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Maestro on fire

Music director celebrates 10 years with Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra

By Jeremy Reynolds
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The music director of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra is not one to pass up a cookie.

“My donors know I am Austrian. They like to buy me mementos,” he said, passing a tin of Austrian sweets around a room in Heinz Hall during a recording session.

He looked crestfallen when someone tried to decline. “But this is more important than work!” he insisted.

Mr. Honeck is celebrating his 10th anniversary as music director of the PSO. That’s 10 years of world premieres, European tours, a labor strike, collaborative projects with Music for the Spirit and other Pittsburgh institutions, internationally acclaimed recordings and this year, a pair of Grammy awards.

But aside from his accolades and musical stardom, he’s got a bit of a sweet tooth. And he likes Starbucks. A lot.

“I like the coffee,” he said, happily noting that American espressos (his standard

fare is a double espresso) come in larger cups than in Europe.

“I enjoy watching the people and families in the mornings in the Market Square.”

Born in the small town of Nenzing, Austria, in 1958, Mr. Honeck experienced a meteoric career rise. He graduated from the Academy of Music in Vienna, performing both as a violinist and violist. (It’s difficult though not uncommon for a musician to master both instruments.) He performed with the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra

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Trump escalates trade war

Threatens European carmakers with tariffs

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President Donald Trump on Saturday threatened to hammer European automotive companies with steep tariffs as his global trade war snowballed into a third day.

Mr. Trump, in a series of Twitter posts while at his Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida, appeared to be responding to warnings from European leaders that his promised tariffs on aluminum and steel would trigger retaliation from numerous major U.S. trading partners.

“If the E.U. wants to further increase their already massive tariffs and barriers on U.S. companies doing business there, we will simply apply a Tax on their Cars which freely pour into the U.S. They make it impossible for our cars (and more) to sell there. Big trade imbalance!” Mr. Trump tweeted Saturday.

The U.S. imposes a 2.5 percent tariff on the import of foreign cars and a 25 percent tariff on the import of foreign trucks and commercial vans. The European Union charges a 10 percent tariff on the import of cars.

On Thursday, Mr. Trump shocked the world — and many of his top advisers — with an off-the-cuff announcement that the United States would impose a tariff of 25 percent on steel imports and 10 percent on aluminum imports. Canada’s leadership said they would retaliate with tariffs on U.S. exports.

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New gambling venues to turn I-79 area into casino corridor

Mini-casinos planned for sites in Western Pa.

By Gary Rotstein
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A couple of years down the road, the 180-mile drive along Pennsylvania’s stretch of Interstate 79, north to south, could be a dream for slots lovers or blackjack players.

With three existing casinos and two proposed mini-casinos all potentially just a brief side trip from an I-79 exit, anyone thirsting for an occasional taste of gambling could get it almost as conveniently as a cup of coffee or burger — about every 30 to 60 minutes.

Put this new Western Pennsylvania casino corridor together with another mini-casino planned farther east in Westmoreland County and the existing little resort casino in Fayette County, and it will be hard for anyone in the region to complain about driving time to a gambling hall.

Whether that’s a good thing or bad thing depends on one’s point of view, but it’s becoming the norm across the country, with Pennsylvania — in its desperation to solve

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18th District Special Election

Sharp exchanges mark Saccone-Lamb debate

By Chris Potter
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Rick Saccone and Conor Lamb agreed that Pennsylvania steelworkers need protection from foreign imports. But that was about as far as the consensus between the two congressional candidates extended during a Saturday night debate on WTAE-TV.

The two men are running to fill the vacancy left by the departure of Tim Murphy in Pennsylvania’s 18th Congressional District. The district encompasses portions of four southwestern Pennsylvania counties where steel still looms large, and both men spoke approvingly of President Donald Trump’s proposed tariffs of 25 percent on steel and 10 percent on aluminum.



Conor Lamb

Rick Saccone

“I do agree that we have to take some action,” said Mr. Lamb, a Democrat and former federal prosecutor from Mt. Lebanon. “For too long China has been making cheap steel, and they’ve been flooding the market with it.”

“I believe our steelworkers can compete with anybody in the world, as long as the playing field is level,” said Mr. Saccone, a Republican state representative from Elizabeth Township. “I think President Trump is trying to even the scale back out.”

But things quickly turned sour after that. Mr. Lamb questioned Mr. Saccone for having voted “to allow the use of foreign steel instead of American steel” in infrastructure projects.

That echoed claims in a Democratic attack ad that faulted Mr. Saccone for voting against a measure to give preferential treatment to domestic companies for public-private partnerships.

Mr. Saccone’s vote ultimately had no impact on the final bill,

and he said he’d advocated for local workers by fighting against regulations and taxes.

“I’ve stood for the union workers, and that’s why they’ve voted for me in droves.”

The two men revisited some issues from a debate aired on KDKA-TV last month.

Mr. Lamb, for one, urged Mr. Saccone to announce his opposition to some \$200 billion in Medicare cuts envisioned in Mr. Trump’s proposed budget.

Mr. Saccone did not specifically reject the budget, but said he “would never advocate” cutting such programs.

He then turned the attack by arguing that “the biggest cut to

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Democrat looks to win in Trump Country

By Tracie Mauriello
Post-Gazette Washington Bureau

He has the idealism of a political newcomer, the drive of a federal prosecutor, the stamina of a Marine and the frustration of a voter tired of Washington gridlock. Conor Lamb is all those things

and one thing more: a candidate who gives Democrats a fighting chance to take the 18th Congressional District. The last time that seat changed hands was in 2002 after redistricting pushed Democrat U.S. Rep. Mike Doyle into the

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Republican working to keep district red

By Chris Potter
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

He’s called himself “Trump before Trump was Trump.” And like the president he greeted on the airport tarmac during a Pittsburgh visit this winter, state Rep. Rick Saccone has shown he can

win even where the landscape might seem to favor Democrats. In 2010, the staunchly pro-gun Republican and Air Force veteran won his 39th District state House seat from a 26-year incumbent, Democrat David Levdansky.

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It's a tricky little route from riverside tech to Oakland

In concept, it could hardly be simpler, a shuttle service running a fairly straight, roughly two-mile line between the Hazelwood Green development and the Oakland hospital and university campuses.

It would knit the brainpower at both ends and also give commuters from Hazelwood and beyond a free — temporarily, at least — way to get to and from jobs in Oakland. The prospect of getting cars and hospital employee parking shuttles off South Oakland's congested streets has more than a little appeal there.

But those commuters would still travel somewhere, and the Mon-Oakland Connection isn't seen the same way in the valley that stands to be that new somewhere. A little more than two years in, the story of this seemingly direct and possibly driverless north-south shot has taken more twists and turns than Kennywood's Thunderbolt.

The latest wrinkle is a kind of smart card or app for the residents of Four Mile Run, the slice of Greenfield more commonly called "The Run." Residents there, rightly wary of their neighborhood becoming a park-and-ride once a free shuttle arrived, would be allowed to board the shuttle there — but nobody else could.

That's the suggestion from Karina Ricks anyway. She was appointed director of the city's new Department of Mobility and Infrastructure a year ago, and was thus thrust into this project, mid-puzzle. She occasionally takes time out from dealing with landslides elsewhere to work on it.

Ms. Ricks' glass-half-full take on this is that the shuttle should be free for the first two years, with the partnership of the Hazelwood Green consor-



tium and the major Oakland employers paying for it. But they're figuring this out as they go along so nobody can consider that a promise.

A driverless electric vehicle could carry 15 passengers and move at a quiet pace, like a bicycle, she said. The fleet likely would travel Joncaire Street in Panther Hollow but "they're not flying through the neighborhood running over puppies. They'd move at a very human speed at a very human scale."

This thing could be so high-tech there wouldn't need to be traditional stops in the way of traditional transit. Ms. Ricks likened it to the smart elevators in skyscrapers, such as One Oxford Centre, where only carded employees can ride, and elevators can sort the riders by floors. An even better comparison might be to Uber, which has a test track for driverless vehicles on some of the 178 riverfront acres of Hazelwood Green.

"There'd be an app like for Uber or Lyft" and "only residents of The Run can speak to vehicle," Ms. Ricks said. Anyone else trying to hop aboard in The Run would be bypassed like any hapless, apless jamoke trying to hail an Uber. The shuttle might be augmented with stops in Hazelwood where anyone could trip a vehicle beacon; census data show Oakland is a top destination for commuters living close to this route, and most drive alone.

Ellen Gula of the Run Resident Action Team appreciates the city is listening and trying to address her neigh-

borhood's concerns. It had been a park-and-ride for years before the city put in a bike lane and took away parking on Saline Street. But, Mrs. Gula said, the proposed technology is "a little scary to me." Plenty of her older neighbors are appa-

verse, too, and the younger ones just bike the trail to Oakland. The Run's principal desires are clear, foremost being the city addressing the chronic flooding of the neighborhood before fiddling with transit connections. Ray Gerard, an early critic, gives the city credit for making accommodations, but says the list of unknowns is still too long.

For one, with Uber involved, how long can anyone reasonably expect this shuttle to stay free? For another, with the city using Hazelwood Green in its pitch from the Amazon HQ2, what other promises are being made?

Jonah McAllister, spokesman for Pittsburghers for Public Transit, likes the idea of faster connections for Hazelwood, Greenfield and Oakland, and says the plan has gotten better after two years of citizen input. But he'd like to see more involvement of the Port Authority because public-private partnerships "could slowly starve the greater system," Mr. McAllister said.

Anyone regularly stuck in the city's rush-hour crawl has to be rooting for a way out of it, or at least get some other cars out of it. If the city's wooing of high-tech has that result as a by-product, great, but the Peduto administration should keep listening to the people who already drive, walk and bike the streets. They know the terrain.

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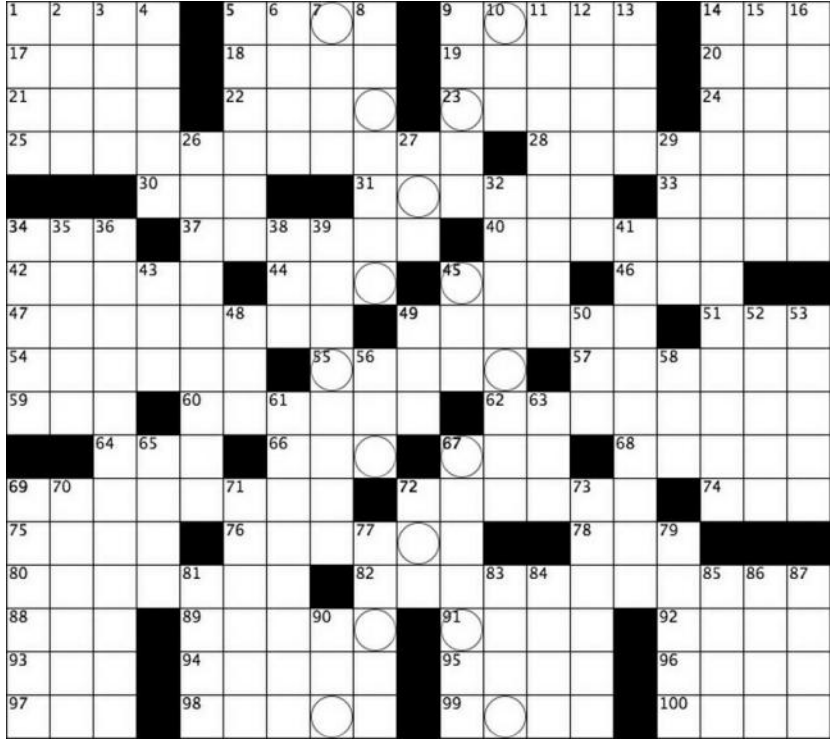
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- 14 Flight watchdog agcy.
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- 18 Delhi garment
- 19 Guthrie and namesakes
- 20 Slo-mo reviewer
- 21 Letter opener?
- 22 __ impasse
- 23 New, in Napoli
- 24 Form 1040 calc.
- 25 One of two scientists awarded the Nobel Prize for the discovery, announced Feb. 28, 1953, of the structure of DNA
- 28 Tennessee home of the University of the South
- 30 Biol., e.g.
- 31 Springtime religious holiday
- 33 Golden State sch.
- 34 Rank above maj.
- 37 Bait buyer
- 40 With 69-Across, British scientist whose x-ray photographs facilitated the two Nobel winners' discovery
- 42 "The Core" director Jon __
- 44 Assistance
- 45 Cacophony
- 46 Cavity filler's deg.
- 47 Indulge
- 49 "Laughing" animal (Brit. spelling)
- 51 Frosty's pipe
- 54 Ballroom form of a Cuban dance
- 55 Ladies' club policy
- 57 __-pants
- 59 Smallish batteries
- 60 College major, for short
- 62 More expressionless
- 64 Lobbying grp.
- 66 Mao's successor
- 67 Oktoberfest offering
- 68 Prefix with economics
- 69 See 40-Across
- 72 Subtitle of the sequel "Damien"
- 74 They're related
- 75 Sound of a heavy fall
- 76 Luisiana or Misisipi, por ejemplo
- 78 Price abbr.
- 80 Put a new tag on
- 82 DNA's "twisted ladder" structure, represented in this grid's circled letters
- 88 Kimono belt
- 89 French actor Delon or chef Ducasse
- 91 Skylab org.
- 92 Apparel
- 93 Suffix with bass or ball
- 94 Ancient ink for temporary tattoos
- 95 '90s sci-fi TV's "Time __"
- 96 "Boy, this place is __!"
- 97 UPS delivery

DNA



- 98 Family car
- 99 Make full
- 100 Forest cat

DOWN

- 1 Trek to Mecca
- 2 Vicinity
- 3 "The King and I" setting
- 4 Whittles (down)
- 5 How something might be "chalked up"
- 6 Spreadsheet info
- 7 "Dagnabbit!"
- 8 Oil from flax used in paint
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- 10 R&B's __ Hill
- 11 Squeaker
- 12 Trysting pair
- 13 The middle of Caesar's boast
- 14 Research partner of 25-Across who shared the Nobel
- 15 Sea crossed by Argonauts
- 16 Far __: out there
- 26 Reduce in scope
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- 29 New Year's song word
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- 35 Nebraska city
- 36 American scientist whose discoveries inspired 25-Across and 14-Down
- 38 Gangster's gun
- 39 Rite of passage for the Maasai

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- 45 Colorant
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- 49 Medical ins. plan
- 50 CIA cousin
- 52 "SNL" alum Cheri
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- 61 Iconic Woody Guthrie song, briefly
- 63 Quarterback Dawson
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Manfred Honeck celebrates 10 years with PSO

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as a violist and later was a guest conductor.

He studied conducting with the likes of Claudio Abbado and Leonard Bernstein, and after a period of conducting youth orchestras in the 1980s, made the leap to the big time in 1991 with the Zurich Opera. After leading the Oslo Philharmonic, Swedish Radio Orchestra, Leipzig MDR Symphony Orchestra and others, Mr. Honeck began his tenure with the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra in 2008.

At the time, he said to the Post-Gazette: “It is no exaggeration to say that the orchestra and I got on like a house on fire.”

Ten years later, for his work with the PSO as well as his international efforts, the International Classical Music Awards selected Mr. Honeck as the 2017 Artist of the Year, an accolade indicative of the maestro’s success on the international stage.

Family man

One of nine children himself, Mr. Honeck and his wife, Christiane, have six children and several grandchildren. His family still lives in Altach, Austria, near the Swiss border. For 10 years and counting, the conductor has stayed in a corner suite at the Fairmont Hotel Downtown whenever he has business in Pittsburgh, which is often.

“I always wanted to use the gym here, so I used to bring my sports shoes with me,” he said. “But I just have no time, so eventually I gave up.”

The Fairmont’s front desk agents and waitstaff at its FL2 restaurant greet Mr. Honeck with a familiar “Hello Maestro!” when he passes through. He’s fond of FL2’s Arnold Palmers and recommends the rotisserie chicken salad.

Before lunch, Mr. Honeck says grace — no muss, no fuss — then talks about the time he conducted the Christmas Mass for the pope. He noted that Christmas is usually a time reserved for family.

When the Honecks visit Pittsburgh, he takes them to Steelers games, museums, and when the children were younger, Kennywood. They go for long drives, and on one such drive, detoured to see the Amish.

“Amusement parks are nothing new, but visiting the Amish was amazing to experience,” Mr. Honeck said. “We had to see if it was really true if they drive not cars but horses. And they were there. It was fascinating to see the families. We went to an Amish shop and I was impressed. The quality of the food was so good — a little expensive but so good.”

Pittsburgh days

After a decade here he’s a familiar figure around the city, and he speaks kindly with anyone, from fellow



Andrew Rush/Post-Gazette photos

Manfred Honeck leads the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra during practice at Heinz Hall.

diners at the Duquesne Club to drifters that sometimes hang out near Heinz Hall.

Catholic to the core, Mr. Honeck attends morning Mass every day he’s in town at St. Mary of Mercy Church on Stanwix Street, Downtown. He also prays before each performance with a small group of musicians, some Catholic, some not.

“He sits toward the back and off to the side,” said Monsignor Ronald Lengwin, a vicar for the Pittsburgh Catholic Diocese who’s known Mr. Honeck since his earliest visits to the city. “That’s the way he lives his life, really. He’s an inspired but humble man of very deep faith.”

The rest of Mr. Honeck’s day, often scheduled down to the minute, is filled with rehearsals and meetings with musician committees, interviews to promote PSO concerts, board lunches, quick caffeine fixes across the street from Heinz Hall at Starbucks, and of course, conducting the PSO.

He’s worked out a deal with Vallozzi’s Pittsburgh, the Italian restaurant on Fifth Avenue, so that they stay open until 11 p.m. on concert nights for Mr. Honeck and a few guests.

“He likes his beer warm,” said owner Julian Valozzi.

Mr. Honeck generally orders Stella Artois or Full Pint’s White Lightning, and he always orders tiramisu.

“He’s not a life-of-the-party kind of guy, but he’s good company,” Mr. Valozzi said.

The maestro also likes



Mr. Honeck is not a typical maestro, says Anne Martindale Williams, PSO’s principal cellist.

the food at the Duquesne Club, Peter Allen’s and Pizaiolo Primo on Market Square. (He prefers the outdoor seating as it gets a bit loud inside.)

“I like to watch people. I like to see how they live here,” he said.

People often recognize Mr. Honeck and come up to chat on his coffee runs, even more so since the orchestra’s Grammy win. In January, Mr. Honeck and the PSO’s “Shostakovich: Symphony No. 5; Barber: Adagio,” recording earned a pair of Grammy Awards for best orchestral performance and best engineered album, classical.

Conductor on fire

According to Anne Martindale Williams, principal cello of the PSO since 1979, Mr. Honeck sticks to his roots and emphasizes a Viennese style in his conducting.

“He focuses on the overall pulse rather than micro-managing rhythm,” she said. “Each music director has brought success differently, but Manfred’s really not a typical maestro. He’s very concerned with our well-being.”

Mr. Honeck is reserved but energetic, soft-spoken in conversation but a steely commander on the podium. He’s praised worldwide for

his interpretations of Mahler, Beethoven, Strauss and Bruckner, but he’s often cast as a traditionalist in terms of programming new repertoire.

In a rehearsal last fall, he demonstrated his trademark attention to detail, coaxing life out of every phrase and note, asking for adjustments to everything from the violinist’s bow speed (“pull the bow more quickly, like you are starting a fire”), to the dynamics and articulation in the winds (“It’s important to play *piano* only here, and not too heavy. The legato is very important here.”).

“His programming may

be traditional, but he knows how to take an old warhorse and create something refreshing,” said Ed Stephan, a former principal timpanist of the PSO.

“There’s nothing typical about him. I remember leaving rehearsals feeling as though my pants were on fire,” said Mr. Stephan, now principal timpanist of the San Francisco Symphony Orchestra.

Mr. Honeck’s contract expires at the end of the PSO’s next season, in 2020. For the latest tax year for which Internal Revenue records are available, 2015, his compensation was listed as \$918,550.

While it’s too soon to predict, it’s possible that there will be a new leader for the city’s cultural crown jewel. In the meantime, the orchestra is set to release several more recordings, some of which might become Grammy contenders.

In an early morning recording editing session, Mr. Honeck asked a technician if it would be possible to edit out the sound of him stomping his feet enthusiastically while conducting.

When the technician responded in the negative, Mr. Honeck smiled and branched his tin of Austrian cookies: “How about now?”

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President escalates trade war

TARIFFS, FROM A-1

European Commission president Jean-Claude Juncker said his bloc planned to hit back at the U.S. by imposing tariffs targeting Kentucky bourbon, Harley-Davidson motorcycles, and Levi’s blue jeans.

On Friday, Mr. Trump wrote in another Twitter post that “trade wars are good, and easy to win.” He also promised to enact what he called “RECIPROCAL TAXES” on any country that has a tariff against any U.S. good or service.

Mr. Trump’s message on Saturday continued to levy direct attacks at U.S. allies and some of the world’s largest economies. The tariffs on aluminum and steel and large tariffs on European automakers would have the biggest impact on Canada, the United Kingdom, Germany, South Korea, Turkey, and Japan, countries with which the U.S. has extremely close national security ties.

During the 2016 campaign, Mr. Trump often said he planned to use the White House to focus squarely on

what he viewed as trade imbalances caused by China and Mexico, but the moves he’s threatened in the past week would likely have little impact on them.

China has dramatically ramped up production of aluminum and steel in the past 20 years, leading to a glut of both metals that have hurt U.S. companies. But they don’t account for a large share of U.S. imports in these metals, making it more difficult for the White House to impose direct penalties. Instead, the largest exporters of steel to the U.S. are Canada, Germany, South Korea, and other top allies.

On Friday, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau called the tariff proposal “absolutely unacceptable,” using the same phrase as Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland, who also threatened retaliatory measures if Canada isn’t exempted from the trade actions.

Mr. Trump’s new attack on European automakers is mostly a direct threat at Germany, which exported \$23 billion in cars to the United States in 2016, according to

data aggregated by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. But large German automakers also have a sizable presence in the United States, with BMW employing thousands of workers in South Carolina and Volkswagen employing thousands more in Tennessee. Those manufacturers produce hundreds of thousands of cars in the United States each year, many of which are later exported to buyers in Asia and Europe.

Mr. Trump often looks at trade relationships as a zero-sum game, complaining if the United States buys more goods and services from other countries than it sells to them. To that end, U.S. firms sold \$53 billion in exports and imported \$118 billion in goods from Germany last year, the kind of dynamic that he has often complained about.

But critics of Mr. Trump’s approach have often complained that tariffs and trade wars only drive up costs for domestic consumers, a move that would make German cars more expensive for U.S. consumers. Mr. Trump also

has said these sorts of threats could incentivize foreign companies to expand their U.S. operations so they don’t have to pay the import fees.

Mr. Trump has been hammering the German auto industry since before taking office, incensed at their move to expand production in Mexico and threatening them with a 35 percent tariff on any cars brought into the United States.

One of Mr. Trump’s top advisers, Peter Navarro, also holds the view that German automakers have stolen marketshare in the U.S. by importing cars but limiting the amount of U.S. cars sold into their country, two people involved in White House deliberations said. Mr. Navarro’s stature within the White House has grown in recent weeks as Mr. Trump has turned toward advisers with protectionist views as he became frustrated that his trade agenda was floundering.

The auto industry is a complex target for the president. European automakers not only have plants in the United States and employ thousands of Americans, but United States automakers also sell large numbers of cars in Europe under brands unfamiliar to Americans. In

addition, among some Europeans, American cars are seen as less desirable than those from Europe or Japan.

The Trump administration has been fighting for more trade concessions from its global trade partners, with negotiators in Mexico City hashing out changes to the North American Free Trade Agreement and officials working on modifications to a trade deal with South Korea.

Many economists warn that if Mr. Trump’s actions lead to an international trade war, a global recession could follow. Republican lawmakers are worried

that such a trade fight would undo the promised economic stimulus from the \$1.5 trillion tax cut approved last year and the administration’s deregulation push.

On Saturday, Electrolux said its plans for a \$250 million plant expansion in Tennessee are on hold, and the Swedish appliance maker is pointing to Mr. Trump’s tariff action on steel and aluminum as the reason.

The company’s investment plans, announced in January, included modernizing and adding 400,000 square feet to the plant in Springfield, Tenn.

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Forum. Pittsburgh City Council candidate Erika Strassburger formerly worked for PennEnvironment. An editorial, “District 8 dilemma,” on **Page D-2** today gives an incorrect organization.

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International

Are Russia’s relations with America at their worst point since the Cold War?

Nations increase military spending

By Karen DeYoung
The Washington Post

It may still be far from the depths of the Cold War, but Russian President Vladimir Putin’s Thursday speech, outlining new, “invincible” weapons to overcome U.S. defenses, lowered the already chilly temperature of the relationship by several degrees.

Few experts on either side believe that the new weapons, assuming they actually exist and are ever deployed, would change the balance of power between two nations that already have the ability to destroy each other many times over.

At the same time, there is widespread agreement that the rhetorical attacks, stalled diplomacy and military escalation that increasingly characterize U.S.-Russia relations are counterproductive to global security.

“Giving half the time in the annual address to the Russian parliament to a graphic description of new weapons’ capabilities is a measure of how close the U.S. and Russia have moved toward military collision,” Dmitri Trenin, head of the Carnegie Moscow Center, wrote on Twitter. “For the foreseeable future, it looks that the U.S.-Russia agenda will be limited to just one item: war prevention. Good luck to us all.”

Russia and the United States have a lot to talk about, on such topics as arms control, cyber-intrusions, Ukraine, Syria and beyond. But there are no easy answers on how to break what appears to be an inextinguishable slide into a deeper freeze and little optimism of



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This video photograph shows the launch of what President Vladimir Putin said is Russia’s new nuclear-powered intercontinental cruise missile. Mr. Putin declared Thursday that Russia has developed a range of new nuclear weapons, saying they can’t be intercepted by enemies.

dialogue soon.

“The tension level is high, higher now than it was several months ago, in part because the Russians have gotten past the phase where they thought with President Donald Trump they would be able to move the relationship in a different direction,” said Thomas Graham, senior director for Russia on the George W. Bush National Security Council staff and now managing director at Kissinger Associates Inc.

“This is qualitatively worse than any post-Cold War period,” Mr. Graham said.

Mr. Trump appears to be the only senior member of his administration who still believes in a thaw. He has praised Mr. Putin’s honesty and directness after meeting with him in person and recalled his own campaign aspirations for closer ties. He has yet to take a stand against the election interference that U.S. intelligence agencies have confirmed, largely because he fears it will undercut his own legitimacy, according to administration officials.

But as he has failed to move relations forward, “the Russians basically see the Trump administration as a lost cause,” said Andrew Weiss, who held senior Russia policy positions during both the Bill Clinton and George W. Bush administrations and is now vice president for studies at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace.

“On the one hand, [the administration] is mired in this intense political crisis,” in part over allegations of Trump campaign ties to Moscow. “On the other hand, it’s got this obvious level of dysfunction and incoherence. Trump is saying only nice things about Russia,” Mr. Weiss said, while “the national security cabinet around him has pretty mainstream views of Russia as an adversary.”

U.S. defense officials have consistently cited Russia as the most significant strategic threat to the United States, and the primary reason to build up its defense budget. Gen. John Hyten, who leads U.S. Strategic Command, said in a speech

Wednesday that Russia poses “the only existential threat to the country.”

Secretary of State Rex Tillerson has said that there will be no warming of relations with Russia until it abandons its 2014 annexation of Crimea, something Russia has vowed never to do. The administration has reversed an Obama-era prohibition against providing lethal weapons to the Ukrainian military. In the first major implementation of that decision, it notified Congress on Thursday of plans to sell 210 antitank missiles to Ukraine.

Mr. Tillerson has also come down increasingly hard on Russia for failing to control the attacks against civilians by the government of Syrian President Bashar Assad that it supports.

Russia not only is providing air cover for the regime but also is “responsible” for Mr. Assad’s use of chemical weapons, Mr. Tillerson has said on numerous occasions. “They can deny it all they want to, but facts are facts,” he told Fox News last month.

Both the United States and Russia have now outlined expansions of their nuclear arsenals, and it remains unclear whether New START, the primary arms-reduction treaty in effect between the two, will remain viable beyond its expiration date of 2021. Each has also charged the other with violations of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty.

As both have rapidly increased their defense budgets, “this is a time when there ought to be some serious conversations about arms control,” said Steven Pifer, a Russia expert during 25 years as a Foreign Service officer and now senior fellow at the Brookings Institution.

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18th District Special Election



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Democrat Conor Lamb, who is running in a special election against Republican Rick Saccone for the 18th Congressional District seat vacated by Tim Murphy.

Democrat Lamb eyes seat in 18th

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14th District. Republican Tim Murphy won the seat in the newly gerrymandered district and sailed easily through re-election seven times before he resigned in disgrace last year.

Now, the 33-year-old Mr. Lamb has a chance in the March 13 special election in which Republican state Rep. Rick Saccone and Libertarian Drew Miller also are in the running.

His military experience, support of gun rights and stance as a moderate who wants changes in House Democratic leadership make him a candidate who could attract enough swing voters to take the seat.

“The Democrats nominated probably the single best candidate they could have,” said pollster and political scientist G. Terry Madonna of Franklin & Marshall College. “This is a quintessential white working-class Trump district, and he’s an ideal choice for it. They didn’t pick an urban-oriented liberal.”

A win — or even a loss with a strong showing — would give Democrats hope across the country.

“If he does well it’s going to make them enthusiastic and add to the enthusiasm of backers and supporters,” Mr. Madonna said, and that could bode well for Democrats’ chances across the country in November.

Mr. Lamb said he isn’t thinking about that.

“I’m running for our people here in Western Pennsylvania. I’m not running for anyone else’s agenda,” he said.

Mr. Lamb — grandson of Thomas Lamb, the state Senate’s Democratic leader in the 1970s, and nephew of city controller Michael Lamb — grew up in a family that values political engagement, but it wasn’t a role he considered for himself until Mr. Murphy’s resignation last fall after revelations that the pro-life congressman had encouraged a mistress to get an abortion.

“I was very happy in my job in the U.S. attorney’s office and I wouldn’t have left that easily, but when the Murphy scandal developed I took it personally,” Mr. Lamb said. “I thought what people wanted was someone who could credibly come forward and say we’re tired of the dysfunction on both sides.”

That’s the way a lot of candidates explain their approach, but once they get to Washington they become as entrenched as anyone in obstinate ideological obstruction. Mr. Lamb said he will be different.

His former boss is sure of it.

“Conor has a unique way of being assertive without offending or polarizing people,” said David Hickton, former U.S. attorney, who relied on Mr. Lamb to prosecute violent criminals and drug traffickers.

“When he asserted himself, he didn’t do it in a way that destroyed the other side. He did it in a way that made them understand,” said Mr. Hickton, who views him as strong-minded but not intractable.

Abortion, guns and Pelosi

Both the Lamb and Saccone campaigns have tried to define Mr. Lamb in terms of his stance on abortion, gun control and whether House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi should step down. Mr. Lamb said his positions go beyond simple pro and con.

On abortion: “I’m Catholic. I believe life begins at conception, but I’m also American, and I believe in the separation of church and state. A woman’s right to choose is the law of the land, and I support that.”

On Ms. Pelosi: “I can’t vote for Nancy Pelosi as leader. It’s not personal. I just think we need a new generation of leaders across the board.”

On guns: “Most of the cases that I saw [as a prosecutor] were committed with handguns by people who are already not allowed to have those firearms. So I think what we should do is strengthen the background check system we have. Because that’s where people actually say they want to work together.”

In Washington Mr. Lamb also hopes to work on education, transportation, infrastructure and addiction issues — areas where there is at least some bipartisan agreement.

He is a proponent of expanding the availability of naloxone, the drug that reverses the effects of a heroin overdose. Opponents worry that the availability of naloxone encourages abuse. “It saves people’s lives,” Mr. Lamb said, and buys time and the possibility of rehabilitation for them.

“You have to fight hard against these people who are killing our people with heroin and with violent crimes but you have to lend a hand to people with addiction who need help,” Mr. Lamb said. “If someone is an addict and not a heroin trafficker we shouldn’t prosecute them; we should try to help them.”

The character Atticus Finch in “To Kill a Mockingbird,” inspired him to pursue law.

“That image of a lawyer standing up in a criminal case and doing

the right thing always stuck with me,” he said. “I love the idea of building cases and really going after bad guys.”

Sometimes, though, the bad guys win.

That’s what happened with a rape case he tried in military court in Okinawa in 2012 when jurors declined to convict. Mr. Lamb remembers it as the worst day of his life.

“I had really gotten to know the woman who was the victim, and they just didn’t believe her despite everything,” he said. “It was my job to get justice for her and I didn’t do it. The guy got off, and I feel like she’s going to go through the rest of her life feeling like she stuck her neck out. It’s not easy to accuse someone who wears the same uniform as you of something so bad.”

It still stings, said Mr. Lamb, who remembers returning to his barracks angry but having to pick himself back up for another trial soon after.

“I leaned back on what they teach you in the Marines: that the truest test of leadership comes not when things are good,” he said. “I’m grateful for situations that have tested me and shaped me.”

That includes his time in boot camp at Quantico in 2010.

“What they really do during boot camp above all else is they create conditions of extreme stress — whether through sleep deprivation or the cold and muddy weather or just noise or whatever it is — and you have to make decisions, not just for yourself, but for the Marines you’re supposed to be leading at any given moment,” he said.

Mr. Lamb graduated at the top of his class at both Naval Justice School and at basic school for platoon leaders.

“Basic is a physically demanding, intellectually demanding, very competitive school and it’s very unusual for a lawyer to come into that and finish like Conor did,” said Katy Spicer, who served with him on active duty and is now in the Reserves and working in private practice in Washington, D.C.

“He has the most incredible and honest work ethic of anybody that I have ever met,” Ms. Spicer said.

“The Conor recipe is ‘I’m going to come in, I’m going to work hard, I’m going to do the right thing,’ and in the end he is going to finish at the top just like he did in the Marine Corps,” she said.

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Republican Rick Saccone speaks to reporters after a debate with Democrat Conor Lamb. Polls show Mr. Saccone leads his opponent by a slim margin.

GOP spending millions for Saccone

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“We’d supported Democrats against Levdansky and Republicans against him,” recalled Kim Stolfer, president of gun-rights group Firearm Owners Against Crime. “When we first met Rick, I thought he was another sacrificial lamb ... until I heard him talk.”

Since then, “he has never once let us down,” said Mr. Stolfer, who credits Mr. Saccone for accomplishments like granting gun wielders a broader legal right to self-defense.

Mr. Saccone, of Elizabeth Township, faces a different race now, one that arguably should be far easier to win. He is running in a March 13 election against Democrat Conor Lamb to hold the 18th Congressional District seat once held by Republican Tim Murphy. Conservative groups are funneling millions of dollars in TV ads and other spending into the district, which Mr. Trump himself won by 20 points in 2016.

Yet polls show Mr. Saccone leading Conor Lamb, a 33-year-old former federal prosecutor and Marine, by only the slimmest of margins. Even Republicans who back Mr. Saccone in public are panicking in private.

Mr. Saccone dismisses the polls, noting they rely heavily on guesses about election turnout he hopes to prove wrong in just two weeks. “We’ve got to make sure we get our turnout” to combat “miserable liberals” hoping to give Mr. Trump a black eye, he said.

“I’m right on track,” he said, “doing all the things I wanted to do.”

“Rick Saccone embodies the mainstream values of wanting to protect innocent human life,” said Marie Gallagher, legislative director for the Pennsylvania Pro-Life Federation’s political committee. Mr. Saccone has, for example, proposed barring abortions once a fetal heartbeat is discerned — something that can happen as early as six weeks into a pregnancy.

“I think it would be impossible to be worse on women’s health than Rick Saccone,” said Sari Stevens, who heads up the political arm of Planned Parenthood’s Pennsylvania chapter.

Mr. Saccone says media accounts unfairly portray him as an extremist. Many of his bills “passed either unanimously or near unanimously,” he said, citing a 2017 “stolen valor” law that made lying about military service for personal gain a crime.

But Mr. Saccone, who’s sponsored a bill requiring public schools to post the motto “In God We Trust,” clearly sees political issues through a spiritual lens.

During a legislative hearing on opioids last year, for example, he worried about “a culture that promotes rebelliousness and vulgarity, disrespect [and] selfishness.”

Those remarks were filmed by liberal opposition-research group American Bridge. A spokesman for the group, Andrew Bates, noted that while Mr. Saccone talked about values, he also espoused repealing “Obamacare” health care reforms that provided additional Medicaid funding for drug treatment. “It would be dangerous to have a congressman like Saccone who won’t work every day to bring ... as much relief as possible.”

Mr. Saccone notes he voted for a raft of 2016 laws that tightened up rules on prescribing painkillers. (“I wasn’t the prime sponsor, but I was a vocal advocate,” he said.) But in the face of ills like school shootings and addiction, Mr. Saccone said leaders should also use the “bully pulpit” to oppose “the violent culture that we have with video games and movies and music.”

“I always chuckle when people show their disdain for Saccone,” said Republican political consultant Christopher Nicholas. “He has two master’s [degrees] and a Ph.D. from Pitt.”

International experience

The experience abroad of Mr. Saccone — an Air Force veteran who speaks Korean — defies easy categorization. It includes efforts to weed out would-be terrorists on military bases in Iraq and efforts to build a power plant in North Korea — part of a diplomatic effort to encourage the country to end its nuclear weapons program. And in books about those experiences, Mr. Saccone ranges from unapologetic hardliner to a believer in soft-power diplomacy.

Mr. Saccone wrote in a passage about the Middle East that while “Americans should never acknowledge or accept torture,” there was still a place for “coercive methods.” Waterboarding, a controversial practice in which interrogators simulate drowning, was “applied to hardened killers,” he wrote. “Performed professionally, there is no substantial risk of death or permanent injury.”

“I didn’t advocate for waterboarding,” said Mr. Saccone in an interview. “I wanted to bring out the argument” about what actions were acceptable in fighting terrorism.

His memoir of North Korea, meanwhile, offers an often-sympathetic portrait of its people. And in a 2017 Post-Gazette opinion piece, he wrote that the United States should “embrace a more collaborative mindset” to counter North Korea’s nuclear ambitions.

Mr. Trump, he said, should

“quietly propose a few ice-breaking gestures ... to save face and avoid military confrontation.”

That has not been administration policy to date, though some experts agree it should be.

“As someone who thinks about the strategic problem of North Korea, I think Saccone is on the right track,” said Ryan Grauer, an assistant professor of international affairs at the University of Pittsburgh.

The money gap

Despite Mr. Saccone’s varied credentials, “a lot of us were concerned about Rick from the jump,” said one state political operative, whose opinions were echoed by several who spoke on condition of anonymity. “He’s a nice guy, but he can’t raise money.”

Indeed, through mid-February, Mr. Lamb raised over \$3.8 million, roughly four times Mr. Saccone’s total.

Such concerns prompted national Republican groups — including the National Republican Campaign Committee and the Congressional Leadership Fund — to blanket the airwaves, outspending Democratic groups by margins of over 15 to 1. Outside groups are also paying door-knockers to canvas the district and make the case directly to voters. He’s getting millions of dollars in outside help, plus backing from the White House.

Mr. Saccone said there’s every reason to be confident about his odds in the 18th.

But right now, doubts persist.

Mr. Saccone “hasn’t made any major blunders,” observed the Cook Political Report, a respected political handicapper. Still, it added, “it’s not normal for Republicans to be worried about losing a seat President Trump carried by 20 points.”

Despite the fact that he hasn’t pulled ahead in polling, Mr. Nicholas said, “he fits the district.” Candidates in special elections can be hurt “by the national political current,” he said.

“Rick Saccone is running a strong campaign focused on the issues voters care about,” explained Chris Martin of the National Republican Campaign Committee.

And Mr. Saccone downplayed the notion that the outside support he’s getting reflected a weakness in his own campaign. “The fact that so many groups are trying to help me [is a sign] of their confidence,” he said. “I’ve got the support of everybody from the president on down.”

He’ll know in less than two weeks whether that’s enough.

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On this day, March 4

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2013 Cardinals from around the world gathered inside the

Vatican for their first round of meetings before the conclave to elect the next pope, following the retirement of Benedict XVI. **2017** President Donald Trump accused former President Barack Obama of tapping his telephones during the 2016 election; an Obama spokesman declared the assertion was “simply false.”

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— Compiled by Alyssa Brown
Today’s birthdays: Singer Shakin’ Stevens, 70. Author James Ellroy, 70. Energy Secretary Rick Perry, 68. Musician Emilio Estefan, 65. Actress Catherine O’Hara, 64. Actor Mykelti Williamson, 61. Sen. Tina Smith, D-Minn., 60. Actress Stacy Edwards, 53. Rapper Grand Puba, 52. Rock

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Actress Margo Harshman, 32. Actor Josh Bowman, 30. Actress Andrea Bowen, 28. Actress Jenna Boyd, 25.

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CASINO, FROM A-1

a budget crunch — helping lead the way. Four mini-casinos auctioned by the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board have already brought \$120 million to the state, and a potential six more could be added at a minimum bid of \$7.5 million each, to join 12 existing casinos and one under development in Philadelphia.

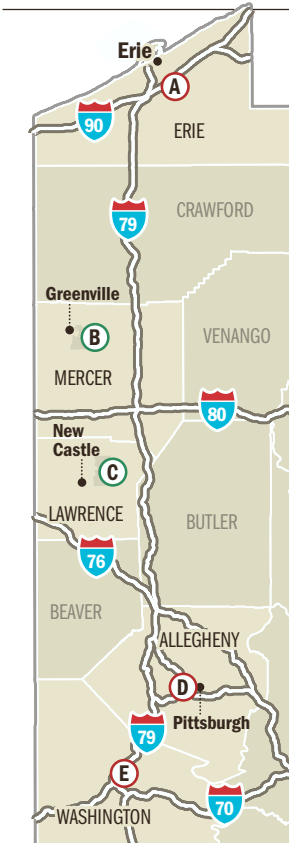
“Western Pennsylvania’s becoming more populated with casinos than most markets, but it’s just a sign of the times,” said Joe Weinert, a casino industry analyst for Spectrum Gaming Group in New Jersey. “In a relatively short timeline, we’ve become the United States of Casinos, with more than 1,000 in 42 states.”

The first casino on this side of the state, Presque Isle Downs & Casino in Erie County, opened almost exactly 11 years ago. It was followed within months by the Meadows Racetrack & Casino in Washington County; two years later by the Rivers Casino on Pittsburgh’s North Shore; and in 2013 by the Lady Luck Casino at Nemacolin Woodlands in Fayette County.

Those four existing operations collectively contain more than 7,800 slot machines and 260 table games such as blackjack, roulette and craps. Their gross annual gambling revenue (the more positive way of describing what are in fact the losses left behind by patrons) — about \$742 million.

Now three anticipated mini-casinos loom as regional competition, with up to 750 slot machines and 30 to 40 table games each:

- One that Stadium Casino LLC, also developer of the major casino being built in Philadelphia, placed a winning \$40.1 million bid to place east of



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New I-79 Casino Corridor

With two mini-casinos planned in Lawrence and Mercer counties, the potential exists for a motorist driving the length of Interstate 79 in Pennsylvania to exit every 30 to 60 minutes and be playing slot machines or blackjack within minutes.

- A Erie County:**
Presque Isle Downs & Casino
- B Mercer County**
Mini-casino site proposed Feb. 21 by Sands Casino near Hempfield Township just east of Greenville
- C Lawrence County**
Mini-casino planned by Mount Airy Casino Resort near Hickory Township just east of New Castle
- D Allegheny County:**
Rivers Casino
- E Washington County:**
Meadows Racetrack & Casino

Greensburg, at a site still to be determined. (The casino operators are allowed six months to submit plans for a specific location that must be within 15 miles of whatever geographic point they initially identify.)

- One that the operator of the Mount Airy Casino Resort in the Poconos bid \$21.2 million to place most likely in Lawrence County, within 15 miles of a center point east of New Castle.

- A mini-casino proposed in Mercer County by Sands Bethworks Gaming, owner of the existing casino in Bethlehem and part of the Las Vegas Sands Corp. gambling giant. Its \$9.9 million bid was initially accepted by the gaming board on Feb. 21, then rejected because the geographic zone it identified for the development encroached upon Mount Airy’s own protected territory.

The gaming board holds another mini-casino auction Wednesday, and it seems likely that Las Vegas Sands will put in another Mercer County bid, slightly altering its potential development area. That’s what officials of the gaming company told Randy Seitz, president of the Penn-Northwest Development Corp., a leader among a group of Mercer County officials who have been lobbying for a mini-casino and received a visit from Sands officials in January.

“They shared with us they had been studying Mercer County and the nearby Ohio market [containing potential gamblers who might cross the state border] for months,” said Mr. Seitz, who confirmed in a phone call with Sands officials after the Feb. 21 bidding snafu that it had not dimmed their interest. While other casino operators potentially could outbid Sands Wednesday for a location around Mercer or

anywhere else in the state, Mr. Seitz has heard of no others with local interest.

If three mini-casinos to be developed over the next year or two do add another 2,000-plus slot machines and 100 or so table games to Western Pennsylvania, the question arises of whether a region with stagnant population and relative lack of economic vibrancy can support them.

“The pie is only so big,” observed Denis Rudd, a Robert Morris University professor of hospitality and tourism management, raising concerns about how much disposable income people have, how many are interested in using it for gambling and whether they might do so to the harm of the rest of the local economy.

Mr. Weinert and other gaming industry analysts have suggested that despite its four existing casinos, Western Pennsylvania is much less saturated than the eastern side of the state, making the west a better target for mini-casinos. And local officials, with an eye on economic development and tax revenue tied to gambling rather than worries about cannibalization of other businesses, have been nothing but supportive.

“I’m assuming both companies [eyeing the Mercer-Lawrence area] have done a sufficient amount of studying to determine that it was in their best interests to make the bids they have made,” said Lawrence County Commissioner Dan Vogler, who points to restaurant-hotel development around the Meadows as an example of what a casino can bring.

The smaller size and, likely, fewer amenities of mini-casinos could diminish their ability to have broad economic impact. The biggest difference they could make is

by attracting nearby residents who are accustomed to only occasional trips to the Rivers or Meadows due to the length of the drive, said Sarah Tanford, an associate professor of hospitality management at the University of Nevada Las Vegas International Gaming Institute.

“If there’s more supply, it’s going to generate more demand, and the other thing you will increase is frequency,” said Ms. Tanford, who formerly worked in such market forecasting for Harrah’s Entertainment. “Having something closer to people in their locales will increase their propensity to gamble.”

That is certainly what companies like Sands, Mount Airy and Stadium Casino are counting on, although neither they nor the existing local casinos are inclined to discuss the topic during this highly competitive, confidential period of mini-auction bidding.

“We’re going to wait for the dust to settle before we weigh in on what impact these [mini-casinos] might have. ... We need to first find out the exact locations and size and scope of these proposed facilities,” said Eric Schippers, spokesman for Penn National Gaming, which has an agreement to purchase the Meadows, in addition to operating a slots-only racetrack casino in the Youngstown, Ohio, area. The latter could be affected by competition from a Lawrence or Mercer county mini-casino.

Representatives of the Rivers have repeatedly declined requests to discuss the potential new competition. Meanwhile, there has been no indication that the Pittsburgh casino has been interested in bidding for a satellite casino itself, including as a defensive tactic to thwart the operators from across the state wanting to encroach upon its market.

“Probably the fear is they’d be cannibalizing their own business” if the Rivers operated its own Western Pennsylvania mini-casino, Ms. Tanford speculated. “In a regional market, people want to get a foothold, and once they’ve gotten it they don’t necessarily want to put up another casino that could dilute their existing business.”

That’s not to say the Rivers, Meadows or another operator among existing casinos still without a winning mini-casino bid — if you already have one, you can’t bid for another yet — couldn’t still bid for another location on this side of the state, such as Johnstown, Altoona, State College or Somerset. That will be determined only by the six additional silent auctions over the next three months.

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Sharp exchanges in 18th District debate

DEBATE, FROM A-1

Medicare was Obamacare.” That is a longstanding Republican complaint about the Affordable Care Act, which Mr. Lamb has said he wants to salvage and improve. The health care overhaul did envision Medicare reductions, but largely by paring back some payments to insurers and providers, including those who don’t meet certain performance targets. The night’s sharpest point of contention, however, in-

volved the negative TV ads that are blanketing the airwaves. Mr. Lamb characterized the attacks on him as “garbage. ... It’s like a comic-book version of a campaign. People are laughing at you, Rick.” Mr. Lamb has been targeted with an onslaught of negative ads, paid for by outside conservative groups who support, but don’t answer to, the Saccone campaign. But Mr. Saccone noted, correctly, that his own campaign “put only posi-

tive ads out,” all introductory spots about himself. By contrast, he said, Mr. Lamb’s “ads are all negative against me.” Mr. Lamb’s campaign has aired an ad targeting Mr. Saccone for his spending habits as a state legislator. But Mr. Saccone may have gotten the last shot, during an exchange in which the candidates were asked to say something nice about each other. Mr. Lamb praised Mr. Saccone for co-sponsoring a bill with Democratic state Rep. Dan Miller to restore

REMEMBERING A FLIGHT THAT DISAPPEARED

Relatives of passengers on board the missing Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 have a moment of silence Saturday in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The remembrance event marked the fourth anniversary of the jet’s March 8, 2014, disappearance.

North Korean missiles for sale in Cairo embassy

Egypt facilitates weapons sales

By Declan Walsh
The New York Times

CAIRO — On an island in the Suez Canal, a towering AK-47 rifle, its muzzle and bayonet pointed skyward, symbolizes one of Egypt’s most enduring alliances. Decades ago, North Korea presented it to Egypt to commemorate the 1973 war against Israel, when North Korean pilots fought and died on the Egyptian side. But now the statue has come to signify another aspect of Egypt’s ties to North Korea: a furtive trade in illegal weapons that has upset President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi’s

otherwise cozy relationship with the United States, set off a painful cut in military aid and drawn unrelenting scrutiny from U.N. inspectors. Egypt has purchased North Korean weapons and allowed North Korean diplomats to use their Cairo embassy as a base for military sales across the region, U.S. and U.N. officials say. Those transactions earned vital hard cash for North Korea, but they violated international sanctions and drew the ire of Egypt’s main military patron, the United States, which cut or suspended \$291 million in military aid. Tensions may bubble up again in the coming weeks with the publication of a U.N. report that contains new informa-

tion about the cargo of a rusty North Korean freighter intercepted off the coast of Egypt in 2016. The ship was carrying 30,000 rocket-propelled grenades worth an estimated \$26 million. The report, due to be released this month, identifies the customer for the weapons as an arm of the Arab Organization for Industrialization, Egypt’s main state weapons conglomerate. Mr. Sissi heads the committee that oversees the group. Egypt has previously denied being the intended recipient of the weapons, or breaching international sanctions. In response to questions about the U.N. finding, the State Information Service said this past week: “The relevant Egyptian authorities have undertaken all the necessary measures in relation to the North Korean ship in full transparency and under the supervision” of U.N. officials. But that diplomatic representation, in an embassy that doubles as a regional arms dealership, is the problem, U.S. officials have said. In addition, Washington worries that North Korea is still supplying missile parts, said Andrea Berger, a North Korea specialist at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies. “Ballistic missile customers are the most concerning of North Korea’s partners and deserve the highest attention,” she said. “Egypt is one of those.”



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World briefs

Putin regrets collapse of Soviet Union

Compiled from news services

A day after unveiling dramatic new weapons — including a nuclear-powered cruise missile — that sparked talk of a return to Cold War tensions, Russian President Vladimir Putin suggested he would reverse the collapse of the Soviet Union if he could.

Mr. Putin's comments on the 1991 collapse of the USSR — which bound Russia and many of its neighbors, while exerting influence in Eastern Europe and abroad for almost seven decades — came at a question-and-answer forum held Friday in Kaliningrad.

The Russian leader was asked what event in his nation's history he would have liked to change.

"The collapse of the Soviet Union," Mr. Putin responded, according to the Russian news agency Tass.

Regret about the collapse of the Soviet Union is not unusual in Russia.

