happily settled with the Brown family, picks up a series of odd jobs to buy the perfect present for his Aunt Lucy's 100th birthday, only for the gift to be stolen. PG for some action and mild rude humor. 103 min. *Phoenix CV.*

PHANTOM THREAD ★★★★★ Set in 1950s London. Reynolds Woodcock, a renowned dressmaker, has his life disrupted by a young strong-willed woman who becomes his muse and lover. R for language. 130 min. *Tull.*

THE POST ★★½ A cover-up that spanned four U.S. presidents pushed the country's first female newspaper publisher and a hard-driving editor to join an unprecedented battle between journalism and government. PG-13 for language and brief war violence. 115 min. *Cinemark North, Robinson & Tarentum; Phoenix CV.*

THE SHAPE OF WATER ★★½ In a 1960s research facility, a mute janitor forms a relationship with an aquatic creature. R for sexual content, graphic nudity, violence and language. 123 min. *AMC Westmoreland, Phoenix CV, SouthSide Works.*

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