Executive held in killing

TEGUCIGALPA, Honduras — The Honduran police have arrested a high-ranking executive with a hydroelectric company in connection with the 2016 killing of an activist who led a decade-long fight against a dam project, saying that he had helped to plan the crime.

The executive, Roberto David Castillo Mejia, was executive president of the Honduran company that is building the dam, Desarrollos Energéticos S.A., or Desa, at the time the activist, Berta Cáceres, was shot and killed.

Mr. Castillo was arrested on Friday at an airport in San Pedro Sula, in northern Honduras, as he was about to fly to Houston, news reports said.

Trade tension talks

BELJING — President Xi Jinping's top economic adviser told U.S. business leaders in Washington that China hopes the White House will revive high-level dialogue on economic disputes and name a new chief liaison to defuse mounting trade tensions, a person briefed on the matter said.

The adviser, Liu He, said he will take charge of reform efforts this month and wants a list of U.S. demands for what China can do to ease tensions, according to the person, who requested anonymity to discuss a confidential meeting.

Bank lawyer indicted

VATICAN CITY — Vatican prosecutors have indicted the former president of the Vatican bank and his lawyer on embezzlement charges, holding them responsible for losses of more than 50 million euros (\$62 million) from real estate sales.

The trial of Angelo Caloia and his lawyer is due to begin March 15.

A third suspect died while under investigation.

International

Town that expels migrants wants to be model for Italy

By Michael Birnbaum
The Washington Post

SESTO SAN GIOVANNI, Italy — The leaders of this blue-collar town marked an anti-migrant milestone with a pistachio layer cake this week.

To commemorate what they said was the 200th migrant expelled from their town, they wrote the number on top with green frosting.

As Italians vote in national elections today, many of them share the migration-skeptic swagger of the right-wing leaders of Sesto San Giovanni.

Italy is struggling to accommodate the more than 620,000 migrants who have arrived on its shores since 2013, and a new sentiment is gaining force: Boot them all out.

Ex-Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, whose center-right coalition appears to have the best shot at victory Sunday, has promised to defuse what he called a "social bomb ready to explode in Italy" by deporting 600,000 people.

His coalition partners, including a group descended from the remnants of the Fascist Party, are even more vociferous toward the migrants, most of whom are from sub-Saharan Africa.

Italy's choice today could



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People prepare ballots and voting-related materials Saturday at a polling station in downtown Rome. Italians vote today in one of the country's most uncertain elections, with far-right and populist parties expected to make major gains.

ripple throughout Europe because the country is the continent's main migrant gateway.

Sesto San Giovanni has volunteered its crackdown on migrants as a blueprint.

"Sesto has become a model, a point of reference for the nation, that is showing you can rule and make changes against urban decay," said Mayor Roberto Di Stefano, 40, a member of Mr. Berlusconi's center-right Forward Italy party.

Mr. Di Stefano's cell-phone buzzes constantly with messages from the constituents to whom he freely hands out his personal contact details — a

contrast, he said, with his hard-to-reach center-left predecessors.

The town of 83,000, which abuts Milan, was once called the Stalingrad of Italy for its communist leanings.

It had elected left-wing leaders since World War II, until the anti-immigrant campaigners swept into office this past summer.

The new leaders captured the sentiment of voters at a moment when unemployment remains stubbornly high and Italians are asking why they are spending money to support migrants when they themselves feel vulnerable.

Netanyahu to visit White House on Monday

By Anne Gearan
and Ruth Eglash
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — No world leader has forged a closer or more public camaraderie with President Donald Trump than Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who visits the White House on Monday battling corruption allegations that have echoes in the White House itself.

Both leaders have sought to put their tight bond on frequent display during Mr. Trump's first year as president — and that is likely to be especially true for Mr. Netanyahu now.

The Israeli prime minister is under legal scrutiny at home for his possible role in several bribery scandals, including allegedly granting regulatory benefits worth millions of dollars to Israeli telecom giant Bezeq. He denies the allegations and is eager to highlight his politically valuable relationship with Mr. Trump, the pro-Israel leader of his country's most important ally and defender.

Mr. Netanyahu is expected to invite Mr. Trump to a ribbon-cutting in May for the controversial relocated U.S. Embassy in Jerusalem, U.S. and Israeli officials said, although no

visit is on the books.

Hours after Israeli police finished questioning him in one case Friday, Mr. Netanyahu released a Facebook video saying the investigations will yield nothing and highlighting his "important" visit to Washington and the meeting with "a great friend of Israel, a true friend, President Donald Trump."

Mr. Trump, however, has problems of his own that are thrust into the spotlight by Mr. Netanyahu's visit. Four former Trump associates have been charged or have pleaded guilty in an ongoing special counsel investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 presidential election. And the president's son-in-law and chief Mideast adviser, Jared Kushner, is under scrutiny for blurring business and government work and has lost his top-level security clearance.

"The fascinating thing is how strong the parallels are between Trump and Netanyahu" at this moment, said Jeremy Ben-Ami, president of J Street, a liberal U.S. pro-Israel advocacy group critical of both Mr. Trump and Mr. Netanyahu.

"This swirl of corruption and investigation, the conflict of interest, is at the cen-

ter of both administrations. You see both men respond in the same way — attacks on fundamental institutions of democracy like the judiciary and the media," Mr. Ben-Ami said.

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National

National briefs

Man shoots, kills himself near White House

Compiled from news services

WASHINGTON — The Secret Service said a man shot himself to death Saturday as he stood near the fence along the north side of the White House.

President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump were in Florida at the time. The White House said Mr. Trump has been briefed on the shooting.

Authorities are seeking to notify the man's relatives and haven't released his name.

Speaking for the Secret Service, Mason F. Brayman said the man approached the fence shortly before noon and fired several rounds from a handgun. Mr. Brayman said none of the shots appear to have been directed toward the White House.

Secret Service officers set up a perimeter around the White House grounds Saturday afternoon, limiting access and rerouting tourists as they investigated.

Suspect used dad's gun

A 19-year-old student suspected of fatally shooting his parents at a Central Michigan University dormitory had been acting so strangely the day before the killings that campus police talked to his mother and then took him to a hospital for suspected drug abuse, authorities said Saturday.

University police Chief Bill Yeagley told reporters that James Eric Davis Jr.'s parents had just picked

him up from that hospital and brought him to his dorm to pack up for spring break when Friday's shooting happened. He said the gun used in the shooting belonged to Davis' father, James Davis Sr., a part-time police officer in the Chicago suburb of Bellwood.

Mr. Yeagley would not say whether the father had brought the gun to the university's campus in Mount Pleasant, Mich., when picking up his son, but he noted that the shooting suspect can be seen on video in the dorm's parking lot with the gun before he entered the residence hall where his parents were shot about 8:30 a.m.

Tunnel political football

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump has told Republicans not to approve funding for a \$12.9 billion commuter railroad tunnel under the Hudson River, a major priority of Senate Democratic leader Charles E. Schumer, people with knowledge of the matter said.

Mr. Trump doesn't want to advance the Gateway project, which would provide a rail link between New York and New Jersey, in part because Mr. Schumer, D-N.Y., held up the nomination of several of Mr. Trump's nominees, said the people, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

Committing money to Gateway also runs head-on into the philosophy that's driven Mr. Trump's push for a trillion-dollar public works plan: that states and municipalities should bear more of the cost, and the federal government less, for fixing and upgrading U.S. infrastructure.

Florida lawmakers pass school-safety, gun bill

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — The Florida Senate spent hours debating a bill to increase school safety and restrict gun purchases in a rare Saturday session that often turned into a debate on gun control and arming teachers in the aftermath of last month's Parkland school shootings.

The Senate spent nearly eight hours debating dozens of amendments to the 100-page bill before finally approving the legislation for a final vote on Monday. Democratic proposals to ban assault rifles and large-capacity magazines were rejected, as was a Democratic proposal to strip language from the bill that would create a program to arm teachers who have gone through law-enforcement training if school districts choose to take part in the so-called marshal plan.

The Senate began the session at 10 a.m. and was originally supposed to wrap up discussion by 1 p.m. But senators extended the session and didn't wrap up until Saturday evening.

It was clear that senators were divided on the bill, and not just on party lines. While crafted by Republicans, some GOP senators still opposed it because they don't agree with raising the minimum age to buy a rifle from 18 to 21 or requiring a waiting period to buy the weapons.

Democrats believe the legislation doesn't go far enough in some ways and too far in others. And while some oppose the bill, others believe it's at least a first step toward gun safety.

Democrats want to ban weapons such as the AR-15 assault-style rifle, which was used to kill 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on Feb. 14. Many also oppose arming teachers. The bill also includes provisions to boost school security, establish new mental health programs in schools and improve communication between



Jack Zellweger/The Ann Arbor News via AP
Pioneer High School senior Mia Steinhauer lies down on the ground during a "die-in" Saturday in Ann Arbor, Mich.

schools, law enforcement and state agencies.

But much of the debate Saturday revolved around gun control and whether people should have a right to own an assault rifle.

"Every constitutional right that we hold dear has a limitation," said Democratic Sen. Gary Farmer. "These are just military-style killing machines and the right of self-defense and the ability to hunt will go on."

Republicans argued that banning such weapons would violate the Second Amendment right to bear arms.

"Our founding fathers weren't talking about hunting, and they weren't talking about protecting themselves from the thief down the street who might break in," said Republican Sen. David Simmons. Mr. Simmons said people need guns to protect

themselves from a tyrannical government.

"Adolf Hitler confiscated all the weapons — took all the weapons, had a registry of everybody — and then on the night of June 30th, 1934, sent out his secret police and murdered all of his political opponents," Mr. Simmons said. "You think it doesn't happen in a free society? It does."

The Legislature wraps up its annual session on Friday. Lawmakers are scrambling to take some kind of action before then. The full House has yet to take up its version of the bill.

Republican Gov. Rick Scott has been lobbying lawmakers to pass his plan to assign at least one law-enforcement officer for every 1,000 students at a school. Mr. Scott is opposed to arming teachers.

Only 13 NRA members used Delta's discount: Killing it cost the airline \$40 million tax break

By Alex Horton
The Washington Post

It turns out, you can put a price on values.

After Delta Air Lines announced it would end a travel discount for National Rifle Association members, Republican lawmakers in Georgia followed through on their threat to punish the company by repealing a budget provision on Thursday that included a \$50 million airline fuel tax exemption, in which \$40 million was set for the Atlanta-based airline.

But only 13 NRA members actually used the one-time group travel discount for the gun group's annual meeting in Dallas this May, Delta spokesman Michael Thomas told The Washington Post.

That amounts to costing Delta just over \$3 million per passenger for the apparently rarely used services, a consequence from public pressure on businesses to cut ties with the NRA following the school

shooting in Parkland, Fla.

The alleged gunman used a legally acquired AR-15 — a rifle touted as American as apple pie by the NRA, the country's chief gun lobby.

The NRA's main Twitter account, quiet in the days after the Parkland killings, pointed Friday toward reports that only 13 NRA members used the Delta discount.

"They have a backlash that will span across all gun owners, not just NRA members. seems logical," the account tweeted. The organization linked to a Business Insider story collecting tweets of angry gun owners and NRA members beginning boycotts of their own, suggesting a backlash to the backlash that may cost Delta more down the line.

For Delta, the decision was "not made for economic gain and our values are not for sale," Delta's chief executive Ed Bastian said in the statement Friday, released the day after the lawmakers fol-

lowed through with their promise by overwhelmingly voting to rescind the tax breaks. Mr. Bastian said the company will further review other discounts offered to groups with a "politically divisive nature" and end those agreements as well.

"None of this changes the fact that our home is Atlanta and we are proud and honored to locate our headquarters here. And we are supporters of the 2nd Amendment, just as we embrace the entire Constitution of the United States."

Mr. Bastian said it was in response to "controversial statements" following the killings at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, and he did not want the discount to imply a company endorsement of the NRA, appearing to describe group statements like one video that suggested the media "loves" mass shootings as ratings and website view draws.

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‘Pure madness’: Dark days inside White House as Trump shocks, rages

By Philip Rucker, Ashley Parker and Josh Dawsey
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Inside the White House, aides over the past week have described an air of anxiety and volatility — with an uncontrollable commander in chief at its center.

These are the darkest days in at least half a year, they say, and they worry just how much farther President Donald Trump and his administration may plunge into unrest and malaise before they start to recover. As one official put it: “We haven’t bottomed out.”

Mr. Trump is now a president in transition, at times angry and increasingly isolated. He fumes in private that just about every time he looks up at a television screen, the cable news headlines are trumpeting yet another scandal. He voices frustration that son-in-law Jared Kushner has few on-air defenders. He revives old grudges. And he confides to friends that he is uncertain about whom to trust.

Mr. Trump’s closest West Wing confidante, Hope Hicks — the communications director who often acted as a de facto Oval Office therapist — announced her resignation last week, leaving behind a team the president views more as paid staff than surrogate family.

So concerned are those around Mr. Trump that some of the president’s oldest friends have been urging one another to be in touch — the sort of familiar contacts that often lift his spirits.

In an unorthodox presidency in which emotion, impulse and ego often drive events, Mr. Trump’s omi-

nous moods manifested themselves last week in his zigzagging positions on gun control; his shock trade war that jolted markets and was opposed by Republican leaders and many in his own administration; and his roiling feud of playground insults with Attorney General Jeff Sessions.

Some of Mr. Trump’s advisers say the president is not all doom and gloom, however. He has been pleased with the news coverage of his role in the gun debate and lighthearted moments have leavened his days, such as a recent huddle with staff to prepare his comedic routine for the Gridiron, a dinner Saturday night with Washington officials and journalists.

Still, Mr. Trump’s friends are increasingly concerned about his well-being, worried that the president’s obsession with cable commentary and perceived slights is taking a toll on the 71-year-old. “Pure madness,” lamented one exasperated ally.

Retired four-star Army Gen. Barry McCaffrey said the American people — and Congress especially — should be alarmed.

“I think the president is starting to wobble in his emotional stability and this is not going to end well,” Mr. McCaffrey said. “Trump’s judgment is fundamentally flawed, and the more pressure put on him and the more isolated he becomes, I think, his ability to do harm is going to increase.”

This portrait of Mr. Trump at a moment of crisis just over a year after taking office is based on interviews with 22 White House officials, friends and advisers to the president and other administration allies, most of whom spoke on the condi-



Pablo Martinez Monsivais/Associated Press
A law enforcement officer stands at the entrance to Lafayette Park across from the White House in Washington.

tion of anonymity to candidly discuss Mr. Trump’s state of mind.

The tumult comes as special counsel Robert Mueller III’s investigation of Russia’s 2016 election interference and the president’s possible obstruction of justice has intensified.

Meanwhile, Mr. Kushner, a White House senior adviser, was stripped last week of his access to the nation’s top secrets amid increasing public scrutiny of his foreign contacts and of his mixing of business and government work.

Mr. Trump has been asking people close to him whether they think Mr. Kushner or his company has done anything wrong, according to a senior administration official.

Two advisers said the president repeatedly tells aides that the Russia investigation will not ensnare him — even as it ensnares others around him — and that he thinks the American people are finally starting to conclude that the Democrats, as opposed to his campaign, colluded with the Russians.

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East Coast begins assessing damage after 48 hours of pounding by storm

Death toll hits 7 amid intense wind

By Karen Weintraub
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The Washington Post

DUXBURY, Mass. — Over the past 48 hours a deadly nor’easter turned a thousand-mile stretch of the East Coast into a wind tunnel, leaving millions without power, paralyzing flooded cities and towns and claiming the lives of at least seven people — some of whom had tried in vain to take shelter from hurricane-force winds.

With the worst mostly over by Saturday morning, people from Maine to Georgia emerged from homes to take stock of the damage.

Some of those first glimpses came in the dark. At its peak, winds had knocked out power to more than 2 million people, including more than 400,000 in Massachusetts and 320,000 across the state of New York. Thousands of flights were grounded at some of the country’s busiest airports, causing a ripple effect of delays and cancellations around the world.

On the ground, highways across the Northeast were clogged with tractor trailers and buses, which were prohibited from crossing some of the region’s massive bridges due to the treacherous winds. In smaller cities and towns, particularly those near the vulnerable coast, roads had turned into rivers.

The people killed during the storm include a 6-year-old, who died in his bed when a tree came crashing into his family’s home in Chester, Va.; a 72-year-old Newport, R.I., man, killed by a falling tree; a 77-year-old



Michael Dwyer/Associated Press
A large wave crashes into a seawall in Winthrop, Mass., on Saturday, a day after a nor’easter pounded the Atlantic coast.

woman in Baltimore County, Md., who was crushed by a tree branch while while checking the mail; and three men — one in James City County, Va., another in Connecticut and a third in Upper Merion Township, Pa. — who were killed when trees fell on their cars.

Because of the dangerous conditions, more than 3,000 domestic and international flights were canceled in the United States on Friday, according to FlightAware.com, most with destinations or departures in the Northeast Corridor, The Washington Post reported. About a third of those flights were at New York’s LaGuardia Airport, the East Coast’s primary transportation hub. More than 400 were canceled at Boston Logan International Airport; another 300 were canceled at airports in the Washington region.

Flights were suspended at LaGuardia on Friday afternoon, according to The New York Times. The Federal Aviation Administration issued temporary ground stops at Dulles for about an hour Friday afternoon because of the high winds, and, at one point, the Dulles air traffic control tower was evacuated.

One flight encountered such heavy turbulence that “pretty much everyone on the plane threw up. Pilots

were on the verge of throwing up,” the pilot said in an urgent report from a regional jetliner from Charlottesville, Va. Amtrak also briefly suspended train service because of outages in New York City.

In other pockets, the storm dropped large amounts of precipitation, including heavy snowfall, or its winds pushed in seawater during high tides, inundating bayside neighborhoods.

Portions of New York state received more than three feet of snow. Syracuse University canceled a full day of classes because of snow for only the third time in its history.

First responders in Quincy, Mass., spent Friday night rescuing nearly 100 people who were suddenly trapped by rising floodwaters.

“I’m fortunate to get rescued,” Christine Way-Cotter of Quincy told Boston CBS affiliate WBZ, according to CNN. “Our house is lifted so, like, nothing came into our first floor, but our whole basement is probably six feet underwater.”

Alp Yokus, 12, and his parents grew increasingly fearful as the waters rose inside their Quincy home before they were rescued by first responders.

“When it really came up, we just stayed in, hoping,” Alp told The Boston Globe. “For the first floor, some of it leaked in through the walls.”

In Duxbury, about 35 miles southeast of Boston, Eric Giumetti, the owner of Duxbury Pizza, reflected on 40 years of bad weather. He remembered his father-in-law keeping the pizza shop open during a 1978 blizzard, lighting the store with headlights from cars in the parking lot.

In 2018, he’s kept the lights on with a portable generator, purchased five years ago, when he thought superstorms and the ensuing blackouts would become an annual event.

He put a power strip on the wall, so people could

charge their phones and told The Post he was expecting a big lunchtime crowd.

“Probably everyone’s out now surveying all the damage and in another hour or two, it’ll really get going,” he said at about 11:45 a.m. “They usually take their beach ride and then come by here to get something to eat.”

Coastal communities found themselves increasingly attuned to the tide, which was wreaking the most havoc in seaside cities.

On Friday afternoon, the tide at Boston Harbor peaked at 14.67 feet, the third-highest level since authorities began keeping records in 1928. Stranded people feared there would be a similar historic high tide around midnight, causing a flooding risk in the dark as people were sleeping. But midnight’s tide was 13.87 feet, nearly a foot lower, according to the Boston Globe.

With the winds and most of the precipitation abating, Saturday’s high tide may be the last vestige of this storm. Then, the eastern seaboard can begin to calculate the human and economic toll.

Theodore Keon, director of coastal resources for Chatham, a particularly vulnerable seaside town on the southeastern tip of Cape Cod, spent the days before the storm supervising employees hauling in tons of sand.

“I’m concerned mostly because of the duration of this event,” Mr. Keon said Friday. “The last two January storms, while significant in terms of water elevation, were of fairly short duration.”

“When you’ve got a storm like this that sits off the coast, and you’ve got the constant pounding of the waves and high water because it’s not receding, that’s potentially more significant. Three or maybe even four high-tide cycles can really cause a lot of damage.”

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‘It was like a living nightmare’

Bus passenger describes night spent stranded by snow storm

By Marylynne Pitz
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Nearly 100 passengers, many of them college students, spent the night on a packed Megabus after it became stranded in 20 inches of snow on Interstate 80 in Eastern Pennsylvania.

“It was like a living nightmare. I haven’t had anything to eat in 24 hours,” said Keren Kedem, a 21-year-old University of Pittsburgh senior. “It was chaos and they weren’t prepared for inclement weather and we shouldn’t have been on the road in the first place.”

A powerful Nor’easter, which produced high winds, flooding and snow along a 1,000-mile stretch of the East Coast, killed seven people.

Megabuses scheduled to depart later Friday morning from Pittsburgh were canceled, Ms. Kedem said, who added that at least one passenger had a panic attack.

“The girl across from me was hysterical,” Ms. Kedem said.

The college senior, who was traveling home to see her family in Dobbs Ferry, N.Y., was aware of bad weather in the Northeast when she boarded at 9:15 a.m. Friday but the Megabus driver “didn’t know about the weather at all. That was pretty concerning to me,” Ms. Kedem said.

The bus, which halted around 3:30 p.m. Friday, was hot at first, then grew cold. There was no water or blankets on board and her dinner was melted Girl Scout cookies, Ms. Kedem said.

The Megabus had traveled on Interstate 80 to State College, Pa., to pick up Penn State University students. Passengers ate around 2:45 p.m.

The Megabus had a bathroom, Ms. Kedem said, but the lack of water was a problem because many passengers were thirsty and needed to take medication.

“In this weather, I think it’s unconscionable that the bus company wouldn’t have two cases of water on the bus,” said the young woman’s mother, Lisa Hurwitz-Kedem, a teacher who lives in Dobbs Ferry.

Interstate 80 was closed until 7 a.m. Saturday when motorists were allowed to resume driving. Trucks and buses, however, were still halted and did not start moving until shortly after 8 a.m.

“I was taken aback by how horrible the roads were in Pennsylvania,” Ms. Kedem said. “No one was coming to help us. We were told that the National Guard was coming. We didn’t see anyone. I just felt completely unsafe. I ended up rereading my college essays because I was so bored.”



Keren Kedem

Keren Kedem took this photo of weather conditions along Interstate 80 as she endured a 28-hour trip on a Megabus from Pittsburgh.

The young woman’s parents considered driving to a travel stop in Columbia, N.J., where the Megabus arrived Saturday around 11:10 a.m. The travel stop, a hub for Megabus, was closed and had no power.

“They were supposed to have a driver waiting for them at the Columbia rest stop,” Ms. Hurwitz-Kedem said. Instead, passengers sat waiting for a new driver to arrive.

Ms. Hurwitz-Kedem said the strong Nor’easter forced schools in Dobbs Ferry to close midday on Friday.

“We went home because of the high winds,” Ms. Hurwitz-Kedem said.

Those same high winds blew across Interstate 80 where her daughter worried the double-decker Megabus would tip over. She saw several large trucks jackknife on Interstate 80.

When the Megabus began moving at 8:15 a.m. Saturday, Ms. Kedem said, passengers saw a west-bound Megabus “completely stuck” on the other side of Interstate 80.

Cell phone service was unavailable for six hours and the bus had no Wi-Fi.

The bus driver, Ms. Kedem said, “was great about keeping us updated. He kept reminding us to keep our seat belts on. He was overworked. He drove for 24 hours straight. All our lives were in this one guy’s hands.”

“It’s not just that we were stranded. We were stranded because of the negligence. Megabus wasn’t doing what they should have done to protect us. I would rather the

bus had been canceled. Our bus driver told us late last night that driving was like driving on glass,” Ms. Kedem said.

“As a parent, I’m thinking that they didn’t do their due diligence in checking the weather. They sent it into 20 inches of snow. I just feel the bus should have never left,” Ms. Hurwitz-Kedem said. “I don’t think anyone would want to be in a Megabus for 28 hours.”

Sean Hughes, director of corporate affairs for Megabus, said all passengers on the Megabus bound for New York City will receive a refund.

Mr. Hughes said the safety of drivers and passengers is a top priority for Megabus and that the company monitors weather conditions by using The Weather Channel and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

“I can certainly understand their frustration. Route I-80 was closed,” Mr. Hughes said. “There was an accident on Route I-80 that caused a two-hour traffic back-up,” he said, adding that the accident happened between 3 and 4 p.m. on Friday.

A relief driver had to travel through bad weather, road closures and traffic to reach the New Jersey rest stop, Mr. Hughes said, and the Megabus arrived in New York City Saturday between noon and 1 p.m.

Ms. Kedem said that the driver told passengers that he did not have GPS.

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New research shows people who are overweight don't live longer

By Karen Kaplan
Los Angeles Times

For several years, researchers have struggled to explain the obesity paradox. This is the observation that, after being diagnosed with cardiovascular disease, people who are overweight or obese live longer than people who have a healthy weight.

How is it possible for those extra pounds to provide extra years of life? The answer, it turns out, is simple.

A new study shows what's really going on: People who are overweight or obese are being diagnosed with cardiovascular disease at younger ages. Although they do spend more years living with the disease than their slimmer peers, they do not live longer overall.

Indeed, one of the main effects of carrying around too much excess weight is that you get fewer years of disease-free life.

A team of researchers led by Sadiya Khan of Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine figured this out by examining data from the Cardiovascular Disease Lifetime Risk Pooling Project.

They pulled medical information on 190,672 Americans who did not have cardiovascular disease when they began being tracked by researchers. All of them had their height and weight measured at least once, and all of them were followed for at least 10 years. Altogether, they provided researchers with 3.2 million years of health data.

The researchers grouped the study participants according to their age and their



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Wanda Chism, left, talks to Pam Bates, a Generations of Red Bay administrator, at the facility in Red Bay, Ala., in 2015.

weight status. Starting with people between the ages of 40 and 59, they saw that those who were overweight or obese had a higher risk of a heart attack, stroke or congestive heart failure than did those with a normal weight.

For instance, among middle-aged men, 37 percent of those who were overweight (that is, with a body mass index between 25 and 29.9) experienced some type of cardiovascular event after joining a study. So did 47 percent of men who were obese (with a body mass index between 30 and 39.9) and 65.4 percent of those who were morbidly obese (with a BMI of 40 or above). By comparison, 32 percent of men with a BMI in the normal range (between 18.5 and 24.9) suffered a cardiovascular event.

Among middle-aged women, 27.9 percent of those who were overweight had a heart attack, stroke or congestive heart failure after joining a study, as did 38.8 percent of those who were

obese and 47.6 percent of those who were morbidly obese. Among women with a normal weight, 21.5 percent experienced one of these cardiovascular events.

After adjusting the data to account for risk factors like age, race, ethnicity and smoking status, Dr. Khan and her colleagues found that the higher the BMI, the greater the lifetime risk of some type of heart problem. For example, compared to middle-aged men with a normal BMI, the risk of a heart attack (either fatal or nonfatal) was 18 percent higher for men who were overweight, 42 percent higher for men who were obese and 98 percent higher for men who were morbidly obese.

For middle-aged women, the risk of a heart attack was 42 percent higher for those who were overweight, 75 percent higher for those who were obese and 80 percent higher for those who were morbidly obese.

The researchers found

that middle-aged adults with a normal weight lived the most years free of cardiovascular disease. For instance, men who were morbidly obese experienced their first cardiovascular event 7.5 years sooner than men with a normal BMI. For women, the difference was 7.1 years.

In addition, a normal weight was associated with a longer life overall. Middle-aged men with a normal BMI lived 5.6 years longer than men who were morbidly obese, while women with a normal BMI lived 2 years longer than women who were morbidly obese.

By looking at people's health over a longer period of time — not just after they've been diagnosed with a heart problem — the true significance of the obesity paradox comes into view.

"The obesity paradox ... appears largely to be caused by earlier diagnosis of CVD," the researchers wrote, using an abbreviation for cardiovascular disease.

North Pole surging above freezing in the dead of winter

By Jason Samenow
The Washington Post

The sun won't rise at the North Pole until March 20, and it's normally close to the coldest time of year, but an extraordinary and possibly historic thaw swelled over the tip of the planet last weekend. Analyses show that the temperature warmed to the melting point as an enormous storm pumped an intense pulse of heat through the Greenland Sea.

Temperatures may have soared as high as 35 degrees (2 degrees Celsius) at the pole, according to the U.S. Global Forecast System model. While there are no direct measurements of temperature there, Zack Labe, a climate scientist working on his doctorate at the University of California at Irvine, confirmed that several independent analyses showed "it was very close to freezing," which is more than 50 degrees (30 degrees Celsius) above normal.

The warm intrusion penetrated right through the heart of the Central Arctic, Mr. Labe said. The temperature averaged for the entire region north of 80 degrees latitude spiked to its highest level ever recorded in February. The average temperature was more than 36 degrees (20 degrees Celsius) above normal. "No other warm intrusions were very close to this," Mr. Labe said in an interview, describing a data set maintained by the Danish Meteorological Institute that dates back to 1958. "I was taken by surprise how expansive this warm intrusion was."

Such extreme warm in-

trusions in the Arctic, once rare, are becoming more routine, research has shown. A study published in July found that since 1980, these events are becoming more frequent, longer-lasting and more intense.


"Previously this was not common," said lead author of the study Robert Graham, from the Norwegian Polar Institute, in an email. "It happened in four years between 1980-2010, but has now occurred in four out of the last five winters."

Mr. Graham explained that these warming events are related to the decline of winter sea ice in the Arctic, noting that January's ice extent was the lowest on record. "As the sea ice is melting and thinning, it is becoming more vulnerable to these winter storms," he explained.

"The thinner ice drifts more quickly and can break up into smaller pieces. The strong winds from the south can push the ice further north into the Central Arctic, exposing the open water and releasing heat to the atmosphere from the ocean."

Scientists were shocked in recent days to discover open water north of Greenland, an area normally covered by old, very thick ice.

Such warm water is appearing to have an effect on air temperatures. At the north tip of Greenland, about 400 miles to the south of the North Pole, the weather station Cape Morris Jesup has logged a record-crushing 61 hours above freezing so far this calendar year. The previous record, dating to 1980, was 16 hours through the end of April in 2011.




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After winning \$5,000 from a business plan competition, Nicholas Unis of Center Township is raising money to start a company that 3-D prints custom-fitted shoes. Here, Mr. Unis holds out one of his prototype sneakers.

ALL SHOES FIT TO PRINT

Penn State student uses 3-D tech to create custom kicks

By Len Boselovic
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

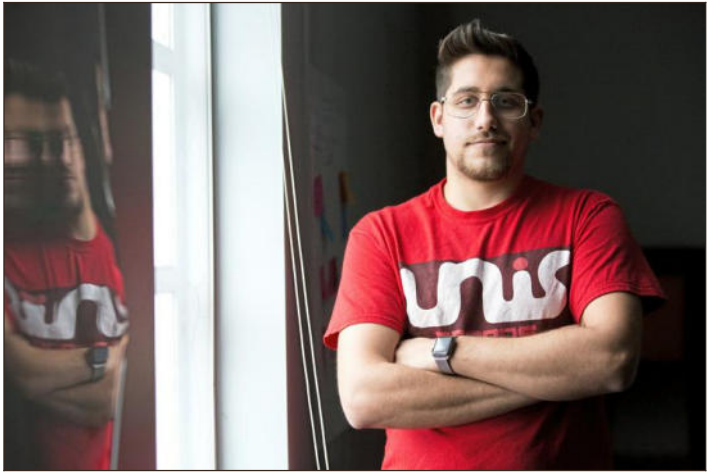
The seed of Nick Unis' 3-D printing company germinated while the former Central Valley High School student was in a long line waiting to buy the latest high-end athletic shoes at the Champs Sports store in Beaver Valley Mall.

As teenagers, Mr. Unis, now 20, and his younger brother, Jake, would join between 50 and 75 other sneaker buffs at 4 a.m., waiting for the chance to buy a limited number of Air Jordan and Nike shoes the first day they went on sale. With as few as 12 pairs available, they sometimes went home shoeless.

"My dad wasn't happy that me and my brother would do that, so he said why don't you just get a job there," said the younger Mr. Unis, who is in the third year of a five-year program that will earn him two bachelor's and one master's degree from Penn State's business school.

Nick Unis, then 16, got a job at Champs, where he could reserve new models for himself and a few pairs for friends.

He began customizing the shoes: coloring or dyeing them;



Mr. Unis at his office at Happy Valley LaunchBox in State College.

changing the fabric; adding a school or other logo; or installing LED lighting. He learned how to tear the shoes apart and put them back together by trial and error.

"I didn't have to buy anyone a new pair of shoes because of messing them up," he said.

For most jobs, Mr. Unis said, he collected \$80 to \$100 per pair.

Doing about 25 pairs a month sharpened his skills and creativity so much that he eventually

attracted the attention of Nike. The shoe giant didn't like his rework of a pair of Air Jordan's that were put on auction on eBay in January 2015. Mr. Unis asserts that bidding eventually blew past the top sale price he envisioned, \$1,500. It went high enough to prompt Nike to send the youthful entrepreneur a cease-and-desist letter.

"They didn't like that I was messing with the Jordan shoes," Mr. Unis said.

The experience was the beginning of his serious pursuit of making custom-built shoes that provide comfort and style based on an individual's foot size and tastes. Selling shoes at Champs made him realize that mass produced shoes don't satisfy a lot of people — like the customer whose feet were two different sizes.

"He would have to buy a size 10 [pair] and a size 11 when he would buy shoes," Mr. Unis said.

3-D printing technology, which makes products from digital images, can make each shoe a perfect fit. So Mr. Unis began exploring the burgeoning technology.

When Stratasys, a major 3-D printer provider, quoted him a \$150,000 base price, the Penn State student started looking for a cheaper way.

After exploring online forums on the technology and speaking with some people who were already using the equipment, Mr. Unis designed his own 3-D printer with parts obtained from hardware stores and other sources.

He also needed a software

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Heard off the street LEN BOSELOVIC

A bad sign for shares of RenovaCare

It's not good marketing to slap a skull and crossbones symbol next to the name of a life sciences company.

Just ask RenovaCare, [ticker: RCAR], which is based in the Pittsburgh Life Sciences Greenhouse on the South Side. The company's technology, which uses stem cells to heal burn wounds, was acquired from Jörg Gerlach, a medical doctor and University of Pittsburgh professor associated with the school's surgery and bio-engineering departments.

RenovaCare describes itself as a "pre-revenue" company, meaning its SkinGun and CellMist technology — which sprays a watery mist of healthy skin cells into a burn wound — isn't being sold yet.

After trading for months in the \$3 to \$4 per share range, RenovaCare's shares began climbing in late January, jumping as high as \$12.82 on Feb. 22.

The next day, OTC Markets, where RenovaCare shares trade, slapped a "caveat emptor" — buyer beware — designation on the stock, indicated by a skull and crossbones symbol on the RenovaCare page on OTC's website. The exchange cited promotion and public interest concerns.

That's a polite way of saying the OTC is afraid the shares are being touted by pump and dumpers — people who drive the stock price higher, then cash in before the stock collapses.

RenovaCare shares have been sliding ever since. By Thursday, they had made their way back to about \$5.

Amit Singh, a nonstaff spokesman for RenovaCare, responded to questions emailed to Andrew Danielson, the company's director of operations and only full-time employee.

"The company has not issued a public statement with respect to your questions," Mr. Singh said in an email.

According to a Jan. 8 company news release, OTC Markets notified RenovaCare on Jan. 3 that the exchange had become aware of "promotional activities," including a newsletter published by StreetAuthority that promoted RenovaCare and 12 other stocks.

RenovaCare said it was not affiliated with the author or publisher of the report. The company also stated its officers, directors, third-party service providers and controlling shareholder had "not been involved in any way" with creating and distributing the newsletter or other promotional materials.

Skeptics, including shortsellers hoping to profit from falling share prices, say the controlling shareholder, Kalen Capital Holdings

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Is alcohol at work a perk? Not for some young job seekers

Workzone
LAURA LEGERE

Drinks during recruiting dinners, team bonding over happy hour, beer kegs at trendy startups. Companies looking to attract talented young workers might think projecting a drinking-friendly workplace culture is a smart strategy. At first, Anthony Klotz thought so, too.

But the assistant professor of management at Oregon State University discovered through a recent study that the opposite is true: Many young prospective employees are turned off by signals that companies embrace alcohol during work-related events.

And even the most politically skilled — those who excel at networking, influencing others and adapting their personalities to fit

social situations — found companies that project an alcohol-friendly culture are no more attractive than similar companies that don't.

Mr. Klotz and co-author Serge da Motta Veiga of American University tested the idea with two experiments.

In the first, 180 students in an upper-level college business class were given one of two recruitment flyers for a fake company. One version mentioned "happy hours" among company perks, like retreats and a gym, and included a picture of employees gathered in a lounge holding wine and cocktail glasses. The other flyer was identical except it switched out the booze glasses for coffee cups and mentioned "luncheons" instead of happy hours.

The second experiment asked 122 business students at a different university to say what drink they would order during a recruitment



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dinner with potential colleagues. In one scenario, the future colleagues ordered water; in the other, they ordered wine, beer and a cocktail.

In both experiments, the students answered questions about their attraction to the company and how well they thought they'd fit there, as well as questions that indicated their level of political skill — that is, their ability to get ahead through means like positioning, influence and social savvy.

Students with high political skill

didn't show a marked preference for the imbibers over the coffee and water drinkers, but students with low political skill — those who would rather not schmooze and deal — saw the companies that didn't feature alcohol as significantly more appealing.

That has implications for companies that might be "inadvertently scaring off individuals" that have a just-get-the-job-done character and instead might be filling their ranks "with these socially astute, slick networkers," Mr. Klotz said.

"The research is pretty clear: Political organizations are stressful places to work because you've got people making deals all over the place," he said. "So if you don't want to have a political company, you might want to tone down the alcohol messages."

On the other hand, he noted in the study, in industries that prize networkers and influencers, "It

may very well be a harmless idea to expose applicants to the moderate use of alcohol during recruitment, almost as a test that their abilities would fit the demands of the job and the culture of the organization."

The study, which was published in the journal Human Resource Management, also offered a broader lesson: Job seekers tend to interpret even subtle signals to draw conclusions about what a company values.

Companies should think about whether the messages they send with their recruiting pitches and company perks are the ones they intend.

"Before you roll out a perk that you assume everyone will like, maybe collect a little bit of data first and see if that backs up your hunch," Mr. Klotz said.

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A bad sign for RenovaCare shares

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of Vancouver, British Columbia, warrants a closer look. Kalen, which is owned by real estate entrepreneur Harmel Rayat, owns 66 percent of RenovaCare's shares, according to an offering statement that the company filed Feb. 9 with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The filing indicated RenovaCare shareholders planned to sell 4.4 million shares, including 2.4 million to be offered by Kalen Capital.

Mr. Rayat was sanctioned by the SEC for stock promotions twice. In 2000, without admitting or denying the SEC's allegations, Mr. Rayat and Equity Alert, a stock promotion firm he was affiliated with, agreed to pay \$20,000 in fines and refrain from publishing information on stocks with-

out disclosing that they had been paid for the service. Three years later, the SEC accused Equity Alert, Mr. Rayat and others of distributing promotional materials touting two companies, then illegally selling shares they had received for the promotion. The sales were required to be registered with the SEC but weren't. Fines for Equity Alert and its parent company were reduced to \$31,555 because of the defunct companies' inability to pay more, according to the SEC.

SolarWindow Technologies [WNDW], another pre-revenue company where Kalen Capital is the majority shareholder, received a caveat emptor designation from OTC markets on Feb. 23, the same day RenovaCare got the distinction. The two companies rely on the same auditor and the

same New York law firm. Two calls to Kalen Capital seeking comment were not returned.

RenovaCare said last week it is expanding its product pipeline beyond second-degree burns. The company's news release was short on specifics about the initiative.

Research and development doesn't account for most of the company's spending. RenovaCare's Feb. 9 filing indicates that in addition to Mr. Danielson, the company employs three others on a part-time basis and that RenovaCare spent \$453,488 compensating officers and directors in 2016 vs. \$309,503 on research and development.

Caveat emptor indeed.

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Quality speakers, favorite headphones

Sound advice
DON LINDICH

Q. How does the JBL Flip 3 speaker sound compared to the Amazon Echo? Which is better?

— P.K., Cedarburg, Wis.

A. For pure sound quality, I would say the JBL Flip 3. The Amazon speakers sound OK but are not known for class-leading sound quality. The Alexa Voice Assistant is the reason to buy them.

The \$39 OontZ Angle 3 Ultra has better sound than any of the Echo speakers, despite being much less expensive. The OontZ Angle 3 Ultra is also better than the JBL Flip 3, so if sound quality is what you are after, the Angle 3 Ultra is what I would buy. If you want a speaker with Alexa, then I would go ahead and get the Echo. amazon.com and theoontz.com

Headphone coverage in weeks to come: Over the next few weeks, I will be highlighting some great headphones and earphones I came across at the 2018 Consumer Electronics Show. I am starting with what are now my favorite headphones in the \$100-and-under category.

The Panasonic Retro RP-HTX80B over-ear Bluetooth headphones (\$99) come from a large company that serves many different product categories, yet they are good enough to have come from a specialty headphone manufacturer. Available in four colors with cool retro styling that looks straight from the 1970s, they are also among



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Panasonic Retro RP-HTX80B Headphones.

the most comfortable headphones I have ever worn. The low weight, soft earcups, and gentle, even pressure from the headband keeps them on securely, yet you never feel encumbered by them.

Though not noise canceling, the headphones do a good job of keeping out external noise so you can enjoy the music. And enjoy it you will, because the sound quality is stellar. They have a unique sonic signature that does not resemble any other headphones I can think of, yet it is technically excellent and satisfying. They do not sound warm, but neither do they sound bright or sterile, and they have a very robust midrange with a slightly forward sound and excellent tonal color. The treble is crisp, bass is solid and they are unfazed by complex musical passages, with everything coming through clearly and without congestion.

Battery life is also at the top of the class. A 2.5-hour charge yields 24 hours of

playback time, and a quick 15-minute charge yields 2.5 hours, perfect for that last-minute trip to the gym.


Not everything is perfect. They are so good I wish I had the ability to use them with a wired connection as well as Bluetooth, though the long battery life and quick charge capability means it is unlikely that a lack of power will keep you from listening.

The buttons are a little bit small, making it difficult to control playback and volume by feel, and the maximum volume is a bit lower than some competing headphones I have tried. Typically they are loud enough, but there were times I thought certain tracks could use just a touch more loudness and the volume was maxed out.

Despite these quibbles, the comfort, sound quality, captivating looks, long battery life and low price make the Panasonic Retro RP-HTX80B headphones among the most compelling headphones you can buy for under \$100. If you had planned on spending \$70 or \$80 on Bluetooth headphones, you would be well-advised to dig just a little deeper and get these instead.

I have a more detailed review with lots of pictures on my soundadviceheadphones.com website, and when shopping online, be sure to look for the RP-HTX80B model number as Panasonic has multiple Retro models available. panasonic.com

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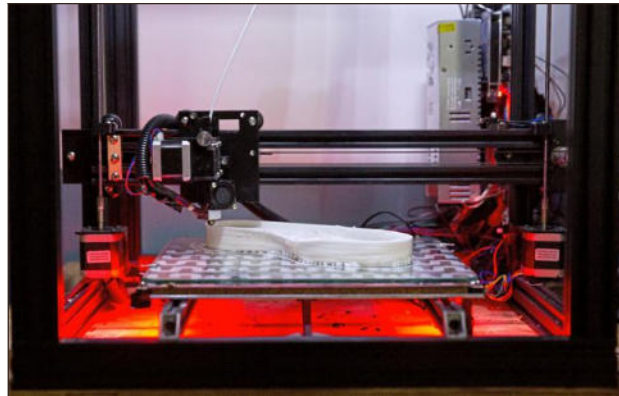
program that enabled his printer to produce shoes based on digital data about each customer's feet. So he took a programming class and learned how to adapt open source software, readily available online.

The result is a \$500 printer that methodically spits out a ribbon of soft, flexible thermoplastic polyurethane. Thin layer by thin layer, the plastic takes the form of the lower and upper parts of two types of sandals, one with two straps and a slide-on version. Mr. Unis said he designed the shoes, but that his company, Unis Brands, is in the process of hiring a footwear designer.

It takes about nine hours to print a sole made of harder plastic and two hours to print an upper made of a softer plastic that has the feel of a heavy fabric, he said.

Mr. Unis won \$5,000 last year in a Penn State business plan competition that helped him refine the product and printing process. He said mentors at Penn State's Altoona campus helped Unis Brands get space in the Happy Valley LaunchBox, a business accelerator that provides a place to work, experts to mentor him, and other resources.

An internship program sponsored by Penn State's engineering school supplied Mr. Unis with eight student



Antonella Crescimbeni/Post-Gazette
The 3-D printer used to create the shoes.

interns this semester. They are improving the durability and aesthetics of the shoe and trying to increase the speed of the printer without compromising quality.

"They have been very helpful as far as taking our 98 percent finished product to 100 percent," he said.

Mr. Unis said he and his father, dentist Nicholas Unis in Center, Beaver County, have invested about \$10,000 so far in Unis Brands, with the son's share of the seed money coming from his shoe customization days.

Nick Unis is one of six finalists seeking \$30,000 in prize money from Inc. U, a Shark Tank-style competition funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Commerce. The competition will be broadcast next month on PBS' "The Investment."

This summer, he plans to

start selling the sandals online at unisbrands.com. They will be priced at \$100 to \$120 a pair.

"We think that is perfectly reasonable for a fully customizable shoe," Mr. Unis said.

To order a pair, buyers will either measure each of their feet at its longest and widest point or use a print-out available on the company's website. The data will be fed into software that tells the printer what to do.

His plans are to print the footwear at a site near Pittsburgh that's equipped with about 30 printers. An athletic shoe, which he said is about 75 percent finished, should follow a short time later.

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Construction workers attach X-shaped steel braces between precast concrete beams placed for construction of a bridge over Little Raccoon Creek in Robinson, Washington County, as part of the \$800 million Southern Beltway.

Contractor uses innovative method for bridge beams on Beltway project

2-foot triangle speeds action of placing beam

By Ed Blazina
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Carpenters pass tools and material all the time, whether it's hand to hand, using a bucket and rope or even by using a pallet.

The crews assembling a bridge last week over Little Raccoon Creek in Washington County as part of the construction of the \$800 million Southern Beltway are taking that concept to a larger scale: passing 123-foot-long, 75-ton precast concrete beams from one crane to another using a 2-foot welded steel triangle and a couple of Kevlar straps to put them in place.

The innovative process involves two cranes because the beams are too long and heavy to use just one. And the crane-passing isn't a one-time thing because the bridge in Robinson Township requires 42 beams to build separate spans in each direction.

The load triangle is a relatively new construction tool approved two years ago for use on projects by the state Department of Transportation and the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Alvarez Inc. of Canonsburg became the first company in the state to use this method, which replaced a time-consuming process that involved sliding beams across a greasy piece of steel.

"That triangle? I personally built that thing," said Joe Schrecengost, erection supervisor for Alvarez, minutes after he finished guiding a beam into

place using little more than the cranes and a 2-by-12 plank of wood.

Mr. Schrecengost, a 33-year construction veteran, said he saw in a trade magazine that an Oregon company was using the load triangle to place beams. For years, the accepted method of placing beams involved sliding the precast concrete across a dummy steel slab placed across the open area and treated with Crisco or a similar slippery substance, then pulling the steel out.

"I thought, 'If they can do it in Oregon, why can't we do it here?'" so I made one," Mr. Schrecengost said, describing the stick-welded steel triangle.

Crane-passing works like this: One crane at the edge of the bridge suspends a cable with a Kevlar strap attached to one corner of the triangle. On the corner of the triangle directly below the strap is a chain with two hooks attached to the beam while the third corner has a second, open Kevlar strap.

The crane lifts one end of the beam and moves it about a third of the way off the tractor-trailer dolly and over the valley the bridge will span. In the valley, midway between the four piers that will support the bridge, is another crane that moves its cable into position adjacent to the triangle.

At that point, Mr. Schrecengost climbs onto the suspended beam, hooks his harness onto safety rigging and scurries to the cable to attach the open strap to the second crane and detach the

first strap. That shifts the weight of the beam from the first crane to the second crane. The first crane then moves to the other end of the beam to pick it up, and together the two cranes move it into place, a process that takes about 12 minutes from the first lift.

Using this method allows crews to place as many as six beams in one day, two or three times as many as the Crisco method.

Prelude to the lift

Passing beams from crane to crane is the end of a process that began early last year when crews started clearing brush between Route 22 and Beech Hollow Road and relocating Little Raccoon Creek, a small stream that meanders through a valley so it should have a more permanent path. The bridge is part of a 13-mile toll road under construction by the Pennsylvania Turnpike to link Interstate 79 with Route 22.

Through the summer, crews built four sets of piers for the new bridge, which is being built in an area that seems 12 miles from nowhere. It may have been the end of February, but it was time to begin assembling the framework of the bridge.

"We're on a pretty tight schedule," said Tim Mihalek, construction supervisor for subcontractor Greenman-Petersen Inc. "It's important that we get this done on time."

That's because crews will be ready to begin laying pavement in May across this end of the new highway with the bridge scheduled for early June.

The bridge construction site is a good half-mile off Cardiff Road, a half-mile that was left a muddy bog by the historic amount of rainfall in February. It got even muddier approaching the bridge, making it a challenge for trucks to get the beams to the bridge.

Rigs haul the beams to the site one at a time with one end on the bed behind the cab and the other attached to a dolly. The site was so muddy that once a rig arrived on site and tried to back in, a front loader had to scrape the road ahead of it so it could get through.

"I wouldn't want to drive those trucks on the highway let alone through that mud," Mr. Mihalek said. "That mud's like something from 'The Ten Commandments.'"

For the truck's final 30 yards, one member of the crew walked behind the dolly with a remote control device to guide it to the exact location. Nothing is left to chance in bridge erection: Crews have 81 pages of design specifications to follow just for placing the beams.

When the beams arrive at the staging area near the first abutment, a crew of 12 carpenters jumps into action, quickly attaching safety rigging across the top so they can move across the pieces throughout the construction process.

Because of the muddy conditions, the cranes with 113-foot booms have been placed on sets of 12-by-12-inch beams so they won't sink.

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Suspected coke ring leader was dealing in sixth grade

Mendoza under indictment here

By Torsten Ove
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Don Juan Mendoza, a drug dealer from Florida who started selling in the sixth grade, said he wanted a "fresh start."

He was done with the drug life, he said, that had sent him to prison three times and nearly gotten him killed.

He'd cooperated with federal prosecutors during the last decade and helped police solve four murders in Florida.

He got a break in his sentence for that, but also became a target in his hometown of Jacksonville.

In November 2013, gunmen shot him in the head and killed his drug-dealing friend, who had also cooperated.

Now a father and a purported businessman, he told a judge in 2015 that he wanted to move to Charlotte, N.C., raise his family where no one knew him and focus on running his hair salons there and in Tampa with his wife, Charlene Mendoza, a rapper who goes by "Sno-Cold."

"I don't have no need to sell drugs," he said. "I got five kids. I'm fixing to be a grandfather in December. My 19-year-old is pregnant right now. I want to be here for my kids. I don't want to be in prison. I've done 13 years in prison."

But Mendoza, 38, who most recently was living in suburban Atlanta, could be headed back to prison.

He's at the heart of a Pittsburgh case in which the FBI says he and his pals shipped huge amounts of cocaine in a recreational vehicle and a distinctive van, imprinted with his wife's image, from Georgia and California to two Mon Valley brothers, Jamie and Deauble Lightfoot.

Mendoza and the Lightfoots are under indictment here, along with five others from the Mon Valley, Florida, Georgia and South Carolina.

The investigation is ongoing, but the first plea already has been entered.

On Thursday, Anthony Davis of Donora admitted to possession of cocaine following an FBI raid on his house in December that turned up cocaine, bags of marijuana, multiple shotguns and other firearms, a hydraulic cocaine press and cash.

His lawyer said Davis had allowed his home to be used as a "drop house" for the gang's guns and drugs, but she said he works six days a week at a cement factory to provide for his family and is not a danger to anyone. The U.S. attorney's office objected, saying he was involved in a

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Carnegie fire kills one, damages longtime restaurant site

By Andrew Goldstein
and Rich Lord
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

One person has died from a fire at an apartment building in Carnegie that houses the longtime Papa J's restaurant.

The building sits in the middle of Carnegie's business district.

"It was absolutely devastating," Carnegie Mayor Stacie Riley said of the fire. "We are going to get a plan together to try and figure out what we're going to do."

Carnegie police Chief Jeffrey Kennedy said that the borough called in the Allegheny County Fire Marshal and county police homicide detectives, but at this point he knows of no indication that the fire was intentionally set. "At this time, they don't expect foul play. They're leaning toward accidental," the chief said Saturday about the fire that broke out around 10:20

p.m. Friday.

The building has apartments on the upper floors and Papa J's restaurant on the first floor at 200 E. Main St.

The county medical examiner's office Saturday evening identified the fire victim as John Wells, 64. A release said he was found unresponsive and died in a hospital.

One victim was taken in critical condition to St. Clair Hospital and then transferred to UPMC Mercy, according to police, but it was unclear if that was the person who died.

Allegheny County announced Saturday afternoon that Carnegie Fire units were back on the scene because the fire may have re-kindled. The county indicated that 25 residents have been displaced, and the Red Cross is helping them.

East Main Street remains closed until the borough can dispatch engineers to check the damaged



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A passerby pauses to take photographs of the building at 200 E. Main St. in Carnegie on Saturday that houses Papa J's restaurant and apartments. One person is confirmed dead.

building's integrity and to determine what must be done to secure the scene, according to Chief Kennedy.

Several fire companies responded to the blaze at Broadway Avenue and East Main Street.

Fire crews were blasting the rooftop of the building with hoses from three ladders as dozens of residents stood on the streets and sidewalks in close proximity, watching crews fight the blaze.

"The fire department did a fantastic job," said Chief Kennedy. "The whole block could've gone up."

"I would also like to put a shout out to all of the [area] fire departments," said borough council president Sue Demko. "There were so many out there, and they were there all night."

Beth Doyle, a server at Papa J's,

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Contractor uses innovative method to place bridge beams on Beltway

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Coordinated process

Once the beam is in the air, Mr. Schrecengost uses a combination of a walkie-talkie and hand signals to communicate with the crane operators. Third base coaches in baseball could take lessons from him on how he uses one hand to tell the crane operator to move the beam left, right, up and down or to stop.

At the far end, three carpenters are stationed on the pier where the beam will rest. At one point, one leans against the beam to force it to the right place, relatively easy since it is almost weightless suspended in the air.

At the abutment, Mr. Schrecengost uses a wooden plank to make the final ad-

justment and set the beam in place on a 4-inch-thick rubber composite pad. Immediately, Mr. Mihalek, who had climbed down the hillside under the beam, inspected the placement to make sure the beam was flush on the pad before two men used heavy chains to secure it in place.

The next part of the process involves two carpenters perched on a manlift, who find brackets located at the midpoint of each beam. There, the carpenters attach X-shaped steel braces onto the brackets to tie the adjacent beams together and make sure they will stay in place. When it is constructed, the beam has a camber or curvature of about 4 inches but that goes away almost immediately when it is put in place.

When crews are finished placing beams on one side of the bridge, one crane will be moved to the abutment on the other side so beam placement can be completed on that side.

Over the next few months, crews will finish the preparation for bridge paving by placing two layers of reinforcement bars and preparing the road bed leading up to bridge on both sides for paving.

The whole process was made quicker and easier by a 2-foot steel triangle.

“[Using the triangle] has made such an improvement in how we do this,” Mr. Schrecengost said. “It’s kept the cost down, too.”

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Carnegie fire kills 1, damages eatery

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said she was at a loss for words as she watched crews battle the blaze.

“I’m not going to have anywhere to go tomorrow night,” she said.

Ms. Doyle said she was working when a manager came into the restaurant about 10:20 p.m. and said the building was on fire.

Restaurant employees and patrons quickly fled. Some employees went to upper floors of the building and knocked on doors to alert residents.

Papa J’s “had to come back in ‘04 from the flood” that followed Hurricane Ivan, said Ms. Riley. Since then, it has been a leader in the business district’s revitalization.

She said she spoke with restaurant owner Michael Troiani on Saturday. “It was encouraging to hear him say that he’s resilient.

“That building has been there for a hundred years, so we’re hoping that it can continue to be.”

— Sue Demko, Borough Council President

And Carnegie is resilient, too. ... We have a commitment from the borough to help in any way possible.”

The borough’s residents and churches are also rallying around the building’s tenants, she said.

Michael Sarsfield, chair of the borough council’s Public Safety Committee, said that the fire appears to have started in one of the apartments in the building, not in the restaurant.

He said borough officials hope that the Troiani family, who have long operated

Papa J’s in the heart of the borough, choose to rebuild. “We’re very thankful and appreciative to have them here,” he said. “They built quite a legacy in our community.”

Papa J’s was founded in 1989.

“That building has been there for a hundred years, so we’re hoping that it can continue to be,” said Ms. Demko. “That building, the Troianis who own it, are a big, big part of our community. ... We will do anything and everything that we can do to help them and to be there for them.”

She said council will be discussing the future of the site at its meeting Monday. In the meantime, staff are accepting donations at the borough building to help the displaced tenants or the restaurant.

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Suspected drug dealer under indictment here

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significant drug conspiracy and shouldn’t be free.

U.S. District Judge Mark Hornak let him go on bond.

While Davis is an underling in the ring, Mendoza is considered a major catch for prosecutors here.

He was the alleged leader with ties to sources in numerous states and connections stretching into Mexico.

The FBI said the Lightfoot brothers were his local distributors.

Assistant U.S. attorney Tim Lanni said in court that Jamie Lightfoot’s house on Harvest Drive in Penn Hills was “the center of cocaine distribution for the entire western district of Pennsylvania.”

A wiretap investigation of Jamie Lightfoot came to a head Nov. 5, when agents watched as members of the conspiracy arrived at Jamie’s house in the RV after a cross-country drive tracked by cell phone. Inside the vehicle, law officers recovered 52 kilos of cocaine and 85 pounds of marijuana, as well as an AK-47 and another gun.

Agents are aware of at least two trips the RV made from California and seven trips the van made from Atlanta. But they suspect there were more, making this the largest cocaine prosecution here in maybe 15 years.

Big coke cases were a more regular occurrence in the 1990s and early 2000s.

Since those years, the federal court docket here has been increasingly dominated by heroin and opioid cases. But cocaine is still in demand. Police and drug

agents say cocaine is more attractive for some users because it’s less risky.

“It never went away,” says Patrick Trainor, a veteran U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agent and public information officer in the Philadelphia division, which covers Pittsburgh. “Coke does not kill you. Whereas heroin or synthetic opioids will, or can. It has increased and there’s no lack of it.”

Most of it comes from South America, he said, where coca production is “through the roof.”

Some agents also suggest that cocaine is increasingly popular to dealers because law enforcement is more focused on heroin and fentanyl.

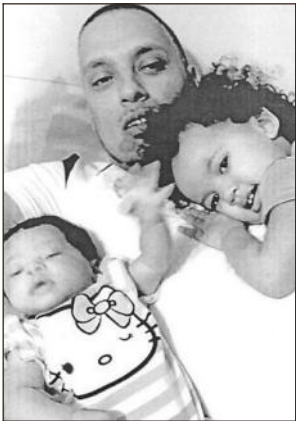
The Mendoza network appeared to have been operating without interference for some time, but law officers knew about it, at least from the Pittsburgh end.

Frank Konek, a state trooper who works with an FBI drug task force, said police were aware for about three years that Jamie Lightfoot, who is originally from Donora, was accepting shipments of drugs at his house in Penn Hills.

They put the secluded property under surveillance, but they needed more evidence, so in late summer they got a court order to tap Lightfoot’s phone.

Over the months, Trooper Konek said, they monitored arrivals of the RV and the Mercedes van, which featured a promotional image of Charlene Mendoza posing in a tight leotard and holding a massive sword.

Agents began calling it the “Sno-Cold van.” The FBI in



Don Juan Mendoza from Jacksonville, Fla., with his children in a court exhibit from 2015.

Atlanta impounded it after seizing it during a search of the Mendoza home in Lawrenceville, Ga., following the Pittsburgh arrests. The van and the RV, both with Georgia plates, are owned by Mendoza’s mother, Marina, who was convicted with him in his Jacksonville drug case.

One mystery to agents and troopers is why any narcotics network would repeatedly haul drugs or cash in a van with a flashy image of the ringleader’s wife on it.

At any rate, the FBI waited until November to pounce. They were tracking the phone signals of one of the accused ring members, Brian Powell of Jacksonville, and monitored the signal as the RV left Los Angeles on the evening of Nov. 3, a Friday.

Agents tracked the RV as it drove across the U.S. for two days. On Sunday morning, they also tracked Mendoza’s phone signal as he flew from Atlanta to Pittsburgh and rented a Chevy Tahoe.

At noon that day, all these moving parts came together. Agents watched as the RV arrived at Lightfoot’s house.

Mendoza pulled up in the Tahoe a short time later. Powell and another man aboard the RV, Troy Rowe of South Carolina, carried luggage from the RV to a waiting car and drove away. Police followed and arrested them later at a hotel in Har-marville.

Other officers executed a search warrant at Lightfoot’s house and said they found money, an Uzi, testosterone, drug scales and money counters. A search of his car turned up wrappers used for cocaine.

Agents said they towed the RV to the FBI’s headquarters and searched it, finding the coke, marijuana and the guns.

Lightfoot, Mendoza, Rowe, Powell and another man from Jacksonville, Pedro Blanco, were charged and detained.

Rowe, Powell and Blanco were the RV drivers. The ring needed three so they could drive straight through from L.A. and not stop anywhere.

Mendoza arrived separately, a typical move by narcotics bosses to distance themselves from the drugs. In fact, in court his lawyer argued that he should not be held for that very reason — the FBI didn’t catch him with any drugs.

A magistrate judge didn’t agree and ordered him detained.

All five men were later indicted by a grand jury. In December, prosecutors brought a second indictment against Jamie Lightfoot’s brother, Deaubre, along with Brandon Thomas and Davis.

The connection between Mendoza and the Lightfoots hasn’t been made clear; prosecutors are still unraveling the ties.

But Mendoza is clearly a large player, they say. His es-

timated worth is some \$5 million and Mr. Lanni said in court that he laundered his drug money through the hair salons he and his wife operate in southern cities.

His New York lawyer, Barry Zone, has not responded to requests for comment but previously said his client and his wife are “law-abiding citizens” who operate legitimate hair salons.

Charlene Mendoza also did not respond to messages left at her salon in Charlotte, where she had lived with her children until moving to Atlanta.

She has not been charged.

Prosecutors said her husband’s life of drug dealing dates to the sixth grade, when he was selling out of his Mandarin, Fla., home with his parents, Marina and Jose Mendoza.

In 2004, he and his parents were indicted by a federal grand jury in Jacksonville, along with a man named Juan Carlos Farinas. At the time, prosecutors said the ring was responsible for distributing cocaine, methamphetamines and 2,000 pounds of marijuana in a multistate operation stretching from Florida to Texas.

When he was arrested, Mendoza was carrying a gun, had \$20,000 in cash in his pocket and 8 pounds of marijuana in a duffel bag on his front porch.

He cooperated and pleaded as part of a deal in which he got 109 months in prison.

The U.S. attorney’s office in Jacksonville said Mendoza helped them prosecute Farinas for drug dealing and a related murder. While in jail, he turned informant against another man who had killed his 8-week-old daughter, allowing prosecutors to secure a plea. Mendoza also persuaded witnesses to come forward in two other murder cases.

Marina Mendoza got 15 months behind bars. Jose disappeared and remains a fugitive.

Don Juan served his time and got out of prison in 2012, but he didn’t stay out of trouble long.

The terms of his probation called for him to stay away from known felons, although he later said he didn’t understand how to do that since everyone in his neighborhood was a felon.

On Nov. 7, 2013, he said he went to visit a friend, Royal Jackson, who had just been released from jail. The two had cooperated with authorities in the drug investigation and everyone in the neighborhood knew it. At 4 a.m., someone shot them as they sat in a car outside Jackson’s house. Jackson died. Mendoza was wounded in the head and chest.

He recovered and was sent back to prison for five months for violating probation.

After his release, he and Charlene asked a federal judge in Jacksonville to release him from probation early so they could start a new life in North Carolina without the fear and violence of the old neighborhood. By then the couple had been married for two years and had two children together, plus a third she had with another man before she met Don Juan.

The judge denied the request. After his probation ended last year, he moved to Atlanta to be with Charlene and the children. The couple now run six hair salons. Judging by Charlene’s online boasts, the business has been a booming success.

Her husband’s career as a drug dealer, however, is almost certainly over.

If convicted, he’s facing life in prison.

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BILL BURKETTE | Died March 1, 2018

Lead singer for The Vogues, Pittsburgh pop-rock pioneer

By Scott Mervis
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Pittsburgh has lost another of its early pop-rock pioneers.

Bill Burkette, the baritone lead singer for the 1960s group The Vogues, died Thursday of lymphoma. He was 75.

Mr. Burkette, who grew up in Turtle Creek, initially formed the Val-Aires with his high school buddies Don Miller, Hugh Geyer and

Chuck Blasko.

They cut their first record, a cover of Petula Clark’s “You’re the One,” in 1965 at Pittsburgh’s Gateway Recording Studio.

During the session, they caught the ear of Nick Cenci, who had had prior success with Lou Christie at local label Co & Ce.

He got them on KQV radio and national distribution and, renamed the Vogues, after the old Vogue Terrace Supper Club in White Oak,

they saw “You’re the One” leap to No. 4 on the Billboard Hot 100. They followed that up with another No. 4 hit, “Five O’Clock World,” a rocker capturing the hard-working, hard-partying spirit of their hometown.

While that was happening, it really was a 5 o’clock world for Mr. Burkette and Mr. Blasko, who were both machine operators at Westinghouse Air Brake. It wasn’t until they had their third hit, “Magic Town” (No. 21) in 1966, that they left their jobs at Westinghouse and went on the road.

“The Land of Milk and Honey” went to No. 29, and then, with the Vogues picked up by Reprise Records, they went Top 10 again with “Turn Around, Look at Me” and “My Special Angel,” both landing at No. 7.

Between 1967 and 1970, they appeared on “The Tonight Show,” “American Bandstand,” “The Red Skelton Show” and more, and toured as far as England, Australia

and Singapore. In the States, they traveled in two twin-engine Cessnas, working almost 300 one-nighters in a year.

It didn’t take long before the traveling took its toll on their families, so The Vogues settled back in as a local group in the ‘70s. Mr. Burkette, living in Murrysville, took a day job as a sales manager for a home improvement company to support his three kids, while also performing with the Vogues until 1983. Eventually, Mr. Blasko kept the group going as the lone original member.

Through the ‘80s and ‘90s, the idea of who was “the one” became confused, as there were at least three versions of The Vogues, including one based in Atlanta. The Vogues’ trademark, which had been owned by a former and not original member, was purchased by Pittsburgh singer Stan Elich, leaving Mr. Blasko’s Vogues limited to performing in 14 Western Pennsylvania counties.

In 2008, Mr. Burkette, who

had retired from the home improvement business, followed Mr. Geyer’s lead in joining Mr. Elich’s official Vogues, and started touring between 80 and 100 dates per year.

“Hugh called Bill and said ‘You wanna come out and tour with these guys?’ It was that simple,” said Troy Elich, who has led the group since his father, Stan, died in 2010. With that, the group’s credibility was set. “It was like having the Rolling Stones without Mick Jagger there, and now we had Mick Jagger. I had been singing lead. I stepped aside; it was no problem for me.”

A year later, at the Roots of Rock and Roll Vol. 35 show at the Benedum, oldies fans saw the Burkette-Geyer version of the Vogues here for the first time in decades. In 2010, Mr. Burkette and Mr. Geyer recorded together for the first time in almost 40 years, releasing “The Vogues Sing The Hits Live.”

In November, The Skyliners, Chuck Blasko’s Vogues,

The Marcells and The Jaggerz assembled for “A Night of Pittsburgh Legends” charity concert at the Carnegie Music Hall in Homestead to honor Mr. Burkette.

“I have always thought of him and the Vogues as having super tight harmony and a smooth sound,” said Donna Groom, a longtime member of the Skyliners. “Every song stuck in my head after shows we did with him. Always a class act.”

The group posted on its page Thursday: “Bill was the founding member and backbone of the Vogues and the many hit songs, TV and concert appearances.”

He is survived by his wife Elaine M. Downing Burkette; daughters Lori Cinna and Sheri Good, and son William W. Burkette IV; and three grandchildren.

Visitation is from 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Jobe Funeral Home & Crematory Inc., 118 Shaw Ave. in Turtle Creek. A funeral service will follow at 6 p.m.

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LATEST DEATHS

The Post-Gazette’s comprehensive report of recent deaths includes three types of obituaries. News Obituaries, prepared by our staff, are published at the discretion of our editors; call 412-263-1601 to suggest a news obituary. Classified obituaries are paid death notices prepared by funeral home directors; call 412-263-1371. Funeral home directors may also call 412-263-1601 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to note a death for which there is no classified obituary. Those names will be listed under other deaths.

CLASSIFIED OBITUARIES

BAURLE, Theresa F. McGonigle “Tess,” Allentown
BEATTY, Herbert K.
BERTHA, Dale L.
BODNAR, Carole A., West Mifflin
BONESSI, James Vincent, Mt. Lebanon
BOROSS, Dorothy M. Minosky, Pleasant Hills
BURKETTE, William W. III, formerly Murrysville
COCHRAN, Rhonda K., Shaler
COENE, Ivan “Chris,” Marshall
DAVIS, Thelma C., Ross
DERIAN, Robert L., formerly West Mifflin
DeVICO, Carol J.
DUGAN, Conrad Charles, Cary, N.C.

ELLIS, Adrienne W., formerly Monroeville
ERLICH, Marion Suzanne “Suzie,” Castle Shannon
FERITO, D. Stephen, Bethel Park
FOUNTAIN, Jonathan Charles “Charlie,” Hill District
GREEN, Leah Drucker
GRINBERG, Dorothy Amdur
HANEY, Karl E., West Mifflin
HARTING, Mildred E. Hillenbrand “Millie,” Zellenople, formerly McCandless
HAUCK, Shirley Burson, Ingomar
HAYS, Barbara Darrow, Boulder, Colo.
HELM, Sarah
HUMENSKY, Joseph W.
JONES, Marjorie Ruth Baker
KESSLER, Minnie “Micki”

KISH, Barbara A. Borcik, Munhall
KNAPP, Frank “Brother,” Squirrel Hill
KOEPL, Joseph H.
KOLANKO, John S., Bethel Park
KONTOS, Anastasia Karalagas
LAWLESS, Judith “Judy,” Mt. Lebanon
LEITH, Dorothy Clarke “Dottie,” formerly Sheraden and Green Tree
LYNCH, Adam, San Antonio, Texas
MALESKI, Richard A., Natrona Heights
MASCIARELLI, Regina D. “Gina,” McCandless
MASTRANDREA, Ashley, Mount Washington
McCUNE, Gerard A. “Jerry,” Brad-dock Hills
McDONOUGH, Roger John, Monro-

eville
McKINNEY, Margaret E. Gyongyosi “Grannie,” Munhall
MEDVED, William L., Findlay
MORENA, Anthony J. Sr., Mount Washington
NYE, Jane C., Green Valley, Ariz.
O’BRIEN, William J. Jr. “Bill,” Baldwin Township
PALLADINI, Vincent
PANOS, Caroline Kouris, Mount Washington
PAWLAK, Leon Daniel “Dan,” Redwood City, Calif.
PERROTT, Dorothea Lorraine, Baldwin Borough
PIPER, Mary Anne, North Versailles
RATKUS, Cynthia Ann Kociban
RODGERS, Theresa J. “Terry”

Sambolt, Munhall
SARRIA, Sue Hill, St. Johns, Fla.
SCHEIB, Ida E. Sigal, Elliott
SHAUGHNESSY, Father Angelus M.
SIAR, Robert T. “Bob,” Shaler
STEMPKOWSKI, Casimir J., McKees Rocks, formerly Scottdale
SUKYS, Bronius “Bruno,” Castle Shannon
SUMMERVILLE, William A. Jr. “Bill,” Ross, formerly North Side
TORTORETE, Michael A.
TURNBLACER, Sallee Lou Renner
WALDSCHMIDT, Christy
WEINELL, Ronda Jean, New Alexandria
WILLIAMS, Donna Blanche Reeb, West Deer

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BAURLE THERESA F. “TESS” (McGONIGLE)

Age 83, peacefully on Thursday, March 1, 2018, of Allentown. Wife of the late Kenneth “Gordon” Baurle; mother of Kenneth (Deb) Baurle, Kathy (Bill) Gingell, John (Renee) Baurle, and the late Jimmy Baurle; gram of Jennifer (Michael), Kenny, Jon (Lex), Jeff, Kirsten, Matt, and Kurt; great-gram of Ashton and Baby Michael Lawrence; sister of Gert, Sue, Arn, John, and Mike. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Visitations Saturday and Sunday 1-4 p.m. at the **BORON FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 1719 Brownsville Road. Please meet in Holy Apostles Parish at St. Basil Church on Monday at 10:30 a.m. for her Mass of Christian Burial.

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BEATTY HERBERT K.

Age 80, of Pittsburgh, on Saturday, March 3, 2018. He was the owner and operator of Beatty Interiors in Dormont, PA. Friends welcome Tuesday 2-4, 6-8 p.m., **WILLIAM SLATER II FUNERAL SERVICE**, (412-563-2800) 1650 Greentree Rd., Scott Twp 15220. Funeral Service 7:00 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Interment private in Washington Cemetery, Washington, PA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shepherd Wellness Community, 4800 Scoita St., Pgh., PA 15224-2127.

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BERTHA DALE L.

Age 57, left us suddenly on February 23, 2018. He will be met in Heaven by his mother, Delores Bertha. He is survived by his son, Michael Bertha and his wife, Sarah; as well as two grandchildren, Adalynn and Brooklynn; father, Edward Bertha, Sr.; brother, Edward Bertha, Jr.; sister, Tammy and her husband, David Kedzierski; nieces, Charlotte Bertha and Amanda Kedzierski; and nephews, Bristol Bertha and Jacob Kedzierski. Dale worked in the Respiratory Therapy and Sleep Study departments at Mercy Hospital and honorably served his country in the U.S. Army Reserve. He loved working on cars, tackling home improvement projects and providing lovable homes to stray cats. His smile and wittiness brightened your day and his heart was immense when it came to helping others. Dale will be interred in the National Cemetery at a date yet to be determined. A private family service will be held at that time. Given his love of animals, please consider a donation to: SOS Animal Rescue, 102 Johnston Street, Jeannette, PA 15644 Or on the web e: http://sos-animalrescue.org/donate/ Professional services trusted to the care of **D’ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, LTD.**, (Lawrenceville).

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BODNAR CAROLE A.

Age 70, of West Mifflin, on March 2, 2018, at home. She was the daughter of the late William and Mary (Banchansky) Banyasz. Carole was a retired magisterial clerk for Albert V. “Buddy” Belan and Dan Olasz. She was the beloved wife of the late Richard Bodnar for 44 years; mother of Bethany (David) Wingerson of West Mifflin and Richard B. (Danielle) Bodnar of Moon Twp.; sister of the late William (late Janice) Banyasz; survived by her sister-in-law, Judith (late Donald) Hornfeck of West Mifflin and Susan (Kevin) Manns of West Mifflin; also survived by her caregiver, Rosemarie (late Edward) Zedo of West Mifflin; and her feline friend, Holly. Visitation on Sunday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the **MALOY - SCHLEIFER FUNERAL HOME**, 915 Kennedy Ave., Duquesne, 412-466-3300 where a Blessing Service will be held

on Monday, March 5, 2018, at 9 a.m. followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Church, West Mifflin. Rev. Thomas Lewandowski officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the National MS Society Pennsylvania Keystone Chapter, 1501 Reesdale St., Suite 105, Pgh., PA 15233 or www.nationalmssociety.org.

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BONESSI JAMES VINCENT, M.D.

Age 89, of Mt. Lebanon, formerly of White Oak and Elizabeth Twp., died Wednesday, February 28, 2018. He was born in Chester, West Virginia on August 17, 1928 and is the son of the late James and Elizabeth Fiala Bonessi. Dr. Bonessi received his undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame, his medical school degree from the University of Pittsburgh, and his Fellowship at Magee Hospital. Dr. Bonessi served in the Navy as a physician. He was a respected internist for over four decades. He started his medical practice in Natrona Heights in 1962. He then opened his first office in White Oak in 1965 where he served the local communities and UPMC McKeesport until his retirement at the age of 72. He is survived by his wife, Joanne Farrell Bonessi; sons, James (Alaina) Bonessi of Sarasota, Florida, Paul (Nelee) Bonessi of Sausalito, California; daughter, Lynne (John) Martinelli of Upper St. Clair; and grandchildren, Michael and Jaclyn Martinelli. He is preceded in death by all his siblings. Friends and family will be received on Sunday, March 4, 2018 from 2:00 until 6:00 p.m. at Striffler’s of **WHITE OAK CREMATION AND MORTUARY SERVICES, INC.**, 1100 Lincoln Way, White Oak, PA 15131 (412-678- 6177). Mass of Christian Burial will be Monday, March 5, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Angela Merici Parish. Burial will follow. Remembrances may be made in Dr. James Bonessi’s name to The Samaritan or to The Providence Chapel, and mailed to 500 Providence Point Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15243, Attn: Erin Engle. Condolences may be made at:

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BOROSS DOROTHY M. (MINOSKY)

On Saturday, March 3, 2018, Dorothy M. (Minosky), age 85, of Pleasant Hills. Beloved wife of the late Paul S. Boross; mother of Paul D. Boross and Sue Bartko; grandmother of Leigh Ann Bartko, Lauren (Anthony) Tobasco and Jake Bartko; sister of Andrew (Sandy) Minosky and the late Sr. Mildred Minosky; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Dorothy was a volunteer at Jefferson Regional Hospital for over 30 years and was a devoted and active member of St. Elizabeth Church. She was the president of Branch 618 of the First Catholic Slovak Union. Friends received Sunday 6-8 p.m. and Monday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the **GRIFFITH FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 5636 Brownsville Road, (at 6th St.), South Park Twp. (412) 655-4600. Funeral prayer Tuesday 11 a.m. at the funeral home, with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Elizabeth Church at 11:30 a.m. Condolences may be offered for the family at:

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BURKETTE WILLIAM W., III

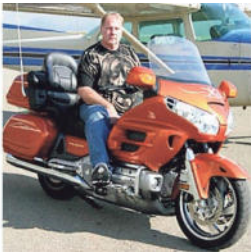
Age 75, formerly of Murrysville, on Thursday, March 1, 2018. Bill was raised in Turtle Creek. He was widely known as the lead singer of The Vogues and was best known for hits “Five O’Clock World” and “Turn Around, Look at Me”. Bill was the beloved husband of Elaine M. Downing Burkette; loving father of Lori (Greg) Cinna, William W. (Julie) Burkette, IV, and Sheri (Scott) Good; and Pap of Brianna Mae and Holden William Burkette, and Nathan Good. Friends will be received Sunday, March 4, 2018 from 2-6 p.m. at the **JOBE FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, INC.**, corner of Shaw & Triboro Avenues, Turtle Creek (412-823-1950), followed by a funeral service at 6:00 p.m. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org.

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COCHRAN RHONDA K.

Age 64, of Shaler Twp., on March 2, 2018. Mother of Christa A. Cochran; grandmother of Mika and Sawyer Ramsey; sister of Doug Frank. Visitation Thursday 6:00 p.m. until time of Memorial Service at 8:00 p.m. **NEELY FUNERAL HOME**, 2208 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw.

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COENE IVAN “CHRIS”

Age 74, of Marshall Twp., passed away suddenly on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. Chris was born November 29, 1943, son of Ivan N., and Viola S. (DeGarmo) Coene. Beloved husband of the late Linda (Wallace) Coene; loving father of Carolyn (Jacob) Bowden, Jessica (Meghan) Coene, and the late Amanda Coene; dear grandpap of Mikaya. He is also survived by loving family and dear friends. Chris will be deeply missed for his big heart, his love for his family, especially his granddaughter, and his passion for motorcycles, cars, and planes. He was a member of the Honda Goldwing Association, and the Condor Aero Club. He was always willing to lend a hand when needed, to help a friend, to work in the community, and to take care of his family. Family and friends will be received Monday from 2-4, 6-8 p.m. at **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME OF CRANBERRY**, 2678 Rochester Rd., Cranberry Twp. A Celebration of Chris’ Life will take place Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home, with Rev. Matt Klenk officiating. Interment will follow in Grove Cemetery, New Brighton. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Chris’ name to The Ride For Kids, http://www.curethekids.org. Please visit www.devlinfuneralhome.com to view this tribute, sign the guestbook, and send online condolences.

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DAVIS THELMA C.

Age 86, of Ross Twp., passed peacefully on Thursday, March 1, 2018. She is survived by her loving children, Kathy (Mike) Hammond, Gary Davis, and the late Tom Davis (surviving June); also survived by five grandchildren. She worked at Erie Insurance for 20 years with continuous friendships. A memorial service will be held at Northmont United Presbyterian Church, 8169 Perry Hwy., Pittsburgh, PA

15237, Saturday, March 10, 2018, at 10 a.m. No visitation. Professional Services trusted to **THOMAS M. SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, LTD.** (Blawnox).

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DERIAN ROBERT L.

Age 70, of Allison Park, formerly of West Mifflin, on March 2, 2018. Beloved husband for 37 years of Sandra (McGuire) Derian; father of Gregory (Krista) Hughes, Anjelica Derian, Mandy Derian, and Lauren Derian; proud grandfather of Sophie, Holden, Reagan, Alexis, Zachary, Trevor, and Addison; great-grandfather of Alia. Also survived by two brothers. Family will receive friends Monday 8:30-10:30 a.m. at **SCHELLHAAS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICE, LTD.**, 5864 Heckert Rd., Bakerstown, PA 15007. Mass of Christian Burial will follow on Monday at 11 a.m. at St. Catherine of Sweden. In lieu of flowers, donations to Good Samaritan Hospice, 146 Neely School Rd., Wexford, PA 15084. Please leave condolences at:

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DeVICO CAROL J.

Age 58, of Pittsburgh, formerly of Jeannette, passed away Tuesday, December 5, 2017, in the UPMC Shadyside Hospital, Pittsburgh. She was born August 4, 1959, in Jeannette, a daughter of Cecelia Burzio DeVico of Jeannette, and the late George E. DeVico. Carol’s life centered around her family, as a loving daughter, a caring sister, and a generous aunt to her four nephews and niece whose lives she influenced greatly. She fashioned a successful and enduring career of more than 30 years in financial services, with multiple professional roles at well-known companies including PNC Financial, and most recently, CUNA Mutual Group. Away from work, Carol created exceptionally artistic needlepoint which will remain as a treasure to the family, and kindly made a beautiful life for CoCo, her pet Mal-Shi that will remain in the family’s care. Carol will be missed deeply by the family and all who knew her, but will be carried in the hearts of all whose lives she touched. In addition to her parents, Carol is survived by her siblings, Janet George and husband, Paul of Greensburg, Mary Beth Butch and husband, Tom of Kansas City, and Joseph DeVico and wife, Veronique, of Princeton, NJ; and her nieces and nephews, Jonathan Butch, Alexander George, Julia Butch, and Thibaut and Maxime DeVico. Friends were received and a Blessing Service followed Friday, December 8, 2017, in the **JOHN V. GRAZIANO FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 228 North 2nd St., Jeannette. Entombment followed in the Twin Valley Memorial Park, Delmont. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Make a Wish Foundation, 707 Grant St., Floor 37, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. To post online condolences, please visit:

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DUGAN CONRAD CHARLES

Age 72, passed away peacefully on February 2, 2018, in Cary, NC. He was born on February 17, 1945, in Pittsburgh. He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Carol (Walker); his son, Gregory (Lutz, FL); and two grandchildren, Chase and McKenna; Conrad is also survived by three sisters and a brother, all in the Pittsburgh area, Bernadette Beisel (Clifford), GERALYN Dugan, Marlene Schenck (Richard), and Barry Dugan (Aida). He was predeceased by his parents, Walter L. and Frances M. Dugan. A 1963 graduate of South Hills Catholic High School, he later received his Bachelor’s degree in

Accounting from Robert Morris College. Conrad’s entire professional working career of 41 years was with Kopper’s Company. In the early years he was a Federal Tax Accountant in the Pittsburgh office. In the mid 1970’s he switched to the Sales Division, taking assignments in Dallas and Chicago in Kopper’s Architectural Wood Products Group. The last 29 years of his career was as Regional Sales Manager working out of Raleigh, NC. He sold pressure treated poles and rail ties to the utilities in the southeast United States. Conrad was an excellent mechanic and was part of a pit crew for a stock car that raced the dirt track circuit in the tri-state area around Pittsburgh. During his school years he also worked several years in an autobody repair shop. He was multi-talented and very good with his hands. He was a people person and was always fun to be with. In later life, Conrad, and his wife, Carol, were a foster home and members of a rescue group for golden retrievers. Over the years they fostered numerous dogs, and on occasion, would adopt one of them. Their final dog, “Toby” was well known in the neighborhood as Con and Toby took their daily walks. Eighteen years ago, Conrad was diagnosed with stage 3 cancer of the voice box. At that time, he volunteered for a research study at Duke Medical School that helped develop chemo and radiation treatment strategies for future victims of this cancer. Although successful, the treatments resulted in collateral damage which ultimately compromised his longterm health. Per Conrad’s wishes, there was no public viewing. Memorial contributions may be made to either: Seton-LaSalle High School (formerly South Hills Catholic), 1000 McNeilly Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15226, or American Lung Association, 810 River Ave. #140, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

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ELLIS ADRIENNE W.

Age 97, formerly of Monroeville, passed away peacefully on February 14, 2018, at Sunrise Assisted Living of Upper St. Clair. Loving wife of the late Michael Cristof Ellis (Illias). She is survived by her son, Michael Gregory Ellis and his wife, Bridget G. Ellis. Adrienne received her College Degree from Seton Hill University and her Master’s of Education Degree from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania. She began her career as a Chemist at Gulf Oil Co. She was a teacher in the Springdale School District and the Gateway School District for 33 years until her retirement in the early 1980’s. She was a longtime member of North American Martyrs Church in Monroeville, PA. The family will hold a memorial service at St. Thomas More Church in Bethel Park, PA in the late Spring. Donations may be made to Pittsburgh Women’s Emmaus, c/o Ministry Leader, Theresa Zingrone, 4658 Wilburke Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15236-1931 or to Three Rivers Hospice, 2500 Mosside Blvd., Monroeville, PA 15146. Arrangements entrusted to the **GENE H. CORL, INC. FUNERAL CHAPEL AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE**.

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ERLICH MARION SUZANNE “SUZIE”

Age 75, of Castle Shannon, PA, passed away Friday, March 2, 2018 in Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh. She was born August 21, 1942 in Mt. Lebanon, PA, the daughter of the late Thomas and Marion Snaith. In addition to her parents, she was predeceased by her husband, Todd Erlich. Left to cherish her memory are her brother, Thomas Snaith and sister-in-law, Helen Snaith of Farmington, PA; nephew,

Neill Snaith and wife, Kristie and their son, Thomas and life long friend, Barbara Brubach. All service are private for the family. Arrangements by the **DONALD R. CRAWFORD FUNERAL HOME**, Farmington, PA.

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FERITO D. STEPHEN

Of Bethel Park, age 76, peacefully passed away on Wednesday, February 28, 2018 beloved husband of Marilyn (Beck) Ferito; father of the late Jean Marie Ferito and Donald S. Ferito, Jr.; stepfather of Courtney (Adam) Manne and Ryan (Beth) Rizzo; brother of Gracetta (Buzzy) Mastandrea, George (Denni) Ferito and Mary Kay (Paul) Hindes; brother-in-law of Rev. Dr. William G. (Terry) Beck; also survived by eight grandchildren, four great-grandchildren; also many nieces and nephews. Steve will be remembered for his love and dedication to his family and friends. Steve was a practicing attorney in Peters Twp. for 33 years. He was approved to practice in front of the United States Supreme Court, he won the Moot Court competition at Duquesne University Law School, served as Divorce Master for Washington County, PA and was a proud member of the McMurray Lions Club. He loved golf, his pets, Steelers and Pirates. Family and friends will be received Friday, March 9, 2018, from 2-8 p.m. at **PAUL L. HENNEY CREMATION & FUNERAL TRIBUTES**, 5570 Library Rd., Bethel Park. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered Saturday, March 10, 2018, 10 a.m. at St. Joan of Arc Church, South Park. (Everyone Please Meet At Church) In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Hidden Valley Animal Clinic, 100 Oakhurst Dr., McMurray, PA 15317.

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FOUNTAIN JONATHAN CHARLES “CHARLIE”

Age 72, of the Hill District, passed away peacefully on March 1, 2018. Son of the late Morris S. and Miriam Fountain; father of Tiffany L. Fountain, Terine L. Fountain and April M. Fountain; grandfather of Stephen Fountain and Micah Fountain; brother of Morris S. Fountain (Marilyn), Anthony S. Fountain (Lark); also survived by host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Memorial Service to celebrate his life will be held on Monday, March 5, 2018, at 7 p.m. Family will receive friends one hour prior to the service from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the **SAMUEL J. JONES FUNERAL HOME**, 2644 Wylie Ave., Pgh., PA 15219. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Diabetes Association.

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GREEN LEAH DRUCKER

Age 74, of Pittsburgh, passed away peacefully on Friday, February 23, 2018. She was a dedicated social worker and a lifelong traveler who visited nearly 100 countries on every inhabited continent. Leah, the daughter of Sonia and Nathan Drucker, was born in Pittsburgh on March 3, 1943. She graduated from Taylor Allderdice High School and earned a Bachelor’s degree, a Master’s in Education, and a Master’s of Social Work, all from the University of Pittsburgh. She began her career as a clinical social worker at Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh, and then continued her career at University Orthopedics. She then spent almost three

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decades as an employee and volunteer at St. Margaret Memorial Hospital, and was a critical supporter of the “Bed Fund” program to provide financial assistance to disadvantaged people seeking medical care. She also participated in missionary work and taught English overseas. Leah was enthusiastic about the arts and an epicure. She loved stylish eyewear and had a wry sense of humor. Her passions included attending theatre and film and gardening; she was especially adventurous in her thirst for unconventional experiences and eagerness to sample new cuisine. She will be remembered as a devoted mother, sister, and friend. Leah is survived by her son, Nathanael “Nick” Green; and her brothers, David and Saul Drucker. Donations may be made to The University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work or the St. Margaret Foundation. Professional Services trusted to **D’ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, LTD.** www.dallessandrold.com
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GRINBERG DOROTHY AMDUR
Passed away on Thursday, March 1, 2018 at the wonderful age of 101. Dottie was in addition to being a wife and mother, an active member of Rodef Shalom Temple and many civic organizations. She was awarded the Anne Copeland award for years of devotion to the Jewish People of the Pittsburgh Community and the State of Israel. Dottie was corresponding secretary of the National Council of Jewish Women in Pittsburgh, was a walking tour guide at Rodef Shalom Temple's Biblical Garden, was President of Mt Scopus Hadassah, was a founding member of Garden Clubs Limited, and many more civic organizations. She was a lifetime resident of Pittsburgh and a very proud civic supporter for the City. Twice the City Council of the City of Pittsburgh pronounced it Dorothy Amdur Grinberg Day. The last time was to celebrate her 100th birthday. She loved her friends, her family and her city. Dottie is survived by her 2 sisters, Miriam Hershsman of Boca Raton, FL and Sylvia Busis of Pittsburgh. She was married to Bernard J Grinberg of Homestead in 1937. She had three children, the late Richard Grinberg and his wife, Ellen, Max Grinberg Warren and his wife, Deborah and Bob Grinberg and his wife, Debbie Lewis. She is survived by four grandchildren, Bryan Grinberg and Edye Grinberg of Scottsdale, AZ, Barrie Grinberg of New York City and Jeremy Grinberg of Los Angeles. Services at Rodef Shalom Temple, 4905 Fifth Avenue, (at Morewood) on Sunday at 2 p.m. Visitation one hour prior to services at Temple (1 - 2 p.m.). Interment Beth Shalom Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to Rodef Shalom Temple, 4905 Fifth Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, in honor of Dottie. Following the interment her friends and family are invited back to the Bristol Apartments, 154 N Bellefield Ave, Apt 25, Pittsburgh until 8 p.m. and on Monday evening from 6 - 8 p.m. Arrangements entrusted to **RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC.**, www.schugar.com
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HANEY KARL E.
Age 86, of West Mifflin, died March 2, 2018. He was the son of the late Karl and Bertha (Evans) Haney. Karl is survived by his beloved wife of 64 years, Madeline (Shidel) Haney; children, Karl (Jillian) Haney, Kathleen (the late Nicholas) Bracco, Patti Walendziewicz and Marcia (Chris) Rogers; grandchildren, Anthony, Joseph and Leanne Bracco, Andrew, Erin and Danielle Walendziewicz; Kaitlyn Haney; Samantha and Nicholas Rogers; great-grandchildren, Gabriella, Isabella, Adalina, Hannah, Kasey, Aiden and Elijah. Karl was retired from Keystone Auto Parts in Christy Park; was a member of Christ the Light of the World Parish; American Legion Post 701 and served in the US Army Korean War where he attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. Friends received at **TEICHART - GRACAN FUNERAL HOME**, Duquesne, Monday 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday 2-8 p.m. A Funeral Blessing will be held Wednesday 9:30 a.m. in the funeral home followed by a 10:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Name Church with Father Tom Lewandowski. Interment immediately following Lebanon Church Cemetery.
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HARTING MILDRED E. (HILLENBRAND) "MILLIE"
Of Zelienople, formerly of McCandless, on Thursday, March 1, 2018. Wife of the late Jerome L. Harting; loving mother of Eric P. Harting (Brenda) and Carl A. Harting (Ann); sister of the late Virginia Weber-Friedman and Carol Musthaler; proud grandmother of Bernadette O'Brien (Dan) and Paul and Emma Harting; great-grandmother of Bella O'Brien; special aunt to Susan Giebel. Friends received Sunday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 806 Perry Hwy., North Hills, where services will be held Monday 10:30 a.m. Millie was a crossing guard for the North Allegheny School District for 30 years. Her stop was on Perry Hwy. in front of the Westview Savings Bank. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to St. John's Lutheran Church of Highland. To view this tribute or make an online condolence, please go to: devlinfuneralhome.com
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HAUCK SHIRLEY BURSON
On February 28, 2018, Shirley Burson Hauck, age 86, of Ingomar, beloved wife of 51 years to the late Rev. Larry Bartlett Hauck, passed away peacefully. She was born on April 18, 1931, in Ellwood City, PA. A memorial service will be held at Ingomar United Methodist Church on March 24, 2018, with a service at 11 a.m. and a lunch reception to follow. "I did the best I could to love and care for others by visiting them. I tried to shine for God." Shirley was dedicated to helping others throughout her life in many different roles including being a pastor's wife, volunteer positions and as a genuine friend to those she knew. She was a certified occupational therapist. She was a hospice volunteer for over ten years, volunteered at UPMC Passavant, delivered Meals on Wheels in Pittsburgh and was an ambassador at St. Barnabas as well as many other charitable activities. Her Sunday School group and Wednesday prayer group at Ingomar United Methodist Church were extremely important to her. She was known for her laughter and finding joy in every day. She loved the beach, floating on the river, and outdoors. Chautauqua and Cooks Forest were happy places for her as well as her most frequented location, North Park in Allegheny County. Shirley was a lifelong artist who explored many mediums throughout her life. Her watercolors impressed all those who saw them, a skill she learned while in her 80's. She created cards for all occasions having sold many at craft shows, but her most precious cards were the ones received by friends and family. Most recently, Shirley found joy in being a gardener, card shark and a bocce ball champion. Survived by her son, David (Ingrid) Hauck of Monument, CO; daughter, Patti (Steven) Heiser, of Las Vegas, NV; brother, Bill Burson, of Farmington, NM; grandchildren, Brent Heiser, Nedra Hauck, Larran Hauck, Rowan Hauck and Sophia Hauck; and great-grandson, Rylan. In lieu of flowers, and in recognition of her appreciation for peaceful nature, contributions will be accepted by the family for a park bench in her name to be located in North Park. Arrangements by **SIMONS FUNERAL HOME, INC.** www.simonsfuneralhome.com
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HAYS BARBARA DARROW
June 11, 1927 - January 31, 2018. Barbara Darrow Hays, daughter of Louise deSchweinitz Darrow and Daniel Cady Darrow, was born June 11, 1927, in St. Louis, Missouri. She died January 31, 2018, at Juniper Village Memory Care Community in Louisville, Colorado. Barbara - called Bobby - was the second of five children. The family moved to Hamden, Connecticut where Bobby attended public school, graduating from Hamden High School in 1944. Bobby went to Swarthmore College where she met and later married Samuel P. Hays in 1948, after graduation. In college, Barbara and Sam became Quakers, and were actively involved in the Friends Meeting for many years, especially during their time in Pittsburgh. Barbara and Sam moved to Cambridge, MA to attend graduate school. Bobby received her Master's in Biology from Radcliffe in 1949, and taught biology at Simmons

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College for three years while Sam completed his Ph.D. Sam's first teaching job took the couple to Champaign-Urbana, Illinois, where their oldest son was born. Their next move was to Iowa City, Iowa, where their other three children were born. One more move in 1960 took the family to Pittsburgh where they spent the next 40 years. While in Pittsburgh, Bobby had primary responsibility for raising their four children. She also maintained her professional interest in biology, and as soon as her youngest child was in school, began a series of teaching and research positions at several local colleges, culminating in 17 years at the University of Pittsburgh as Director of Undergraduate Advising for the Biological Sciences Department. During that time, her adventurous spirit led her to travel the world in 1984 as Registrar and Assistant to the Academic Dean with the Semester at Sea program. In retirement, she passed on her love of science to hundreds of school children as a docent for the Museum of Natural History, introducing them to the Carnegie Museum dinosaurs and the world of natural history. Barbara's intellectual curiosity, and energetic presence led her to pursue diverse activities throughout her life. Barbara enjoyed hiking and biking, as well as swimming, sailing and kayaking at their summer cottage in Interlochen, Michigan. She took up recorder playing as an adult and enjoyed playing music with others. She maintained an interest in environmental issues, first with the League of Women Voters and later with the Sierra Club. She collaborated with her husband in his writing on environmental history, bringing to his work her knowledge of biology. Her love of family and friends led her to create lasting memories with extended family through shared Thanksgivings, summer gatherings at Interlochen, and holiday traditions including Moravian Christmas cookies, sugar cake, and love of dark chocolate. In 2000, Barbara and Sam moved to Boulder, Colorado to be near two of their children, and three grandchildren. Bobby again became involved in the community as a volunteer for Boulder County Open Space, playing recorder with the local recorder society, and hosting newcomers to Frasier Meadows Retirement community. She continued to pursue her love of the outdoors, biking, hiking and skiing in the mountains, and completing the Bolder Boulder ten times. Bobby's last three years were spent in the care of the dedicated staff at Juniper Village Memory Care Community in Louisville, CO. She was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel, and is survived by their four children: Peter Hays of Eugene, Oregon, Polly Hays of Denver, Colorado, Michael Hays of Chicago, Illinois, and Becky Bragg of Boulder, Colorado, and their immediate and extended families. Bobby's remarkable spirit touched many lives and will be long remembered. A remembrance in honor of Bobby's life was held in Boulder, Colorado. Contributions in her memory may be made to the Pittsburgh Friend's Meeting Quaker Community Fund, the Alzheimer's Association of Colorado, or an organization of your choosing.
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HELM SARAH
Age 78, of Wexford, PA, passed peacefully in her son's embrace on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. She was the daughter of the late Virginia (Ballantyne) and James Dailey. She is survived by her daughter, Gretchen, and son-in-law, Marco Imbarlina; as well as her son, Dan, and son-in-law, Bruce Davis. She also leaves behind her two dear grandchildren, Sarah and Marco III. She is also survived by her sisters, Mary Ellen (Tom) Walkley, Rene (Jeff) Cook; and brothers, the late William Freeman Dailey (Mary Pat), Tom (Leslie) Dailey, and Joe (Barbara) Dailey; and nieces and nephews. She was an avid master bridge player. She will sorely be missed by many and is certainly with the angels now. A memorial to be announced at a later date.
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HUMENSKY JOSEPH W.
On Thursday, March 1, 2018, Joseph W., age 86, of Cloverleaf Estates. Beloved husband of the late Mildred L. Humensky; loving father of Debra Hughes, Cheryl (Scott) Becker, Joseph (Barbara) Humensky, Jr., and Jeffrey (Stephanie) Humensky; cherished grandfather of Jamie (Chris) Perrucci, Cliff (Jamie) Hughes, Jr., Joshua (Julie) Becker, Jeffrey (Elizabeth) and Zachary Becker, and David, Brian and Jesse Humensky; loving great-grandfather of Camryn and Evan Perrucci, Avery Hughes, and Hudson, Maddox and Augustus Becker; also numerous nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank the doctors and nurses of AHN for their compassionate care over the years. Friends received at **HERSHBERGER - STOVER**

INC. FUNERAL HOME, 170 Noble Avenue, Crafton, on Monday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. where funeral service will be held on Tuesday at 11 a.m. If desired, memorials may be made to St. Matthew's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 45 E. Steuben St., Pittsburgh, PA 15205.
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JONES MARJORIE RUTH BAKER
Marjorie Ruth Baker Jones, age 85, formerly of Long Island, NY, died on Thursday, February 22, 2018, at the Mennonite Home in Lancaster, PA. She was born in Rockville Center, NY, and was the daughter of the late Seward Johnson and Muriel Ruth (Cann) Baker. Marge was a retired Case Supervisor for Washington County Children & Youth Services. She was also an adult literacy and English language coach to newly arrived immigrants. Marge devoted her life to helping others. Marge was a dedicated and loving mother and nana who will be remembered for her wonderful sense of humor and generosity. She will be sorely missed by her family who will be eternally grateful for the time they had with her. She graduated from California University, PA with a Master's of Science in Social Work. She also received a Bachelor's degree at Alfred University, NY. Marge is survived by a daughter, Victoria J. McCarty and her husband, Michael, of Lancaster, PA; a son, Douglas Jones of Baltimore, MD; a grandson, Zachary T. McCarty of Lancaster; a granddaughter, Caroline R. Hess, wife of Benjamin, of New Providence, PA; and a great-grandson, Chase Hess. She was preceded in death by her husband, E. Dale Jones in 2008 and a sister, Susan Baker McCoy. The family greatly appreciates Mennonite Home Communities--and especially the staff on Eshelman Run--for the compassionate and excellent care she received during her illness. A private burial will take place in Newfane, Vermont at the convenience of the family. Memorial contributions may be made in Marjorie's memory to Hospice & Community Care, PO Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604. If you wish to leave the family online condolences, please visit: SnyderFuneralHome.com
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KESSLER MINNIE "MICKI"
On Wednesday, February 28, 2018. Dearly beloved wife of 64 years of the late Jack Kessler; beloved mother of Steve Kessler of Pittsburgh, Barry (Jennifer) Kessler of Monroeville and Richard (Kim) Kessler of Dallas, TX; dear "Grammy" of grandchildren, Mindi (Joe) of Grand Prairie, TX, Brian of Johnstown, Tiffany of Austin, TX, Cameron and Robbie of Dallas, TX and Noah and Katie of Monroeville. Also survived by four great-grandchildren. Dearest sister of Pauline (Charles) Davis of Monroeville and the late Rosalie Brody; sister-in-law of Ruth Daniels. She will also be missed by her wonderful nieces and nephews and many friends. Micki was a charter member of Parkway Jewish Center and in its early years served as President of the PJC Sisterhood. Graveside Services and Interment will be held on Sunday, March 4, 2018, at 2 p.m. in Homewood Cemetery. Contributions in her memory may be made to Parkway Jewish Center, 300 Princeton Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235. Arrangements entrusted to **RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC.** www.schugar.com
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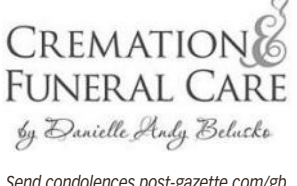


KISH BARBARA A. (BORCIK)
Of Munhall, peacefully passed away at home on March 2, 2018, age 73. Beloved wife of the late Michael "Mickey" Kish; daughter of the late Edward J. and Viola Borcik; loving mother of Beverly A. (David) Gratton and Michael J. Kish; sister of Paul (Judy) Borcik and late Edward (late Marilyn) Borcik; proud grandma of Morgan, David and Michaela. Friends received **SASOLSKIS - WASIK - GLENN FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 3501 Main Street, Munhall, Monday and Tuesday 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Funeral Mass Wednesday, 10:00 a.m., St. Therese Church, Munhall.
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KNAPP FRANK "BROTHER"
Of Squirrel Hill, and formerly of Larimer Ave, passed peacefully at home after a long 40 year battle with Parkinson's disease. Beloved husband of Sharon (Galanty) Knapp; beloved father of Carey Knapp. Preceded in death by his parents, Mark and Nancy Knapp. Beloved brother of Dorothy (Angelo) Suppa, Joseph Knapp, and the late Nancy M. Knapp. In his final years he enjoyed the company of his LA friends. Arrangements entrusted to the **EDWARD P. KANAI FUNERAL HOME**, 500 Greenfield Ave. A gathering will be held in memory of Frank at the family's residence on Monday 7-9 p.m. and Tuesday 2-9 p.m.
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KOEPLI JOSEPH H.
Age 85, of Pittsburgh, PA passed away on Thursday, February 15, 2018. He was the son of the late Katherine and Joseph Koepl; beloved husband to Mary Golling Koepl; loving father to Diane (Bruce) Bates, Joe (Sherry) Koepl, and Dan (Shelli) Koepl; dear brother to Alice Thomas; cherished grandfather to eight grandchildren; great-grandfather to seven great-grandkids. Joe was an avid bartender and outdoorsman. He was also an agitator, jokester and storyteller extraordinaire. A memorial mass will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Gabriel of The Sorrowful Virgin, 5302 Greenridge Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15236. Arrangements have been entrusted to **CREMATION AND FUNERAL CARE**, 3287 Washington Road, McMurray, PA 15317, (724) 260-5546. Please view and sign the family's online guestbook at: cremationfuneralcare.com



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KOLANKO JOHN S.
Of Bethel Park, age 64, passed away on Thursday, March 1, 2018, son of the late John J. and Geraldine C. Kolanko; husband of Peggy Kolanko; nephew of John Rowlands; cousin of Kris Rowlands. John had interesting careers starting with law enforcement, aviation and worked with at risk youth. His hobbies included: Past Director of Washington, PA HOG Chapter, animal enthusiast and motorcycle touring. Family and friends will be received on Monday 6-8 p.m. at **PAUL HENNEY CREMATION & FUNERAL TRIBUTES**, 5570 Library Rd., Bethel Park. A chapel service will be held Tuesday, 11 a.m. in Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Family suggests donations in his memory to Animal Friends, 562 Camp Horne Rd., Pgh., PA 15237.
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KONTOS ANASTASIA (KARALAGAS)
Anastasia, age 90, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Monday, February 26, 2018. Wife of Konstantinos Kontos and beloved wife of the late Dimitrios Karalagas; cherished mother of Daniel (Maryjo) Karalagas, Maria (Angelo) Kopsahilis, Gus (Heidi) Karalagas and Paul (Michelle) Kontos; loving grandmother of Liz, Dan, Dimitrios, Jimmy, Tino and the late Stavros, Konstantina; great-grandmother of Nico, Zander, Xavier, Anjelica, Athena and Angelo; great-great-grandmother of Valentina; also survived by numerous nieces and nephews in Athens, Greece. Anastasia was born in Athens, Greece and came to reside in Pittsburgh in 1951. She loved being surrounded by her family telling stories, singing and dancing to Greek music and had the ability to create laughter with anyone she came in contact with in any setting. The family would like to thank the staff of Vincentian De Marillac for their care and compassion for Anastasia over the years. Friends received at the **JOHN**

F. MURRAY FUNERAL HOME, INC., Butler at 52nd St., Lawrenceville. Visitation Sunday 2-4, 6-8 p.m. Services will be held Monday at the Theotokos Church, 12 Washington Ave., Oakmont. Viewing at 10 a.m. with services to follow at 11 a.m.
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LAWLESS JUDITH "JUDY"
On February 26, 2018, Judith "Judy" Lawless, of Mt. Lebanon, PA, passed gracefully and peacefully in the presence of her loving husband, James "Jim", and her children, Jody and Mark. Born in 1937, Judy was the daughter of James and Marion Kiesler, longtime residents of Montclair, NJ. Growing up in Montclair, Judy made lifelong friends, was a cheerleader for the Bulldogs and met her one and only true love, Jim Lawless. After graduation from Montclair High School, Judy went on to graduate from St. Lawrence University in 1960 where she was an active member and president of Delta Delta Delta sorority. After college, she resided in New York City with friends until she and Jim Lawless wed. Upon moving to Mt. Lebanon, PA, where the couple raised their two children, Judy was active in numerous endeavors, which included volunteering, tennis, and softball; but most importantly, Judy dedicated her time and efforts to creating a warm and always welcoming home for family and friends. Judy is survived by her husband of 55 years, Jim Lawless; her daughter, Jody Adams and her husband, Frank Adams of New York, NY; her son, Mark Lawless and his wife, Trisha Lawless of Mars, PA; her brother, James P. Kiesler of Lewiston, ID; and her nephew, Dirk van Bremen of Vineland, NJ. Judy also leaves behind five grandchildren, for which she adored immensely: Kathryn Adams, Nicole Adams, Trevor Adams, Ashley Lawless and Kaitlyn Lawless. Judy was predeceased by her parents; and her sister, Susan van Bremen. A celebration of Judy's life will be held on Saturday, April 21, 2018, at 11:00 a.m., at the Bower Hill Community Church in Mt. Lebanon, PA. In her memory, donations to the Community Food Bank of Greater Pittsburgh are welcomed and appreciated. **WILLIAM SLATER II FUNERAL SERVICE**, Scott Twp., entrusted with arrangements. www.slaterfuneral.com
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LEITH DOROTHY "DOTTIE" (CLARKE)
Age 95, on Friday, March 2, 2018, formerly of Sheraden and Greentree. Wife of the late Joseph K. Leith III; mother of John C. "Jack", Jane E. and the late James G. and Joseph K. "Beau" Leith; grandmother of Sean and Ian Forbis, Sandra "Sandy" Hayes, Meghan and Brittniey Leith; great-grandmother of Nathaniel Hayes, Maxwell and Lilian Forbis; sister of the late Francis, Leroy, John, Eugene Robert, Marie, Olive and Margaret. Dottie was a Corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps during WWII. She was active in Holy Innocents Church as a CCD teacher and President of the Christian Mothers. Friends received TUESDAY from 6-8 p.m. at the **WILLIAM F. CONROY FUNERAL HOME**, 2944 Chartiers Ave., Sheraden. Memorial Mass at Ascension Worship Site of St. Philip Parish on Wednesday at 10 a.m. in lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Good Samaritan Hospice, 146 Neely School Rd., Wexford, PA 15084.
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LYNCH ADAM
Passed away peacefully in his sleep in San Antonio, TX, on February 27, 2018. He was 89 years old. He was preceded in death by his wife, Ellen. He is survived by daughter, Laura Kresek and husband, John; son, David and wife, Jackie; and by his granddaughter, Lindsey Read and her husband, Brian. Although living in San Antonio at the time of

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his passing, Adam was a lifelong resident of Pittsburgh who grew up in McKeesport and lived in the eastern suburbs over the last six decades. During his broadcasting career, Adam served as a radio announcer, weather man, news reporter, and an anchor man at the three network affiliate television stations in Pittsburgh. He was best known to his fellow Pittsburghers for anchoring evening and morning news programs during long stints at WPXI (then WIIIC) and at WATE TV. Not bad for a kid who decided by age ten that he wanted "to be on the radio" and practiced by reading the newspaper into a metal trash can so he could hear his voice echo back. It must have been good training since his consummate skill behind a microphone and in front of a camera is legendary among his peers. Miraculously, he got to do the only thing he ever wanted to do, used that beautiful voice, and loved every single minute of his career. After retiring, he shared those journalism skills with students as an instructor at Penn State University-McKeesport. He also combined his fascination with history, with his writing skills, to publish numerous magazine articles on topics ranging from WWII aviation, to Custer's Last Stand, to the sport of racing pigeons, to the geology of our local mountains. His thirst for knowledge, and desire to share it, was a constant throughout his life. Adam graduated from McKeesport High School and attended three years at the University of Pittsburgh, leaving before his final year to take a full-time radio job. He never looked back. His love of his hometown roots included a passionate connection to the Pittsburgh Pirates, Panthers, and Steelers teams. Another interest was British sports cars and he served on the Board of Directors of the Vintage Grand Prix. Another lifelong passion was aviation. He was a board member of the Pittsburgh Aero Club. In these groups, he devoted hours of work to people and causes he cared about while enjoying the fellowship of his dear friends. His many friends from all walks of life can attest to the enthusiasm and warmth that he brought to whatever adventures and activities they shared. Adam's strongest connection was always to his family. He cherished being a father and grandfather. He adored his wife, Ellie, and she returned that with endless devotion. The love he put into his family he got back many times over. He led by example in how to treat those we love and this legacy will long outlive him. May he rest in peace. Adam's ashes will be interred in Tionesta, PA, near the woods, streams, and rivers that he explored as a child and loved throughout his life. A memorial to celebrate his life will be announced at a later date.

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**MALESKI
RICHARD A.**

Age 90, of Natrona Heights, passed away Friday, March 2, 2018, at his home with his family at his side. He was born September 4, 1927, in Natrona to the late Zygmunt and Mary Witucki Maleski. Rich was a 1945 graduate of Har-Brack High School. He was a veteran of WWII serving in the US Navy. Rich enlisted in the Navy while still in high school, but finished his schooling while in boot camp. He was a special assistant to the Admiral of the USS Helena, because of his high test scores. Rich retired after 44 years of service from the #9 Painters and Sheeters Department of Allegheny Ludlum Steel, Brackenridge. While working, Rich finished his Associate Degree in Accounting. He was a member of Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament R.C. Parish in Natrona Heights, a life member of the American Legion Post 226 in Brackenridge and the United Steelworkers of America Local 1196. Rich cherished his Polish heritage and language, enjoyed reading, spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and was still living in the home that he built with his own hands. He is survived by his children, Cynthia (Dr. Andrzej Groch) Maleski Groch, Esquire, of Natrona Heights, Dr. Richard M. (Lisa) Maleski, of Gibsonia and Daniel R. (Cathy) Maleski, of Mt. Airy, Maryland; four grandchildren, Richard J. Maleski, Esquire, Elizabeth M. Groch, Kathleen Maleski and Kristina Maleski; and by his sister-in-law, Madeline Polcsak, of Cheswick. In addition to his parents, Rich was preceded in death by his wife, Helen E. Palovcak Maleski on August 23, 1997; daughter, Mary Beth Maleski on November 27, 2014; brother, Edwin Maleski; and by his sisters, Charlotte Maleski, Irene Szalanski and Alfreda

Gazarik. Friends will be received on Monday from 5-8 PM and on Tuesday from 8-30 a.m. until the time of a Blessing Service at 9:30 a.m. in the **CICHOLSKI - ZIDEK FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 1522 Carlisle St., Natrona Heights, 724-224-8688. Mass of Christian Burial will follow on Tuesday at 10 a.m. in St. Ladislaus Church, 48 Spruce St., Natrona, with the Rev. Aaron Kriss as celebrant. Burial with full military honors accorded by the Vandergrift Veterans Honor Guard will be in Mt. Airy Cemetery, Natrona Heights. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Rich may be made to Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament R.C. Parish, 1526 Union Avenue, Natrona Heights, PA 15065. To send an online condolence, please visit:

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**MASCIARELLI
REGINA D. "GINA"**

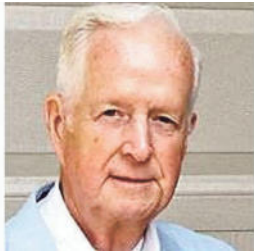
On Friday, March 2, 2018, Regina D. "Gina" Masciarelli, age 64, of McCandless Township, formerly of Connellsville, beloved life partner of 17 years to Rosie Dileo; mother of Lisa (Dyron) Graham and Krista Masciarelli; daughter of Regina (and the late Frenchie) Skrobacz; sister of Bernard Skrobacz, Beverly (James) Kostek, Annie Farrell, Joseph (the late Catherine) Skrobacz, Germaine (Brad) Thomas, Gabrielle (Andrew) Snizek and Mark (Lorie) Skrobacz; grandmother of Eliana and Michaela Graham; also survived by nieces and nephews. Regina started her career in the Pentagon and retired from the Social Security Administration after 33 years in 2014. Gina was a lover of the outdoors, spending time walking, doing yard work, visiting various beaches, and playing endless hours with her beautiful granddaughters. Friends received on Monday from 1-4 and 7-9 p.m. at **SIMONS FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 7720 Perry Highway, Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. at St. John Neumann Parish, 2230 Rochester Rd. Contributions may be made to PanCan (Pancreatic Cancer Research). www.simonsfuneralhome.com

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**MASTRANDREA
ASHLEY**

Age 29, of Mt. Washington, on Thursday, March 1, 2018. Loving daughter of Joan Tambellini Mastrandrea and the late Emilio Mastrandrea; sister of Adam Mastrandrea; grand-daughter of Pierina (and the late Pietro) Mastrandrea and the late Emma and Pete Tambellini; aunt of Adam, Jr.; niece of Mary Ann Cupples Wisniowski (Jim), Linda Edenfield (Guy) and Peter Tambellini (Margie). Also survived by loving family and friends. Visitations Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the **BRUSCO-FALVO FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 214 Virginia Avenue, Mt. Washington (412-381-2323). A Blessing Service will be held on Monday evening at the conclusion of visitations.

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**McCUNE
GERARD A. "JERRY"**

Of Braddock Hills, age 87, died on Friday, March 2, 2018. Jerry was the beloved husband of Roberta E. "Bobbi" McCune for 62 years; loving father of Douglas (Celeste) McCune of AZ, David McCune of Penn Hills, and Dwight (Jodi) McCune of Robinson Twp.; proud grandfather of Tiffany Stepanik and Nicole Sweeney, Christopher McCune, Connor, Nicholas and Alyssa McCune; great-grandfather of Coby Stepanik and Austin and Aven Sweeney. Jerry is preceded in death by his siblings, Margaret Gross, Edward, John, and Robert McCune. Jerry quit school after 10th grade to help support his family and join the U.S. Navy. In 1958, he became one of the original employees of WTAE-TV and was a local television pioneer. He retired as the Film Director with over 37 years at the station. Mike Clark respectfully remembers Jerry as "such a gentle, good-natured, faith-filled, honorable man. He always had a smile and a kind word for me." Jerry was a published writer and a frequent contributor to the Post-Gazette "Letters to the Editor." He also was a song-writer and singer; poet and family historian. In 2013, after a culmination of 2 years of studies, Jerry earned his high school diploma through the G.E.D. program of the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council. His motivation was to

demonstrate the value of a solid education to his grandchildren and that it is never too late in life to achieve one's goals. For over 40 years, Jerry served as a Lector for both his former parish, St. James in Wilkinsburg and his current parish, St. Maurice in Forest Hills. Friends are welcome on Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at **PATRICK T. LANIGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, INC.**, Turtle Creek/Monroeville Chapel, 1111 Monroeville Ave., Turtle Creek, 412-823-9350. Mass of Christian Burial will be held for Jerry on Thursday at 10 a.m. in St. Maurice Church. He will then be laid to rest with military honors at Calvary Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Greater Pittsburgh Literacy Council, 411 7th Ave., Pgh., PA 15219/ www.gplc.org; St. Maurice Parish, 2001 Ardmore Blvd., Pgh., PA 15221; or the American Cancer Society, 320 Bilmar Rd., Pgh. 15205. www.cancer.org. Jerry's motto has been, "I shall pass this way but once. Therefore, any good that I can do, or any kindness that I can show, let me do it now. For I shall not pass this way again."

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**McDONOUGH
ROGER JOHN**

Age 77, died Friday, March 2, 2018, at his home at Independence Court in Monroeville. An outgoing collector of Pittsburgh Pirates baseball memorabilia,



McDonough was also known for his love of movies, hats and family vacations. He also had a quick wit. Born May 1, 1940, in Braddock to Raymond Paul and Olga Koerth McDonough, he was the youngest of two. He graduated from St. Thomas High School and the University of Pittsburgh, where he received a liberal arts degree in 1973. While in school, he took his first job at the H.J. Heinz Company, starting out as a mail clerk. He spent 30 years at the company, retiring as their manager of government relations. Work life was interrupted in 1963 when he volunteered to serve in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. He was stationed near Fontainebleau, France and served as a private until 1965. When he returned to Heinz, he finally asked out Mary Ann Gaj, a co-worker in the inventory department. Their first date (and first kiss) took place at Forbes Field, watching the Pittsburgh Pirates play the St. Louis Cardinals (they lost, 3-2). The couple married Aug. 12, 1967, and eventually moved to Penn Hills, which they called home for more than 40 years. In 1976, they adopted their son, Mark. McDonough quickly introduced him to his love of baseball. When Mark turned 15, they began attending Opening Day, a tradition they carried on for 23 years, first at Three Rivers and then at PNC Park. McDonough liked to collect lots of things, but most well known were his collections of baseball bobbleheads, bats, figurines and cards, which he displayed annually for years at the Penn Hills Library at the start of Spring Training. McDonough was a member of St. Gerard Majella Church in Verona, and served as an eucharistic minister for about 15 years. He was preceded in death by a brother, Raymond. He is survived by his wife; his son; his daughter-in-law, Staci; and his granddaughter, Elena. Friends received in **WILLIAM F. GROSS FUNERAL HOME**, 11735 Frankstown Rd. (at Rodi Rd.), Penn Hills Monday 2-4, 6-8 p.m. Funeral Prayers, Tuesday 9:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Gerard Majella Church, Tuesday 10 a.m. Burial in All Saints Braddock Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to the Parkinson's Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131.

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**McKINNEY
MARGARET E.
(GYONGYOSY) "GRANNIE"**

Age 95, of Munhall, passed away peacefully in the presence of her family on March 2, 2018. She was the beloved wife of the late Jerome T. McKinney of Homestead; sister of Irene Gyongyosy (West Homestead), the late Joseph (Betty) Jonosy, Zoly (Peg) Gyongyosy and Helen (Hershel) Pace. Grannie enjoyed beading, flower arranging, cooking and baking. She will be sadly missed by her children: Jerome T., Jr. of Munhall, Donald R. (Daryl) of West Mifflin and Elaine Saus

(Gene) of West Homestead; eight grandchildren: Jeff McKinney, Sean McKinney, Judy Besnak, Jennifer Wain, Cathy Moran, Kelly Ubinger, Kim Farrah and Jodi Martin; 16 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. A time of gathering for family and friends will be held at the **WILLIAM R. WELSH FUNERAL HOME**, 309 E. 10th Avenue, Homestead on Saturday, March 3, 2018, from 7-9 p.m., Sunday, March 4, 2018, from 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Therese of Lisieux Church in Munhall on Monday at 10 a.m.

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**MEDVED
WILLIAM I.**

Age 61, of Findlay Twp., Imperial, PA formerly of Altoona, PA on Wednesday evening, February 28, 2018, in Allegheny General Hospital. Preceded in death by his parents, Louis and Betty (Price) Medved; beloved husband of Deborah (Woods) Medved; father of Jaime (Jonathan) Bence, Michael (Tammy) Wills and Rebecca Medved; grandfather of Nathaniel and Myla; brother of Robert (Tammy) Medved and the late Beverly Medved; uncle of David and Samantha Petrie; and his pets, Simon and Boo Kitty. Bill worked 43 years in the jewelry industry and was currently employed at Boscov's as a dept. manager. At Bill's request, there will be no visitation or funeral service. It is respectfully requested memorial donations in Bill's memory be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Arrangements by **HERRICK COMPASSIONATE FUNERAL SERVICE, PC**, Edward M. Herrick, supervisor/owner, 951 Cliff Mine Rd., N. Fayette Twp., Imperial, PA 724-695-7332.

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**MORENA
ANTHONY J., Sr.**

Age 88, of Mt. Washington, passed away on Thursday, March 1, 2018. Beloved husband of the late Clara E. Morena; loving father of Margaret Slaby, Anthony J. Morena, Jr., Christine Morena and the late Nicola Morena; cherished grandfather of Kenneth, William, Lisa, Kristen, Stephen, Ryan, Danielle, C.J. and Nicole; loving great-grandfather of Vicky, Kayla, Kalea, Devin, Leonard, Seifra, Aubrey, Avionna, Aaralynn, Elva, Nikola, Jaidyn, JioVonn and Adalina; loving great-grandfather of Trinity; Beloved brother of John Morena, Anne Barsody and the late Carmella and Frank. Also survived by nieces and nephews. Family and friends welcome Sunday and Monday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. **W. M. SLATER & SONS, INC.**, 301 Virginia Ave., Mt. Washington 15211 (412-381-3345). Funeral Mass in St. Mary of the Mount Church Tuesday 10 a.m. Burial to follow in Queen of Heaven Cemetery.

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**NYE
JANE C.**

Jane Nye died on Tuesday, February 27, 2018 in Green Valley, Arizona, after a battle with cancer. Jane grew up in McKeesport, PA and was employed as Director of Continuing Medical Education at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. She also worked as an editor for the New England Journal of Medicine. She served on the boards of different Lutheran organizations in the Pittsburgh area, and also served as Hostess of the Lutheran House in Chautauqua, NY. She is survived by husband, Christopher Nye; daughter, Heidi Louise Hageman Smith and her husband, Scott; and granddaughter, Cassandra Smith. A short memorial service will be held at St. Francis of the Valley Church in Green Valley on Friday, March 2 at 2 p.m. A full memorial service will occur in Sheffield, Massachusetts at a date yet to be set. Interment will be in the Columbarium of First English Evangelical Lutheran Church in downtown Pittsburgh. For a complete obituary, please go to:

www.greenvalleymortuary.net/Obituaries
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**O'BRIEN
WILLIAM J. "BILL", Jr.**

Age 89, passed peacefully at his Baldwin Township home on February 20, 2018. Son of the late William and Anna (Kinzel) O'Brien, Bill was preceded in death by his loving wife, Helen Sue; his dear son, William "Bill" III; and his sister, Laverne Shaughnessy. He is

survived by his beloved daughter, Janet (Robert) Price; and his cherished grandchildren, Christopher (Kimberly), Danielle, and Bradley Price. Also surviving are nieces, nephews and cousins. A veteran of the U.S. Navy, Bill served his country during WWII on the USS Berrien. His service led him to the South Pacific in 1944 and he was honorably discharged in 1946. Bill was a member of the VFW Post #694, American Legion Post #0490, and Charleroi Elks #494. Bill spent most of his post-military career working in sales management at various car dealerships in the South Hills of Pittsburgh. He retired in 1990 and later found an encore career at Martin Auto Gallery, where he spent his days surrounded by friends. Bill enjoyed the quality time he spent with his family and friends, sharing stories and laughs at every turn. He especially treasured his memories of traveling to Florida and Ireland with his son. Bill will be fondly remembered for his quick wit and warm, charming demeanor. Family and friends will be welcomed at **LAUGHLIN CREMATION AND FUNERAL TRIBUTES**, 1008 Castle Shannon Blvd., Castle Shannon Thursday, March 8, 2018, from 3-6 p.m. Services at the funeral home Friday, March 9, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. followed by interment with full military honors in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies.

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**PALLADINI
VINCENT**

Age 34, on Thursday, March 1, 2018. The Lord called back a most precious soul. Vinnie was the most generous person anyone could know. He cared hard. He loved harder. His heart was gold. He would light up an entire room. People anxiously awaited his arrival. Vinnie was old school. Loyalty, family and friends were king. He would make sure everyone was greeted with a handshake or kiss. Everyone was a priority to him. Vinnie was blessed with so many true friends. All that knew Vinnie well, however, knew that we were actually the blessed ones. Vinnie is now walking hand in hand with his beloved mother, Evelyn. Both now free of pain, resting eternally, watching over us. Everyone's room will be a little dimmer without him. Vinnie is survived by his father, Vince; brother, Rocco (Megan); uncle of Jude and Rocco; nephew of Cathy (Sonny) Philistine, Nina Palladini, Chester (Sandy) Balistreri; cousin of Tom, Lyn, Chester, Ben, Gina, Nina, Marie and significant others. Also a vast number of other family and friends. Visitations Monday 2-8 p.m. at the **BORON FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 1719 Brownsville Road. Funeral Prayers on Tuesday at 9:15 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Pius X Church at 10 a.m.

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**PANOS
CAROLINE (KOURIS)**

Age 95, of Mt. Washington, passed away on Saturday, March 3, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Leonard W. Panos; loving mother of Denise (the late Ron) Daugherty, William L. Panos and Joanne (Gary) Strobert; cherished grandmother of Jacob Strobert, Erica (Jesse) Biretz and Bridgette Daugherty; beloved sister of the late Thomas and Peter Kouris. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank all of Caroline's caregivers from Maxim for their love and support. Family and friends welcome Tuesday 2-8 p.m., Trisagion Service 7:30 p.m., **WILLIAM SLATER II FUNERAL SERVICE**, 1650 Greentree Rd., Scott Twp. 15220 (412-563-2800). Funeral service will be held on Wednesday 11 a.m. in St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, 435 Somerset St., Johnstown, PA. Burial to follow in Grandview Cemetery, Johnstown. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church.

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**PAWLAK
LEON DANIEL "DAN"**

Dan Pawlak passed away at his home in Redwood City, California at the age of 80 on February 21, 2018. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on August 15, 1937, to Leon and Sophia D. (Wolny) Pawlak and they made their home on Verna Drive in Pittsburgh. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, Ronald Pawlak. He attended St. Anne's Elementary School, North Catholic High School, and graduated from Duquesne University with a Degree in Accounting. He joined the U.S. Army in the Draft and went on to serve for two years where he served as an Auditor during his last year. He became employed by the U.S. Army Audit Agency in 1963 and rose through the ranks as an Auditor during his 32 years of service there. He worked in the San Francisco Office, the Hawaii office, the Japan, Okinawa, and Korea Offices of the Pacific District, in Frankfurt, Germany and Vicenza, Italy offices of the European District, and in the Pentagon before his retirement in 1995. Dan married Jill (Schneider) Pawlak on February 8, 1964, at Holy Angels Catholic Church in Daly City, California. They had three children. The marriage ended in divorce in December 1996. Upon his retirement, he relocated to Redwood City, California where he lived out the rest of his life. He was a member of St. Pius Catholic Church in Redwood City. Dan was a loyal fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers, the Pittsburgh Pirates, and the Pittsburgh Penguins. He enjoyed their games and enjoyed pick-up basketball with other Auditors and bowling on a men's league. He will be missed by family and friends, to include his neighbors in Redwood City, as they enjoyed his company and his unofficial role as the neighborhood watch patrol. Dan is survived by his former spouse, and their three children, two daughters, Theresa Abrahams, Jacquelyn and husband, Mark Modrowski, all of Warrenton, Virginia; one son, James and wife, Cecily Pawlak, of Woodbridge, Virginia; four grandchildren, Adam Abrahams, Noelle Abrahams, Giada Pawlak, Nicolas Pawlak; and several nieces and nephews. Services are pending and will be announced at a later time. For inquiries, please contact Maria Jorge at the Redwood Chapel at 650-369-5537.

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**PERROTT
DOROTHEA LORRAINE**

Age 98, of Baldwin, formerly of Orange Park, FL, passed away peacefully surrounded by her loving family on February 27, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Paul Joseph Perrott; sweet mother of Diane K. (Dean) Close and the late Brenda J. (Jim) Dennis; grandmother of Paul (Jill), Pamela (Mitch), Jason (Allison), Gregory, Duane (Kim) and the late Kimberly Anne; great-grandmother of Alex, Grayson, Dane and Kristie; daughter of the late Russell F. and Mary Kuhn. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Animal Friends, 562 Camp Horne Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237. Condolences may be left at:

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**PIPER
MARY ANNE**

On Thursday, March 1, 2018. Mary Anne, age 64, of North Versailles, PA, passed away. Daughter of the late Al and Katherine Potter; beloved wife of Robert J. Piper; loving mother of Robert (Linda) Piper and Jessica (Jeff) Finley; grandmother of Nathan, Zander, Ross, and Annabelle; sister of William (Shirley) Potter and the late Ken and Mickey Potter. Friends

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received Monday 4 p.m.-8 p.m. at the **JAMES F. KUTCH FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY**, 433 Lincoln Hwy., East McKeesport, PA 15035. Service Monday 7:30 p.m. at Funeral Home. www.kutchfuneralhome.org
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RATKUS CYNTHIA ANN (KOCIBAN)
Age 74, on the afternoon of February 23, 2018, Cynthia Ann (Kociban) Ratkus, formerly of Williamsburg, VA passed away peacefully in Charlotte, NC after her long battle with Alzheimer's. Cynthia, known as "Sis" to all who loved her, was born in Munhall, PA, married her high school sweetheart, Theodore Ratkus, and built a life together that lasted 51 years until his death in 2016. Her family, and her role as wife, mother and grandmother, was the most important thing to her. This is where she drew her strength and left her legacy of her love, her brilliant smile and fun loving spirit. The ways she touched our lives will remain. Sis is survived by the three of us, Lisa (Paul) Bolejack, Pam (Jay) Wilmott and Carrie (Michael) Roberts; her eight grandchildren; and her siblings, Ernest (Dorothy) Kociban, Marion Kociban and Elaine (Terry) Hill, all who are blessed with many memories of their mom, grandmother and sister. A funeral mass and inurnment will be held 11 a.m., Friday, March 9, 2018, at St. Bede Catholic Church, Williamsburg, VA. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Walk to End Alzheimer's under the "Sisters Team." We will be walking in our mom's memory on October 13, 2018. **BUCKTROUT FUNERAL HOME** is assisting the family.
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RODGERS THERESA J. "TERRY" (SAMBOLT)
Of Munhall, on Thursday, March 1, 2018. Beloved wife of Edward Rodgers; daughter of the late Joseph and Lois (Kane) Sambolt; mother of Mark (Jennifer) Mihalic; loving grandmother of Hayden, Hunter and Gavin; aunt of David Murdoch and Cindy Miller; great-aunt of Ian and Alys. As per Terry's wishes, there will be no visitation. A Funeral Mass will be held at St. Therese Church, Munhall on Friday, March 9, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. Arrangements entrusted to **SAVOLSKIS - WASIK - GLENN FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, Munhall, www.swgfuneralhome.com
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SARRIA SUE HILL
Age 79, of St. Johns, FL formerly of Bethel Park and Houston, PA passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 1, 2018. Born on December 12, 1938, she was the daughter of the late Annie and James Hill. Beloved wife to the late Joseph D. Sarria; loving mother to Devesa Sarria, Joseph (Katie) Sarria and Troy (Rene) Sarria; cherished grandmother of Maddison, Nicole, Julianna, Marlena, and Emelise; dear sister to James Hill; and sister-in-law to Rita Sarria Lopez. Sue was also blessed with many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her son, Victor Sarria; and her sister, Wanona Hill Mills. Sue enjoyed genealogy and was a proud member of Daughters of the American Revolution and Colonial Dames. She also enjoyed spending time with her family and she will be dearly missed. Family and friends are welcome on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, from 2 p.m. - 7 p.m. at **CREMATION AND FUNERAL CARE**, 3287 Washington Road, McMurray, PA 15317, (724) 260-5546. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, at 10 a.m. at Trinity Church, 550 S. Main St., Washington, PA 15301. **EVERYONE PLEASE MEET AT THE CHURCH.** Burial will follow in Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Walk With Sally organization. Please view and sign the family's online guestbook at cremationfuneralcare.com



SCHEIB IDA E. (SIGAL)
Age 96, of Elliott, on Saturday, March 3, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Joseph G. Scheib, Sr.; loving mother of Joseph, Jr. (Ruth), David, George (Carol), Daniel, Mary Lou and James (Dawn) Scheib; 14 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson. Friends received 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. **MONDAY ONLY at ANTHONY G. STAAB FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 900 Chartiers Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15220. Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Ascension Worship Site of St. Philip Church. Burial to follow in St. Martin Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to the West End Senior Center, 80 Wabash Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15220. Add a tribute: www.staabfuneral.com
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SHAUGHNESSY FATHER ANGELUS M., OFM Cap.
Father Angelus M. Shaughnessy, OFM Cap. died early Friday afternoon, March 2, 2018, in his 89th year after more than 67 years in vows as a Capuchin friar and 62 years a priest. He was preceded in death by sisters Mary Elizabeth (Roth), Sr. Mary Cecilia (Anna Mae) CDP, Irene (Murray), Pauline (Adams Cucinelli) and Josephine (Laman), and by brothers Fr. Sigmund (John Joseph) OFM Cap., Paul and Joseph. He is survived by sisters Regina (Sykes) and Bernadette (Higgins), and brother Bernard. **Matthew Edmund Shaughnessy**, fourth son and ninth child of John and Anna (Spang) Shaughnessy, was born on November 16, 1929, in Rochester, PA, and baptized at St. Cecilia church by the pastor Fr. Hugh Rauwolf, OFM Cap. on November 24th. After attending St. Cecilia Grade School, he entered St. Fidelis College and Seminary in Herman, PA in 1947. A talented and capable athlete in his youth, Matthew turned down an offer to play professional baseball as a left-handed pitcher for the Cleveland Indians to enter the Capuchin Novitiate, where he received the religious name Angelus. On July 14, 1950, Angelus professed his vows as a Capuchin Friar, making his perpetual profession three years later on July 14, 1953. After receiving a Master's Degree in Religious Education, Father Angelus was ordained a priest by Bishop John McNamara on June 4, 1955, in the Crypt Church of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC. In his early years as a priest, Father Angelus served as the Director of the Secular Franciscan Order and directed retreats in the Pittsburgh area. In October of 1966, Father Angelus volunteered to work as a missionary in Papua New Guinea (PNG). From 1966 to 1978, Father Angelus was spiritual director and teacher at the newly erected Saint Fidelis Seminary on the northern coast of the Madang Province. In 1978 he was transferred to the Mendi Diocese in the Southern Highlands Province, and for the next two years did pastoral work among the people there. During the course of his ministry in Papua New Guinea, Father Angelus with his friends and parishioners built 11 permanent churches and three bush churches. While ministering to the needs of the people of PNG, Father was privileged to baptize 1,227 men, women and children. In the summer of 1980, Father was reassigned to Western Pennsylvania. Under the auspices of St. Fidelis Retreat Center, he conducted many parish missions and renewals, preached and directed retreats, accepted parish help-outs, days of recollection and appointments for personal individual counseling. From 2001-2007, Father Angelus was stationed at EWTN in Birmingham, Alabama. There he served as Minister General to the Franciscan Missionaries of the Eternal Word. Father Angelus was happy to be a part of the apostolate of the Eternal Word Television Network where he was able to preach to 128 million

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households throughout the world. In 2007 Father returned to Pittsburgh where he served as the National Executive Director of the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers until the time of his death. After circling the globe four times and traveling thousands of miles over barely navigable terrain, Father delighted in characterizing his present ministry as "the good life — a taste of the hundredfold here on earth." Fr. Angelus was blessed with many devoted and helpful friends. Father Angelus' interest in the spiritual life led many to seek him out for spiritual guidance. He loved being in the company of his friends and family, who were always ready to attend to his needs. In his last days, he preferred the company of his visitors to the easement of his pain, forgoing medication so that he would be able to converse with those who came to see him. May this faithful servant of Christ now take his rest in the eternal fullness of the hundredfold, the taste of which so delighted him in work that only Sister Death could part him from it. Viewing will be held on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. in Our Lady of the Angels Parish, St. Augustine Church, 225 37th Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201. The Vigil Prayer Service will be at 8 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, March 7, 2018, at 11:00 a.m. in Our Lady of the Angels Parish, St. Augustine Church. Burial will be in the Friars' Plot of St. Augustine Cemetery directly following the Mass. Donations in honor of Father Angelus may be made to the Capuchin Friars, 220 37th Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201. Professional Services Trusted to **D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, LTD.**, (Lawrenceville). www.daleessandroltd.com
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SIAR ROBERT "BOB" T.
Age 85, of Glenshaw, passed away at his home surrounded by family on Friday, March 2, 2018, while under the care of Good Samaritan Hospice. Survived by his beloved wife of 61 years, Susan (better known as Sue in USWOA); loving father of Robert M. (Cheryl), Tom Siar, and Kim Johnson; cherished grandfather of Chelsea and Andrew Siar and Samantha and Justin Johnson. He was a graduate of Slippery Rock University (1955) where he lettered in football and swimming. He taught and coached 42 years in Pennsylvania Public Schools. He served as assistant coach of football, basketball, and track at Kane H.S. (1955-1957) and Johnsonburg H.S. (1957-1960) before becoming a head coach. As head coach, Siar led the football and track programs at Brookville H.S. (1960-1965). In 1961 he started the wrestling program at Brookville H.S. and continued until 1965 when he became the head wrestling coach at Shaler H.S. In 1965 he also became an assistant football and track coach at Shaler. As a wrestling coach, he compiled a 315-108-7 record in 29 seasons. He was WPIAL Coach of the Year in 1974 after leading Shaler to its first WPIAL title. He also guided Shaler H.S. (1979) and Hampton Area H.S. (1993) to state PIAA runner-up finishes in wrestling. He was president of the WPIAL Coaches Assoc. from 1968-75 and was inducted into the Western PA Wrestling Hall of Fame in 1993. He retired as a teacher and coach in 1997. Bob joined USA Wrestling Officials Organization (USWOA) freestyle and Greco-Roman wrestling in 1979. He was selected as the Pennsylvania Wrestling Official of the Year in 1984 and Pennsylvania Wrestling Man of the Year in 1985. In 1995, he was named USWOA Official of the Year. He was a USWOA category 1 and FILA International Wrestling Official. He officiated every Northeast Junior Championship from 1977-2007. He chaired many USWOA Committees and served as FILA Secretariat to the 1996 Olympic Games in Atlanta, the 1998 Junior World Championships in Primm, NV and the 2000 Olympic Games in Australia. For his outstanding service to others, he has received numerous "Outstanding Official" and "Outstanding Contribution" Awards. He has officiated all levels of USWOA competitions including local, state, regional, and national tournaments. He was a clinician of USAREUR Wrestling officials and championships in Germany (1990-2000). He was a member of the USWOA Executive Board from 1988-2007. In 2000 Bob received the "Lifetime Achievement Award" from USWOA and was inducted into the National Wrestling Hall of Fame in Stillwater, OK. He retired from USWOA in 2007. Away from wrestling Bob was a devoted family man. He was an Eagle Scout and recipient of

the "God and Country Award" the first time for these accomplishments in his hometown of Brookville, PA. He was honored in 1958 by Johnsonburg Area Schools for saving the life of a student. He was also honored in 1989 by PHEAA for outstanding contributions to Pennsylvania Education and received the Shaler Area Schools "American Teacher Award" three successive years, 1987-89. Visitation Sunday 2-8 p.m. at **NEELY FUNERAL HOME**, 2208 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw. Funeral Service Monday 11:00 a.m. at Elfinwild Presbyterian Church, 3200 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw. Luncheon will be served following the service. Please visit us at: neelyfuneralhome.com
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STEMPKOWSKI CASIMIR J.

Cas Stempkowski, age 97, of McKees Rocks and formerly Scottsdale, passed away on March 1, 2018. Born to Antoni and Magdalena Stempkowski, he married Fannie (DeNardo) on June 10, 1948. Cas was a loving family man who enjoyed spending time with his family, dancing with his wife, vegetable gardening, fishing and the Steelers. He was a World War II veteran with the 17th Airborne Division, serving his county in Belgium in the Battle of the Bulge. He received the Overseas Bar, American Theatre Service medal, Good Conduct medal, World War II Victory medal, and the European African Middle Eastern Theatre Service medal with two bronze stars. He was a member of the Elks, VFW, Knights of Columbus and American Legion as well as many senior citizens groups. Cas retired in 1983 as a floorman after 42 years with Modulus Corporation (formerly Pittsburgh Screw & Bolt). Survivors include his wife, Fannie; sons, Dan (Marilyn) and Lou (Ginny); grandchildren, Kelly (Jeff) Duffy, Danny (Meredith) Stempkowski, Emily (Matt) Kiswardy and Elizabeth Stempkowski; great-grandchildren, Lily and Ella Duffy and Logan and Brayden Stempkowski; two brothers, Tom (Ellen) Stempkowski and Eugene Stern; as well as many sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. The family would like to thank Rosewood, Pilgrimage Hospice, Nancy Maslakowski and Josephine Stempkowski for their care and support. Visitation will be held **MONDAY**, 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at **MCDERMOTT FUNERAL HOME**, 334 Forest Grove Rd., Coraopolis (Kennedy Twp.), PA, where prayers will be offered **TUESDAY**, 11:30 a.m., followed by burial in The National Cemetery of the Alleghenies in Bridgeville, PA at 12:30 p.m. A memorial service will be held at a future date. Memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice, including Pilgrimage Hospice at 2695 Winchester Dr., Suite 200, Pittsburgh, PA 15220 and Fisher Center for Alzheimer's Research Foundation, 110 East 42nd Street, 16th Floor, New York, NY 10017.



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SUKYS BRONIUS "BRUNO"

With heavy hearts, we announce the passing of Bronius Sukys, age 93, of Castle Shannon on Friday, March 2, 2018. Affectionately known as Bruno, he was an expert carpenter whom people adored. He battled Parkinson's Disease for more than 30 years but always pushed through because of his strong will and determination. He emigrated from Lithuania in 1950 and was always so proud of his heritage which he instilled on his family. He was an active member of the Western Pennsylvania Lithuanian Citizens Society and fully remodeled the former Lithuanian Club on the South Side which included a beautiful bar that proudly displayed the colors of the Lithuanian flag. He was always present at Pittsburgh Lithuanian events. He loved his vegetable garden and each year, turned the entire backyard into one large garden that was the envy of all the neighbors. His grandson was the apple of his eye and always by his side. He faithfully attended his grandson's hockey games as well as other sports activities. Bruno was preceded in death by his father, Juozas Sukys; mother, Marcele Sukiene; sisters, Magdalena Zebrauskiene and Liudvika Zvingiliene, all of Lithuania. He is survived by his beloved wife of 66 years, Mildred; daughters, Dr. Nancy Sukys of Wheeling, WV, and Janet Petrauskas of Pittsburgh; grandson, Andrius Petrauskas, also of Pittsburgh; sister, Ona Barkauskiene of Lithuania; and numerous nieces and nephews, also of Lithuania. Friends are invited to celebrate his life at a viewing

(date and time to be announced) at the **JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME**, 4201 Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15227. Funeral services to be announced later. Burial will follow in St. Casimir's Cemetery. Special thanks to Concordia of the South Hills, especially Elizabeth and Matt, for taking such good care of him. Also thank you to ViaQuest Hospice for their loving care during his final days. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation or ViaQuest Hospice, 610 Park Ave., Monongahela, PA 15063. Please send condolences to: www.johnfslater.com
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SUMMERVILLE WILLIAM "BILL" A., Jr.

On February 14, 2018, age 85, of Ross Township, formerly of North Side. Survived by his loving extended families, the Redmans, the Longs and the Polks, along with the caring staff and family of Sunrise of McCandless; brother of the late Dorothy Portiface. No viewing; visitation will be held at **SCHELLHAAS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, INC.**, 388 Center Ave., West View, PA 15229 on Wednesday, March 7th from 6-8 p.m. with memorial service to follow at 8 p.m. Bill was a Mason for over 50 years and a member of Pittsburgh Printing Pressman Local Union #9, McCandless #390, Lodge #45, F. & A. M., Scottish Rite, Royal Arch #162, Tancred Commandery #48, and Syria Temple. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bill's name can be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children, Office of Development, 1645 W. 8th St., Erie, PA 16505. Please leave condolences at www.schellhaasfh.com
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TORTORETE MICHAEL A.

Age 86, of St. Barnabas Community, passed away on Friday, March 2, 2018. Beloved husband of 40 years to Jane H. Tortorete; brother of Josephine Messenkopf (Philip) and the late P. Charles Tortorete; also survived by nieces, nephews, and cousins. Michael was a member of St. Raphael Catholic Church in Morningside. He was an artist and craftsman (glassblower) and will be remembered for his gentle and kind spirit. Funeral and interment private. Arrangements by **McCABE BROS., INC.** www.mccabebrothers.com
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TURNBLACER SALLEE LOU RENNER

Age 91, of Gibsonia and Middlesex, on March 1, 2018. Daughter of the late Paul Renner and Audrey L. Schlosser; wife of the late Fred F. Turnblacer; mother of three children: Charles B. Turnblacer, Melissa Turnblacer Guz, and the late Fred F. Turnblacer, Jr.; grandmother of Spencer, Beau, Trey, and Cole Turnblacer. Friends received Thursday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at **SCHELLHAAS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**, 5864 Heckert Rd., Bakerstown. Funeral Mass Friday at 11 a.m. in Holy Sepulcher Church. Sallee graduated from Butler High School in 1944 and Shadyside Nursing School in 1947. She was a broker with Turnblacer Real Estate and a broker of record with Signature Realty & Development. In lieu of flowers, donate to Lighthouse Food Bank, 1302 E. Cruikshank Rd., Butler, PA 16002, and American Red Cross, 245 Butler Rd., Kittanning, PA 16201. www.schellhaasfh.com
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WALDSCHMIDT CHRISTY

On February 16, 2018. Born June 6, 1952, in Pittsburgh, PA. She is survived by her son, Jeff Waldschmidt and his wife, Suzan; her grandchildren, Ryan and Logan Waldschmidt; her sister, Amy Kunkel; brothers, Daniel and Jack Waldschmidt, Jr. She was loved very much by her family and friends. We will be having a celebration of her life sometime this early summer in Pittsburgh. Details will be announced later. *Send condolences post-gazette.com/gb*

WEINELL RONDA JEAN

Age 60, of New Alexandria, PA, died Thursday, March 1, 2018. Born in Latrobe, PA, October 16, 1957. Worked as a court reporter. Daughter of the late Carl and Grace E. (Howard) Weinell; mother of Ryan Gallagher; grandmother of Audiana Gallagher; sister of Larry Weinell (Jane) and Sandra Ingmire (Charles). Also survived by several nephews and cousins. Friends will be received Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at **SHOEMAKER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 49 N. Walnut St., Blairsville, PA 15717. Funeral service at funeral home Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. Please visit and leave condolences at shoemakerfh-monuments.com
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WILLIAMS DONNA BLANCHE REEB

Age 80, of West Deer, died peacefully at home on March 2, 2018. Beloved wife for 60 years of Louis Cameron "Skip" Williams; loving mother of Robert (Amy) Williams of MD and Thomas (Bobbie Jo) of Frazer Twp.; sister of Jeanne (the late Jerry) Rooney; sister-in-law of Gladys (Walter "Norm") Novak of Zelienople and the late Albert Scheller; proud grandmother of Logan, Lindsey, Skye and Samuel. Also survived by one great-grandson, Blake. A longtime member of Bakerstown United Methodist Church, Donna was actively involved in many ministries, past president of the Ladies Group and served on the Funeral Luncheon Committee. She was a past president and member of AARP 595. A Medical Assistant working many years for Drs. Bryson and Marigold, Donna retired from Hospital Home Health, Inc. Most of all, Donna loved spending time with her cherished family. Friends received Friday 2-8 p.m. at **SCHELLHAAS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, LTD.**, 5864 Heckert Road, Bakerstown. Services will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. in Bakerstown United Methodist Church, with Rev. Dennis Swineford officiating. (Please meet at church). In lieu of flowers, donations to Bakerstown United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, 5760 Rt. 8, Gibsonia, PA 15044. Please offer condolences at www.schellhaasfh.com
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In Memoriam

FRY NELLIE A.

5/7/1944 ~ 3/4/2007
We often sit and think about the years that have passed by and of the happiness and joy that was shared by us. We think of all the laughter, the smiles and all the fun. And, before we even knew it, our tears have once again begun. For, although it brings us comfort to walk down memory lane, it reminds us how, without you, life has never been the same. Love, Your Family



KANE CALVIN, Jr.

3/4/1961 ... 2/7/2012
In Memory Of
In my heart a memory is kept of the son, brother, father we loved and will never forget. Happy Birthday, Calvin! We miss you. Love always, Mom, Odessa Kane, Josie, children, family and friends



PETRONE DEAN THOMAS

3/4/1965 - 6/23/2008
HAPPY BIRTHDAY, DEAN
We cannot send a birthday card, your hand we cannot touch, But God will take our greeting to the one we love so much. We love and miss you. Rest in peace. Mom and Christa



On the Penguins
JASON MACKEY

Crosby's OT goal nets win

Jarry 'survives' early game gaffe

After a third consecutive loss Thursday night in Boston, the Penguins talked about hitting the reset button.

They definitely did that with a 3-2 overtime win against the New York Islanders Saturday at PPG Paints Arena, but how it went down added sort of a humorous plot twist.

The Penguins basically spilled a can of pop on the reset button, slipped out of the chair while trying to grab it and clonked their collective head on the console. But at least the button was pressed.

"The main thing is to get the two points and try to build off that," said Sidney Crosby, who wrapped up the victory with a goal off a two-on-one rush at 3:48 of overtime.

The win required several resets, the first one — and likely the most notable — coming just 71 seconds into the game.

While moving to stop an innocuous Brandon Davidson backhand from 40 feet, Tristan Jarry slipped or toe-picked or tripped or something and went crashing to the ice, his backward momentum taking him into the goal, the puck trickling

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Gene Collier

A new way to rel(ax) and unwind

Your results may vary, but with me, mental notes rarely achieve the life span of a serious belch, so imagine my incredulity this week when I found myself acting on a mental note from last August — ax throwing.

You heard me.

Driving back from Steelers training camp last summer, along the familiar stretch of westbound Route 30 that seems to morph into a new version of itself annually, I passed a small building with a sign in its front parking area that read "Valhalla Indoor Axe Throwing."

"Well," said a voice in my head that was remarkably like my mother's, "I don't like the sound of that."

Truth is, mom never once scolded my brothers and me to take our ax throwing outside; she didn't have to because my father would not have allowed an ax to come

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WPIAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Keyshawn Adams, left, Tyree Spencer, Myles Yarbough and Cam Wiley, right, celebrate Penn Hills' 60-56 victory against Pine-Richland in the boys Class 6A championship Saturday night at Petersen Events Center.

Penn Hills wins first crown since 2003

By Mike White
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Pine-Richland had the pen in hand, ready to write its name in a few different places in the WPIAL record book. But Penn Hills had an eraser.

Two of them, in fact.

Senior guards Daivon Stephens and Cory Fulton were a potent one-two punch. They took that pen out of Pine-Richland's hand and led Penn Hills to a 60-56 victory in the WPIAL Class 6A championship Saturday night at Petersen Events Center.

Penn Hills (23-3) came back from a seven-point deficit to win its first championship since 2003. Stephens, a versatile 6-foot-6 player, and Fulton each scored 23 points. Stephens also grabbed 11 rebounds and Fulton had

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North Allegheny girls join exclusive club

By Brad Everett
Tri-State Sports & News Service

If North Allegheny had played its "B" or "C" game Saturday night, the Tigers might have had their hands full against a talented Peters Township team that features one of the WPIAL's top players.

As it turned out, North Allegheny was a lot better than that.

"It would be hard to see them any better," Peters Township coach Bert Kendall said.

And because of that, North Allegheny can now see itself in the WPIAL record book.

North Allegheny used a dominating all-around performance to throttle Peters Township and claim its second consecutive WPIAL Class 6A girls

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Stph Chambers/Post-Gazette

The San Francisco Giants lost 98 games a year ago and saw a trade for Andrew McCutchen as a way not to lose another 98 this year.

Reflections from 'Pittsburgh Pirates West'

A cracked rear view

By Stephen J. Nesbitt
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — When Tony Watson entered the home clubhouse at Scottsdale Stadium on Feb. 19, the day he signed with the San Francisco Giants, the first players he saw were Alen Hanson, Chase d'Arnaud and Gorkys Hernandez. Watson found his locker directly beside Mark Melancon's. Andrew McCutchen occupied a corner stall on the other side of the room.

We had that window. ... But that's something we didn't do."

Andrew McCutchen

"I was like, 'This is weird,' " Watson said Wednesday, contemplating the miniature reunion of former Pirates. "We're all over here. We're all Giants. We're in orange and black, and we're excited."

While the Pirates surrendered McCutchen and Gerrit Cole this winter, trading them for an assortment of young players, the Giants doubled down. The front office, confronted by a club that lost 98

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College Basketball



CHAMPIONSHIP WEEK

GUIDE

A RUNUP TO SELECTION SUNDAY

The first automatic bid to the NCAA men’s basketball tournament was won Saturday. With the addition of the Ivy League this season, 31 more will be handed out to the winners of conference tournaments before the field is announced next Sunday. We provide — in one place — a schedule for those championship games (and a few extras):

The schedule

Sunday	Conference	Time	TV	No. 1 seed
	Big South	1 p.m.	ESPN	UNC-Asheville (21-12)
	Missouri Valley	2 p.m.	KDKA	Loyola-Chicago (27-5)
	Atlantic Sun	3 p.m.	ESPN	Fla. Gulf Coast (22-10)
	Big Ten	4:30 p.m.	KDKA	Michigan State (29-4)
Monday				
	Metro Atlantic Athletic	7 p.m.	ESPN	Rider (22-9)
	Southern	9 p.m.	ESPN2	UNC-Greensboro (24-7)
Tuesday				
	Colonial Athletic	7 p.m.	CBSSN	Coll. of Charleston (23-7)
	Horizon	7 p.m.	ESPN	N. Kentucky (22-8)
	Northeast	7 p.m.	ESPN2	Wagner (23-8)
	West Coast	9 p.m.	ESPN	Gonzaga (27-4)
	Summit	9 p.m.	ESPN2	S. Dakota State (25-6)
Wednesday				
	Patriot League	7:30 p.m.	CBSSN	Bucknell (23-9)
Saturday				
	America East	11 a.m.	ESPN2	Vermont (25-6)
	Mid-Eastern Athletic	12:30 p.m.	ESPN2	TBD
	Southwest Athletic	5 p.m.	ESPN2	TBD
	Mountain West	6 p.m.	KDKA	Nevada (26-5)
	Big 12	6 p.m.	ESPN	Kansas (24-6)
	Big East	6:30 p.m.	WPGH	Xavier (27-4)
	Mid-American	7 p.m.	ESPN2	Buffalo (23-8)
	Big Sky	8 p.m.	ESPNU	Montana (22-7)
	Conference USA	8:30 p.m.	CBSSN	Mid. Tennessee (24-5)
	Atlantic Coast	8:30 p.m.	ESPN	Virginia (28-2)
	Southland	9 p.m.	ESPN2	TBD
	Western Athletic	10 p.m.	ESPNU	N. Mexico State (24-5)
	Pacific-12	10 p.m.	FS1	Arizona (23-7)
	Big West	Midnight	ESPN2	TBD
Sunday				
	Ivy League	Noon	ESPN2	TBD
	Atlantic 10	1 p.m.	KDKA	Rhode Island (23-6)
	Southeastern	1 p.m.	ESPN	Auburn (25-6)
	Sun Belt	2 p.m.	ESPN2	Louisiana (26-4)
	American Athletic	3:30 p.m.	KDKA	Cincinnati (25-4)

Play on (and on)

Four bubble teams that need to have good weeks:

			
Syracuse ACC	Louisville ACC	Missouri SEC	UCLA Pac-12
W-L 19-12 AP Rank NR RPI 45 Skinny: Orange needed that win vs. No. 18 Clemson Saturday to offset bad loss to Boston College early in week.	W-L 19-12 AP Rank NR RPI 43 Skinny: An incredible loss to Virginia Thursday was the marquee win that got away for the Cardinals.	W-L 19-11 AP Rank NR RPI 38 Skinny: Michael Porter Jr.'s long absence put a huge question mark on this team: who they are or who they could be.	W-L 19-10 AP Rank NR RPI 52 Skinny: Losses in 3 of past 5 make every game important and make wins vs. Arizona, Kentucky ancient history.

Things to watch

Teams, matchups and story lines for championship week:

JUST WILD, CAT: The Arizona/NCAA/Sean Miller story line — plus the return from suspension of Allonzo Trier (19.5 ppg) — could be the crucible that makes everything come together for Arizona in the Pac-12 (and beyond?).

PATIENCE PAYS: Loyola-Chicago, which has already won its first regular-season conference title in 33 years, can do that one better and secure its first NCAA bid since 1985 by winning the Missouri Valley Conference tournament Sunday.

NEW-OLD SCHOOL: The last holdout is no more. The Ivy League holds its first conference tournament Saturday-Sunday. For as new as that concept is, its stage is as old as the college game itself — the Palestra in Philadelphia. Can't you just smell the stale popcorn?

BIG (APPLE) TEN: The Big Ten was so anxious/desperate/inspired to play in New York (choose your own word) that it moved its tournament up a week and will crown its champion Sunday. The dangerous/good thing about that (again, choose your word) is that its tournament teams will go as many as two weeks between games.

PRESS ON: West Virginia has played in each of the past two Big 12 Conference finals. Could a third year in a row help improve the No. 4 seed for which the Mountaineers are projected?

GO FIGURE: The Big East could offer us a matchup of NCAA No. 1 seeds if Villanova and Xavier were to meet Saturday night. For an idea how good Xavier must be, consider: the Musketeers have lost twice to Villanova by a combined 40 points, yet are still in line for that No. 1 seed and are ranked one spot ahead of the Wildcats in the AP poll.



Selection Sunday

What: The 68 teams will be named for the 80th NCAA Division I men's basketball tournament.
When: 6 p.m. March 11.
TV: TBS.
The skinny: This marks the first year since 1982 that CBS has not carried the bracket announcement. ... PPG Paints Arena will host second-and -third-round games March 15 and 17. ... The national championship game is 9 p.m. April 2 (TBS) in San Antonio.

NEC tournament

Wagner bounces RMU

Colonials can't overcome 12-0 run in first half by No. 1-seeded Seahawks

From local and wire dispatches

There will be no second season for Robert Morris, no late-season run to a ninth NCAA tournament appearance. A 12-0 run midway through the first half for No. 1-seeded Wagner took care of that and 39 percent shooting took care of the rest as the Colonials fell to the Sea-

hawks, 75-64, in a Northeast Conference tournament semifinal Saturday in Staten Island, N.Y. JoJo Cooper scored 20 points with six assists and Romone Saunders added 18 points as Wagner (23-8) advanced to the NEC final Tuesday night against LIU, which defeated Fairleigh Dickinson in the other semifinal, 78-77.

Big Ten tournament

Purdue defense too good for PSU

Boilermakers put clamps on Carr








By The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Purdue threw a little of everything at Penn State star Tony Carr, the Big Ten Conference's leading scorer. Bigger guys. Smaller ones. Switches and some double teams. Carr managed only 12 points in a woeful shooting game, and No. 8-ranked Purdue separated from Penn State in the second half of a 78-70 victory Saturday that put the Boilermakers in the Big Ten tournament championship for the second time in the past three seasons. Third-seeded Purdue (28-5) will face No. 5-seeded Michigan, which will try to repeat as tournament champs Sunday at Madison Square Garden. Purdue frustrated Carr, who made four of 18 shots. The sophomore faced an array of defenders, including the 6-foot-6, 220-pound Nojel Eastern, 5-10 P.J. Thompson, 6-4 Dakota Mathias, 6-8 Vincent Edwards and 6-1 Carsen Edwards.

"When you have a good player like that, it takes more than one guy because he's able to make shots and make plays over guys," Vincent Edwards said. "They just did a good job of taking up that space and being able to force him into tough shots." Shep Garner led the Nittany Lions (21-12) with a career-high 33 points and the senior set a school record with 129 career points in the Big Ten tournament. The Boilermakers will be making their third appearance in the Big Ten championship since the tournament started in 1998. Their only championship came in 2009. Against Penn State, Purdue used a 12-2 run the middle of the second half to build a 15-point lead. Carsen Edwards led the way, spinning through the lane for a driving layup and making a 3 from up top that made the score 59-44 with 9:15 left. He finished with 27 points and shot 6 of 9 from 3-point range after scoring 26 Friday against Rutgers.

Pittsburgh projections

This can — and will almost certainly — change between now and Selection Sunday. But as of Saturday morning, these were the teams ESPN bracketologist Joe Lunardi had pegged to be coming to PPG Paints Arena March 15 and 17 for second- and third-round games:

						
Villanova Big East	Texas A&M SEC	N.C. State ACC	Xavier Big East	Wagner Northeast	Virginia Tech ACC	Saint Mary's West Coast
W-L 27-4 AP Rank 4 RPI 2 Skinny: Was upset by N.C. State at PPG Paints as a No. 1 in 2015.	W-L 20-11 AP Rank NR RPI 22 Skinny: Got as high as No. 5 in AP poll in late December.	W-L 21-10 AP Rank NR RPI 57 Skinny: Tied for 4th in ACC after winning 8 of past 11 games.	W-L 27-4 AP Rank 3 RPI 3 Skinny: Earned 1st Big East title. AP rank best in school history.	W-L 23-8 AP Rank NR RPI 102 Skinny: Seahawks took out Robert Morris in NEC semifinals.	W-L 21-10 AP Rank NR RPI 46 The skinny: Looking at 1st back-to-back NCAA bids since 1985-86.	W-L 27-4 AP Rank 22 RPI 32 The skinny: Gaels have 9 times won 25 games under Randy Bennett.

Of note: The eighth team would be determined in a first-round game in Dayton between Niagara and Hampton and would arrive as a No. 16 seed.



Associated Press

Purdue's Vincent Edwards attempts to get off a shot between Penn State's John Harrar, left, and Tony Carr Saturday in a Big Ten semifinal in New York. Purdue pulled away for a 78-70 victory to advance to the championship game Sunday against Michigan.

"It's a consistency," guard Dakota Mathias said of Edwards. "He's being very efficient, too." Edwards made back-to-back 3s to make it 74-56 with 3:41 left, and Purdue was on its way to play for a title. Isaac Haas, a 7-2 center, added 17 points and seven rebounds for Purdue. With Carr struggling, Penn State could not keep up. He picked up a third foul in the second half, a push-off call that caused Penn State coach Pat Chambers to draw a technical. "I think they were very physical," Chambers said. "Obviously, that's why I felt like I needed to get T'd up, my first T in a long, long time." The Nittany Lions had a chance to work their way into the conversation for an NCAA at-large bid by beating Purdue, but now Penn State seems like a long shot at best. Chambers is still hopeful.

"Well, I'm an optimist," he said. "We have NCAA Tournament talent." The Boilermakers hit a rough patch losing three close games in a row in early February to Ohio State, Michigan State and Wisconsin, but an argument can be made that they have been the Big Ten's most consistent team this season. "We had an opportunity to win the Big Ten regular season. We kind of gave that away," said Thompson, one of four senior starters. "But we still had a goal of winning a Big Ten championship on our list before the season started and we put ourselves in position to be able to do that [Sunday]." Purdue does most everything well, except rebound. A night after giving up 17 offensive boards to Rutgers, the Boilermakers allowed 16 rebounds to Penn State. Garner went 4 for 5 from 3-

point range, including a four-point play, to carry Penn State in the first half. The Nittany Lions led much of the way, but Edwards made a 3 for Purdue with 2 seconds left in the half to send the Boilermakers to the break ahead 33-31. While Penn State dreams about making the NCAA tournament, the Nittany Lions more than likely will head to the NIT. But a bigger issue for the Nittany Lions is whether Carr will return for another season or head to the NBA draft. The Boilermakers were looking ahead only to Sunday after beating Penn State. The Boilermakers swept the Wolverines in two games decided by a combined five points. "Just a really skilled offensive team" Carsen Edwards said. "For us, it's going to come down to defense."

College Basketball



2017-18 SEASON LOG

Selection Sunday is one week away. A look at the stats, facts and story lines you might have missed this week on the way to March Madness.

Feb. 24

With two assists in an 85-70 win vs. Iowa State, West Virginia's Jevon Carter becomes the first player from any Power 5 conference school to have more than 1,600 points, 500 rebounds, 500 assists and 300 steals in a career.

Tuesday

There likely isn't a wilder game in Division I than the one that plays out in western New York, where St. Bonaventure goes to triple overtime before subduing Davidson, 117-113. So crazy is this game that three Bonnies score at least 30 points: Jaylen Adams (34), Matt Mobley (33) and Courtney Stockard (31). No team has had three players each score 30 in the same game in at least 20 years.

Holding up Davidson's side of the thriller vs. St. Bonaventure, Peyton Aldridge scores 45 points, tied for the fourth-best in Division I this season.

TCU, in the hunt for its first NCAA bid since 1998, beats Kansas State, 66-59, for its first four-game conference winning streak since that 1997-98 season.

Wednesday

When you go winless in your conference as Pitt did, we guess disrespect is well earned. Case in point: In defending Virginia's expected No. 1 overall seed in the NCAA tournament, analyst Jay Bilas — appearing on ESPN Radio's "Golic & Wingo" — states: "Virginia is 16-1 [in the ACC]... and it's not like they've had 15 games against Pittsburgh."

Tough game? Mississippi F Marcanvis Hymon is ejected just 3 minutes, 24 seconds into a Rebels loss to Kentucky after drawing his second technical.

Thursday

Hours after fighting back against allegations that he was overheard on an FBI wiretap agreeing to a \$100,000 payment to a recruit, Sean Miller returns to the Arizona bench and watches his Wildcats defeat Stanford, 75-67, to earn at least a share of the Pac-12 title.

Leading 66-64 with 0.9 seconds left, all Louisville needs to do is inbound the ball to beat No. 1 Virginia and earn the marquee win to get it off the NCAA bubble. But wait. Whistle. The Cardinals' inbounder is called for traveling. Virginia's DeAndre Hunter then hits a catch-and-shoot from left of the 3-point arc for a 67-66 win Says Louisville coach David Padgett: "That's the toughest loss I've ever had." It is March, after all.



Texas' Jericho Sims, left, dunks on West Virginia's Sagaba Konate Saturday in Austin, Texas.

District roundup

Desperate Texas tops West Virginia

Mountaineers fail to lock up No. 2 seed in Big 12; Duquesne falls to UMass

By The Associated Press

Their season fading and their big man still on the bench with a sprained toe, the Texas Longhorns were in desperate need of a big win to bolster their NCAA tournament hopes.

They got it Saturday in Austin, Texas, with an 87-79 Big 12 Conference overtime win against No. 20-ranked West Virginia, spurred by guards Matt Coleman and Kerwin Roach II and a barrage of 3-pointers. "We knew we were really going to have to fight," Texas coach Shaka Smart said. "We also knew there was a ton on the line. We made that point ... By the way, it's not over."

Roach and Coleman each scored 22 points and Jericho Sims added 17 points and eight rebounds for the Longhorns. Texas (18-13, 8-10) has struggled to gain traction or play with consistency in Smart's third season. Missing the NCAA tournament — Texas still isn't guaranteed an at-large bid — would be a major blow to a program that finished last in the Big 12 a year ago.

Texas has fought through its share of struggles. Shooting guard Andrew Jones has

been out since early January after being diagnosed with leukemia. In just the past 10 days, freshman forward Mo Bamba, one of the top shot blockers in Division I, injured his toe, and shooting guard Eric Davis Jr., has been held out for three games since his name surfaced in a report alleging he might have taken money from an agent representative.

West Virginia led, 48-42, early in the second half before Texas ripped off a 15-2 run. The Mountaineers forced overtime on Jevon Carter's driving reverse layup with 1.6 seconds left in regulation.

Lamont West scored 15 points for West Virginia (22-9, 11-7), which had five players score in double figures.

The Mountaineers already had at least a tie for second place in the Big 12 and could have clinched the No. 2 seed in the conference tournament with a win.

Other game

Massachusetts 85, Duquesne 75: Malik Hines made all eight of his shots for 20 points and C.J. Anderson scored 12 points and tied a career-high 12 assists and host Massachusetts (12-19, 5-13 Atlantic 10)

Notebook

Emmert: Big changes soon

But it won't start with paying players

By The Associated Press

NCAA president Mark Emmert is hopeful the scandal roiling college basketball will lead to major rule changes, but schools paying players is likely a non-starter.

In a recent 45-minute phone interview with The Associated Press, Emmert said he expects a commission to reform college basketball to put forth proposals to modernize NCAA rules on player-agent relationships, devise new ways to handle high-profile enforcement cases and address the NBAs one-and-done rule. The commission, led by former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, is on track to give its recommendations to NCAA leadership when the Division I Board of Directors meets April 24-25.

Emmert said he does not think the NCAA is in crisis and that the "vast majority of what's going on inside" the associations is working "incredibly well."

"Yes, we've got these very serious issues which require serious change and they erode people's belief in the integrity of all college sports," Emmert said.

A federal investigation has alleged hundreds of thousands of dollars in bribes and kickbacks being funneled to influence recruits, an FBI probe that many fans believe reveals just a tiny slice of potential corruption in college sports.

In September, the Justice Department arrested 10 people, including four assistant coaches.

Murray State

Jonathan Stark finished with 24 points to give Murray State a 68-51 victory against Belmont in the Ohio Valley Conference tournament championship in Evansville, Ind. With the win, the Racers (26-5) became the first team to qualify for the NCAA tournament. They advance for the first time since 2012.

Eastern Washington

Bogdan Bliznyuk set an NCAA single-season record with his 74th consecutive free throw made and Eastern Washington made 16 3-pointers to beat Northern Arizona, 85-68.

Mississippi State women

Victoria Vivians scored 22 points and second-ranked Mississippi State remained in position to add a Southeastern Conference tournament title to its regular-season championship, beating No. 15 Texas A&M, 70-55, in the semifinals in Nashville, Tenn. The Bulldogs (32-0) reached the title game for a third consecutive year and extended Division I's longest active winning streak to 32 games.

Belmont women

Julie McCabe had 19 points and 10 rebounds and No. 22 Belmont (31-3) hit two 3-pointers in the final 15 seconds of regulation before pulling away in overtime to beat Tennessee-Martin, 63-56, to win the Ohio Valley Conference tournament and became the first team to qualify for the NCAA women's tournament.

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A full offseason with the Steelers figures to only make Joe Haden's All-Pro talents more evident.

Peter Diana/Post-Gazette

They're covered

For the first time in several years, the Steelers seem satisfied entering the offseason with the cornerbacks they have

Here might be the strangest statement made over several years regarding the Steelers' roster: The cornerback position may see no personnel changes in 2018.

The annual rite of signing, drafting and shedding cornerbacks as the Steelers almost fruitlessly tried to improve their weakest position has apparently ended. No discussions to acquire Marcus Peters here.

They overhauled their cornerbacks over the past two years, sinking money and draft picks into the position. They did make one change when they hired Tom Bradley to replace Carnell Lake as secondary coach. That may be the only new face in the room.

Two of their top three corners emerged last year when they signed Joe Haden after he was released by Cleveland just before the start of the regular season, and promoted little-known Mike Hilton to their nickel slot man. Those two joined Artie Burns, their first-round draft choice in 2016, as their top three.

They also signed free agent Coty Sensabaugh to a two-year, \$2.6 million contract and drafted Cam Sutton in the third round and Brian Allen in the fifth.

The position certainly cannot be called a strength, but there is potential and enough young players in a group that could at least be termed promising.

General manager Kevin Colbert talked about the Steelers defense as a whole entering 2018, but it also could fit the cornerbacks specifically.

"We always talk about progression of a player versus regression," Colbert said last month. "Some guys are still on the upswing, some guys are in their prime, and some guys are still playing but they might be on the downside — doesn't mean they still can't help you, but they might not be the player they were before. So I think that group has the potential to get bet-



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WHO'S OUT THERE?

Top five cornerback prospects as rated by nfldraftscout.com:

Player	School	Yr.	Ht.	Wt
Minkah Fitzpatrick	Alabama	Jr.	6-1	202
Denzel Ward	Ohio State	Jr.	5-10	191
Carlton Davis	Auburn	Jr.	6-1	203
Josh Jackson	Iowa	Jr.	6-1	192
Jaire Alexander	Louisville	Jr.	5-11	192

ter just through more playing and learning from their mistakes."

That potential has to be an increase in turnovers. Cornerbacks had just six interceptions last season, with Hilton the only one getting two.

Although passing up good cornerbacks in the draft would be difficult, it's not likely they will use any high picks on the position this year, perhaps none at all. The decisions at cornerback won't be whom to add but whom to subtract, and William Gay is one of those players on the downside who likely won't return.

Gay, 32, is the only cornerback left on the roster who was here in 2015 and he has put in 11 seasons. But he fell to No. 5 or 6 on the depth chart late last season. Sensabaugh surpassed him as the No. 4 corner in the second half of the season until a shoulder injury shelved him over the final three games. Sensabaugh started four games for the injured Haden in the second half of the season and when he allowed two touchdowns to A.J. Green in Cincinnati, it was the rookie Sutton who replaced him.

Gay, who does not play on special

teams, has a \$1.75 million salary for 2018, cap savings the Steelers could use if they release him. Sensabaugh has a \$1.4 million salary and is no lock to make it.

There were seven cornerbacks on the roster at the end of the 2017 season.

Burns and Haden will return as starters with Hilton the nickel. Burns did not have the kind of breakout performance in his second season as his coaches had hoped, but he did lead the team with 13 pass breakups and two fumble recoveries to go with an interception and 47 solo tackles, fourth on the club and tops among defensive backs. Still, tackling is one area where he can improve along with more awareness on deep passes.

Colbert believes Haden, the seventh overall pick in the 2010 draft and a two-time Pro Bowler with the Browns, will benefit from being with the Steelers from the spring through training camp, something he missed last year because he did not join them until the final day of August.

Sutton and Allen are the wild cards in the bunch. Sutton opened his rookie season on injured reserve after missing three weeks of training camp because of a hamstring injury. He played his first game Dec. 4 and started against New England. He should benefit from a full training camp and preseason and could challenge someone in the top three.

Allen was relatively new to the position at Utah, having started out as a wide receiver, when the Steelers drafted him last year as a "project." His size at 6-3, 215 pounds is such that it might tempt them to look at him at safety.

There's always room for new talent to show up unexpectedly — the way Hilton did last season — but cornerback, for once in a long time, may be settled.

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NFL scouting combine

Steelers hunt speedy ILBs

Round 1 focuses on replacing Shazier

By Gerry Dulac
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

INDIANAPOLIS — Kevin Colbert thinks there are several inside linebackers in the draft who could help the Steelers fill the void created by the injury to Ryan Shazier.

Unfortunately, those players will be gone by the time the Steelers pick at No. 28. And, he doesn't think that position goes very deep.

This is a big weekend for Colbert and the Steelers coaches at the NFL Scouting Combine because that's when the linebackers go through their testing and evaluating process, capped by their times in the 40-yard dash Sunday — something that should really intrigue the Steelers.

"There's high quality then a certain amount of guys who are prospects," Colbert said. "To put anybody in Ryan's category is unfair to both Ryan and the potential player because the potential player may see himself as better and maybe in the long run he will be. But Ryan was a unique talent and he did great things for us."

None of the prospects at inside linebacker, not even the top ones — Roquan Smith (6 feet, 236 pounds) of Georgia or Tremaine Edmunds of Virginia Tech (6-4½, 253) — will come close to posting the 4.4 time Shazier did in 2014. Curiously, the player who will come close could be a fellow Ohio State linebacker, Jerome Baker, whom NFL Network draft analyst Mike Mayock said "is going to light up the combine."

Baker (6-1, 229) is a little undersized, not to mention inconsistent, but Mayock is intrigued by his ability to run sideline to sideline — something the Steelers are seeking to help replace Shazier. Colbert said the other day Shazier will not play in 2018.

"He's got some good days and not so good days," Mayock said of Baker. "But I think his physical specifications match up with today's NFL. He can fly."

Baker will be in the Steelers range, and his combine results likely will boost his draft stock, perhaps into the end of the first round. He did 22 reps in the 225-pound bench press Saturday, sixth most among linebackers.

The other inside linebacker expected to go in the first round is Alabama's Rashaan Evans (6-1½, 232).

Another player who could elevate his draft stock at the combine is Darius Leonard of South Carolina State, the

same school that produced nose tackle Javon Hargrave, last year's third-round pick. Leonard is 6-2, 234 and has the second-longest arms (34½ inches) among all linebackers who are being tested. Long-arm players always have more trouble in the bench press, and so it was for Leonard, who did 17 reps.

"He's another sideline-to-sideline player who is good in the pass game," Mayock said.

Leonard, though, comes from a small school, and the Steelers have historically stayed away from players at that level in the first round. Their preference is take players from one of the major conferences.

The most recent player to be selected in the first round who wasn't from a major-conference school was Ben Roethlisberger (Miami of Ohio) in 2004, but he was a franchise quarterback. Otherwise, you have to go back to Troy Edwards of Louisiana Tech in 1999 to find the previous time the Steelers went to a smaller school for their No. 1 pick.

And for good reason.

"If they are coming from a power-five conference team they've played at a high level," Colbert said. "JuJu [Smith-Schuster] stepping in and being able to play quickly as a real young rookie, I think a part of that was he played in big stadium and big games. When you compete, and play at the best level that should be a good indicator that you can do it at the professional level as well."

Boise State is not in a power-five conference, but inside linebacker Leighton Vander Esch is being projected as a first-round pick and has been targeted to the Steelers in several mock drafts. Vander Esch measured at 6-4¼, 256 pounds at the combine, 16 pounds above his playing weight. He did 20 reps in the 225-pound bench.

"I wanted to put on some weight because I know all the guys are bigger, faster and stronger in the NFL and I've gotta keep up," Vander Esch said Saturday. "I knew that was important going into it. Like I have the whole time I was at Boise, I just developed myself physically to make sure I'm successful on the field."

Mayock said Vander Esch would be a "great fit" for the Steelers at No. 28. And Vander Esch said "it would mean everything to play for an organization like the Steelers." He was one of the 60 players the Steelers interviewed at the combine.

NFL combine notebook

Louisville's Jackson stays firm: I'm a quarterback

By The Associated Press

As promised, former Louisville quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner Lamar Jackson spent Saturday at the NFL Scouting Combine slinging it and not winging it.

Jackson didn't show off a big arm like Wyoming's Josh Allen, the other prime prospect in his throwing group.

But nobody else did, either: Allen wowed the coaches with a 66-yard pinpoint pass at one point in the first of two sessions with the quarterbacks and wide receivers at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis.

Jackson, though, was much more explosive than Allen was in his drops, consistently getting 7 yards deep on five-step drills whereas Allen made up for his poorer footwork with his superior arm strength.

Widely considered the best running quarterback since Michael Vick but a thrower who still needs polish, Jackson shook off some apparent jitters to show off a good enough passing prowess to

justify his reticence to switch to wide receiver.

Jackson never caught a single pass at Louisville, where he threw for 9,043 yards and 69 touchdowns, ran for 4,132 yards and 50 touchdowns in 38 games. Friday, he dismissed widespread speculation about him running routes with the receivers here.

"No sir. I'm a quarterback," he said.

Saints

New Orleans and free-agent safety Kurt Coleman reportedly have agreed to terms of a three-year contract. Coleman, 29, is an eight-year veteran out of Ohio State who played the past three seasons for Carolina. He started in all 12 games in which he played in 2017 and made 76 solo or assisted tackles. He also recovered a fumble. Coleman joins a roster that includes safeties Vonn Bell and Marcus Williams, and his addition raises the prospects that fellow safety Kenny Vaccaro, who is set to become a free agent, won't return.

HOW THEY WERE BUILT: CORNERBACKS

Artie Burns	Joe Haden	Mike Hilton	William Gay	Cam Sutton	Coty Sensabaugh	Brian Allen
Year acquired	Year acquired	Year acquired	Year acquired	Year acquired	Year acquired	Year acquired
2016 draft	2017	2016	2013	2017 draft	2017	2017 draft
1st round	free agent	free agent	free agent	3rd round	free agent	5th round
School	School	School	School	School	School	School
Miami	Florida	Mississippi	Louisville	Tennessee	Clemson	Utah
Signed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Signed	Signed
Through 2019	Through 2019	Free agent*	Through 2018	Through 2020	Through 2018	Through 2020

*-exclusive rights free agent

Pirates notebook

Dickerson shakes off some rust in debut

By Bill Brink
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

BRADENTON, Fla. — Corey Dickerson made his spring training debut Saturday afternoon, batting second and playing left field against the Philadelphia Phillies.

Dickerson and his wife, Beth Anne, had their second son Feb. 22, the day the Pirates acquired him from the Tampa Bay Rays.

“Definitely felt like a little bit [since he’d faced pitchers because of his late start],” he said

“It was nice to have that kind of focus again. It’s different when you have live [batting practice], you can’t think along with the pitcher. I felt like that’s what I was starting to do today is think along with what may be coming, the situation, stuff like that.”

Dickerson went 0 for 2 with a strikeout and a flyout to the gap in right-center field.

“It won’t take too many at-bats,” to get ready, he said. “I think it’s just getting a feel, getting your timing down, seeing multiple pitches, work deep in counts. If you can work deep in counts, you get a good read on your swing, your eye.”

Sean Rodriguez started in center field, but Dickerson said he didn’t think it would take long to adjust to playing next to regular center fielder Starling Marte.

“I think pretty quickly, just being able to read how much ground he can cover,” he said.

“That makes your job so much easier. Communication, see how he communicates, where he wants to move me, and then just feed off him.”

Dickerson remembered LECOM Park’s challenges with the sun and the wind from previous spring trainings, watching his Rays teammates drop balls, and Saturday brought more of the same.

The first ball he caught came at him directly in the sun — “looked like a black dot.” LECOM’s left field does not begin to approximate the square footage he’ll have to cover in PNC Park, but he can begin to prepare regardless.

“Just working on your routes, the small things,” he said. “You can’t really cover any more ground than you can really cover, but you can work on your first steps, your routes, your positioning, stuff like that.”

Dickerson will take Sunday off and play again Monday.

Good day for Nova

Ivan Nova’s teammates gave him a hard time after he walked off the mound in the second inning. His curveball wasn’t up to par in his between-starts bullpen session, nor was it crisp in the bullpen Saturday before the game.

“I threw one good and then repeated it,” Nova said. “They were bugging me because I finally threw two good curveballs in a row.”

Nova allowed a run and three hits in three innings Saturday against the Phillies. He struck out two and did not walk any. The lone run came on a 2-1 four-seamer that Andrew Knapp hit over the boardwalk.

“Not a bad pitch, but a bad call right there,” he said.

“You can go with something else. The good thing is that you have it on mind and, after that happened, you know, it’s OK.”

Nova got a couple of Phillies to swing over his changeup, always a good sign.

“I’m feeling a lot better,” he said. “Actually, I think I’m getting sharper.”

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Tony Watson is one of seven former Pirates in camp with the Giants in Scottsdale, Ariz.

It’s all one big puzzle. You’re just part of the puzzle.”

Tony Watson

Former Pirates look back

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games last year yet has three World Series titles this decade, acted quickly and added, stabilizing the Giants’ core with veterans. They acquired McCutchen and Evan Longoria, then signed Austin Jackson and Watson. They cranked payroll, readying for another run.

“It’s pretty apparent what this team is trying to do. That’s why I’m here,” McCutchen said last month, shortly before the Giants’ Cactus League opener in Scottsdale. “I could easily have [been traded] to a team that wasn’t trying to win either.”

McCutchen paused and then corrected himself: “I won’t say ‘either,’ because that means the Pirates aren’t trying to win,” he continued. “They say they are, so we’ll leave it at that.”

Time and turnover have hollowed the roster that took the Pirates to the playoffs in 2013, 2014 and 2015. Of the 50 players who dressed for the Pirates-Giants wildcard game in 2014, the Pirates currently employ only four — Gregory Polanco, Starling Marte, Josh Harrison and Jordy Mercer. The Giants, meanwhile, still have 12 of the players in spring training camp, including three members of the former Pirates nucleus: McCutchen, Melancon and Watson.

Those three left the Pirates in a similar way — traded months before they reached free agency. Melancon and Watson were involved in deadline deals, but general manager Neal Huntington moved McCutchen before his final season under contract ever began. That, coupled with the Cole trade that preceded it, effectively closed the chapter on this Pirates core.

What went wrong these past two years?

It depends whom you



Matt Freed/Post-Gazette

THE GOOD, OL’ DAYS Tony Watson, left, and Mark Melancon, middle, were recognized for setting Pirates single-season records for holds and saves at the end of the 2015 season — the season the Pirates won 98 games.

ask.

In Pirates camp, David Freese criticized the “environment” in the organization, saying it lacked a “winning culture.” Josh Harrison echoed, “When you feel [winning] is not the main goal of everybody in the clubhouse or dealing with the organization, that’s hard to be a part of.”

McCutchen’s reply focused more on what wasn’t done than what was.

“You’ve got to push. You’ve got to make that second push,” McCutchen said in Scottsdale. “If it was making some moves that needed to be made — one or two — I think that’s something that needed to happen. We had that window. I think we had some key moves that maybe could have been made to make the team a little stronger. But that’s something we didn’t do.”

“That’s what playoff teams do, man. Teams that make the pushes. Teams that make the runs. If they feel like they need someone, they go get him. Look at what the Astros did. Shoot, they went and got [Justin] Verlander. They made that rotation a little more powerful. Who’s to say they would have won [the World Series] if they didn’t get him?”

“I think sometimes

you’ve got to make those moves. You’ve got to take those chances, take those risks. I think that’s what we lacked. But it’s something you learn from. You go from there. You’ve got to have that not-satisfied mentality. But that’s out of my control. I try to do my part, and everyone else tries to do theirs. That’s all you can do.”

Watson, who set up for Melancon when both were in Pittsburgh, spoke of the chemistry the Pirates had during the playoff seasons. “You’ve probably heard the phrase, ‘We didn’t out-talent them; we out-teamed them,’ “ he said. “We had both.” He admitted there was some disappointment when management didn’t strengthen the roster after a 98-win 2015 season.

“When you’re there it’s like, yeah, we want to go for it,” Watson said. “But we’ve got to realize there are a lot of moving pieces and parts that go into it. It’s all one big puzzle. You’re just part of the puzzle. They’ve got to slide guys in and do things certain ways and be creative that way.”

“Yeah, as a guy in the clubhouse and a competitor, you want to do as much as you can to win because it is all about getting that ring

and playoff baseball. October baseball has a special feel to it. It brings guys and families closer together. But you understand it. It’s all business. There’s things that have to happen, certain things that have to align, for it all to happen.

“I guess that’s the best way I can say it. It’s tough, but it is what it is.”

Melancon’s answer was shorter: “It’s baseball,” he said. He shrugged.

Melancon phoned McCutchen when he heard about the trade, welcoming him to San Francisco. One night earlier this month, Melancon told his children about Watson joining the Giants while they were eating dinner. His toddler son, Jack, screamed. His girls, Brooklyn and Ella, cheered and chanted, “Tony! Tony!” Later, Melancon said his reaction was “pretty similar to my kids’.”

Melancon said he hasn’t paid much attention to how the Pirates front office has operated since he departed. They’ve moved on, and so has he. To Washington, and then to San Francisco. This offseason, after pronator surgery, Melancon trained at IMG Academy in Bradenton, returning to the town where each of his four seasons — and three playoff runs — with the Pirates started.

“Those were special years,” Melancon said. “To break the playoff streak and the going .500 all the time and not being able to get over that hump. I think it was big for the city. It was a lot of fun while we were there, I know that. Some of the best memories.”

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On the mound

Josh Smoker pitched a scoreless fifth inning. He allowed one hit and struck out one. He has not allowed a run or a walk in three appearances this spring and has struck out three in three innings.

“He likes to get out there and mix it up, and [Saturday] was another outing where he was able to attack the hitters,” manager Clint Hurdle said.

Edgar Santana, who entered Saturday with two scoreless appearances this spring, allowed two runs and four hits in 1⅔ innings. Tommy Joseph, Pedro Florimon and Jesmuel Valentin each doubled against Santana.

At the plate

Jose Osuna hit his first home run of the spring. Osuna followed Kevin Newman’s RBI double by taking Brandon Leibrandt deep in the seventh.

In the field

The infield defense played well behind Nova. Jordy Mercer was perfectly positioned in a shift up the middle for lefty Dylan Cozens, who lined a hard grounder right at him. Josh Bell robbed Valentin of a hit by snagging another hard liner hit his way, and David Freese made a nice backhanded grab on Joseph’s hard grounder.

“It looks like we are getting in real game action,” Nova said.

Up next

Game: Pirates vs. Minnesota Twins, 1:05 p.m. Sunday. **Where:** Hammon Stadium, Fort Myers, Fla. **Radio:** KDKA-FM (93.7).

— By Bill Brink

SATURDAY'S GAME											
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E.Cbral c.....	1	0	1	0	B.Brtz lf.....	1	0	0	0		
T.Jseph dh.....	3	0	2	0	D.Frese 3b.....	1	0	1	0		
Williams ph.....	1	0	0	0	K.Krmer 2b.....	2	0	0	0		
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Penguins, Crosby win in OT

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through his legs. "I don't know what he did, quite honestly," Penguins coach Mike Sullivan said. "I don't know if he lost an edge, hit a rut or whatever."

"I've never seen that happen," added Patric Hornqvist. "And I've played 650 games [really 634]. It's just bad luck."

"Everyone falls on the ice," Jarry explained. "I just happened to fall at a very bad time."

Jarry hopped back up on his skates by himself, but the Penguins (37-25-4) picked up their rookie netminder in a more figurative sense.

Hornqvist tied the score, 1-1, by finishing a slick Phil Kessel feed on the power play at 18:04 of the second period. Derick Brassard got his first goal with the Penguins at 11:29 of the third, backhanding the rebound of a Kessel shot.

Down twice, the Penguins clawed back, determined not to let Jarry fall on his ... never mind.

"We got behind him and pushed harder," Bryan Rust said.

Did they ever.

The Penguins threw 50 shots on the opposing goaltender, Chris Gibson, who had faced just 93 in the NHL before Saturday. They also controlled five-on-five shot attempts at a 60.5 percent clip but simply couldn't score.

"It didn't seem like the puck wanted to go in for us," Sullivan said. "It was one of those nights. You can feel it behind the bench when you get a fair amount of scoring chances, and we couldn't seem to find the back of the net."

Anders Lee found it for the Islanders, giving them a 2-1 lead at 4:59 of the third period, again the goal coming in almost comical fashion.

This time, after Evgeni Malkin turned it over and John Tavares kept the play alive with a diving effort, Lee got his stick on the puck. It wound up caroming in off Jamie Oleksiak, the need for a reset evident once again.

Brassard's goal forced overtime. In the extra session, the Penguins were called for too many men on the ice, affording the Islanders a four-on-three power play at 1:15.

"That's not an easy kill," Sullivan said.

Definitely not with so much open ice, yet the same group that yielded three power-play goals to the Bruins made it look that way. Furthermore, the Penguins turned the momentum in their favor before Crosby

won it with his 22nd goal of the season.

"That kill in the end gave us some juice," Hornqvist said.

"Sid comes on a two-on-one and finds a way to score. That's what Sid does."

If not for Crosby or Brassard or a key kill or Hornqvist or any number of things, this game might've been remembered for Jarry tumbling over on his backside.

Instead, it could be a key turning point when it comes to the Penguins righting themselves after a mini-slump.

Credit for that should go to the team, which improved to 7-1-1 in their past nine games against the Islanders (3-0 this season) and 5-0-1 against them here.

It should also go to Jarry, who made a couple of difficult stops on Anthony Beauvillier and Thomas Hickey after the fluke goal, which helped him settle into a nice rhythm.

"I don't think that's the first time it's happened," Jarry said. "It probably won't be the last. That's just something that you have to put your mind past and re-start."

Sheary shines, etc.

Sullivan used Conor Sheary on the fourth line, and although Sheary didn't score — he has four goals in 43 games — he had his best game in a while playing with Riley Sheahan and Tom Kuhnhackl.

"He brings a dimension to that line that gives that line an opportunity to score goals," Sullivan said. "We liked the look of that line tonight."

Look for that line to stick.

Ditto for defenseman Chad Ruhwedel, who saw 13:55 on the third pairing while replacing Matt Hunwick. Ruhwedel also had six shot attempts, three hits and a blocked shot.

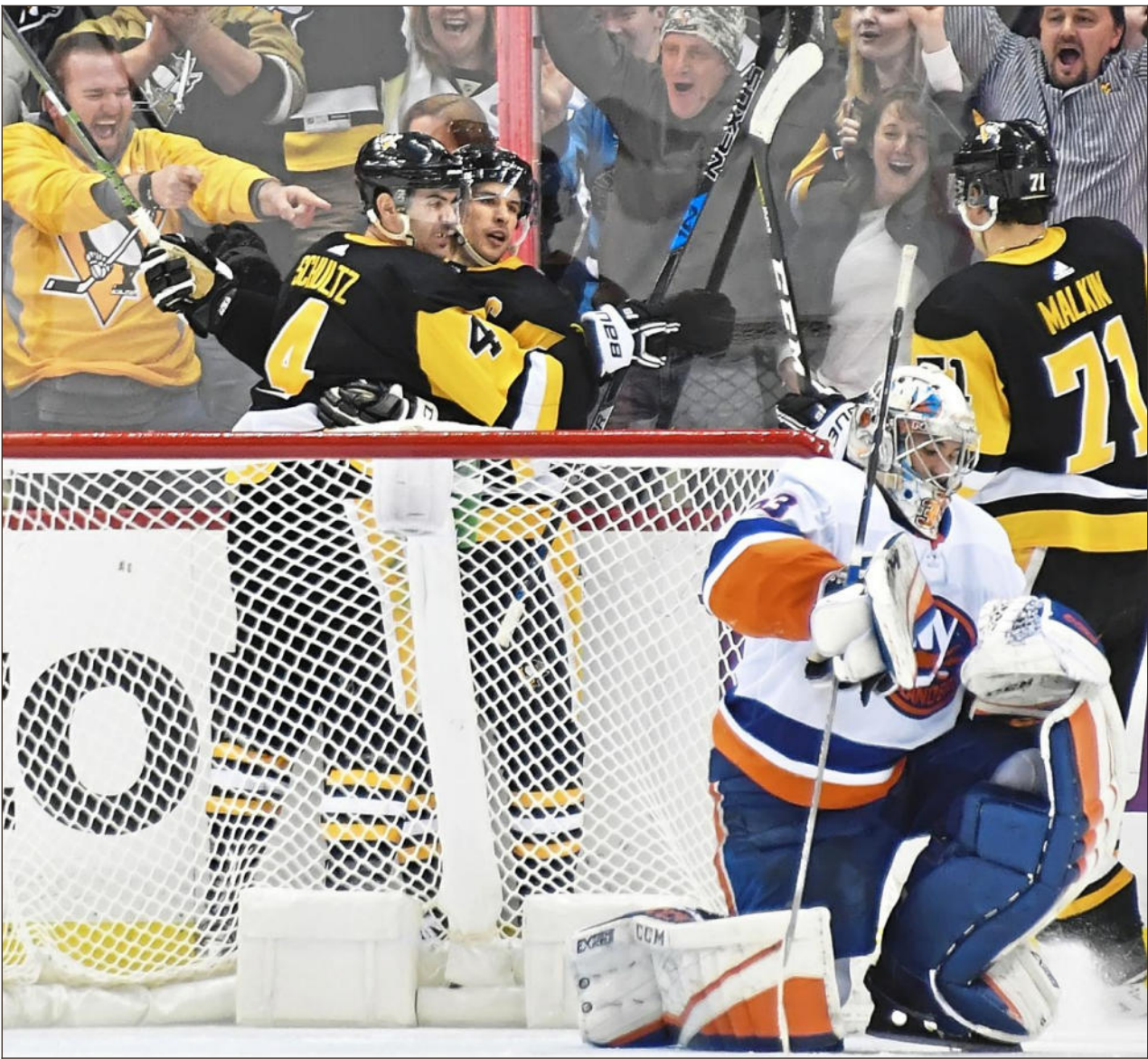
"He plays within himself," Sullivan said of Ruhwedel. "I thought he did a real good job."

• Kessel had two helpers, giving him 400 for his career and tying his career high for a single season (47).

• Kris Letang's assist moved him into sole possession of first place on the franchise's all-time list for defensemen with 333.

• The Penguins have won nine overtime games at home this season, a franchise record. They're 6-0 in overtime against Metropolitan Division rivals.

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Sidney Crosby, middle rear, celebrates his overtime goal that beat Islanders goalie Christopher Gibson 3:48 into overtime Saturday at PPG Paints Arena.

Penguins notebook

Confidence in young goalies persists as they are put to test

By Sam Werner
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

At every step so far this season, the Penguins have expressed confidence in their young goaltending depth.

They jettisoned Antti Niemi after a few disastrous starts early in the season and — up through and at the trade deadline Monday — opted not to supplement the rookie tandem of Tristan Jarry and Casey DeSmith.

Even now, as both goalies have struggled while Matt Murray is out with a concussion, the Penguins remain resolute that Jarry and DeSmith have what it takes to serve as Murray's insurance heading down the stretch into the postseason.

It's unclear when Murray will return — he skated on his own again Saturday, but did not take shots — but until then, the Penguins might well go as Jarry and DeSmith go.

Jarry got the nod Saturday against the New York Islanders, but both almost certainly will see action until Murray comes back.

They will be big minutes, too, as the Penguins look to



Riley Sheahan intercepts pass intended for New York's Brock Nelson.

bounce back into form and regain a higher spot in the Metropolitan Division standings.

"I think it's a learning experience for all of us, our young goaltenders included," coach Mike Sullivan said. "I think this is a hard league, it's hard to win. There's a fine line between winning and losing, and you have to be at your best each and every game to give yourself a chance to win. I don't think there's ever not an opportunity to learn and get better from it."

Simon called up

The Penguins called up Dominik Simon Friday from AHL Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, and he returned to the lineup Saturday against the Islanders, skating on the Penguins third line with Derick Brassard and Phil Kessel.

The Penguins are high on Simon's NHL potential, but Sullivan said he still has some areas of his game to improve before he can become a mainstay in the lineup.

"I think Dominik's game, offensively, is evident," Sullivan said. "I think everybody can see the ability to make plays, his offensive instincts, his ability to play in tight space. He's a really talented, gifted player."

"It's more about the little things. It's about his wall play, and about his awareness away from the puck

The Metro line

A breakdown of the top teams in the NHL's Metropolitan Division			
1. Washington Capitals	2. Philadelphia Flyers	3. Pittsburgh Penguins	4. New Jersey Devils
Points 81	Points 79	Points 78	Points 74
Wins 37	Wins 34	Wins 37	Wins 33
Game left 17	Game left 17	Game left 16	Game left 17

and making sure that he's doing a lot of the little things that make us harder to play against."

Rowney, Kuhnhackl roles

Carter Rowney and Tom Kuhnhackl currently have the lowest time on ice per game of any current Penguins players. When it comes to penalty-kill minutes, though, they rank sixth and seventh, respectively.

"When you look at how we've utilized our fourth line since I've been here, there's been a lot of utility players," Sullivan said. "We've used them five-on-five, but also in certain situations, and the penalty kill has been a big part of it."

Sullivan is correct in that regard — fourth-liners under him typically have had a disproportionate amount of penalty-kill time — but this year short-handed time has made up more than a quarter of Rowney and Kuhn-

hackl's ice time.

Still, Sullivan seems to be OK with that balance.

"Those guys, to this point, have been good penalty-killers for us, and that's why we choose to utilize them there," he said.

Lineup changes

The Penguins tweaked their lineup Saturday for the first time in a week.

Simon returned, bumping Conor Sheary to the fourth line and Rowney out of the lineup. Patric Hornqvist was back on Sidney Crosby's top line, and Bryan Rust slid down to play with Carl Hagelin and Evgeni Malkin.

On defense, Chad Ruhwedel replaced Matt Hunwick. It marked Ruhwedel's first action since Dec. 27. He has been out since then with and injury and as a healthy scratch.

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NHL notebook

Stamkos, Hedman too much for Flyers

From wire dispatches

Steven Stamkos and Victor Hedman were too much for the visiting Philadelphia Flyers.

Stamkos and Hedman combined for four goals and five assists Saturday to lead the Tampa Bay Lightning to a 7-6 shootout victory against the Flyers.

Stamkos scored two goals and added three assists to set a career high with five points. Hedman had two goals and tied a career high with four points.

League-leading scorer Nikita Kucherov returned from a two-game absence from an undisclosed injury and had three assists.

Despite the shootout loss, the Flyers remained one point ahead of the third-place Penguins in the tight race for the top three positions in the Metropolitan Division.

Rangers

Saying Henrik Lundqvist is getting too old for this would be too easy a play on his age. Still, Lundqvist was forced to make 50 saves Friday in a 3-1 win against Calgary. This came just two days after he made 50 in a 6-5 overtime win against Vancouver. According to Elias Sports Bureau, Lundqvist is the first NHL goalie to win consecutive games in one season while recording at least 50 saves in each since the league began officially tracking shots on goal in 1955-56. And, oh by the way, that age thing? He turned 36 Friday night.

Canadiens

Captain Max Pacioretty and defenseman Victor Mete returned to Montreal for further evaluations of undisclosed injuries and did not play Saturday against Boston. Both were injured Friday in the game against the New York Islanders.

Capitals

Nicklas Backstrom and Evgeny Kuznetsov each had a goal and two assists Saturday night as host Washinton beat Toronto, 5-2, before a crowd of 29,516 at Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium in Annapolis, Md. The Maple Leafs young superstar, Auston Matthews, missed his fourth consecutive game because of an apparent shoulder injury. There is no timetable for his return, but he is practicing on his own and most likely Saturday night against the visitin Penguins.

The NHL's first outdoor game at a U.S. service academy likely won't be its last. Before Washington played host to Toronto Saturday night at the Naval Academy, league officials said that hopes are high to play games at Army's West Point in New York and the Air Force Academy on Colorado Springs, Colo., over the next few years. It's a significant foray into honoring and partnering with branches of the military that follows the lead of the NFL and Major League Baseball.

Oilers

Forward Ryan Nugent-Hopins returned to Edmonton's lineup Saturday night against the visiting New York Rangers after missing a month and a half with a rib injury. Perhaps jsut to prove he is back in good health, he blocked two shots in the first period.

Bruins

Brad Marchand's goal at 2:06 of overtime lifted host Boston to a 2-1 win against Montreal, but Boston suffered what could turn out to be a key blow after defenseman Charlie McAvoy left the game on the opening shift with an undisclosed lower-body injury. The Bruins already are without top-line center Patrice Bergeron, who is out indefinitely with a broken right foot.

PENGUINS



SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT

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Mitchell Leff/Getty Images

ANCHORS AWEIGH FOR NHL The Metropolitan Division-leading Washington Capitals played the Toronto Maple Leafs in the stadium of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., Saturday night. The game was part of the NHL's Stadium Series.

THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE CUP

THE POWERS THAT BE

The rosters finally are set, for the most part, and the end of the regular season is coming into view. ¶ Much remains to be settled in the Eastern Conference during the month-plus before the Stanley Cup playoffs begin – the eight-team field still is not settled, which means first-round matchups aren't, either – but things are coming into focus, at least a little.

While there are a few givens for any team hoping to contend for a Cup – goaltending must be excellent, most key players have to stay reasonably healthy and they need an occasional break on a bounce or officiating decision – there also are club-specific issues that will help to determine how each fares in the postseason.

Here's a look at the top contenders to represent the East in the Cup final as the stretch drive begins:

1. Tampa Bay Lightning

Key strengths: A star-studded collection of forwards is headlined by Steven Stamkos and Nikita Kucherov, the latter of whom is bidding for the NHL scoring title, and an already impressive defense corps, anchored by Victor Hedman, was enhanced by the trade-deadline addition of Ryan McDonagh. G Andrei

Vasilevskiy ranks among the league leaders in every category of consequence.

Potential weaknesses: Penalty-killing has been surprisingly poor for a team with quality goaltending and an excellent defense, although the Lightning is a constant threat to score while short-handed.

Who must lead the way: The onus is on Stamkos, since he is Tampa Bay's captain and most prominent player, but there is enough quality and depth throughout the lineup that he should get ample assistance.

Overlooked contributor: C Brayden Point gets overshadowed by some of the Lightning's big-name talents, but he is contending for the league lead in game-winning goals.

What must happen to reach the Cup final: Don't succumb to the pressure of being the favorite to win the conference.

2. Pittsburgh Penguins

Key strengths: They have the best group of centers in the NHL, with Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and Derick Brassard, which makes their top three lines a threat to score at any time. The power play can border on unstoppable at times. The value of the experience acquired en route to winning the past two Cups can't be overstated.

Potential weaknesses: Defensive depth that already was suspect took a hit when Ian Cole was traded. The failure to acquire a veteran backup goalie means they will have to rely on Tristan Jarry or Casey DeSmith, neither of whom has any NHL playoff experience, if Matt Murray is injured.

Who must lead the way: The core of top-shelf talent – Crosby, Malkin, Phil Kessel and Murray – that did so much to make the past two Cup victories possible will be counted on again. Having D Kris Letang, who sat out last year's playoffs because of injury, and Brassard available should be a plus.

Overlooked contributor: Fourth-liner Carter Rowney is the only right-handed shot to handle a significant number of faceoffs this season, so

he could be called upon to take some draws in game-deciding situations.

What must happen to reach the Cup final: Avoid a physical and/or mental let-down stemming from back-to-back long playoff runs.

3. Boston Bruins

Key strengths: Scoring is fairly balanced, and the No. 1 line of Patrice Bergeron between Brad Marchand and David Pastrnak ranks among the best in the NHL. [Bergeron has a broken foot, but presumably will be back well before the playoffs.] G Tuukka Rask has been at the top of his game in recent months.

Potential weaknesses: Team speed is OK, but suffers by comparison to other top Atlantic Division teams. Power play is slump-prone, although newly acquired RW Rick Nash might be able to help. The Bruins often struggle when forced to play from behind.

Who must lead the way: Bergeron does everything, and does it all very well. Marchand is one of the league's dirtiest players, but also one of its most underrated. While Zdeno Chara isn't a Norris Trophy-caliber defenseman anymore, he remains a major force in the defensive zone.

Overlooked contributors: Riley Nash and San Kuraly, who center the third and fourth lines, don't get many headlines, but should not be ignored.

What must happen to reach the Cup final: Nash, a power forward who can dominate or disappear, has to be a consistent point-producer.

Penguins report

Saturday's game

N.Y. Islanders 1 0 1 0-2
Penguins 0 1 1 1-3

First period—1, N.Y. Islanders, Davidson 4 (Bailey, Lee), 1:11. Penalties—Nelson, NYI, (hooking), 2:05; Brassard, PIT, (holding), 13:30.

Second period—2, Penguins, Hornqvist 18 (Kessel, Malkin), 18:04 (pp). Penalties—Clutterbuck, NYI, (boarding), 17:38.

Third period—3, N.Y. Islanders, Lee 31 (Tavares), 4:59. 4, Penguins, Brassard 19 (Simon, Kessel), 11:29. Penalties—None.

Overtime—5, Penguins, Crosby 22 (Schultz, Letang), 3:48. Penalties—Penguins bench, served by Sheary (too many men on the ice), 1:15.

Shots on goal—N.Y. Islanders 8-7-9-3—27. Penguins 19-19-9-3—50.

Power-play opportunities—N.Y. Islanders 0 of 2; Penguins 1 of 2.

Goalies—N.Y. Islanders, Gibson 0-0-1 (50 shots-47 saves). Penguins, Jarry 11-5-2 (27-25).

A—18,661 (18,387). **T**—2:30.

Referees—Tom Chmielewski, Steve Kozari.

Linesmen—Brad Kovachik, Brian Murphy.

Three stars

3 **Christopher Gibson**, Islanders G
47 saves, .940 save pct.

2 **Derick Brassard**, Penguins C
1 goal, plus-2, 4 shots

1 **Sidney Crosby**, Penguins C
1 goal (in OT), 7 shots

Statistics

(Before Saturday's game)						
NO. PLAYER	GP	G	A	PTS+/-	PIM	
71 Malkin	61	36	42	78 12	59	
81 Kessel	65	27	45	72 0	34	
87 Crosby	65	21	48	69 -4	44	
59 Guentzel	65	20	18	38-11	36	
58 Letang	62	5	33	38 -6	52	
72 Hornqvist	53	17	16	33 -3	44	
17 Rust	54	10	23	33 4	20	
3 Maatta	65	7	18	25 1	20	
15 Sheahan	56	9	16	25 4	2	
62 Hagelin	64	8	15	23 8	22	
43 Sheary	62	12	10	22 -3	6	
4 Schultz	46	3	14	17 12	12	
23 Cole	47	3	10	13 3	52	
8 Dumoulin	63	4	9	13 -6	20	
12 Simon	28	4	7	11 0	16	
22 Hunwick	39	4	5	9 -6	16	
34 Kuhnhackl	52	2	6	8 -3	6	
75 Reaves	58	4	4	8 -9	84	
6 Olesiak	30	2	5	7 5	44	
46 Aston-Reese	10	2	2	6 3	0	
33 McKeeg	26	2	2	4 -4	8	
37 Rowney	40	2	2	4-13	4	
2 Ruhwedel	30	1	2	3 -7	10	
41 Sprong	8	2	1	3 2	0	
19 Brassard	2	0	1	1 1	0	
39 Dea	5	1	0	1 1	2	
45 Archibald	3	0	0	0 0	0	
D Frank Corrado	5	0	0	0 -1	2	
5 Trotman	3	0	0	0 -3	0	
20 Wilson	3	0	0	0 -2	0	
GOALIES						
1 DeSmith	9	439	20	2.73	3	4
35 Jarry	21	1077	49	2.73	10	5
30 Murray	41	2254	106	2.82	23	13
Nieml	3	128	16	7.50	0	3

The schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
3/5	Flames	7	AT&T
3/7	Flyers	8	NBCSN
3/10	Maple Leafs	7	AT&T
3/11	Stars	7:30	NBCSN
3/14	Rangers	8	NBCSN
3/15	Canadiens	7:30	AT&T
3/20	Islanders	7	AT&T
3/21	Canadiens	7	AT&T
3/23	Devils	7	AT&T
3/25	Flyers	12:30	WPXI
3/27	Red Wings	7:30	AT&T
3/29	Devils	7	AT&T
3/31	Canadiens	7	AT&T
4/1	Capitals	7:30	NBCSN
4/5	Blue Jackets	7	AT&T
4/6	Senators	7:30	AT&T

Home games in bold

NHL calendar

April 7 — Last day regular season.
April 11 — Playoffs begin.
June 22-23 — NHL draft, Dallas.



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NA joins elite club with win

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championship with a 79-48 win at Petersen Events Center.

With the victory, North Allegheny (25-0) became only the 14th girls team to win a WPIAL title with an undefeated record. It was the team's third title overall. Peters Township (21-4) fell short of winning its first championship.

North Allegheny showed why it's ranked No. 1 in the state and No. 20 nationally by USA Today by dominating a team it beat by only 13 points less than a month ago. The 31-point margin of victory was the largest ever in the WPIAL's largest class.

Statistics don't always tell the story, but, in this case, they actually did.

• North Allegheny shot 57 percent from the field, making 28 of 49 shots. Freshman Lizzie Groetsch connected on 7 of 8 shots and finished with 18 points.

• The Tigers like to shoot the ball from the perimeter, and they were knocking them down with regularity Saturday, finishing 9 of 23 from beyond the arc. Courtney Roman made four of them.

• One of Peters Township's biggest strengths is rebounding, a category in which North Allegheny held a 37-21 advantage.

• North Allegheny did an excellent job of taking care of the ball, turning it over just once in the first half and six times over the full game.

What was the biggest difference? Kendall pointed to the disparity in rebounds as being his team's biggest downfall, while North Allegheny coach Spencer Stefko pointed to his team's unselfishness and pinpoint marksmanship.

"It's so enjoyable. They play the game right," Stefko said. "You see how unselfish they are. I've got to be honest, I'd have to watch the film to find a bad shot that we took today."

In addition to Groetsch, three other North Allegheny players scored in double figures. Piper Morningstar had 18 points, while Rachel Martindale and Roman chipped in 13 each. Martindale left the game early in the fourth quarter with a leg injury and did not return.

Standout junior Makenna Marisa scored 25 points and kept Peters Township in the game

Perfect champions



Girls basketball teams that have won WPIAL championships with perfect records since the start of girls play in 1971:

Year	Team	Record
2018	North Allegheny	25-0
2012	Seton-LaSalle	25-0
2009	Mt. Lebanon	26-0
2005	Avonworth	27-0
2000	Oakland Catholic	27-0
1995	Geibel	28-0
1994	Geibel	27-0
1991	Apollo-Ridge	27-0
1991	St. Francis	27-0
1989	North Catholic	27-0
1989	St. Francis	27-0
1983	Mount Alvernia	29-0
1978	Brentwood	27-0
1977	Mars	24-0

early.

Marisa poured in 13 consecutive Peters Township points during one stretch in the first half and the Indians trailed only 29-23. But North Allegheny closed the half on an 8-0 run, and Marisa was limited to four points in the third quarter.

By the end of that quarter, the lead had ballooned to 62-34.

Afterward, Stefko compared Marisa to former Hopewell star Shatori Walker-Kimbrough, who now plays in the WNBA.

"You can't give her enough credit," Stefko said. "To be able to play against her on a stage like this is an honor. For my money, she's as good as anybody coming out of Western Pennsylvania since Shatori."

North Allegheny's focus now turns to the PIAA playoffs, and that's one title that eluded the Tigers last season.

"We lost in the state championship last year, and now I think we're ready for that one," Martindale said.

"We're trying to get to the state championship and that's our main goal."



Jessie Wardarski/Post-Gazette

North Allegheny celebrates after becoming only the 14th girls team to complete an undefeated run to a WPIAL title Saturday night at Petersen Events Center. The Tigers defeated Peters Township, 79-48.

Class 3A girls

Bishop Canevin in 3-peat

Crusaders hand East Allegheny first loss of season

By Brad Everett
Tri-State Sports & News Service

Bishop Canevin coach Scott Dibble likes to consider his team one big family, and the majority of his starting five are literally just that — family.

Brionna and Diajha Allen are sisters and Shamyjha Price is their cousin.

After trailing for most of the game Saturday against East Allegheny, Brionna Allen and Price decided that family comes first, and their play helped Bishop Canevin finish first yet again.

Allen scored nine of her game-high 17 points in the fourth quarter, including her team's final seven, and Price added 14 and was excellent defensively as Bishop Canevin rallied to win its third consecutive WPIAL title by defeating previously undefeated East Allegheny, 56-52, in the Class 3A final at Petersen Events Center.

It was the fourth title overall for Bishop Canevin (20-4), all coming in the span of just six seasons. East Allegheny (24-1) was trying to become only the 14th girls team to win a WPIAL title with an undefeated record.

Keeping up with the theme of this year's championships, one of the WPIAL's most potent scorers was kept in check.



Lake Fong/Post-Gazette

Bri Allen scored nine of her team-high 17 points in the fourth quarter as Bishop Canevin came back to beat East Allegheny.

Just like Chartiers-Houston's Alexa Williamson Thursday and Mars' Robby Carmody Friday, East Allegheny star Amani Johnson was held well below her season average. Johnson, second in the WPIAL with 26 points per game, was 6 of 16 from the field (0 for 5 on 3-point attempts) and finished with 15 points.

"They go as she goes, and that was kind of the key. I thought we did a nice job containing her overall," Dibble said.

It almost went for naught, as East Allegheny saw other players step up such as Amani's sister, Amaia (13 points), Myla Bortoluzzi (10) and Abby Henderson (10).

East Allegheny went nearly 24 minutes without trailing, and led for just about that entire time. Bishop Canevin took a 46-44 lead on Kasey Kaczorowski's 3-pointer with 4:18 remaining in the fourth quarter. Kaczorowski (12 points), who didn't make a 3-pointer in Bishop Canevin's previous two playoff games, made four Saturday. The Crusaders never trailed again.

"People could say they outplayed us for three quarters. Maybe they did. But guess what? Bottom line is we won," Dibble said.

After Kaczorowski's go-ahead 3-pointer, Allen took over. She was the only

Bishop Canevin player to score in the final four minutes and made two free throws with 1:09 left to put Canevin ahead, 53-50. Johnson then misfired on a step-back 3-pointer that would have tied the score.

"I could tell when I shot it, I was off," Johnson said. "My feet weren't set exactly how I wanted them to be. It could have went in, but I'm not surprised that it missed. I wished it would have."

Allen made 1 of 2 at the free-throw line to extend Bishop Canevin's lead to 54-50, but Johnson made two free throws to cut her team's deficit to 54-52 with 29 seconds left. Allen was fouled again and missed both free throw, but got her own rebound and was fouled again, and this time made them both to put the game away.

Said Allen: "I said, 'Oh my gosh. I can't believe I missed it. I've got to get the rebound and make up for it.' And I got it."

Allen added 10 rebounds and Price had seven. Price scored three points in the fourth quarter, and she and Allen trapped Johnson throughout.

Price's father, Kevin, won three WPIAL titles at Duquesne in the early 1990s. Shamyjha now has three, and with one year left, the junior might eventually surpass her dad.

Kevin Price sat court side wearing a T-shirt that read "3 Cousins 3 Peat."

And that's exactly what happened.

Penn Hills boys claim first championship in 15 years

BOYS, FROM C-1

16 points in the second half.

Pine-Richland was a two-time defending WPIAL champion and came into the game hoping to become only the second team in WPIAL history to win three consecutive championships in the highest classification. New Castle did it from 1997-99. Only seven teams in any classification have won three consecutive titles in more than 100 years of WPIAL basketball.

Pine-Richland coach Jeff Ackermann also was trying to become only the seventh coach in WPIAL history to win six championships. But Stephens and Fulton would have none of the history talk.

"They're like a bad marriage," Penn Hills coach Dan DeRose said with a laugh. "Those two just go at each

other, and you have to separate them. Then they hug each other and get back together."

Saturday night, Stephens and Fulton were hugging to celebrate a championship.

"I thought at times they took over the game," said DeRose, who was the coach at Community College of Beaver County the previous time Penn Hills won a title.

Stephens made 7 of 12 shots from the field and 6-foot Fulton 10 of 13 from the free-throw line.

"Stephens is a big, athletic guy," said Pine-Richland coach Jeff Ackermann, who also won three WPIAL titles at Moon. "Stephens scored, but I thought he hurt us more on defense than anything else. On a lot of our drives, we weren't able to score because of him."

Pine-Richland led, 34-27, at halftime, thanks largely

in part to Colin Luellen, who scored all 10 of his points in the first half. He averages only eight. But Luellen didn't score again and Pine-Richland shot only 27 percent (9 of 33) in the second half. Penn Hills went on a 10-2 run in the first few minutes of the third quarter and took a 44-42 lead into the fourth.

"Truly, the game was won and lost in the third quarter," Ackermann said. "The first three minutes decided it."

Pine-Richland's guards only had seven points in the second half, all by Dan Petcash. Phil Jurkovec, a senior forward, led Pine-Richland with 18 points and 11 rebounds. Jurkovec, a Notre Dame football recruit, was trying to become only the second athlete in the history of the WPIAL to start on three consecutive basketball championship teams and

also start at quarterback on a WPIAL champion. The other was Duquesne's Kevin Price.

Penn Hills was extremely efficient offensively. The Indians took only five 3-pointers and made one, but shot 54 percent (19 of 35) for the game.

"Offensively, we were able to get what we wanted in the first half, but we needed to do a better job defensively," DeRose said. "In the second half, I just think we did a better job of guarding the 3-point line."

Both teams begin the PIAA playoffs next weekend and will play teams from their own WPIAL section. Pine-Richland will play Central Catholic while Penn Hills will play Fox Chapel. Pine-Richland split two games with Central Catholic while Penn Hills split two games against Fox Chapel.



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Penn Hills' Keyshawn Adams, right, drives to the basket against Pine-Richland Saturday night.

High Schools

W P I A L B A S K E T B A L L C H A M P I O N S H I P S

Unexpected champion

New Castle deals Quaker Valley its first loss of season

By Mike White
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

His eyes red from emotions, New Castle coach Ralph Blundo watched his jubilant players rush into the locker room. He shook his head in disbelief.

“I don’t know what to say,” Blundo said.

Blundo had just won his fifth WPIAL title in the past seven years, but this one tugged at his emotions more than any other. Just because it was unexpected.

Quaker Valley came into the Class 4A championship Saturday afternoon with a perfect 23-0 record and two of the victories came against New Castle. But for the third meeting, New Castle rose up and proved Red Hurricanes can trump a perfect storm.

New Castle built a 12-point lead near the end of the third quarter, then held off Quaker Valley, 57-52, at Petersen Events Center to prevent the Quakers from becoming only the 20th boys team since 1950 to win a WPIAL title with an undefeated record.

Blundo certainly has had more talented teams than this one. This group shoots nowhere near as well as other New Castle championship teams. They are sometimes offensively challenged. That’s what made this championship run a little hard to believe.

“We were so bad at the beginning of the year, and Quaker Valley is so seasoned and so polished,” said Blundo, whose team is 21-4. “I’m speechless because of coming from where we were to where we are today ... that’s just a gritty, tough group of kids back there [in the locker room]. They embody what New Castle is all about.

“All of the championships are special. But, man, it will be hard to top this one.”

New Castle never trailed. The Red Hurricanes consistently gutted Quaker Valley’s defense with drives to the basket. If a New Castle player didn’t finish with a layup, he often passed for a layup.

Senior forward Marcus Hooker, an Ohio State football recruit, had a stellar performance with 15 rebounds and 12 points. Senior guard Lorenzo Gardner led the Red Hurricanes in scoring with 15 points while senior guard Georgie Eggleston had 12 points and senior center Cahliil Dorman 10.

For Quaker Valley, senior guard Coletrane Washington had 18 points, but had only four in the first half when New Castle built a 28-22 lead. Senior forward Ricky Guss had 15.

Washington, a Drexel recruit who averages 22 points, was in foul trouble in the first half. He had two baskets taken away by charging foul calls. Quaker Valley coach Mike Mastroianni believed the foul calls had a big effect on the game.

“That shouldn’t happen in a championship game,” Mastroianni said. “Their best player [Hooker] played the whole game. Our best player, I was coaching to keep him in the game. I’m not going to go any further with it, but when you’re taking buckets away ... It should be about the players on the court.”

Quaker Valley still had a chance to win. Trailing, 51-50, Washington couldn’t get a short shot to fall with 37 seconds left and Eggleston scored 10 seconds later to make it 53-50. Quaker Valley’s Ryan Stowers missed a 3-pointer, and Gardner iced it with two free throws with 12.3 seconds left.

“This is probably the worst offensive team I’ve had, but they defend and guard as good as most of the teams we’ve had,” Blundo said. “That gives you a chance.”



Lake Fong/Post-Gazette

Marcus Hooker raises the WPIAL Class 4A boys championship trophy after New Castle’s 57-52 win against Quaker Valley. Hooker had 12 points and 15 rebounds in the win.

Class 5A girls

Gateway pulls off victory on last shot

Gators win first WPIAL championship by downing Oakland Catholic, 29-27

By Eddie Phillipps
Tri-State Sports & News Service

Gateway managed just 12 points through the first three quarters of the WPIAL Class 5A championship. The Gators shot just 28 percent from the floor.

Luckily, when the game came down to a final shot, they had a Jordan to take it.

Jordan Edwards did her best Michael Jordan impression and converted a winning, pull-up jumper Saturday to lift the Gators to a 29-27 victory against Oakland Catholic at Petersen Events Center.

It was the first WPIAL title for Gateway (23-3), which had not made the title game since 1982. Oakland Catholic (17-9) was the WPIAL runner-up a year ago as well.

It was the lowest-scoring WPIAL girls championship since Turtle Creek beat St. Elizabeth, 27-26, in 1978. Oakland Catholic shot 21 percent (8 of 39) from the floor and Gateway was not much better, sinking 11 of 39 attempts.

Despite the poor shooting, Edwards had faith that

her final shot would fall through after it rolled off her fingertips just the way she wanted it.

“I just had to think that the ball was going through the hoop,” Edwards said. “I had to believe in myself, take the shot and it went in. It was one of the best feelings ever.”

Edwards, a Niagara recruit who finished with a game-high 14 points, is the Gators’ only senior.

“You couldn’t write a better script than our only senior making a clutch shot to win the championship and seal it for us,” Gateway coach Curtis Williams said.

With the score tied at 27-27 and time winding down, Oakland Catholic was holding for a last shot. But the Eagles were called for a moving screen near mid-court with 8.2 seconds remaining to set up Edwards’ heroics.

Oakland Catholic led, 19-12, after three quarters before the Gators offense came alive. The Gators’ 17 points in the fourth marked the only time either team scored double digits in a quarter.



Jessie Wardarski/Post-Gazette

Gateway celebrates its Class 5A girls championship at Petersen Events Center.

RESULTS, SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

BOYS BASKETBALL

WPIAL CLASS 6A CHAMPIONSHIP

Penn Hills 60, Pine-Richland 56

PINE-RICHLAND (20-6) — Dan Petcash 4-9 2-5 12; Phil Jurkovec 7-14 4-4 18; Andrew Kristofic 3-7 2-2 8; Greg Shulkosky 1-11 0-0 3; Collin Luellen 4-9 0-3 10; Sebastian Kosanovich 0-0 0-0 0; Kenny White 1-4 1-2 3; Kyle Polce 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 20-54 11-18 56.

PENN HILLS (23-3) — Cam Wiley 1-3 0-0 2; Davon Stephens 7-12 9-14 23; Keyshawn Adams 3-4 2-4 8; Cory Fulton 6-12 10-13 23; Miles Yarbough 1-2 0-0 2; Darrell Mason 0-0 0-0 0; Tyree Spencer 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 19-35 21-31 60.

Pine-Richland 19 15 8 14 — 56
Penn Hills 11 16 17 16 — 60

Three-point goals — Pine-Richland 5-17 (Petcash 2-4, Luellen 2-6, Shulkosky 1-5, Jurkovec 0-1, White 0-1); Penn Hills 1-5 (Fulton 1-3, Wiley 0-2).

Rebounds — Pine-Richland 40 (Jurkovec 11); Penn Hills 27 (Stephens 8).

Turnovers — Pine-Richland 17; Penn Hills 13.

Officials — Tom Drennan, Quinn McGuire, Justin Crum.

WPIAL CLASS 4A CHAMPIONSHIP

New Castle 57, Quaker Valley 52

NEW CASTLE (21-4) — Carrington Smith 2-8 0-0 6, Marcus Hooker 6-12 0-3 12, Cahliil Dorman 4-5 2-2 10, Lorenzo Gardner 7-13 2-3 17, George Eggleston 5-8 0-0 10, Anthony Bailey 1-2 0-0 2, Kelcey Lowrey 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 25-48 4-8 57.

QUAKER VALLEY (23-1) — Ricky Guss 6-9 3-5 15, Danny Conlan 2-8 1-1 5, Alex Skowron 0-0 0-0 0, Ryan Stowers 4-10 1-1 11, Coletrane Washington 7-13 3-4 18, Jackson Zemich 0-2 1-2 1, Ethan Moore 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 20-43 9-13 52.

New Castle 13 15 15 14 — 57
Quaker Valley 12 10 14 16 — 52

Three-point goals — New Castle 3-12 (Smith 2-8, Gardner 1-3, Eggleston 0-1). Quaker Valley 3-13 (Stowers 2-6, Washington 1-4, Zemich 0-1, Conlan 0-2).

Rebounds — New Castle 34 (Hooker 15); Quaker Valley 20 (Washington 4).

Turnovers — New Castle 13, Quaker Valley 11.

Officials — Mark Schmidt, Dave Shinsky, Lenny Leiper.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

WPIAL CLASS 6A CHAMPIONSHIP

North Allegheny 79, Peters Township 48

PETERS TOWNSHIP (21-4) — Isabella Mills 3-14 2-5 8; Makenna Marisa 10-22 4-4 25; Lillian Young 2-8 2-2 6; Jordan Bisignani 1-3 1-1 3; Olivia Ziegler 3-6 0-0 6; Erin Gummertsbach 0-2 0-0 0; Isabella Quartaro 0-0 0-0 0; Morgan Marisa 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 19-56 9-12 48.

NORTH ALLEGHENY (25-0) — Lizzy Groetsch 7-8 3-4 18; Piper Morningstar 6-9 4-4 18; Madelyn Fischer 2-3 2-2 6; Courtney Roman 4-9 1-2 13; Rachel Martindale 5-12 2-2 13; Brynn Serbin 2-4 2-3 7; Audrey Lane 1-3 0-0 2; Katerina Balouris 1-1 0-0 2; Brooke Barcia 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 28-49 14-17 79.

Peters Township 13 10 11 14 — 48
North Allegheny 23 13 26 17 — 79

Three-point goals — Peters Township 1-14 (Makenna Marisa 1-7, Young 0-1, Morgan Marisa 0-1, Mills 0-2, Ziegler 0-3); North Allegheny 9-23 (Roman 4-9, Morningstar 2-4, Groetsch 1-2, Serbin 1-3, Martindale 1-5).

Rebounds — Peters Township 21 (Mills 6); North Allegheny 37 (Groetsch 7, Martindale 7).

Turnovers — Peters Township 10; North Allegheny 6.

Officials — Dara Loftion, John Palko, David Lawrence.

WPIAL CLASS 5A CHAMPIONSHIP

Gateway 29, Oakland Catholic 27

GATEWAY (23-3) — Lexi Jackson 0-12 0-0 0, Maya Paquet 1-2 0-0 2, Mary Kromka 3-9 2-7 9, Jordan Edwards 5-9 3-3 14, Jenna Guido 1-4 0-0 2, Annie Gamess 1-2 0-0 2, Joelle Jenkins 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 11-39 5-10 29.

OAKLAND CATHOLIC (17-9) — Jayde Boyd 0-10 1-2 1, Cierra Christian 3-8 5-6 12, Sierra DeAngelo 2-7 0-0 5, Alexis Sestic 1-6 2-2 4, Abbie Pechin 1-3 0-0 2, Mia Cuccaro 1-5 0-0 3, Anna Sproule 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 8-39 8-10 27.

Gateway 4 3 5 17 — 29
Oakland Catholic 7 8 4 8 — 27

Three-point goals — Gateway 2-5 (Kromka 1-1, Edwards 1-2, Jackson 0-1, Guido 0-1), Oakland Catholic 3-14 (DeAngelo 1-2, Christian 1-3, Cuccaro 1-3, Sestic 0-1, Boyd 0-5).

Rebounds — Gateway 34 (Jackson 13), Oakland Catholic 32 (Christian 7, DeAngelo 7).

Turnovers — Gateway 10, Oakland Catholic 9.

Officials — Tameika Howard, Doug Travis, Alex Speck.

WPIAL CLASS 3A CHAMPIONSHIP

Bishop Canevin 56, East Allegheny 52

EAST ALLEGHENY (24-1) — Amalia Johnson 5-16 3-3 13, C’kaiyah Marshall 1-5 2-4 4, Abby Henderson 3-5 3-4 10, Myla Bortoluzzi 4-11 0-1 10, Amami Johnson 6-16 3-8 15, Makala Ruffin 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 19-54 11-20 52.

BISHOP CANEVIN (20-4) — Bri Allen 4-10 9-14 17, Lauren Gamble 1-1 0-1 2, Shamyha Price 4-12 6-12 14, Gillan Gustine 2-6 0-0 6, Dajha Allen 2-5 0-0 5, Kasey Kaczorowski 4-7 0-0 12. Totals 17-41 15-27 56.

East Allegheny 15 12 13 12 — 52
Bishop Canevin 9 14 12 21 — 56

Three-point goals — East Allegheny 3-13 (Bortoluzzi 2-7, Henderson 1-1, Amami Johnson 0-5), Bishop Canevin 7-14 (Kaczorowski 4-5, Gustine 2-5, D. Allen 1-3, Price 0-1).

Rebounds — East Allegheny 41 (Henderson 9), Bishop Canevin 39 (B. Allen 10).

Turnovers — East Allegheny 9, Bishop Canevin 12.

Officials — Leslie Whalen, Justin Ehrman, Jennifer Bruce.

WRESTLING

WPIAL CLASS 3A / SOUTHWEST REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

at Canon-McMillan

CHAMPIONSHIP MATCHES

106 - Kurtis Phipps, Norwin dec. Alejandro Herrera, Seneca Valley, 1-0.

113 - Ryan Sullivan, Shaler dec. Frankie Bonura, Moon, 2-1.

120 - Logan Macri, Canon-McMillan dec. Louis Newell, Seneca Valley, 4-3.

126 - Sam Hillegas, North Hills pinned Caleb Morris, Waynesburg, 4:00.

132 - Colton Camacho, Franklin Regional dec. Nick Coy, Penn-Trafford, 5-3 TB2.

138 - Noah Levett, Kiski Area by medical forfeit over Jackson Henson, Waynesburg.

145 - Cam Connor, Kiski Area dec. Job Chishko, Penn-Trafford, 2-1.

152 - Jack Blumer, Kiski Area dec. Cole Spencer, Pine-Richland, 6-3.

160 - Zachary Hartman, Belle Vernon dec. Gerrit Nijenhuis, Canon-McMillan, 3-1.

170 - Scott Joli, Belle Vernon dec. Kyle Homet, Waynesburg, 8-6.

182 - Christian Sequete, Butler dec. Tim Wallace, Albert Gallatin, 9-2.

195 - Nate Ansell, Connellsville dec. Nathan Mankey, North Hills, 8-6 OT.

220 - Ian Edenfield, Laurel Highlands dec. Jake Slinger, Upper St.Clair, 6-3.

285 - Isaac Reid, Kiski Area dec. Gerald Brown, West Milford, 3-1.

TEAM LEADERS

1. Kiski Area 145.5; 2. Waynesburg 108.5; 3. Canon-McMillan 95; 4. Seneca Valley 92; 5. Hempfield 89.5.

THIRD-PLACE CONSOLATIONS

106 - Carter Dohert, Franklin Regional dec. Brady Sherback, Latrobe, 3-1.

113 - Kyle Burkholder, Hempfield dec. Jordan Watters, West Allegheny, 4-2 OT.

120 - Wyatt Henson, Waynesburg pinned Tyler Kocak, Hampton, 0:56.

126 - Gabe Willochell, Latrobe dec. Jacob Ealy, Hopewell, 10-8.

132 - Garrett Reinsfelder, Shaler dec. Zach Macy, Chartiers Valley, 7-1.

138 - Ty Linsenbiger, Hempfield dec. Tim Hritsko, Canon-McMillan, 7-2.

145 - Alex Hornfeck, Mars dec. Nick Acuna, Moon, 5-0.

152 - Luke Kemerer, Hempfield dec. Ty McGeary, West Allegheny, 3-0.

160 - Nick Delp, Kiski Area by medical forfeit over Luke Stout, Mt. Lebanon.

170 - Jason Montgomery, Bethel Park major dec. Jesse Quatse, Greensburg/Salem, 10-2.

182 - Max Shaw, Thomas Jefferson dec. Justin Hart, Hampton, 5-2.

195 - Shami Zaynulloev, Chartiers Valley dec. Alex Donahue, Indiana, 7-5.

220 - Ogden Atwood, Armstrong dec. Connor Forrest, Hopewell, 4-2 TB2.

285 - Isaiah Vance, Hempfield dec. Derek Devine, North Allegheny, 1-0.

SCHEDULE

HOCKEY

PENGUINS CUP PLAYOFFS

CLASS 3A

First Round

Monday — Seneca Valley vs. Bethel Park at Baierl Ice Complex, 7 p.m.

Tuesday — Peters Township vs. Plum at Printscape (Southpointe), 7 p.m.; North Allegheny vs. Butler at Baierl Ice Complex, 8:30 p.m.

Thursday — Erie Cathedral Prep vs. Mt. Lebanon at Mercyhurst Ice Center, 8:30 p.m.

CLASS 2A

Play-In Round

Monday — Franklin Regional vs. Mars at Center Ice, 7 p.m.; Quaker Valley vs. Shaler at Baierl Ice Complex, 9 p.m.

First Round

March 8 — Armstrong vs. Franklin Regional-Mars winner at Belmont, 7 p.m.; Upper St. Clair vs. Hampton at Ice Castle, 8:40 p.m.; Latrobe vs. Quaker Valley-Shaler winner at Kirk Nevin, 7:15 p.m.; Pine-Richland vs. Hempfield at Baierl Ice Complex, 7 p.m.

CLASS 1A

Play-In Round

Monday — Sewickley Academy vs. Fox Chapel at Robert Morris University, 8:30 p.m.; Westmont Hilltop vs. South Park at 1st Summit Arena (CCWM), 8:10 p.m.; South Fayette vs. Chartiers Valley at Mt. Lebanon Rec Center, 7 p.m.

Tuesday — Indiana vs. Kiski Area at S&T Bank, 7:30 p.m.

First Round

March 8 — Bishop McCort vs. Sewickley Academy-Fox Chapel winner at 1st Summit Arena (CCWM), 7:15 p.m.; West Allegheny vs. Indiana-Kiski Area winner at Baierl Ice Complex, 9 p.m.; Meadville vs. Westmont Hilltop-South Park winner at Meadville Area Rec Center, 6:30 p.m.; Thomas Jefferson vs. South Fayette-Chartiers Valley winner at Rostraver, 6:15 p.m.

DIVISION 2

First Round

Monday — Moon vs. Central Valley at Baierl Ice Complex, 8:30 p.m.; Ringgold vs. Trinity at Rostraver, 7:15 p.m.; Burrell vs. Kennedy Catholic at Pittsburgh Ice Arena, 9 p.m.

Tuesday — Connellsville vs. Elizabeth Forward at Ice Mine, 7 p.m.

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Sports

NBA notebook

No more soup for you Smith ... to throw

From wire dispatches

J.R. Smith’s soup choice remains unknown, and so do the ingredients that steamed him so much he threw a bowl of soup at assistant coach Damon Jones.

Smith was suspended one game by the Cleveland Cavaliers, and Saturday the temperamental guard addressed the latest drama in what has been a tumultuous season for the three-time defending Eastern Conference champions.

Asked what he could share about the soup spat, Smith was as cold as gazpacho.

“Nothing,” he said. And as for the kind of soup he flung?

“Honestly,” he said Saturday after the shootaround. “I don’t even remember.”

Smith, who served his one-game ban Thursday against Philadelphia, refused to say if he agreed with the discipline. He said he spoke with his teammates about what happened but not with Jones, a former NBA player who has been on Tyrornn Lue’s staff for two seasons.

“It’s not really my call,” Smith, 31, said on the merits of his punishment.

“More than anything, I talked to my teammates about it, everybody seemed cool. We moved on from it as a team, so whether it warranted a suspension or not, that’s not my job. I’m just

Sunday

Game: Philadelphia 76ers (34-27) vs. Milwaukee Bucks (33-29), Bradley Center, Milwaukee, Wis.

When: 8 p.m. **TV:** ESPN.

The skinny: Two of the best big young big men in the game will be on display: 76ers C Joel Embiid (23.8 ppg, 11.3 rpg) and Bucks F Giannis Antetokounmpo (27.2 ppg, 10.2 rpg). Fans might also catch a glimpse of Chartiers Valley grad T.J. McConnell coming off the bench for the 76ers. He’s averaging 6.9 points and 4.4 assists while playing 24 minutes a game.

here to play basketball.”

Because of Smith’s volatile reputation and shoot-first-ask-questions later playing style, his soup-throwing tantrum led to a social-media storm Friday as Twitter filled with posts about him and his possible soup choice.

Smith was amused — to a

point.

“Some of them were actually pretty funny,” he said. “I understand that everything I do is going to have a meme or whatever behind it.”

“That’s just part of the day and age we live in.

“If this was 15 years ago, nobody would have even knew.”

Rockets

Eric Gordon scored 29 points off the bench, James Harden had 26 points and 10 assists, and the host Houston Rockets outlasted the Boston Celtics, 123-120, Saturday night to extend their winning streak to a season-high 15 games. Houston’s winning streak ties the second-longest in the franchise’s history. It was accomplished twice in Hakeem Olajuwon’s tenure in the 1990s and trails only a 22-game run the Rockets had in the 2007-08 season.

Warriors

Stephen Curry scored 28 points, including 15 in the final seven minutes of the first

half after returning from an ankle injury, and Golden State beat Atlanta Friday night, 114-109, for its fifth consecutive victory.

Curry turned his right ankle and left the game in the first quarter. He returned for his high-scoring second period before returning to the locker room for good in the third. The Warriors said it was a “tweaked right ankle.” Maybe he wanted to make sure he could walk Saturday in his golf shoes. Sources said that Curry and teammate Klay Thompson were scheduled to play Saturday at Augusta National Golf Club. Afterwards, they were going to take a private plane back to the Bay Area.

Anyone can get in on the ‘ax’

COLLIER, FROM C-1

within 300 feet of any of us. He didn’t let us use a serrated kitchen knife at the dinner table until we’d been living on our own for five years. Minimum. When he taught me to shave, he held the razor and said, “If you’re not careful, you’ll cut your head off with this thing.”

I thought that’s why he taught shaving over the sink, so my head would just fall into the sink when I cut if off instead of bouncing down the steps, where my poor mother would have to say something like, “Look, if I see one more severed head come bouncing down these steps, mister!”

All right, what was I talking about?

Ax throwing. I visited Valhalla on Tuesday night and, what luck, walked right into the ax throwing playoffs. The winners of the Tuesday League playoffs will soon meet the winners of the Sunday League playoffs, all of them chucking blades of sharpened steel for a crack at the \$1,000 grand prize, which Valhalla co-founder Robert Jenkins says is the largest cash prize for any ax-throwing range in the world for an eight-week season.

Why would I argue? The man has axes.

As we love to point out in describing every other league, once the playoffs start, anything can happen. Admittedly, it was probably the anything-can-happen aspect of ax throwing that interested me in the first place.

At LumberjAxes, the massive Millvale ax-throwing-only stadium run by partners and Greenfield natives Corey Deasy and Jack Welsh along with Matt Peyton, the athletes sign a waiver that reads, in part, “I fully understand the inherent risks associated with the use and misuses of axes,” and further includes the word “scar-

ring” and phrases such as “loss of important bodily functions,” “other risks not reasonably foreseen,” and, “I understand that drinking alcohol is not required for this event.”

That last provision is because LumberjAxes is BYOB.

“Beer and wine only,” Jack told me.

So definitely leave the Wild Turkey in the car.

“Hey,” explained Corey, who opened Pittsburgh’s first escape room, another new-wave entertainment option popping up in many places. “I’ve been skiing at Seven Springs and I’ve made trips to the Foggy Goggle (lounge) and then to the infirmary. If that’s a viable business, why can’t this be?”

And viable it is, well beyond Corey’s projections when it opened last September, three months after Valhalla. From Millvale to Jeanette to Philadelphia to Chicago and all over Canada, to no one’s surprise the birthplace of competitive ax throwing, pregnant women are taking trophies right from under the beards of burly men in flannel (“Lots of flannel, lot of red and black,” Jack reported). Anyone can do it, and it’s fun because what you’re essentially throwing is a hatchet, not an ax at all. It’s in the promotion that axes are important. Hatchet throwing might not have the same allure.

That’s probably why Alicia Metz, wife and business partner of Jenkins at Valhalla, says so sweetly on the company’s phone message “we’re unavailable to answer the phone at the moment because we are training savages.”

There’s a fine line in this business, as Bill Cowher used to say, and in ax throwing it’s the line between the innocent social fun it surely is (thinking bowling or darts with more of an edge) and



Vince White of Louisville, Ky., raises his ax in celebration after a good strike at LumberjAxes in Millvale — open since September and catching on with recreational and professional ax throwers alike.



Christina Rivera, left, prepares to let one fly, while right, throwing coach Scott Bye offers instruction to Oakmont’s Anne Brun.



the not too subtle unleash-your-inner-Viking requirements of prudent marketing.

“There’s something appealing about the potential for danger, whether it’s the instrument you’re using or the action, but that’s the first thing, that appeal,” said Jenkins. “The next thing is taking this potentially dangerous instrument and sinking it into a target right where you wanted to; there’s something about that sound that’s so satisfying.”

“It’s hard to explain. At the end of the day, weapons come in all forms, shapes, and sizes, but we definitely don’t promote harming people or murder or anything.”

Right. There is a World Axe Throwing League and there is a National Ax Throwing Federation, but something like the American Ax Murders Association wouldn’t likely be a viable startup. One would hope.

“This is about discipline and skill-building and focus,” Jenkins said. “Everybody can do it. The youngest person to throw here was 7, the oldest 96. We had an 11-year-old blind girl throw, mentally challenged individuals with careful instruction have thrown. No one gets left out. Everybody gets very personal coaching because it’s no fun if you can’t get it. Best part is that you get to work closely with so many people, and seeing people overcome their objections — maybe their friends drag them here — they’re the happiest people after they’ve tried it. If you’re scared or apprehensive and find out that you have a talent, that really sticks with people.”

The first hurdle — other than the one so perfectly expressed by a female customer to her LumberjAxes ax throwing coach Wednesday night in Millvale — “worried? I’m terrified that it’s going to chop me!” — is getting the implement to stick in the target. As Corey and Jack explained to me during a brief coaching session I had to cut short because my rotator cuff was screaming, “Don’t you dare! Don’t. You. Dare!,” there are essentially two options on

the throws, a two-handed over-the-head delivery and a one-handed tomahawk toss. The wooden targets are lined up along one wall of an old Sedgwick Street machine shop where the owners are going through \$5,000 worth of lumber per month and distributing free firewood from game-worn targets that have been hatcheted into uselessness. The targets are separated by chain link fencing to control any rebounds, the rebounds being the reason open-toed shoes are discouraged if not prohibited. Scoring is based on proximity to the bull’s-eye and games are played in four rounds of five throws each.

In the event of a tie, particularly in a playoff game or title match, an actual ax, like the full-menace tree-felling implement Jack Nicholson deployed in “The Shining,” may be introduced for one throw.

Some ax throwing establishments don’t want you to know they have one of those big boys.

“If they know you have one,” Welsh told me, “everybody coming through the door wants to throw it.”

So don’t do that, OK? Just take your Great Lakes Variety Pack and sit over by the picnic tables until it’s your turn.

“I like it so far; I think I’d really like it with a little more practice,” said Carley Lenz of the North Hills as she worked a Bud Light and

a hatchet at LumberjAxes. “I mean, after a bad day, you know, ‘Let’s go throw some axes.’”

I think Carley drove us hard toward the essence of ax throwing right there.

“When you’re thinking, ‘what can I do for stress relief, this is a great place to do that,’” said Shandra Peelman of Millvale, who still does her ax throwing in Jeanette because that’s where she started. “It’s a little bit of an escape as well because you really have to clear your head while you doing it. You really have to focus. We really have fun and it’s very much a family thing here. A bunch of us went to the championships up in Canada. We’re building a community of people around this.”

Ax throwers are filling up LumberjAxes on Friday and Saturday nights, cheering and competing and trading in boxed wine and craft brews. Companies can book it for team-building events and such, although I noticed that that branch of ax throwers was a little more reticent, as if they were wondering what their moms would say about them being out drinking and throwing axes in the middle of the week.

One such company didn’t even want to be identified for this column.

So sure, fine. (Rhymes with Snoogle).

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Bowling. Darts. Billiards. And now axe throwing. There’s nothing quite like the sound a sharp, hurled blade makes when it sinks into a well-struck target,



SCOREBOARD

PRO HOCKEY

NHL
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	66	45	17	4	94	240	182
Boston	63	40	15	8	88	209	158
Toronto	66	39	20	7	85	218	185
Florida	62	31	25	6	68	185	198
Detroit	64	26	28	10	62	169	189
Montreal	65	25	29	11	61	167	200
Ottawa	63	22	31	10	54	173	223
Buffalo	65	20	34	11	51	154	211

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Washington	64	36	21	7	79	198	191
Philadelphia	65	34	20	11	79	196	189
Pittsburgh	66	37	25	4	78	215	200
New Jersey	65	33	24	8	74	191	196
Columbus	65	32	28	5	69	172	184
Carolina	65	29	25	11	69	174	195
N.Y. Islanders	66	29	29	8	66	213	237
N.Y. Rangers	65	29	30	6	64	186	207

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Nashville	64	41	14	9	91	210	165
Winnipeg	64	38	17	9	85	217	173
Dallas	65	37	23	5	79	193	171
Minnesota	65	36	22	7	79	200	189
Colorado	64	35	24	5	75	202	189
St. Louis	66	35	26	5	75	180	176
Chicago	65	28	29	8	64	185	189

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Vegas	64	41	18	5	87	222	178
San Jose	66	35	21	9	79	194	180
Los Angeles	66	36	25	5	77	192	165
Anaheim	65	32	21	12	76	180	180
Calgary	66	32	25	9	73	185	195
Edmonton	64	27	33	4	58	181	213
Vancouver	65	24	32	9	57	176	214
Arizona	63	19	34	10	48	153	208

2 points for a win, 1 for OT loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs

Friday's Games

Montreal 6, N.Y. Islanders 3
Carolina 3, New Jersey 1
Florida 4, Buffalo 1
Winnipeg 4, Detroit 3
Colorado 7, Minnesota 1
N.Y. Rangers 3, Calgary 1
Ottawa 5, Vegas 4
Nashville 4, Vancouver 3, OT
Anaheim 4, Columbus 2

Saturday's Games

Tampa Bay 7, Philadelphia 6, SO
Dallas 3, St. Louis 2, OT
Chicago 5, Los Angeles 3
Boston 2, Montreal 1, OT
Pittsburgh 3, N.Y. Islanders 2, OT
Ottawa at Arizona, late
Toronto vs. Washington, late
N.Y. Rangers at Edmonton, late
Today's Games
Nashville at Colorado, 3 p.m.
Philadelphia at Florida, 3 p.m.
Chicago at Anaheim, 4 p.m.
Vegas at New Jersey, 5 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Winnipeg at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Columbus at San Jose, 9 p.m.

LIGHTNING 7, FLYERS 6, SO

PHILADELPHIA	3	1	2	0	-	6
TAMPA BAY	1	2	3	0	-	7

Tampa Bay wins shootout 2-0

First Period—1, Philadelphia, Patrick 10 (Voracek, Giroux), 7:08 (pp.). 2, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 26 (Hedman, Kucherov), 8:16 (pp.). 3, Philadelphia, Voracek 14 (Philipp), 14:30, 4, Philadelphia, Haggy 3 (Provorov, Laughton), 18:07. Penalties—Vasilevsky, TB, served by Sergachev, (tripping), 6:22; Giroux, PHI, (slashing), 7:54; Sergachev, TB, (hooking), 16:02; MacDonald, PHI, (roughing), 18:16; Gourde, TB, (roughing), 18:16.
Second Period—5, Tampa Bay, Hedman 10 (Kucherov, Stamkos), 5:57, 6, Tampa Bay, Girardi 4 (Hedman, Stamkos), 12:47, 7, Philadelphia, Lehtera 2 (Weal, Filppula), 16:15. Penalties—Point, TB, (slashing), 0:26.
Third Period—8, Philadelphia, Provorov 12 (Filppula), 1:06, 9, Tampa Bay, Miller 14 (Point, Gourde), 4:23, 10, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 27 (Kucherov, Kilorn), 7:38, 11, Tampa Bay, Hedman 11 (Stamkos), 10:03, 12, Philadelphia, Giroux 23 (Provorov, Couturier), 17:07. Penalties—Cirelli, TB, (hooking), 4:49.
Overtime—None. Penalties—Kucherov, TB, (hooking), 1:37.
Shootout—Philadelphia 0 (Couturier NG, Patrick NG), Tampa Bay 2 (Conacher NG, Point G, Stamkos G).
Shots on Goal—Philadelphia 14-11-14-4—43.
Tampa Bay 6-10-15-4—35.
Power-play opportunities—Philadelphia 1 of 5; Tampa Bay 1 of 1.
Goalies—Philadelphia, Mrazek 11-8-4 (35 shots-29 saves). Tampa Bay, Vasilevsky 38-12-3 (43-37).
A—19,092 (19,092), T—2-48.
Referees—Tom Kowal, Dan O'Halloran.
Linesmen—Steve Barton, Andrew Smith.

STARS 3, BLUES 2, OT

ST. LOUIS	0	1	1	0	-	2
DALLAS	0	1	1	1	-	3

First Period—None. Penalties—Roussel, DAL, Major (fighting), 0:11; Roussel, DAL, Misconduct (misconduct), 0:11; Roussel, DAL, served by Spezza, (instigator), 0:11; Thorburn, STL, Misconduct (misconduct), 0:11; Thorburn, STL, Major (fighting), 0:11; Lindell, DAL, (delay of game), 1:51; Berglund, STL, (slashing), 5:02; Ritchie, DAL, (interference), 5:02.
Second Period—1, Dallas, Pritch 13 (Roussel), 7:04, 2, St. Louis, Barbashev 5 (Dunn, Tarasenko), 13:06. Penalties—Janmark, DAL, (hooking), 2:26; Upshall, STL, (high sticking), 13:59.
Third Period—3, St. Louis, Schwartz 19 (Parayko), 12:43, 4, Dallas, Radulov 24 (Benn, Seguin), 17:04. Penalties—Paterny, DAL, (roughing), 6:38.
Overtime—5, Dallas, Benn 22 (Seguin), 3:04.
Penalties—None.
Shots on Goal—St. Louis 9-15-13—37. Dallas 6-14-11—34.
Power-play opportunities—St. Louis 0 of 4; Dallas 0 of 1.
Goalies—St. Louis, Hutton 16-7-3 (34 shots-31 saves). Dallas, Bishop 26-14-7 (37-35).
A—18,321 (18,532), T—2-51.
Referees—Gord Dwyer, Garrett Rank. Linesmen—Derek Amell, David Brisebois.

BLACKHAWKS 5, KINGS 3

CHICAGO	1	0	4	-	5
LOS ANGELES	0	3	0	-	3

First Period—1, Chicago, Oesterle 4, 13:11. Penalties—None.
Second Period—2, Los Angeles, Pearson 12, 4:27, 3, Los Angeles, Martinez 7 (Kopitar, Brown), 6:21, 4, Los Angeles, Iafallo 9, 17:48. Penalties—Doughty, LA, (interference), 0:14; DeBrincat, CHI, (interference), 7:57; Toews, CHI, (hooking), 18:50.
Third Period—5, Chicago, Anisimov 19 (Toews, Kane), 10:48 (pp.), 6, Chicago, Hinostroza 7, 14:24, 7, Chicago, Toews 17 (Kane, Seabrook), 18:02 (pp.), 8, Chicago, Kane 24 (Toews, Saad), 19:57. Penalties—Muzzin, LA, (holding), 4:54; Doughty, LA, (hooking), 8:32; Doughty, LA, (unsportsmanlike conduct), 8:32; Pearson, LA, (hooking), 17:25. Shots on Goal—Chicago 7-8-10—25. Los Angeles 11-14-7—32.
Power-play opportunities—Chicago 2 of 5; Los Angeles 0 of 2.
Goalies—Chicago, Forsberg 8-13-3 (32 shots-29 saves). Los Angeles, Quick 25-24-2 (24-20).
A—18,230 (18,230), T—2-31.
Referees—Francis Charron, Justin St Pierre.
Linesmen—Scott Cherry, Vaughan Roddy.

BRUINS 2, CANADIENS 1, OT

MONTREAL	1	0	0	0	-	1
BOSTON	0	0	1	1	-	2

First Period—1, Montreal, Gallagher 23, 9:16. Penalties—Kuraly, BOS, (slashing), 15:10; Juulsen, MTL, (hooking), 17:59.
Second Period—None. Penalties—Carlo, BOS, (cross checking), 10:46; de la Rose, MTL, (tripping), 13:33; Froese, MTL, (tripping), 14:53; Boston bench, served by DeBrusk (too many men on the ice), 17:57.
Third Period—2, Boston, DeBrusk 13 (Holden, Krug), 17:15 (pp). Penalties—Reilly, MTL, (high sticking), 1:44; Petry, MTL, (hooking), 5:23; Chara, BOS, (hooking), 11:45; Drouin, MTL, (delay of game), 15:25.
Overtime—3, Boston, Marchand 25 (Gionta, Krug), 2:06. Penalties—None.

Shots on Goal—Montreal 12-5-11—28. Boston 10-19-17-4—50.
Power-play opportunities—Montreal 0 of 4; Boston 1 of 6.
Goalies—Montreal, Niemi 4-6-3 (50 shots-48 saves). Boston, Khudibin 14-4-4 (28-27).
A—17,565 (17,565), T—2-44.
Referees—TJ Luxmore, Wes McCauley.
Linesmen—Shandor Alphonso, Libor Suchanek.

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NBA

All times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Toronto	44	17	.721	—
Boston	49	19	.698	1
Philadelphia	34	27	.557	10
New York	24	39	.381	21
Brooklyn	20	43	.317	25

Southeast Division

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Washington	36	27	.571	—
Miami	33	30	.524	3
Charlotte	28	35	.444	8
Orlando	20	43	.317	16
Atlanta	19	44	.302	17

Central Division

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Cleveland	36	26	.581	—
Indiana	35	27	.565	1
Milwaukee	33	29	.532	3
Detroit	29	34	.460	7½
Chicago	21	41	.339	15

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Houston	48	13	.787	—
San Antonio	36	26	.581	12½
New Orleans	35	26	.574	13
Dallas	19	44	.302	30
Memphis	18	44	.290	30½

Northwest Division

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Portland	36	26	.581	—
Oklahoma City	37	27	.578	—
Minnesota	38	28	.576	—
Denver	35	28	.556	1½
Utah	32	30	.516	4

Pacific Division

	W	L	PCT.	GB
Golden State	49	14	.778	—
L.A. Clippers	33	28	.541	15
L.A. Lakers	27	34	.443	21
Sacramento	19	43	.306	29½
Phoenix	19	45	.297	30½

Friday's Games

Orlando 115, Detroit 106, OT
Philadelphia 110, Charlotte 99
Golden State 114, Atlanta 109
Chicago 108, Dallas 100
Denver 108, Memphis 102
Indiana 103, Milwaukee 96
Toronto 102, Washington 95
Oklahoma City 124, Phoenix 116
L.A. Clippers 128, New York 105
Utah 116, Minnesota 108
Saturday's Games
Orlando 107, Memphis 100
Denver 126, Cleveland 117
Miami 105, Detroit 96
Boston at Houston, late
L.A. Lakers at San Antonio, late
Oklahoma City at Portland, late
Utah at Sacramento, late
Today's Games
Phoenix at Atlanta, 3:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Washington, 6 p.m.
New Orleans at Dallas, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.
Brooklyn at L.A. Clippers, 9 p.m.
New York at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

MAGIC 107, GRIZZLIES 100

MEMPHIS (100)

Brooks 4-14-1-2-9, Martin 7-12-4-7-19, Green 2-12-6-7-10, Chalmers 5-11-2-2-15, McLemore 8-14-2-4-20, Henry 1-4-0-0-2, Parsons 2-6-0-0-4, Johnson 1-8-0-0-2, Rabb 2-3-1-2-5, K.Simmons 6-9-2-2-14. Totals 38-93 18-26 100.
ORLANDO (107)
J.Simmons 3-5-3-4-11, Gordon 4-8-6-7-14, Vucevic 8-14-2-5-19, Augustin 5-7-4-4-16, Fournier 7-13-4-5-19, Ivundu 0-1-0-0-0, Isaac 0-2-0-0-0, Speights 0-0-0-0-0, Birch 0-0-2-2-2, Biyombo 2-6-0-0-4, Mack 2-3-2-2-6, Vaughn 0-1-0-0-0, Hezonja 5-12-4-4-16. Totals 36-72 27-33 107.

MEMPHIS 27, 25, 27, 21 — 100

ORLANDO 31, 21, 25, 30 — 107

3-Point Goals—Memphis 6-22 (Chalmers 3-6, McLemore 2-5, Martin 1-2, K.Simmons 0-1, Henry 0-1, Parsons 0-2, Green 0-2, Brooks 0-3), Orlando 8-25 (J.Simmons 2-2, Augustin 2-4, Hezonja 2-8, Vucevic 1-2, Fournier 1-6, Vaughn 0-1, Isaac 0-1, Gordon 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Memphis 46 (Green 13), Orlando 44 (Gordon 8). Assists—Memphis 24 (Green 7), Orlando 19 (Augustin 5). Total Fouls—Memphis 26, Orlando 23. A—17,875 (18,846).

NUGGETS 126, CAVALIERS 117

DENVER (126)

Chandler 7-10-0-16, Millsap 4-9-2-2-11, Jokic 3-8-2-3-9, Murray 6-11-1-16, G.Harris 10-17-6-6-32, Jefferson 2-2-0-0-4, Plumlee 4-7-0-0-8, D.Harris 1-3-1-2-4, Beasley 1-2-0-0-3, Barton 9-17-1-1-23. Totals 47-86 13-15 126.
CLEVELAND (117)
James 8-19-8-11-25, Osman 6-7-0-0-13, Thompson 6-10-0-1-12, Hill 6-10-2-2-17, Smith 7-12-3-4-19, Nance Jr. 6-10-2-2-14, Perrantes 0-0-0-0-0, Hood 3-9-0-0-6, Holland 0-0-0-0-0, Clarkson 4-9-1-1-11, Korver 0-2-0-0-0. Totals 46-88 16-21 117.

DENVER 37, 36, 30, 23 — 126

CLEVELAND 31, 31, 35, 20 — 117

3-Point Goals—Denver 19-35 (G.Harris 6-10, Barton 4-10, Murray 3-4, Chandler 2-4, Beasley 1-1, Millsap 1-2, D.Harris 1-2, Jokic 1-2), Cleveland 9-24 (Hill 3-4, Clarkson 2-3, Smith 2-5, Osman 1-2, James 1-4, Nance Jr. 0-1, Korver 0-1, Hood 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Denver 35 (Barton 8), Cleveland 41 (James 10). Assists—Denver 35 (Jokic 8), Cleveland 25 (James 15). Total Fouls—Denver 19, Cleveland 16. Technicals—Cleveland coach Tyrone Lue. A—20,562 (20,562).

AUTO RACING

NASCAR MONSTER ENERGY CUP

PENNZOIL 400

Friday's qualifying for today's race at Las Vegas Motor Speedway, Las Vegas
(Car number in parentheses)
1. (12) Ryan Blaney, Ford, 191.489 mph.
2. (4) Kevin Harvick, Ford, 190.248.
3. (41) Kurt Busch, Ford, 190.067.
4. (78) Martin Truex Jr., Toyota, 189.980.
5. (42) Kyle Larson, Chevrolet, 189.447.
6. (9) Chase Elliott, Chevrolet, 189.175.
7. (17) Ricky Stenhouse Jr., Ford, 189.148.
8. (2) Brad Keselowski, Ford, 189.102.
9. (20) Erik Jones, Toyota, 188.719.
10. (22) Joey Logano, Ford, 188.640.
11. (4) Clint Bowyer, Ford, 188.469.
12. (21) Paul Menard, Ford, 188.442.
13. (18) Kyle Busch, Toyota, 188.838.
14. (38) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 188.712.
15. (34) Michael McDowell, Ford, 188.607.
16. (3) Austin Dillon, Chevrolet, 188.442.
17. (24) William Byron, Chevrolet, 188.363.
18. (19) Daniel Suarez, Toyota, 187.865.
19. (11) Denny Hamlin, Toyota, 187.846.
20. (88) Alex Bowman, Chevrolet, 187.441.
21. (95) Casey Mears, Chevrolet, 187.305.
22. (1) Jamie McMurray, Chevrolet, 187.246.
23. (38) David Ragan, Ford, 187.162.
24. (6) Trevor Bayne, Ford, 186.413.
25. (31) Ryan Newman, Chevrolet, 187.650.
26. (43) Darrell Wallace Jr., Chevrolet, 187.546.
27. (47) AJ Allmendinger, Chevrolet, 186.335.
28. (37) Chris Buescher, Chevrolet, 186.335.
29. (10) Aric Almirola, Ford, 186.123.
30. (51) Cole Custer, Ford, 185.982.
31. (13) Ty Dillon, Chevrolet, 185.312.
32. (32) Matt DiBenedetto, Ford, 185.027.
33. (15) Ross Chastain, Chevrolet, 183.418.
34. (72) Cole Whitt, Chevrolet, 182.272.
35. (23) Gray Gaulding, Toyota, 179.241.
36. (00) Jeffrey Earnhardt, Chevrolet, 176.292.
37. (55) Joey Gase, Chevrolet, 173.628.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S BASKETBALL

SATURDAY'S RESULTS

EAST

Cornell 86, Dartmouth 75
Fairfield 90, Niagara 71
Hartford 71, New Hampshire 60
Harvard 93, Columbia 74

LIU Brooklyn 78, Fairleigh Dickinson 77
Penn 99, Brown 93
Providence 61, St. John's 57
Saint Joseph's 78, La Salle 70
Stony Brook 69, Albany 60
Syracuse 55, Clemson 52
UMBC 89, Mass.-Lowell 77
VCU 83, Fordham 58
Vermont 75, Maine 60
Villanova 97, Georgetown 73
Wagner 75, Robert Morris 64
Princeton at Yale, late
Duquesne at UMass, late
Butler at Seton Hall, late
Iona vs. Manhattan, late

SOUTH

Appalachian St. 76, Coastal Carolina 67
Arkansas St. 83, Louisiana-Monroe 79
Auburn 79, South Carolina 70
Delaware 86, Elon 79
Drexel 70, James Madison 62
ETSU 77, Chattanooga 59
Florida 80, Kentucky 67
Florida St., 85, Boston College 76
Georgia Southern 89, Troy 83
Georgia St. 90, South Alabama 75
Georgia Tech 64, Wake Forest 56
Grambling St. 66, Alabama St. 64
LSU 78, Mississippi St. 57
Miami 69, Virginia Tech 68
NC State 76, Louisville 69
Old Dominion 79, FIU 53
Prairie View 77, Southern U. 69
Richmond 93, George Mason 79
SE Louisiana 69, Nicholls 57
Southern Miss. 72, Louisiana Tech 64
Tennessee 66, Georgia 61
Texas Southern 78, Alcorn St. 71
UNC-Greensboro 72, The Citadel 58
Virginia 62, Notre Dame 57
Wofford 73, Mercer 53
Marshall at Middle Tennessee, late
Jackson St. at Alabama A&M, late
FAU at Charlotte, late
UALR at Louisiana-Lafayette, late
W. Kentucky at UAB, late
North Carolina at Duke, late
Vanderbilt at Mississippi, late
W. Carolina vs. Furman, late

MIDWEST

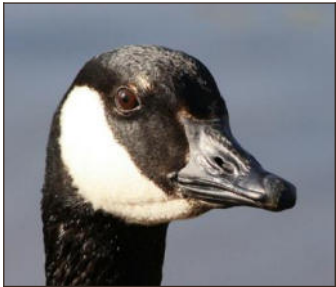
Cent. Michigan 84, W. Michigan 71
Chicago St. 96, UMKC 82
Dayton 88, George Washington 78
Illinois St. 76, S. Illinois 68, OT
Kansas St. 77, Baylor 67
Loyola of Chicago 62, Bradley 54
Marquette 85, Creighton 81
Michigan 75, Michigan St. 64
Missouri 77, Arkansas 67
Purdue 78, Penn St. 70
South Dakota State 66, Western Illinois 60
Wright St. 87, Green Bay 72
Xavier 65, DePaul 62
Denver vs. Oral Roberts, late
New Mexico St. at Rio Grande, late
St. Bonaventure at Saint Louis, late
Murray State vs. Belmont, late
Nebraska-Omaha vs. South Dakota, late
Northern Kentucky vs. Cleveland State, late

SOUTHWEST

Abilene Christian 69, Incarnate Word 59
Cent. Arkansas 61, Northwest State 58
Oklahoma St. 82, Kansas 64
Texas 87, West Virginia 79, OT
Texas A&M 68, Alabama 66
Texas Tech 79, TCU 75
UTEP 68, North Texas 66
Stephen F. Austin at Sam Houston St., late
Texas A&M-CC at Houston Baptist, late
UTSA at Rice, late
MVSU at Ark.-Pine Bluff, late
FAR WEST
Air Force 83, San Jose St. 6

Outdoors

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BIRDS



Former wildlife officials
challenge interior department
on migratory fowl

By Dino Grandoni
and Juliet Eilperin
The Washington Post

A group of former Interior Department officials from both major parties who served under the past eight presidents pressed the Trump administration to reconsider its move to ease restrictions against culling migratory birds.

The 17 former political appointees and career officials, who include Senate-confirmed members of the Nixon, Ford, Carter, Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Clinton, George W. Bush and Obama administrations, sent a letter to Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke asking him to reverse the department's new interpretation of a century-old law used to prosecute oil firms and other companies for culling migratory birds.

"This legal opinion is contrary to the long-standing interpretation by every administration [Republican and Democrat] since at least the 1970s," the group wrote in the letter, which also was sent to members of Congress.

For years, many conservatives complained that the Obama administration selectively was enforcing regulations that protect migrating birds from being killed at industrial sites, giving a pass to solar-power companies while racking down on bird leaths at coal- and wind-power sites. On Jan. 10, 2017, days before President Barack Obama left office, his Interior Department issued a solicitor's opinion that banned killing migrat-

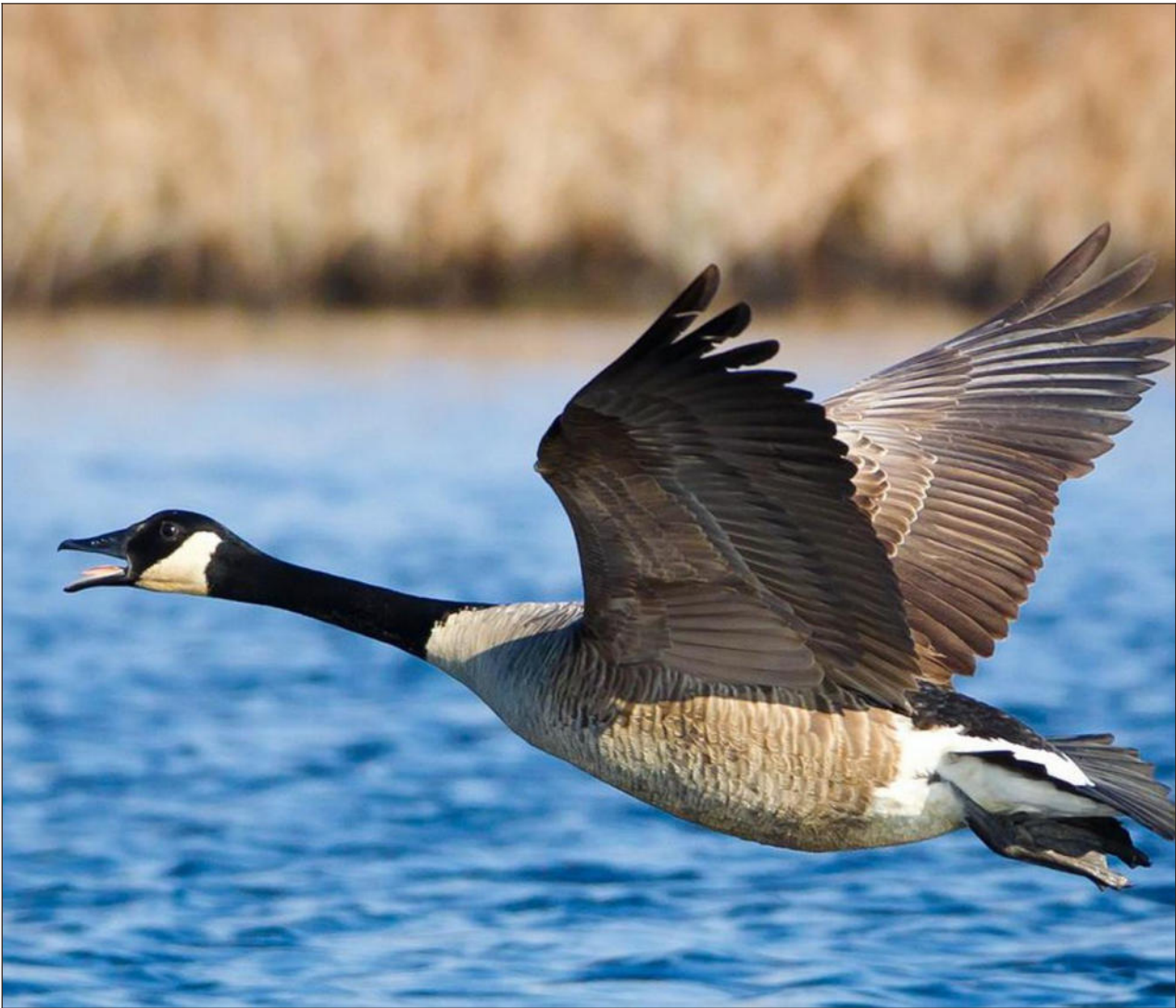
ing birds for nearly any reason.

Interior's current deputy director of communications, Russell Newell, said in an email last year that the opinion issued just days before President Donald Trump's inauguration "criminalized all actions that killed migratory birds, whether purposeful or not."

But in reversing that controversial law, the Trump administration has been accused of moving the pendulum so far to the other side that most businesses would be forgiven for unintentional industrial bird deaths.

Originally adopted in 1918 with later additions, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act is one of the nation's oldest environmental laws. It was passed so the nation could comply with treaties it had signed with countries that share migratory bird routes with the United States. The broadly worded law made it illegal to kill or otherwise harm such a bird except under the terms of a valid permit issued pursuant to federal regulations. The exception made it possible for populations of migratory game birds to be managed through hunting quotas agreed upon by an international committee, with hunters licensed by the federal government.

In the new solicitor's opinion, Interior said applying the Obama interpretation "to incidental or accidental actions hangs the sword of Damocles over a host of otherwise lawful and productive actions,



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Regulations for protecting migrating birds have bounced from one extreme to another. Canada geese are among the birds stuck in the middle of the debate.

PG Outdoors Poll

THIS WEEK: The current interpretation of the Migratory Bird Treaty Act will result in more birds dying in industrial accidents and fewer available to hunters.

• Yes • No

To vote open the bird story at post-gazette.com/outdoors.

Poll closes March 9.

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LAST WEEK: Pennsylvania's general fund, acquired through taxes, should be tapped to enable the Game Commission to continue providing services during an upcoming audit of the agency.

44%
Yes

56%
No

526 responses

The poll is an unscientific tally of web postings generated by Civic Science.

threatening up to six months in jail and a \$15,000 fine for each and every bird injured or killed."

The law prominently was wielded by the federal government against major oil companies after spills following the crash of the Exxon Valdez in 1989 and the explosion of the Deepwater Horizon offshore drilling rig in 2010, accidents that each killed hun-

dreds of thousands of birds.

In practice, federal prosecutors tended to bring cases against companies that had failed to take precautionary measures aimed at averting bird deaths. Paul Schmidt, the former Fish and Wildlife Service official who organized the letter, said a motorist striking and killing a bird, for example, "might be a technical violation. But it would be insane to take on a prosecution."

"Discretion," he added, "has been successfully used to change corporate behavior to minimize [kills]." In the letter to the Interior Department, Schmidt and the others cite Interior's work with oil producers to ensure exposed crude oil waste pits were covered with nets as an example of the law being put to good use.

Although the law has often been used as leverage in negotiations between government officials and private companies, some prosecutions under the law have stirred controversy. In a 2011 case in North Dakota involving Continental Resources and five other oil companies, Fish and Wildlife asked the U.S. attorney there to press criminal charges because all six firms had been previously ticketed for not installing netting over their oil waste

pits. But a federal judge dismissed the criminal charges against three of the companies the following year, and vacated the settlements that the three other firms had reached with federal authorities.

Under the Trump Interior's new interpretation, a company would be in violation of the law only when it is "engaged in an activity the object of which was to render an animal subject to human control." In other words, the death of a migrating bird would be a criminal act only if the killing was intentional.

"This is a new, contrived legal standard that creates a huge loophole" in the existing act, the letter-writers said, "allowing companies to engage in activities that routinely kill migratory birds so long as they were not intending that their operations would render an animal subject to human control."

The new opinion issued Dec. 22, Newell said, "returns to the intent of the law — Interior's action on the [Migratory Bird Treaty Act] is a victory over the regulatory state."

The Natural Resources Defense Council, which is among the many environmental groups challenging the Trump administration's environmental rollbacks in court, said it ex-

pected to take legal action regarding Interior's decision as well.

"The administration has rolled back decades of precedent, and we're exploring all avenues to challenge the move," said Katie Umekubo, senior attorney at the organization. "There's no question there will be legal challenges, given how extreme this new interpretation is."

Meanwhile, congressional Republicans are working to curtail the law not just through reinterpretation, but by rewriting it. The House Committee on Natural Resources recently adopted an amendment by Rep. Liz Cheney (R-Wyo.) that would abolish incidental take as a legal violation.

If the number of migrating game birds killed in industrial strikes were to increase, hunting quotas for game bird management would likely decrease proportionally. A recent memo from U.S. Fish and Wildlife stated that migratory bird populations are currently stable and international hunting quotas for this year's seasons would be about the same as in 2017-18. Pennsylvania will issue statewide migratory bird hunting regulations based on those quotas.

John Hayes of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette contributed to this report.

Hunters are concerned about store gun sale policies

By John Hayes
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Dick's Sporting Goods, Field & Stream and Walmart announced last week they would stop selling AR-derivatives, and stop selling guns of any kind to anyone under the age of 21.

John Armour of Pittsburgh Sportsmen's Luncheon Club, a hunters' group that meets weekly Downtown, said the removal of a class of legal firearms from sporting goods stores has a psychological impact on the hunting community.

"They're asking what's next," said Armour, of Glenshaw. "Hunters are mostly worried about the slippery slope argument. They hear the anti-gun lobby saying this [removal of AR-stylerrifles] is a good first step. They believe other Second Amendment freedoms are threatened, and it will eventually get to them."

Randy Santucci of Robin-

Notebook

son, board chairman and southwest regional director of Unified Sportsmen of Pennsylvania, said adding three years to the minimum age to purchase a rifle is "absurd" because "age is not a factor in mass shootings."

"Dylann Roof, who shot and killed nine people in the Charleston, S.C., church ... he was 21 at the time," Santucci said. "The shooter who attacked the Amish school in eastern Pennsylvania in 2006 ... was 32 years of age. The Pulse nightclub shooter was 29. The Jason Aldean concert shooter, Steven Paddock, was 64. ... This is a knee-jerk attempt by those who do not know the facts."

Armour said that at this time, it's hard for him to imagine Americans unifying to reduce mass shootings.

"The problem is there's such a big [social] divide on guns," he said. "How do you

'Hole' lot of fun

Lucas Schmondiuk and Christian Guerzo, both 15 and from North Huntingdon, Westmoreland County, pulled wall-eye, northern pike and yellow perch through the ice during a trip to Deep Creek Lake, Maryland, with ice fishing guide Garrett Hoffman.



More outdoors

Email your high-resolution deer or fish photos (1MB minimum) to outdoors@post-gazette.com or fishingreport@post-gazette.com. Include name, age (for kids under 18), hometown, county or waters, species, antlers or size and optional details.

Fishing Report: Fridays in Sports, always at post-gazette.com.

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get anywhere near a compromise?"

Better muskie waters

Canadohta Lake in Crawford County has become Pennsylvania's go-to spot for

muskellunge. A newly released 2017 Fish and Boat Commission muskie trap net survey and update of the state's muskellunge management plan confirm why hardcore muskie anglers have

been quietly trolling the lake.

Four years into a study examining the effectiveness of stocking yearlings in spring or fall, and assessing the effects of 2007 regulations changes, Canadohta outscored all muskie strongholds that Fish and Boat had rated "high quality" — Edinboro and Glendale lakes, Lake Arthur, even Pymatuning Reservoir.

When the Western Pennsylvania Muskie Max-Plus expo returns March 10-11, expect to hear whispers about Canadohta Lake. According to the report, in recent years fall fingerling and spring yearling muskellunge were stocked, and stocking goals have been met or exceeded every year since 1985. In the 2017 survey, trap nets caught 52 adult muskies in one week, the second-highest number on record.

Western Pennsylvania Muskie Max-Plus will be held at a new location, Embassy

Suites by Hilton near Pittsburgh International Airport (550 Cherrington Parkway, Moon). The event is 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. March 11. Admission is \$10, with children under 12 free with a paid adult. For details, call 412-269-9070 or visit muskiemax.com.

Learn to fly fish

At an introductory fly fishing class at the Community College of Allegheny County, Boyce Campus, Rob Reeder of Wilkins, a member of Trout Unlimited and the Fly Fishing Club of Pittsburgh, will cover gear selection, knots, casting, a bug primer and fly selection, reading the water, fishing safety and where to fly fish in Western Pennsylvania. An optional field trip is scheduled. Tuesdays and Thursdays from March 6-22. Cost is \$99. Register at shopcommunityed.cccac.edu or by calling, 412-788-7546.

Today

HIGH: 41
LOW: 21



Mostly sunny. Winds NNW at 8-16 mph.

Tomorrow

42
29



Sunny to partly cloudy. Winds NNE at 4-8 mph.

Tuesday

49
33



A bit of rain, mixed with snow early. Winds SW at 7-14 mph.

Wednesday

43
29



Mostly cloudy, snow showers; cooler. Winds WSW at 8-16 mph.

Thursday

37
27



Cloudy and cold with snow showers. Winds WSW at 8-16 mph.

Weather outlook

Mostly sunny today. Mainly clear tonight. Sunny to partly cloudy tomorrow. Tuesday: considerable cloudiness with a bit of rain, mixed with snow early with little or no accumulation. Chance of precipitation 60%. Wednesday: mainly cloudy and cooler with a couple of snow showers. Chance of precipitation 60%.



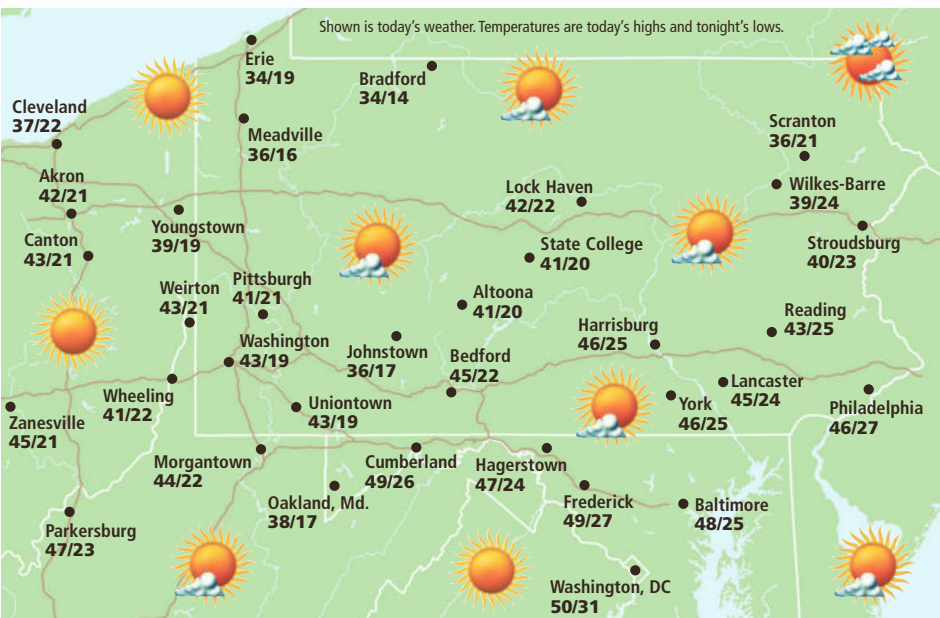
Nation Cities

	Today		Tomorrow	
	Hi/Low	W	Hi/Low	W
Albany	38/24	pc	38/24	s
Albuquerque	65/26	s	53/26	s
Allentown	42/24	s	43/23	s
Anchorage	27/17	pc	28/14	pc
Atlanta	65/43	s	63/50	pc
Atlantic City	46/29	pc	44/29	s
Baltimore	48/25	s	45/25	s
Birmingham	69/47	s	64/51	sh
Boise	43/25	c	45/23	pc
Boston	42/33	pc	41/30	sn
Buffalo	34/19	s	33/21	s
Charleston, S.C.	63/37	s	64/48	s
Charleston, W.Va.	48/24	s	50/36	pc
Charlotte	61/34	s	59/44	pc
Chicago	48/32	s	45/34	r
Cincinnati	49/29	s	49/37	pc
Cleveland	37/22	s	38/31	pc
Columbus	46/26	s	46/34	pc
Dallas	69/62	sh	70/43	pc
Dayton	46/27	s	45/33	pc
Denver	63/24	pc	45/20	pc
Des Moines	53/40	c	50/32	r
Detroit	41/23	s	37/29	pc
Erie	34/19	s	33/25	s
Fairbanks	22/5	pc	22/14	sn
Grand Rapids	45/26	s	42/29	pc
Greensboro	56/31	s	53/37	s
Hartford	43/30	pc	42/26	pc
Harrisburg	46/25	s	43/25	s
Honolulu	84/70	pc	82/69	pc
Houston	77/68	c	78/55	t
Indianapolis	51/31	s	46/34	pc
Jackson, Miss.	68/50	pc	74/49	t
Kansas City	54/47	c	54/32	pc
Las Vegas	58/39	s	62/42	s
Los Angeles	62/46	s	72/49	s
Louisville	55/34	s	54/41	pc
Memphis	64/51	pc	66/41	t
Miami	76/58	s	77/62	s
Milwaukee	43/32	s	41/32	r
Minneapolis	43/31	sh	39/26	r
Myrtle Beach	57/37	s	57/45	s
Nashville	62/39	s	56/42	t
New Orleans	75/62	pc	79/61	pc
New York City	44/30	s	44/31	s
Norfolk	51/34	pc	46/34	s
Oklahoma City	61/47	c	61/35	s
Omaha	56/38	c	45/30	c
Orlando	73/46	s	76/53	s
Philadelphia	46/27	s	45/28	s
Phoenix	67/45	s	72/48	s
Portland, Maine	41/30	c	40/27	c
Portland, Ore.	51/38	c	52/33	pc
Providence	44/32	pc	43/29	sn
Richmond	53/28	s	49/29	s
Sacramento	56/33	pc	61/36	s
St. Louis	60/43	s	54/38	t
Salt Lake City	39/26	sn	41/25	pc
San Diego	63/47	s	72/50	s
San Francisco	57/42	pc	61/45	s
San Juan	79/72	sh	81/69	pc
Seattle	47/37	c	48/35	c
Spokane	40/29	sf	41/25	c
Syracuse	32/20	s	33/20	s
Tampa	75/52	s	75/59	pc
Toledo	41/24	s	38/27	pc
Tucson	67/39	s	70/41	s
Washington, D.C.	50/31	s	48/31	s
Wheeling	41/22	s	42/31	pc
Wilmington, Del.	47/26	s	45/26	s

Yesterday's Record

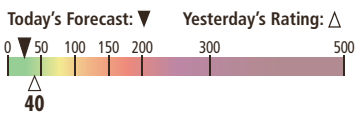
Readings from the Pittsburgh Int'l. Airport through 3 p.m. March 3, 2018

TEMPERATURE	
High	42
Normal high	44
Year ago	32
Record high	75 (1976)
Low	25
Normal low	26
Year ago	20
Record low	0 (1943)
DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	
Yesterday	-1.5
Month to date	+3.0
Year to date	+1.9
HUMIDITY	
High	84 (at 7 a.m.)
Low	34 (at 2 p.m.)
PRECIPITATION (inches)	
24 hours ending 3 p.m. yest.	0.00
Month to date	0.49
Normal month to date	0.25
Departure from normal	+0.24
Year to date	11.81
Normal year to date	5.34
Departure from normal	+6.47
BAROMETER	
Yesterday's high	30.38
Yesterday's low	30.29



Air Quality

Primary pollutant: Ozone
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



Skywatch today

Sunrise	6:50 a.m.
Sunset	6:15 p.m.
Moonrise	9:23 p.m.
Moonset	8:33 a.m.

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 86 at McAllen, Texas
Low -10 at Shelby, Mont.

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River Stages

ALLEGHENY	
Franklin, Pa.	9.80 F
Parker, Pa.	11.50 F
Sharpsburg, Pa.	16.30 F
MONONGAHELA	
Gray's Landing, Pa.	14.30 F
CHEAT	
Parsons, W.Va.	5.90 F
WEST FORK	
Clarksburg, W.Va.	6.29 F
YOUGHIOGHENY	
Sutersville, Pa.	8.90 F
BEAVER	
Beaver Falls, Pa.	9.80 F
OHIO	
Pittsburgh, Pa.	20.80 F
Dashields Dam	20.20 F
Montgomery Dam, Pa.	25.10 F
Pike Is. Lock and Dam, W.Va.	30.10 F

Moon Phases



World Cities

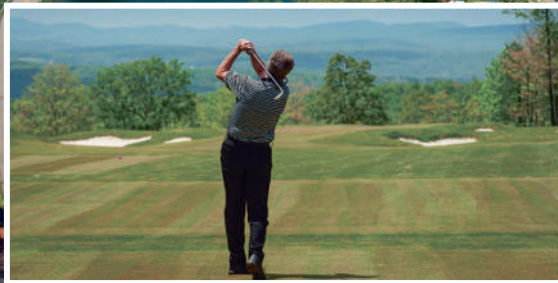
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	Hi/Low	W	Hi/Low	W
Athens	68/54	pc	66/53	t
Auckland	79/64	pc	79/64	pc
Baghdad	82/58	pc	83/61	s
Beijing	49/23	c	47/22	s
Berlin	38/27	c	48/27	pc
Bermuda	67/60	sh	63/58	sh
Bogota	67/49	sh	67/46	c
Buenos Aires	89/66	pc	83/53	t
Cairo	89/62	s	88/69	s
Copenhagen	31/28	c	36/32	sn
Dublin	42/34	c	43/34	sh
Frankfurt	52/38	r	52/32	pc
Hong Kong	77/70	t	77/66	pc
Jerusalem	72/53	s	73/55	s
Johannesburg	83/59	s	82/59	c
Kinshasa	90/73	pc	92/71	pc
London	47/41	sh	51/40	r
Madrid	57/42	r	50/38	r
Manila	93/77	s	93/78	s
Mexico City	80/53	pc	79/53	pc
Montreal	36/26	sf	37/23	c
Moscow	15/10	sn	18/0	sn
Nairobi	73/59	t	77/61	t
Nassau	79/63	pc	79/64	pc
New Delhi	84/58	pc	82/57	pc
Oslo	27/20	c	27/22	sf
Paris	48/37	r	54/39	c
Rio de Janeiro	88/78	t	89/77	t
Rome	57/47	c	57/47	sh
Seoul	54/36	r	48/25	r
Singapore	91/78	pc	90/78	t
Sydney	80/70	pc	75/67	t
Tokyo	65/56	s	65/44	r
Toronto	36/18	s	37/23	s
Vancouver	45/33	pc	45/32	c
Vienna	33/26	pc	34/31	c
Warsaw	29/14	pc	37/24	pc

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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Mister Rogers liked me just the way I was

When I was 5, I had terrible seizures and brain surgery. But I also had Mister Rogers, recalls **ELIZABETH CATHERINE USHER**

I suffered up to 100 seizures a day as a 5-year-old. Often during a seizure, I would fall and bang my head on the floor or whatever hard object presented itself during my descent.

The only way for my mom to shower and dress for work without worrying about me was to prop me up with soft pillows and place me in front of the TV. She turned on the children’s TV show, “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood,” and I did not have a single seizure for the duration of the show.

Something in Mister Rogers’ voice calmed the electrical circuits in my injured brain and allowed my body some rest. My mother and I performed this ritual every work day for two years with great success.

I began to consider Mister Rogers my real friend and not just my TV friend. I talked back to the TV screen. I would say, “Yes! I will be your neighbor!” So it was no surprise that my sweet mother called Mister Rogers’ TV studio in Pittsburgh as we prepared for me to have brain surgery.

My neurologists had determined that I had somehow contracted a very rare brain disease called Rasmussen’s Encephalitis. They theorized that a slow-growing virus was killing brain cells in the left side of my brain, causing life-altering epileptic seizures. The only cure was an operation called a hemispherectomy: the removal of one half of my brain.

My mother told Mister Rogers’ assistant that the show was a sanctuary for me and that I believed Mister Rogers was speaking directly to me when he sang his song, “Won’t You Be My Neighbor.” She explained about my seizures and my upcoming surgery and the fact that the seizures would not occur during his show. My mother hoped that Mister Rogers’ assistant would send an autographed photo of my TV friend or even a note from him assuring me that I was going to be OK.

One week before my hemispherectomy, the telephone rang. My mother spoke for a few minutes and told me that a friend wanted to talk with me. I was excited that someone calling themselves my friend was calling me. Friendships were difficult or me. Seizures scared adults, never mind kids!

I took the phone from my mother and said hello. I heard a familiar voice and felt immediately at ease. Mister Rogers asked me about my brain surgery and I told him things that I did not ever tell my parents.

I told him that I was scared but wanted the seizures to go away. I told him that I wanted the kids in my class to like me and play with me. I asked him about the members of his neighborhood who I had come to love: King Friday, Lady Elaine Fairchild and Daniel Striped Tiger. We talked for nearly an hour. Before I hung up the phone, I said, “I love you, Mister Rogers.”

We drove the seven hours to Johns Hopkins Childrens’ Hospital in Baltimore, Md., listening to the many cassette audio tapes sent to me by Mister Rogers a few days after his call. His soft voice discussed so many topics that concerned young children. My favorite

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Our teens are in crisis; here’s what we can do

These 10 steps would go a long way toward shoring up the services our teens desperately need, writes the Jewish Healthcare Foundation’s **ROBERT FERGUSON**

Adolescence is often a rocky journey as boys and girls make the difficult transition from childhood to adulthood. The transition, emotionally, socially and physically, can be painful.

For U.S. teens, the journey seems unusually challenging, and it is too often unsuccessful — particularly in comparison to youth in similar countries. U.S. teens have higher rates of depression, substance use, anxiety, obesity, diabetes, sexually transmitted disease, injury and death. In the United States, suicide is now the second-leading cause of death among adolescents, and more than a third of Allegheny County teens reported intentionally hurting themselves in the past year.

And, right now, in America, these problems could be exacerbated by the fear of violence in the very school settings where teens go to become competent, responsible and successful adults.

The saddest part of this story, the climax of an unsuccessful adolescence, is the inability to



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get mental-health services when needed. Whether one is a concerned parent seeking help for a teenager who shows signs of depression, anxiety or drug and alcohol misuse, or a frantic relative trying to prevent a young person from injuring themselves or others — like the grandmother in Seattle who discovered her grandson’s alarming journal — support is often absent.

Families may wait for 10 hours or more to get a teen evaluated during a crisis, only to be told that there are no hospital beds available unless they travel to a distant city. They may wade through directories of support services that aren’t current, only to find no outpatient-services openings, no immediate support services or no insurance coverage when openings occur. The teen may drop out of school or get expelled while the

family pleads for help.

We have not invested in the mental health of our teens. The data provide evidence. We have a leaky, broken safety net because we have not provided enough services, trained enough therapists and support staff, or built enough centers to help teens and families cope. Because of this, we jeopardize the future of our nation. Troubled youth who get no help cannot be expected to excel as parents, workers or responsible citizens. As a society, we can pay now or pay later — in a hundred ways.

Therefore, we plead with our legislators to pay now, to provide a powerful safety net to guide our youth to stable adulthood. It is a bipartisan, societal imperative. Let’s get the job done.

Here is an agenda woven

SEE **CRISIS**, PAGE D-4

Replace Pennsylvania voting machines right now

Ordering all newly purchased voting machines to leave a paper trail so that votes can be verified means little without state funding, explain election experts **WILFRED CODRINGTON** and **MARIAN SCHNEIDER**

Pennsylvania’s Acting Secretary of State Robert Torres last month directed that, going forward, all voting machines purchased in the state must employ “a voter-verifiable paper ballot or paper record of votes cast.”

This was great news. It will help ensure the accuracy of vote-counting in Pennsylvania and give voters more confidence in election results. It was long overdue.

The two key words in the directive are “verifiable” and “paper,” neither of which apply to how the vast majority of Pennsylvanians have been voting since 2006.

Currently, 83 percent of Pennsylvania voters use direct-recording electronic systems, or DREs — voting machines that produce no paper ballot for voters to verify before leaving their polling places and that therefore leave no paper trail to follow if election results are contested.

DREs are computer systems. Have you ever had your computer crash? Have you ever heard of computer systems being hacked?

The secretary’s directive comes

on the heels of warnings from leaders of the U.S. intelligence community that Russia already is trying to influence our elections, as it did in 2016. It also is likely that Russia will again probe our voting systems. NBC has reported that intelligence officials believe Russia penetrated the websites or voter registration systems of seven states prior to the 2016 election.

We must protect our democracy, which depends on public trust in the way we choose our leaders. All voters must be confident that their votes and only legitimate votes are counted.

Voter-marked paper records help safeguard the accuracy of voting results in the event of a hack or software failure. They make it possible to conduct post-election audits and recounts to verify machine records. Paperless DRE results cannot be verified, which is why the Pennsylvania Department of State must never recertify DRE machines.

Getting rid of DREs comports with the department’s stated goal: to guarantee “that the next generation of the commonwealth’s voting

systems can conform to enhanced standards concerning resiliency, auditability and security.” But, while its directive set strict guidelines on the types of voting machines Pennsylvania must purchase, the state has provided no money to buy them. The Wolf administration’s budget, released just days before the directive was announced, allocates zero funding for new machines.

This is a big problem for two reasons.

First, until the state provides its share of the money needed to replace voting equipment, most Pennsylvania voters will continue to cast ballots on DREs that do not guarantee the “resiliency, auditability and security” of our election system.

Second, many DREs are reaching the end of their lifespans, which makes them even more likely to produce inaccurate results or break down. Many precincts use machines running on outdated software and unsupported platforms, further exposing

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Rise of the multi-generational household

More and more Americans are living in extended families, which promises to be good for our civic health, explains professor **SAMUEL J. ABRAMS**

Given the regular flow of stories about the decline of the American community and the rise of the isolated individual, Americans should be celebrating a recent report by the Pew Research Center that found that multi-generational shared living has been steadily growing over the past decade and increasing in prominence since the Great Recession.

The news that 32 percent of the adult population in 2017 — almost 79 million —lived in a shared household should be greeted with great excitement, because bringing people of different generations together in close and intimate settings has the potential to spur real civic engagement and improve the nation’s democratic deficit — that is, the general apathy and low rates of participation in politics seen today in America.

One way to promote better civic behavior is through the close and repeated influence of elders. Because different generations are now residing together in greater numbers than decades ago, it is very possible that the more politically minded older Americans will hold sway over younger Americans, influencing them about politics and political engagement including the duty to vote.

Data from the 2016 American National Election Study clearly identify various possibilities for improved civic behavior.

The study has long asked, for instance, if one sees voting as a “duty” or a “choice.” If we look at younger Americans who were between 25 and 35 during the 2016 election, only 36 percent of them saw voting as a “duty.” The number jumps to 58 percent for Americans who were over the age of 60 — a non-trivial difference.

If we look at other questions in the election study, it becomes clear that older Americans are more trusting. Forty-nine percent of older Americans answered that they trust other people “most of the time” or “always.” With younger Americans, the number drops to 37 percent. It is hard to cure the nation’s democratic dysfunction if younger citizens do not trust others, or don’t see voting as a duty.

Being civic is more than trust and duty. It also means being informed. The election study clearly exposes significant differences in political knowledge between younger and older Americans.

Both age cohorts were able to identify Chief Justice John Roberts, but when it came to

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District 8 dilemma

Both Finn and Strassburger would serve city well

It's too bad that Sonja Finn and Erika Strassburger live in the same city council district. Both are excellent ambassadors of the new Pittsburgh. Both bring impressive resumes and sensible platforms to Tuesday's special election in council District 8, which takes in Shadyside and parts of Oakland, Point Breeze and Squirrel Hill. Pittsburgh would be stronger — and council more productive — if Ms. Finn and Ms. Strassburger occupied two of the nine seats.

Ms. Finn, who founded Dinette in East Liberty 10 years ago, and Ms. Strassburger, who was chief of staff to former District 8 councilman Dan Gilman, are far better prepared for council than the two other candidates, Ren-nick Remley, manager of corporate relations for the Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, and Marty Healey, chief financial officer for a real estate and construction company and an LGBT activist.

Because District 8 and the city would benefit if either wins, the Post-Gazette recommends a vote for Ms. Finn or Ms. Strassburger. Having two candidates of such quality in one district is a reminder of the value of at-large seats, which the city lacks.

The District 8 seat is vacant because Mr. Gilman resigned in January, just as his second term began, to become Mayor Bill Peduto's chief of staff. Because of the short run-up to a special election, the two major political parties chose their nominees. Mr. Remley, 35, of Squirrel Hill, received the Republican nod. Ms. Finn, 38, of Point Breeze, received the Democratic nod, which Ms. Strassburger, 35, of Squirrel Hill and Mr. Healey, 54, of Shadyside, also sought before deciding to run as independents. Ms. Strassburger has the support of the popular Mr. Gilman and of Mr. Peduto, who held the District 8 seat before his election as mayor.

As its economy continues to grow, Pittsburgh has an urgent need to attract talent from other parts of the country and retain what it is already here. Ms. Strassburger, a San Francisco Bay Area native who arrived in Pittsburgh via New Hampshire, and Ms. Finn, who went to Pittsburgh public schools before leaving and returning, via San Francisco, represent what is possible on these fronts. Either could contribute valuable insights to population and work-

force development needs.

While it can be unhealthy for a seat to pass from a council member to a subordinate — there is a long history of such transference in District 8 — Ms. Strassburger has won high marks for handling constituent service and other matters for Mr. Gilman for four years. She knows the issues and the players. If elected, she will hit the ground running. Asked whether she would be a sure vote for Mr. Gilman and Mr. Peduto, she said her activist streak — she previously worked as an environmental activist at PennFuture — will forestall any line-toeing. We take her at her word.

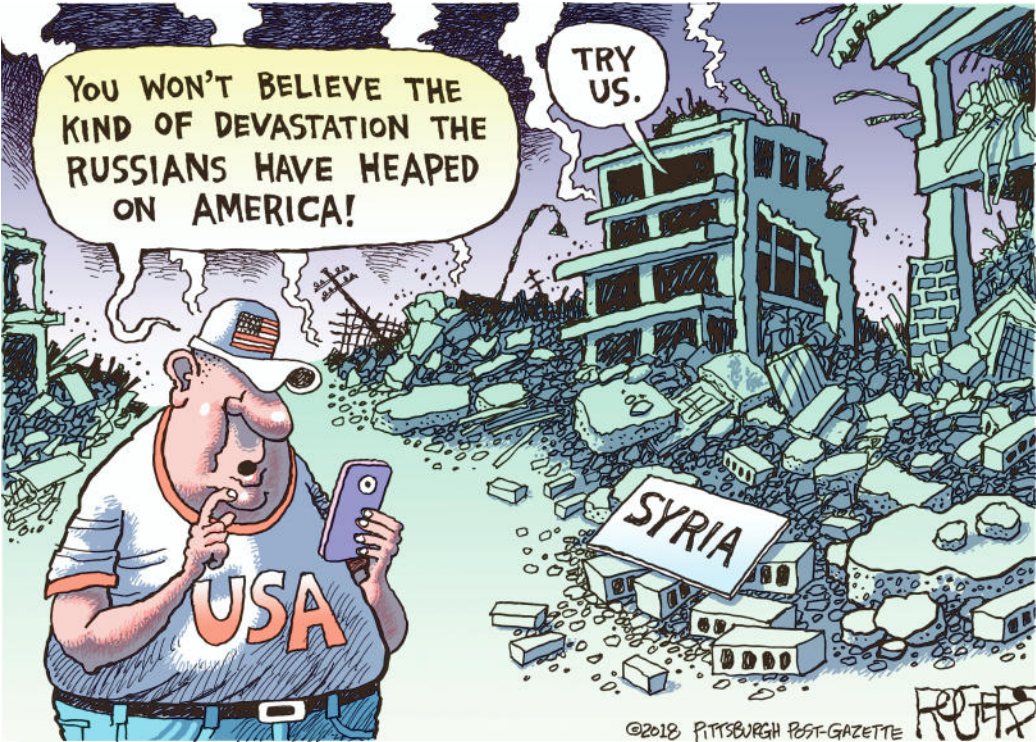
Ms. Finn more than compensates for her lack of government experience. While cutting her teeth in San Francisco's food scene, she crossed paths with some of the profession's luminaries: Judy Rodgers of Zuni Cafe and Alice Waters of Chez Panisse. She returned to Pittsburgh on a mission to leverage her culinary creativity for a neighborhood's comeback efforts, and she succeeded admirably. Dinette was one of East Liberty's standout restaurants, and she noted — with pride rather than petulance — that it shares the stage with many high-end eateries that popped up in more recent years. She's made payroll and navigated the industry's slim margins while living out her values; she champions sustainability and pays her employees above-standard wages and provides guaranteed work hours. Sadly, she won't guarantee Dinette's existence if she's elected to council.

Ms. Strassburger and Ms. Finn both understand the importance of paving streets, improving infrastructure and providing other basic services in the district. Ms. Strassburger is the more practical of the two and Ms. Finn the more idealistic. Mr. Remley is a bright spot in the race if only because the Republican Party seldom ventures into city politics, but he's run an all-but-invisible campaign. Mr. Healey's business background could help the city as it enters a new financial frontier after Act 47 and his commitment to social justice is commendable. However, Sonja Finn and Erika Strassburger are the strongest all-around candidates, and District 8 is in line for excellent leadership if either prevails Tuesday. Pittsburgh needs them both.

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Rob Rogers



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

Letters to the editor

Thank you for these powerful Vietnam stories

Kudos to Post-Gazette staff writer Diana Nelson Jones and photographer Nate Guidry for their superb package of stories about U.S. military veterans returning to Vietnam 50 years after the Tet offensive (Feb. 25, "Return to Vietnam").

Marine veteran George Haught's story always has been the most compelling Vietnam recollection I've heard in person, though there have been many others.

The first time I heard Mr. Haught speak was at one of Todd DePastino's Veterans Breakfast Club events a couple of years ago at Georgetown Centre in Pleasant Hills. George talked about his losses in Hue City with a low-keyed humility that tore me up.

I had to meet him the moment the breakfast ended. I have been privileged to call him my friend ever since.

For fully half a century, America has been blessed by his survival. Ms. Nelson Jones' descriptions of Mr. Haught and her quotations, as well as Mr. Guidry's photographs, make me even prouder to call him a fellow American.

Thank you for all of the stories that you compiled and related so beautifully. May both be showered with laurels throughout the next year for their compassionate, skillful journalism.

ED BLANK
Mt. Lebanon

Their sacrifices

My heart cries out upon reliving the memories of Marine George Haught (Feb. 25, "Return to Vietnam"). What they went through ... and what their families went through (Feb. 25, "Wives of Combat Learn to Cope With Husbands' Pain, Their Own Anxiety") then and still today — the deaths, the destruction of lives, the crying, the anger, the "bloody battlefields." With that said, throw into the mix the commandment from God: "Thou shall not kill." Of course the dilemma — kill or be killed. Not much choice for our military then and now.

Having lost high school classmates to the war, I have kept for 50 years a letter dated Feb. 20, 1968, from my close friend Trevor Williams, a Marine, written from Chu Lai, 50 miles south of Da Nang: "While you were giving your love an engagement ring in a nice place celebrating New Year's Eve, I was in a bunker with 5 inches of water and freezing. I was so nervous. January 30 the gooks hit us with rockets around 4 a.m. The first one hit around 20 yards from me! ... I'll tell you, Harry, you couldn't imagine what it is like to be under a rocket attack! I've never been so frightened in all my life."

Like him or not, President Donald Trump has brought back home the honor and appreciation of the sacrifices of our veterans and our military. Mr. Trump's support of the military is most welcomed.

Thank God for the likes of George Haught of Monaca and of Trevor Williams, Dave Fay, Vaughn Dexter (died in combat), George Threats (died in combat) and so forth of the New

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HARRY A. FLANNERY
New Castle

PG's comics reboot

I know there are a lot of pressing issues in the world today, but I have to comment on what you call a "reboot" of your comics pages (Feb. 25, "Five New Comics Join the Post-Gazette's Fun-nies"). I will miss "Mary Worth" and "Rex Morgan, M.D.," but I can live without them. Starting the day without "Mother Goose & Grimm" and "Curtis" will be more difficult.

The worst, though, is losing Cryptoquip. I know we still have Celebrity Cipher, but it's not the same. And I've already worn out one eraser on KenKen. As a "word person," I never even got the hang of Sudoku! Please consider bringing

back Cryptoquip for us "non-numbers" people.

We print newspaper readers — and there are a few of us left — can't handle these reboots!

MARCIA REICHL CONLEY
Oakland

Day the comics died

A short, short time ago I can still remember how The comics use to make me smile.

And I knew that with morning's glow

My comic friends would say hello

And maybe I'd be happy for a while.

But February made me shiver

When my paper was delivered.

I know that I sat and cried
The day the comics died.

We've known each other for a while.

You've shared my breakfast, made me smile.

I can't believe you've gone away.

Dagwood, Mary, Rex and June,

Beetle, Dennis, gone so soon
And Family Circus. What more can I say?

Zits and Curtis, Hagar too
Mother Goose and Baby Blue

Mutts will never brighten up my day.

So bye, bye to American Pie.

Read the newer comics but the humor was dry.

Guess I'll pour myself a glass of whiskey or rye

The day the comics died.

SYLVIA MARKO
Shaler

Our foundation is working with others to plant native trees

We love trees! That's why the Allegheny County Parks Foundation has been on the forefront of replacing some of the trees our region has lost (Feb. 28, "Allegheny County Tree Canopy Declining"). Working from a carefully curated list of species native to our region, ACPF has planted hundreds of trees in Boyce and South parks that will offset some of that loss.

The need to plant more trees was identified in comprehensive ecological assessments we've conducted in four parks so far and hope to eventually complete in all nine. These valuable documents, produced in partnership with the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, detail the resources we want to preserve (native wildflowers!), what we want to eliminate (invasive plant species!) and what we need to add (trees and meadows!). Working with the Allegheny County Parks, we are methodically chipping away at that long list. While Allegheny County Parks is taking active measures to preserve its existing tree population, ACPF is



partnering with several organizations to plant new tree habitats that will stand the test of time.

Volunteers from the community, schools and corporations planted the trees, alongside Allegheny County Rangers and Allegheny County Conservation District staff, and we know these citizen gardeners will come back for years to come to see how their hard work helped improved the ecosystem of their parks — perhaps our region's most valuable asset.

Our robust county parks system, with its nine parks spanning 12,000 acres, is one of the largest public park systems in the country. It may realistically contain the last remaining reservoir of trees and intact forests our region will be able to preserve. If that's the case, we're ready for the challenge.

CAREN GLOTFELTY
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Sunday Perspectives

My point
DAVID M. SHRIBMAN

Of arms and Americans

Our country has alternated between romance and revulsion in its relationship with guns

Commenting on the revolutions of 1848 in Europe, the British historian A.J.P. Taylor remarked that “German history reached its turning point and failed to turn.” This winter, in the wake of the shootings in Parkland, Fla., and amid Washington discussion of background checks, bump-stock bans and assault-weapon restrictions, the United States may have reached a turning point on gun control.

Yet there have been several turning points in America’s romance with, and debate over, firearms, which began in the earliest days of European settlement. The celebrated 20th-century American historian Richard Hofstadter, no friend of guns in the modern age, nonetheless acknowledged in a landmark 1970 article that early colonial farmers required guns for hunting and “for the control of wild vermin and predators.”

Though the country always has had large stocks of guns, it has not wanted for turning points in the history of our relationship with them. Here are some:

1610-1611 *Laves Divine, Morall and Martiall.*

These laws represent perhaps the first effort to regulate firearms in the New World, restricting the use of ammunition in colonial Jamestown, mainly to conserve ammunition. Later, Jamestown laws removed from blacks the right to bear arms. Today, at nearby Colonial Williamsburg, tourists can fire a flintlock musket at \$199 an hour.

Dec. 15, 1791. *Ratification of the Bill of Rights.*

This landmark document, intended to supplement the Constitution ratified in 1788, included in its Second Amendment these words: “A well regulated Militia, being necessary to the security of a free State, the right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

April 9, 1865. *Robert E. Lee’s surrender at Appomattox.*

This brought to an end America’s deadliest war, and as part of the surrender, Confederate combatants relinquished 27,000 guns. “The arms, artillery, and public property are to be parked and stacked and turned over to the officer appointed by me to receive them,” Ulysses S. Grant wrote in



the surrender document.

American lore celebrates Grant’s decision to permit Confederate soldiers to return home with their horses for spring planting, but the peace agreement also permitted the defeated combatants to return to their plantations, farms, villages and cities with their sidearms. (It was a .44Derringer pistol that killed Abraham Lincoln five days later.)

Sept. 14, 1901. *The ascension of Theodore Roosevelt to the presidency.*

This occurred as the direct result of a pistol, used on the grounds of Buffalo’s Pan-American Exposition to assassinate William McKinley. TR was a life member of the National Rifle Association, a gun enthusiast and a gun collector, particularly of Winchester, the first one of which he ordered at age 22. In his famous Badlands trip of 1883, he used a .45-calibre rifle and a double-barrelled shotgun to shoot a bison, a blacktail buck and some rabbits, grouse and other game. “When it came to gun knowledge or shooting skill,” according to an account in *The American Rifleman*, the magazine of the NRA, “no chief executive, now or then, was his peer.”

May 28, 1902. *The publication of Owen Wister’s “The Virginian.”*

No single piece of literature so enshrined the notion of the cowboy (and his gun) as this novel, written a decade after the official closing of the frontier by a Harvard graduate from Pennsylvania and a great friend of Theodore Roosevelt. Gunplay is a prominent feature of the novel.

“The Virginian himself is the progenitor of the cowboy as folk figure,” Wister’s daughter wrote. “It is because of him little boys wear 10-gallon hats and carry toy pistols.”

Feb. 14, 1929. *The St. Valentine’s Day Massacre.*

This grisly event, perversely celebrated in legend and lore, represents the high point of the Chicago gangster, bootlegger and prostitution culture and its personification, Al Capone. The ruthless killing of seven members of Bugs Moran’s North Side gang by 70 rounds of Tommy-gun ammunition became the inspiration for the 1959 romantic comedy “Some Like It Hot,” remembered in part for the appearance of Marilyn Monroe. It also inspired the 1934 National Firearms Act, heavily taxing and regulating machine guns.

March 1, 1952. *The television premiere of “Death Valley Days.”*

Built on a radio broadcast beginning seven years earlier, this program (host: Ronald Reagan) brought the Western and gunplay to a new level of cultural importance. It was followed by “Gunsmoke” (1955), “Bat Masterson” (1958) and “Bonanza” (1959), starring Lorne Greene, who, born in Ottawa, wasn’t even American. These shows were important cultural landmarks for baby boomers and their parents. The theme song for “Have Gun, Will Travel” includes this line: “His fast gun for hire heeds the calling wind.”

May 22, 1977. *The Revolt at Cincinnati.*

For a century following its 1871 founding, the NRA was

mostly a sportsman’s organization, promoting marksmanship, gun safety and hunting. “Most of that time we emphasized the hunting sports and marksmanship,” former executive vice president and CEO J. Warren Cassidy said in an interview. Summer camps embraced the group’s prescriptions for the care of rifles, and its ladder of marksmanship (Pro-Marksman, Marksman, etc.) was revered.

Then, at the 1977 NRA conference in Cincinnati, the NRA old guard was ambushed by insurrectionists who feared popular movements for gun control following the assassinations of the Kennedy brothers and Martin Luther King Jr. The new leadership that emerged gradually transformed the NRA’s identity from “gun group” to “gun lobby.”

June 26, 2008. *The District of Columbia vs. Heller case.*

For almost two centuries, many scholars agreed that the Second Amendment applied to militia, not individual gun owners. Roger Williams University legal researcher Carl Bogus read law-review articles from 1887 to 1960, concluding that all the examinations of the Second Amendment “endorsed the collective-right model,” meaning that they assumed the amendment covered militia. This Supreme Court decision, written primarily by Antonin Scalia, associated the Second Amendment with individuals.

April 20, 1999. *The shooting at Columbine High School.*

There had been mass shootings before, even in educational institutions — Charles Whitman killed 14 from the University of Texas Tower in 1966 — but this episode in Colorado, which killed 13, jolted the nation. The word “Columbine,” once signifying woodlands flowers, came to mean “school shooting,” and academic experts believe the incident, perpetrated by two seniors who killed themselves, became a script for other school shootings, including the ones at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, which also might come to seen as another turning point.

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Jay Cost

Trump is doing OK

Despite the noise, he’s advancing an agenda

The Donald Trump presidency is portrayed in news media as comically adrift — veering from scandal, to intemperate tweet, to gaffe and back to scandal. There is, no doubt, a lot to be said in favor of this depiction. But there is another aspect to the Trump story: His administration has reshaped public policy on a number of issues in a decisively conservative direction.

The Heritage Foundation — one of the nation’s premier conservative think tanks — has reported that the Trump administration has adopted 64 percent of the 334 of the recommendations it made for the new president. This is a pace faster than Ronald Reagan back in 1981, when he adopted 48 percent of Heritage’s agenda.

Many of these “accomplishments” are simply a shift in stated administration policy relative to the Barack Obama administration. Without congressional approval, they are basically just for show. Nevertheless, there have been substantive achievements.

Obviously, the biggest accomplishments are naming Neil Gorsuch to the Supreme Court as well as 14 (and counting!) confirmed appointments to the appellate courts, enacting comprehensive tax reform and increasing military spending. But the Trump administration has been busy in other ways, too.

The president has pulled the United States out of the Paris Climate Accord that set targets for greenhouse-gas emissions. He repealed net neutrality. He limited the amount of land the federal government can acquire in the West. He has reinstated the “Mexico City” policy that prohibits giving money to international groups that support abortion. He has opened up offshore drilling.

I could go on. The Heritage agenda is very granular, intending to reshape public policy across the board. By and large, Heritage experts are too conservative for today’s left-wing academy, but they are top-notch scholars who know the ins and outs of government. For Mr. Trump to implement their agenda is a big victory for those of us who believe in a smaller, less intrusive government that encourages economic growth.

One reason Mr. Trump has accomplished so much of Heritage’s agenda is that approximately 70 former members of the think tank were in the Trump transition team or are now in the Trump administration. The president’s shoot-from-the-hip style of campaigning meant that he did not have much of a policy shop during the 2016 election to set out a specific agenda for governing. Plus, his coming from the private sector meant he did not have his own base of political intellectuals, strategists and minders with a sense of how the government should work. We have seen the ill effects of this inexperience with the endless staff turnover in the West Wing, but it also has meant that Trump has relied heavily on Heritage for his governing agenda.

Another reason for Mr. Trump’s successes is that governing power has migrated to the executive branch, away from the legislature, over the past 80 years. The president has been given a lot of effectively unilateral power by Congress, which means he can reshape policy on all manner of issues. So, even though Mr. Trump has struggled with legislative accomplishments (tax reform notwithstanding), he still has been very active.

The great irony of this is that Mr. Trump promised to be an anti-establishment candidate, unpredictable and outside-the-box. While there is very little “establishment” about Heritage, which seeks to remake the government from top to bottom, it is a conservative policy organization more in keeping with Ted Cruz than Mr. Trump, or at least the Trump of the campaign trail.

Either way, I will take it. During the 2016 campaign, I publicly stated that I would not vote for Trump because I doubted his conservative bona fides. I still do, to be honest. I do not think he has put enough thought into policy to have firm and steady ideas. But he has the good sense to rely on the smart folks at Heritage to enact a genuinely conservative agenda. In government, results matter more than intentions.

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Keith Burris

One writer’s roots

We’re merging the editorial boards of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and The (Toledo) Blade

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and its sister paper, The Blade, of Toledo, Ohio, under the direction of publisher and editor-in-chief John Robinson Block, are about to engage in an effort that, to my knowledge, has never before been tried in American journalism. We are, with the help of John Allison, Dan Simpson and Joe Smydo here, and my colleagues Wynne Everett, Tom Troy and Will Tomer in Toledo, going to merge two editorial boards and, to the fullest extent possible, two editorial pages.

For all of us, this is going to be fun.

The trick will be to make our pages fun for our readers, with meaningful and compelling commentary on local, state, national, international and cultural topics. Our range is wide. Our subject matter is inexhaustible.

And our mission is a simple, though not an easy one: insight.

Those of us who labor on the opinion side of journalism go to our reading, our discussions with fellow journalists, academics and policy makers, and ultimately our keyboards in search of insight. It’s not good enough to rehash and deplore. We must give readers some nugget of thought to take away from every piece we generate.

I have been writing commentary and opinion since 1980 (one of the first pieces I wrote was on the death of John Lennon, for the Post-Gazette) and professionally since the mid-1980s when the late and great John Craig, editor of the Post-Gazette, plucked me out of the academy.

Mr. Craig had me try out as a sort of glorified intern at this



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newspaper, and when I’d more or less passed the test, he called me into his office and said, “I think you could do this work.” But why would I want to? I loved teaching. Well, said Mr. Craig, you will have a very large classroom and you will have a more varied life.

Soon I was on my way to my first professional job as an editorial writer — in Winston-Salem, North Carolina. Two years later Mr. Craig persuaded William Block Sr., that great gentleman, to hire me in Toledo.

At about the time I went to Winston-Salem, Mr. Craig took part in a panel discussion at a national journalists’ convention on the elements of good editorial writing. As usual, he eschewed piety for provocation. Most editorial pages are dull, repetitive and sanctimonious, he said. Our first rule should be: Don’t be boring.

Say something. Make a point. Provoke thought.

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sight, which means that one has to be willing to risk giving offense.

It also means a resistance to orthodoxies, ideologies and isms.

I never heard Mr. Craig articulate a second rule, but he epitomized the independent journalist. Writers and journalists must have no side, or tribe. In this age of team journalism, and almost total predictability in opinion writing, the opinion writer must have roots, but no permanent alliances. He should follow the evidence and his own reason to where both take him and be able to surprise himself.

My own roots are in Ohio and the values I learned from my father, mother and grandfather there — service, compassion, and work — and in Pittsburgh, where I learned to write and to think.

I earned two graduate degrees at University of Pittsburgh and taught at Washington & Jefferson, two places etched deep in my memory and heart. I have come back to this city, and to Pitt, often since I left in 1985, sometimes to visit with old friends or fellow students, sometimes to show the place to my kids. Pittsburgh has been my Mecca.

I had three mentors at Pitt — Richard Cottam, who shaped my ideas about nationalism and American foreign policy; William Keefe, who cemented my interest in American government, especially Congress and political parties; and John W. Chapman, who did not so much teach me political philosophy as teach me how to read and absorb it.

Professor Chapman’s graduate seminar was held as his home in Squirrel Hill, just above CMU and behind the Pittsburgh Golf Club. We walked there, rain or shine, through the two campuses and up

the long hill. The seminar was two to three hours long, once a week, and we broke half way through for sherry. Everyone wrote a paper, every week, and presented it. Mr. Chapman said: “You don’t know what you think until you write.”

John Chapman was a magnificent man — insatiably curious, eccentric, rigorous, uncompromising, ever amazed and amused. When he became aware, on one occasion, that I had a difficulty in my life, his solution was to take me target shooting. He was a classic liberal who became one of the first neo-conservatives. He wrote his dissertation on Rousseau and was a colonel in military intelligence in the Air Force Reserve. He let me write my dissertation on Hannah Arendt, though he considered all forms of existentialism to be “madness.” To the extent that I am a writer and thinker, or an honest arbiter of ideas, it is due to him.

It is thanks to him that I later discovered the writers and thinkers who formed my mind — Arendt, Reinhold Niebuhr, Michael Oakeshott, Russell Kirk, Isaiah Berlin and Walker Percy.

It was the opportunity to study with John Chapman that brought me to Pittsburgh many years ago and kept me in Greater Pittsburgh for roughly eight years. I lived in Shadyside, Squirrel Hill and Bloomfield, as well as “Little Washington” before my wife and I went south, then west, then east to raise our children.

More on words and ideas in the weeks and months to come; these offerings are to say “hello.”

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Forum

Our teens are in crisis; here’s what we can do

CRISIS, FROM D-1

from two years of conversations among state and county leaders, mental-health and substance-use providers, social-service representatives, family and patient advocates, educators, health-plan representatives, nonprofit leaders and researchers. There’s urgency; it’s time to deliver.

1. Increase loan reimbursements and payment rates for psychiatrists and other behavioral-health professionals. Many private behavioral-health practitioners no longer accept insurance, since salaries in behavioral health care are well below similar positions in other types of health care. This issue is especially acute for child and adolescent psychiatry. There are severe shortages in 85 percent of the states, including Pennsylvania. While psychiatrists and other behavioral-health professionals are now part of a loan-repayment program in the state, we need to increase the opportunities for loan repayment.

2. Create certificate programs and reimbursement for Family Support Partners and Youth Peer Support Partners. The Pennsylvania Medicaid program funds Certified Peer Specialists with lived mental-health recovery experience who work with adults with serious mental illness. We commend efforts to expand this program to serve youth with serious emotional or mental illness and to create certification programs and reimbursement for Family Support Partners who help parents advocate for their children.

3. Require school nurses, counselors and other personnel to be trained in behavioral health. We need to create a community that recognizes signs of distress in our teens, and can help them get back on track. One good avenue is Youth Mental Health First Aid, which is designed to train school personnel, teachers, families, youth, employers

and other community members how to assist someone experiencing a mental-health crisis.

4. Advocate for commercial and public resources to increase the full continuum of services, including step-down treatment. We need everything from out-of-home services to community-based services. This means increasing resources for everything from crisis-response services to inpatient psychiatric beds to community care and ongoing supports; from creative pre-crisis and safety-net services to informal networks of family caregivers and teens. It also means removing barriers to care, like the exclusion that prohibits use of federal financing for care in behavioral-health residential treatment facilities with more than 16 beds.

5. Create a mental-health-bed registry in Pennsylvania. Identifying available psychiatric beds across the state would help simplify referrals and reduce bottlenecks at emergency rooms.

6. Advocate for commercial insurance coverage, including coverage for behavioral-health crisis and follow-up service. Resolve Crisis Network services are publicly funded and available to everyone. Support from commercial health plans would create greater capacity for crisis services and get help to teens and families more quickly.

7. Create new methods for paying behavioral-health providers based on outcomes rather than individual, discrete services. Health plans and providers, in both the private and public sectors, should design payment methods that allow them to deliver services that matter to families before, during and after a behavioral-health crisis.

8. Update the regulations on behavioral-health providers. We encourage families, teens and advocacy groups to help review the regulations for services. A unified licensing and credentialing system for providers and

closing the disconnects between services for mental health and alcohol and other drugs also could relieve significant regulatory burdens on providers.

9. Fund the provision of evidence-based behavioral-health services by creating a system for training providers on evidence-based services, financing the services and measuring the outcomes. Although evidence-based services exist for adolescents, such as trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy, they are not always provided in practice. Families also often do not know whether the service being provided is based on the best available evidence as to what works and what doesn’t work.

10. Demand transparent strategies for ensuring the quality of behavioral-health services and use validated surveys for measuring satisfaction, functioning and recovery. Families need to be able to identify what services are most essential, effective, affordable, compassionate and accessible. While a method exists to measure consumer satisfaction in the publicly funded behavioral-health system, this information should be available much more quickly. Private health plans must implement a similar method to measure and report consumer satisfaction and quality.

We will salute the legislators, health systems and public officials who advance and support these policy imperatives. We will reassure families, youth, advocacy groups and committed professionals that you understand the urgency of this situation and that you have responded to a crisis with the bipartisan intensity it deserves. Make Pennsylvania the gold standard for adolescent mental-health services and guarantee a healthy and responsible next generation.

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Replace Pennsylvania voting machines right now

MACHINES, FROM D-1

our elections results to error.

New York University’s Brennan Center for Justice recently surveyed election officials across the country, including some from 35 counties in Pennsylvania, asking whether they had sufficient funds to replace their

voting equipment. Only one county in Pennsylvania, Cumberland, said it had enough. As one director of elections put it: “State and federal funding are crucial factors for many counties across the commonwealth. Not every county is financially able to spend \$2 million on new equipment.”

Appropriating funds for

new machines is unquestionably the most important task ahead to ensure the reliability of our election system. And time is of the essence as the Nov. 6 local, state and national elections approach.

As one election official said, counties “need to get the ball rolling” on purchasing new equipment because they don’t want to make major changes to their voting systems just before an election. The window for action is closing fast.

The General Assembly must act with urgency. It must include money in this year’s budget to help Pennsylvania counties replace their aging, unreliable and unverifiable voting equipment. If the state department’s directive is not funded, it means little.

During the Cold War, President Ronald Reagan would often repeat a proverb that summed up his approach to dealing with Russia (ironically) and its promises: Trust but verify.

To date, Pennsylvanians have had reason to trust that their votes are being counted accurately. But shouldn’t they also be able to verify it — especially at time when our voting systems are under unprecedented threat?

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Gene J. Puskar/Associated Press

Fred Rogers pauses during a taping of his show “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood.”

Mister Rogers liked me just the way I was

ROGERS, FROM D-1

cassette was the one where he sang, “I Like You Just the Way You Are.”

The day before surgery I endured back-to-back medical tests to determine if my body could survive the 12-hour surgery to remove my entire left hemisphere. I was confused and scared but believed that my doctors and parents would not do anything to hurt me. I wanted the seizures to stop and would go along with anything that stopped them.

In between the tests, I was able to spend time with my older brother, whom I loved dearly. We played games and watched movies. I didn’t realize it at the time, but my brother was worried that he might never see me again. He was only 10 years old.

The very last thing I said to my parents as I was wheeled into the operating room was, “No more seizures.”

Dr. Carson, my neurosurgeon, told my parents that the surgery went well and they could see me when they placed me in the recovery room. I lay swollen with tubes and wires in and all around my head and body.

My parents had faith in my surgeon and neurologist, Dr. Freeman, but this scared them beyond words. Later that night, for reasons that have never been explained, I fell into a deep coma.

With the sounds of life-support machines beep-

ing, IV fluids being pumped into my body, nurses and doctors running in and out of my room and my parents softly sobbing, you could hear Mister Rogers singing “I Like You Just the Way You Are” from a cassette player on a back shelf in my room in the Intensive Care Unit.

My mother was called from the room to the nurses’s station and handed a phone. A man claiming to be Mister Rogers was asking for her. It was Mister Rogers asking her how I was doing. Mom gave him the bleak news that, although the surgery went well, I suffered severe brain stem swelling and was in a coma. They talked a little more and he told her that he would pray for me. We did not know that Mister Rogers was an ordained Presbyterian minister.

For the following two weeks, Mister Rogers called every day to ask about my status and to pray with my mother. One morning, he called and asked her if it would be OK if he visited me the next afternoon. My mother told him that, sadly, I was still in a coma and would not know he was there. He said he would come anyway. He asked that she not tell anyone he was coming because he wanted it to be a private visit and did not want the press to be there.

The next afternoon, Mister Rogers flew from Pittsburgh to Baltimore with only a clarinet case. A minister friend from Balti-

more picked him up at the airport and drove him directly to Johns Hopkins Children’s Hospital.

My parents, brother, grandparents and many other family members had been taking turns keeping vigil by my bedside. All tried in their own ways to wake me from my coma. They immediately recognized the tall man with the kind face as he stepped inside my room.

Mister Rogers gently placed his clarinet case on my bed, opened it and took out King Friday, Lady Elaine Fairchild and my favorite, Daniel Striped Tiger. For the following hour, I was the star in his neighborhood.

I’d love to end this story by telling you that right there and then I emerged from my coma, but, no, this was not to be. After his visit with me and several more minutes with my family, Mister Rogers’ minister friend drove him back to the airport and he flew back to Pittsburgh, taking along an empty clarinet case.

What I can tell you, though, is that Mister Rogers became my real friend and not just a TV friend! We remained close and shared many conversations, birthday wishes and milestones for the following 20 years until his death on Feb. 27, 2003.

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Rise of the multi-generational household

FAMILIES, FROM D-1

other well-known politicians, numbers diverged significantly in some cases. For example, former Vice President Joe Biden was less known to younger Americans than to older citizens (81 percent to 93 percent); similarly, fewer young citizens knew about Russian President Vladimir Putin (77 percent to 89 percent).

The gaps widened even more for German Chancellor Angela Merkel (33 percent to 51 percent) and House Speaker Paul Ryan (42 percent to 65 percent). While simple factual recall is not a measure of intelligence, it is hard for younger Americans to understand politics and policy and engage in discussions when so many of them are unaware of the major players and their policy positions.

Low interest in politics does not prevent one from voting, but it is a determinant of civic health. The election study data make it very clear that younger

and older Americans are not in sync when it comes to levels of political interest.

Sixty-two percent of younger Americans say that they are “very” or “somewhat interested,” compared to 76 percent of older Americans. Relatedly, 54 percent of younger Americans claim to follow politics “fairly” or “very closely” compared to 72 percent among their elders. In addition, 57 percent of Millennials “agree somewhat” or “strongly” that they understand most important political issues — compared to their seniors at 70 percent.

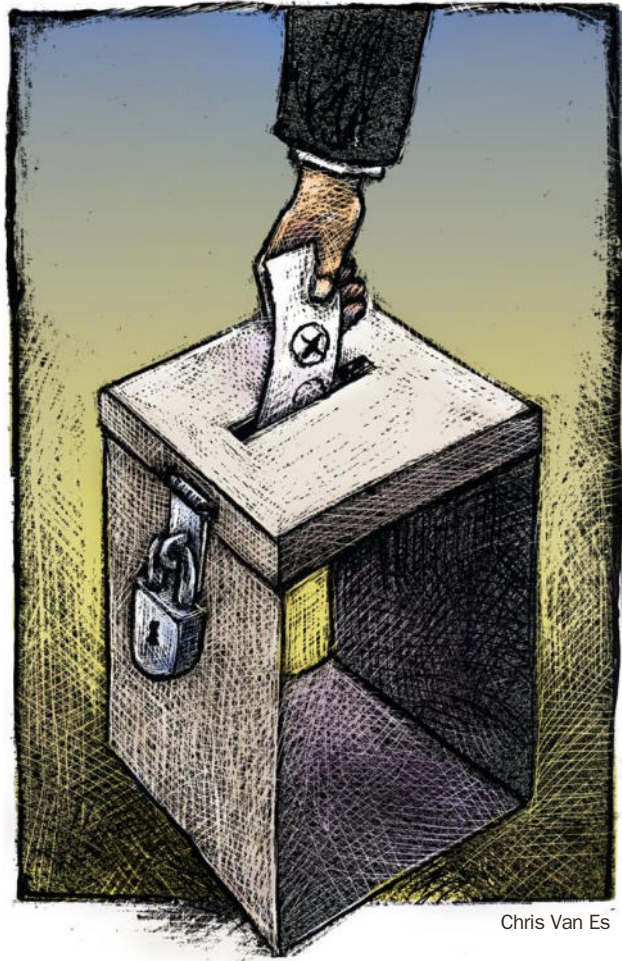
None of these surveys are absolute, and some questions show generational agreement and even reveal that younger cohorts are significantly more active on social media when dealing with political questions. Nevertheless, the data make it clear that younger Americans do not see voting as a duty, are far less knowledgeable about politics and policy, and have lower levels of in-

terest and engagement compared to older cohorts.

Living together is one of the most powerful forms of influence, and we should be quite happy that these new trends in the cohabitation of younger and older Americans have begun to develop. It is no surprise that places like Italy have traditionally had much higher levels of engagement among younger generations, virtually all of whom reside with older generations for longer periods of time.

These changing inter-generational living arrangements may well be a cure for our ever-growing government dysfunction, which stems in part from apathy, ignorance and disengagement. It is time for older generations to encourage younger cohorts to live up to their civic duty.

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Books



Venturing into the slip-stream of 1968

Author revisits the making of Van Morrison's 'Astral Weeks'

By Steve Halvonik

The story of how Van Morrison wrote and recorded his seminal album "Astral Weeks" during the most tumultuous year in postwar America could have been a modern epic of near Pasternakian proportions.

OK, OK. Maybe it was never going to be "Dr. Zhivago." But it had more potential than Ryan H. Walsh wrings out of it in his disappointing and disjointed "Astral Weeks: A Secret History of 1968."

Mr. Walsh, a writer and musician, takes the thread of a promising idea — that Van Morrison wrote the backbone of "Astral Weeks" while hiding out in radical Boston — and spins pure dross.

The book's main problem is structural. It's two or three reasonably entertaining chapters of original reporting about Mr. Morrison sandwiched around recycled newspaper stories about Boston's counterculture. Like a Mercedes-Benz hood ornament welded onto a Pinto, the parts just don't fit. Van Morrison was a loner, with no ties to Boston's counterculture (unless you consider ex-J. Geils singer Peter Wolf a revolutionary).

To be fair, this probably wasn't the book Mr. Walsh set out to write. And it probably wasn't what Penguin Press expected when it commissioned a book three years ago.

But, as Donald Rumsfeld might say, sometimes you have to go to print with the material you have rather than the material you wish you had.

The idea for this book was hatched in 2015, when Boston Magazine published Mr. Walsh's article about the city's ties to Mr. Morrison's most acclaimed record. Mr. Walsh reported that Van Morrison, 22 years old and fresh off the hit single "Brown Eyed Girl," had lived in an apartment in Cambridge, Mass., during the spring and summer of 1968 while waiting out a contract dispute.

He passed the time by writing and rehearsing new material for an album that became known as "Astral Weeks."

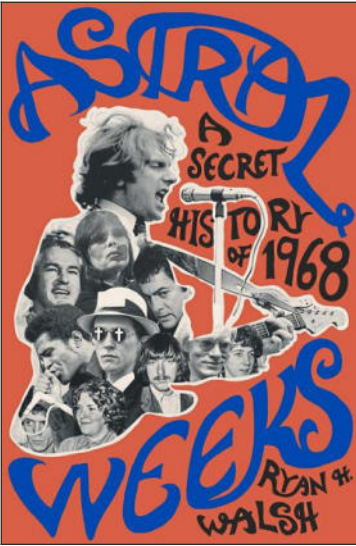
An editor at Penguin saw the

"ASTRAL WEEKS: A SECRET HISTORY OF 1968"

By Ryan H. Walsh
Penguin Press
\$27

magazine article, liked it, and suggested that Mr. Walsh turn it into a book. With all the baby boomer-driven rock memoirs climbing the best-seller lists in recent years, a book-length retrospective on one of pop music's most beloved and admired records probably seemed like a surefire hit.

There was only one problem: the perpetually prickly Mr. Morrison refused to cooperate, the Boston Globe reported last March. With deadline fast approaching, Mr. Walsh, by choice or by necessity, resorted to an old reporter's trick: He filled out his narrative with rehashed newspaper articles. A couple of them, like the tale of actor-turned-bank-robbler Mark Frechette, are mildly engrossing; most of them, like the history of Mel Lyman, a Charlie Manson wannabe who operated a string of communes in Boston, Los Angeles



and San Francisco, probably won't interest anyone but New England septuagenarians.

Contrary to the title, "Astral Weeks: A Secret History of 1968" offers no new perspective on the major news events of that most traumatic year.

There are glancing references to the assassination of Robert F. Kennedy and the political riots at the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, but they're usually made in connection to some concurrent event in Boston.

The assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., for example, is



Ryan Walsh

used to recycle a threadbare tale about how Boston Mayor Kevin White enticed soul singer James Brown to perform a concert to prevent urban rioting in the wake of Rev. King's murder.

As for Van Morrison, he blusters through this book like a churlish man-child with a drinking problem. "He was a hateful little guy," said Joe Smith of Warner Bros. records. "Our life was very traumatic and horrible," said Mr. Morrison's ex-wife, Janet Rigsbee.

Perhaps one reason for Van Morrison's refusal to cooperate is his continuing ambivalence toward "Astral Weeks."

Although it now appears on many best-album lists, "Astral Weeks" flopped on release in November 1968. Its mystical, stream-of-consciousness lyrics about death and rebirth, and its hushed folk- and jazz-tinged musical arrangements placed it completely outside the political and musical mainstream.

"Of all the records I have ever made, that one is definitely not rock," Mr. Morrison said. "Why they keep calling it one I have no idea."

Without the singer's cooperation, Mr. Walsh tries to piece together Mr. Morrison's Boston sojourn through interviews with his ex-wife and several local musicians. Their secondhand recollections, however, are a poor substitute for the musician's personal insight.

A generation of artists, from film director Martin Scorsese to heartland rocker Bruce Springsteen, have cited "Astral Weeks" as an influence.

With the golden anniversary of "Astral Weeks" fast approaching, the timing was perfect for a look at one of pop music's greatest achievements and its place in pop culture. Sadly, Ryan Walsh's book is not it.

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Misread cues and social delusions

A new collection by the doyenne of short stories

By Sandra Levis



Joyce Carol Oates

"BEAUTIFUL DAYS: STORIES"

By Joyce Carol Oates
Ecco
\$26.99

Joyce Carol Oates may be criticized in the Twittersphere for her frank and controversial observations, but her status as the doyenne of the American short story remains uncontested.

In "Beautiful Days," the prolific author once again delivers a selection of skillfully written stories as powerful as any she has produced in her long and distinguished career.

The volume opens with the image of a roiling river that mesmerizes two restless souls who soon plunge into an affair, disregarding the audible roar warning of danger ahead. That waterway is an apt metaphor for this three-part story collection, which begins with a succession of recognizable domestic tragedies, picks up the pace in the rapids of paranoia, and finally goes over the edge in a cataract of mind-bending tales.

There are no happy endings — you've been warned — but the material is continually fascinating.

The figures throughout are pathetic and poignant, misreading cues and often deluding themselves. In Part I, an adulteress declares her desire to be "brutally, totally" honest with her lover at the onset of their affair, then fails to mention her terminal illness.

An unwitting actress, recruited by a suicidal narcissist to help him recreate a childhood memory, tolerates his erratic behavior in the mistaken belief that they are building a relationship. And a grieving stepmother — on a cruise and emotionally at sea after her daughter's sudden death — fixates on an unattractive "freak family ... out of a Diane Arbus photograph," only to realize that she is the person whom her fellow travelers find bizarre.

The currents of confusion grow stronger in Part II. "The Disappearing" details an aging housewife's escalating anxiety as she observes children, friends and favorite activities fading away.

She grows desperately afraid of losing her husband but may in fact be losing her mind to dementia. "Friend of My Heart" provides an excruciating account of an embittered adjunct professor's obsession with a college classmate who has surpassed her professionally. Ostracized by "elitists," disrespected by "inferior minds" and warped by jealousy, she steels herself for a long-awaited showdown, then finds her perception altered when her rival, mistaking her for someone else, greets her with genuine warmth.

That character, teetering though she is on the edge of psychosis, is nevertheless the most sympathetic of the numerous academics that appear in these stories. Tenured or not, they are an unhappy bunch — callous, clueless, frightened, egotistical and aloof. (Ms. Oates, who spent decades on the faculty at Princeton University, clearly has little love for her former colleagues.)

Worst of all are the postdoctoral researchers in "Undocumented Alien," the central story in boldly experimental Part III. Using their intellects and the protocols of the

project as shields against standards of human decency, they objectify a Nigerian student "saved" from deportation by reducing him to the status of a lab rat. When computer chips implanted in his brain affect his cognitive functions, the 21st-century Frankenstein struggles to cling to his humanity in a display that is horrific for both the subject and the reader.

Equally sinister and possibly more disturbing, at least for parents, is "Fractal," a variation of Hansel & Gretel, in which a mother eager to please her precocious son drives him to the distant Fractal Museum, where he is lured to his doom in an alternate reality simu-



Beautiful Days

Joyce Carol Oates

lating a video game.

The destruction of innocents is addressed again in the surreal title story, "Les Beaux Jours," inspired by the abstruse artwork of the painter Balthus. A vulnerable young girl, barraged by graphic imagery in the media and carelessly exposed to the sex lives of her parents, is drawn to — and then literally drawn into — a suggestive painting she doesn't quite understand. Once inside, she is exploited and imprisoned by the nefarious Master. Her pitiful appeals for rescue echo down the halls of the museum, unheard or unheeded, as her life is sacrificed for art.

Love her or lambast her, one is obliged to acknowledge the author's seemingly inexhaustible imagination. Joyce Carol Oates' ability to revisit the same genre over and over again and continually create something fresh is enough to blow an appreciative reader's mind — and blow her critics right out of the water.

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7. **Sing, Unburied, Sing**, Jesmyn Ward, Scribner, \$26
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9. **Still Me**, Jojo Moyes, Pamela

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10. **Origin**, Dan Brown, Doubleday, \$29.95

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— Indie Booksellers

WILL I MAKE IT?

IT'S A QUESTION, BILL ZLATOS WRITES, THAT HE ASKED HIMSELF MANY TIMES DURING HIS QUEST TO CLIMB MOUNT KILIMANJARO

A snowcapped Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa.

I lay motionless in the circular coffin of an MRI machine that scanned my body with a hum. My right side had been aching, and my upper right leg had gone numb.

I was preparing to climb Mount Kilimanjaro in Africa, so last year, I had doctors check me out.

My back doctor attached pictures in front of a light. He showed the fluid — white in the images — and the nerves —black —running down my spine. The further down my spine, the whiteness vanished, reflecting pinched nerves. “If I showed five spinal specialists these tests, they’d all agree you shouldn’t be able to walk more than two blocks,” he said.

Great, I thought. In two months, I would attempt to climb to the top of the highest mountain in Africa.

Doctors found arthritis in my right hip and right knee and, now, my spine. Plus, I had a stroke five years ago. The climb was my way of telling the stroke who’s the boss now.

But at age 66, I wasn’t getting any younger. I decided to climb Kilimanjaro anyway.

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David Edgerton, my fiancée’s son-in-law, was climbing with me. He figured we would walk about 100,000 steps up and down the mountain. The two blocks that are all I’m supposed to walk make up about 400 steps.

I may not have the back to get to the summit, I thought, but I have the backbone to try.

David’s employer, Erie Insurance, partners with the American Heart Association and American Stroke Association, so we used our climb to help the nonprofits raise money.

In preparation, I worked out under the care of physical therapists and at the North Boroughs YMCA. I ran or walked two hours with a 10-pound weight in my pack.

Kilimanjaro, a dormant volcano frequently clouded in mist, rises above the plains of northeast Tanzania. It is the highest free-standing mountain in the world. It is not easy to climb.

Of at least 25,000 tourists who attempt the climb every year, about half fail. About 1,000 tourists a year have to be evacuated.

Between 1996 and 2003, a study found, 25 tourists died climbing Kilimanjaro, usually from altitude sickness. Even marathon runners don’t know how they will handle the thin air. The summit has half as much oxygen as sea level.

I chose the Lemosho Route for its beauty and sparse crowds. We started Aug. 26 at the Londorossi Gate, elevation 7,742 feet. That left another 11,599 vertical feet.

I called every member of our crew “brother” and our guides, Arnold Fredrick and Michael John, “boss.” I would do whatever they said to reach the top. “The thing I like about you, Bill,” Arnold would say, “is you never give up.”

We met Dianne and Nicole, sisters from the Dutch West Indies, in another group. Dianne runs an art gallery in Florence, and Nicole is a business consultant in Curacao. We regularly exchanged pleasant-ries on the trail.

The key to summiting, Arnold said, is to be positive and walk slowly. We began climbing in a mountain rain forest, the first of five climate zones on Kilimanjaro. In lush greenery brightened by red-dish impatiens, black-and-white colobus monkeys swung from



Bill Zlatos hugs and smooches the Kissing Rock for dear life as he scrambles up the Barranco Wall.



David Edgerton, left, and Mr. Zlatos at the Londorossi Gate getting ready to start the trek. Mountain guides Arnold Fredrick and Michael John help Mr. Zlatos down from Stella Point until the descent was not as steep.



Photos courtesy of Bill Zlatos

limbs like little Tarzans.

The next morning, we trekked into heather. The trail steepened, and I started panting. I wondered if I was dying. Fortunately, the trail eased, and we collapsed in our tent.

On day three, we hiked to moorland and back to heather. We camped near Lava Tower, a volcanic plug 300 feet tall that was ejected eons ago and cooled off.

That night, Arnold and Michael said we next would tackle the Barranco Wall, a basalt face as high as the U.S. Steel Tower. They warned of the Kissing Rock, a boulder so big on a trail so narrow that hikers hug it to get around.

“What are the consequences for a fall there?” I asked.

The guides laughed. “Not good.” I’m going to hug that rock so tight and kiss it so much it might have my baby, I said.

The guides laughed heartily.

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From a distance, the Barranco Wall looks vertical and impassable. We scrambled over boulders, pulling ourselves over some, and followed the winding trail to the Kissing Rock. I squirmed around and planted a couple of kisses. We later stood above a sea of clouds.

“If by any chance we had fallen

off the Barranco Wall, especially at the Kissing Rock, our survival chance would have been zero,” Arnold remarked afterward. “There are so many sharp-edged rocks down in the river, so no one can survive that fall unless they are Marvel heroes.”

On day five, we crossed an alpine desert of pumice and broken pottery-like rock. The sisters greeted us. Dianne, leaning over, confided, “Bill, you are my hero.” Fighting back tears, I embraced her.

Summit day: With a forecast of 14 degrees, I mummified myself in thick layers and donned a balaclava like a bank robber. It was nearly midnight, so I followed the 3-foot beam from my headlamp. For the rest of the night, my whole world was that space.

David, 41, ascended the final stretch with little problem. Here’s how he described my climb: “I can’t even count the number of stumbles, half-falls ... almost placing his foot down the rocky cliff side. It was a constant struggle for the next five-plus hours.”

The higher we climbed, the more tired I felt. My legs faltered like a newborn colt’s. Despite David’s encouragement, I slowed down and rested often, wheezing

and slurping water from my pack.

I had become the walking dead. My feet meandered. David sometimes poked my pack to prevent me from toppling onto him. If I started to stray, he placed his ski pole alongside me like a guardrail.

A week of interrupted sleep made me groggy. I stared at the illuminated ground and imagined a bed. I longed to drop on it, curl up and sleep. Perhaps the only thing that stopped me was the concern that I might roll off the mountain.

Despite the cold, I sweated profusely. David wanted me to adjust the balaclava drooping over my eyes, but I waited like a baby for help. I finally removed it.

“Oh, man, you’re steaming,” Arnold said.

David worried about my safety. I doubted my stamina and considered heading back down.

But I thought of Dianne, Arnold’s confidence in me and David’s advice — don’t think of the total climb, just the next step. So I took one step.

I thought of the YMCA, my physical therapists, the fund drive for the heart and stroke associations. I was their poster boy. I took another step.

I thought of my stroke. If I had had it 20 minutes earlier that day, I

would have been driving on the Parkway West. The stroke could have killed me and maybe others.

Beat the stroke, I told myself. In defiance, I took another step.

David said the approaching dawn would brighten the path and maybe clear my mind. He was right. At dawn, I could see Stella Point, one of Kilimanjaro’s three peaks. Sunlight was giving me hope.

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We reached Stella Point about 7 a.m. and rested in the arctic zone, a lunar landscape of rock, pebbles and ash. We trudged along the crater rim. At 7:58 a.m. we joined two dozen hikers at the wooden sign marking Uhuru, the highest peak on Kilimanjaro at 19,341 feet.

Ecstatic, I considered kissing the ground but decided against it. I don’t kiss anyone’s ash.

Instead, I tapped the iconic sign and posed for pictures with David.

A hiker in a Chicago Cubs shirt proclaimed, “Sixty-five and the oldest man here.”

“Sixty-six and a stroke,” I countered.

I couldn’t let a Cubs fan think he had outdone a Pittsburgher.

When it was time for the descent, Arnold told me to put my arms around him and Michael, and they dragged me down the mountain. I could see why. We slogged down a steep slope of ashy scree almost to our boot tops. Without help, I would have sped downhill like a runaway train on broken wheels.

I eventually walked on my own, and we reached camp before noon. The crew members cheered for us and bumped our fists. After a nap and lunch, we continued our descent on the Torture Road, a rugged terrace of white stones. My arthritic knee ached as if hammered.

We arrived in near darkness after hiking 11 miles over 15 hours — 4,000 feet up and 10,000 feet down. I was more spent than a ragged dollar bill.

The next morning, with teary eyes, I addressed the team.

I thanked them for getting up our toilet, for cooking, for carrying gear. I thanked Arnold and Michael for leading us up and helping me down. We never could have climbed Kilimanjaro without them.

The staff sang “Jambo Bwana,” a popular Kenyan song, in Swahili. Frank, the lead singer, clapped, spun and stomped. I swayed and joined David in clapping.

We gave each team member a Swahili salute, bumping fists and pounding our chests. “Asante,” I said, thank you.

I returned to America 10 pounds lighter. David’s company collected \$21,326 for the heart and stroke associations, leading Erie businesses. His team raised \$5,562, leading 267 other teams.

I will never forget Kilimanjaro, for it tested me to the limits of my endurance. I recall vistas of crater and ice, thick jungle, giant rocks spewed from an ancient volcano and the Josh Groban song I should have sung to my African brothers.

You raise me up, so I can stand on mountains.

You raise me up to walk on stormy seas.

I am strong when I am on your shoulders.

You raise me up to more than I can be.

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Good luck, spellers

Robert Morris University and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette send their best wishes to the following students participating in the Western Pa. Spelling Bee. The winner will represent the Pittsburgh region at the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

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Separated alcohol drips into a tin tub from a copper still during the “spirits run” process at Maggie’s Farm Rum distillery.

Turning cane sugar into rum

By Bob Batz Jr.
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

With beer and wine, yeasts turn the sugars in the solution — a grain tea or a fruit tea, if you will — into alcohol that people consume with the rest of the liquid. It’s the same thing with spirits, except that the fermented solution is almost boiled to extract the concentrated alcohol, which then frequently is aged in wooden barrels or otherwise for additional flavor.

“Beer with the water removed,” jokes Tim Russell, who gives tours every Saturday afternoon, for \$15 per person, at his Maggie’s Farm Rum/Allegheny Distilling in the Strip District. Tourgoers and bar patrons alike get a beautiful view of two Spanish-made copper pot stills, with tubes to capture the alcohol vapor that is chilled through a condenser that turns it back into liquid — the distillate. A “spirits run” can take 12 hours.

“It’s way more boring than people realize,” Mr. Russell quips. “But we can make it look sexy.” Especially if you’re holding one of the Rum Room’s craft cocktails.

As he explains, the big still is used to heat water to make the simple syrup with turbinado sugar — cane sugar in the raw — that is cooled and then a Caribbean yeast is added. After four or five days in a stainless-steel tank, that yeast is done, but wild yeast and bacteria continue to feed on the sugars and add flavor to this sugar wine. After about two weeks, the liquid is

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Red carpet, golden idols

By Maria Sciuлло
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Is there such a thing as too much Academy Awards coverage? Too much red carpet and “Who are you wearing”? Too many tearful acceptance speeches, too many people pretending they’ve heard of the best live action short film titles?

Nope.

Although the 90th Oscars coverage truly gets down to business Sunday with ABC’s 8 p.m. broadcast, there are numerous ways to watch. ABC.com will present the show via provider login. In some markets — alas, not Pittsburgh — the show can be live streamed via the ABC app. But locals with DirecTV can watch, live.

Other streaming services, including YouTube TV, PlayStation Vue, Hulu Live and Sling TV, are possibilities; check your subscription options.

The festivities begin early, especially on E! Its annual “Countdown to the Red Carpet: The 2018 Academy Awards” begins at 1 p.m., followed later at 5 by “Live From the Red Carpet.” The E! News app will provide red carpet fashion buzz via something called the “E! Live 360 Experience.”

ABC begins its Sunday evening red carpet coverage at 6:30 p.m., with exclusive rights from 7-8. Jimmy Kimmel returns as host for the awards show from the Dolby Theatre in Hollywood. In addition, backstage action and interviews are promised, live, during the broadcast via “The Oscars: All Access” at Oscar.com.

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Make your picks

Cast your vote for winners in the major Oscar categories, then follow the broadcast to see how close you came. See Oscar ballot, **Page E-5**.



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Tim Russell is owner of Maggie’s Farm Rum distillery in the Strip District, one of the most award-winning rum distilleries in the United States. He distributes his product across Pennsylvania but has plans to expand his distribution in the near future.



A copper still is used to heat and separate the components of rum made at Tim Russell’s Maggie’s Farm Rum distillery in the Strip District.

As distillers from across the country gather in Pittsburgh, they’ll be able to sip a wide range of booze from a booming local scene

By Bob Batz Jr.
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The event that bills itself as the largest gathering of licensed craft spirits producers in the U.S. is in Pittsburgh through Tuesday for the nonprofit American Craft Spirits Association’s fifth annual distillers convention and vendor trade show. The event is mostly for industry insiders, not for the public (best talk title: “Separation Anxiety: Observational Insights to Understanding Filtration”). But there is a public tasting Monday night. ACSA medals will be awarded to the country’s best craft spirits Tuesday night.

The roughly 1,000 conventioners — 600 of them representing distilleries — are riding in on a wave of bourbon, gin and other artisanal alcohol. This small, independent segment of the distilling industry (producers who make fewer than 750,000 proof gallons of spirits annually) grew by more than 20 percent over the previous year to 1,589 distilleries in August 2017.

More than 80 are now in Pennsylvania, making it the No. 7 state in terms of numbers of distilleries and one of the top five in terms of growth rate — about 35 percent last year.

“Pennsylvania was the birthplace of rye whiskey and has long been one of the top spirits purchasing and consuming states, and now we are making for ourselves more of the products we’re consuming,” says Meredith Meyer Grelli. She and her husband, Alexander Grelli, co-founded Wigle Whiskey and started distilling in December 2011. They share a semifinalist spot on a list of 20 places in the country up for 2018 James Beard Awards for Outstanding Wine, Beer or Spirits Professional.

From three to 82-plus distilleries in a decade

As the Grellis write about in their 2017 book, “The Whiskey Rebellion and the Rebirth of Rye: A Pittsburgh Story,” in the 1790s Western Pennsylvania was home to about a quarter of the young nation’s distilleries. There were about 1,300 just before Prohibition. Flash forward to 2008, when the entire state had just three licensed “limited” distilleries. A 2011 state law change allowing

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You can now actually have breakfast at Tiffany’s — but good luck getting a table

NEW YORK — More than 50 years after the Oscar-winning film “Breakfast at Tiffany’s” starring Audrey Hepburn came out, you can now actually have breakfast at Tiffany & Co.’s flagship store in midtown Manhattan.

Last November, the Blue Box Cafe opened on the fourth floor of the iconic Fifth Avenue jewelry store. The intimate restaurant is the first retail dining concept for Tiffany & Co., which also unveiled in the fall a revamped fourth floor that features its new luxury Home & Accessories collection (think \$300 yo-yos or a \$350 rose gold vermeil crazy straw).

“Both the cafe and redesign of the Home & Accessories floor reflect a modern luxury experience,” chief artistic officer Reed Krakoff (the former executive cre-

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ative director for Coach) told media when the Blue Box Cafe debuted. “The space is experimental and experiential — a window into the new Tiffany.”

The Blue Box Cafe lives up to its name — it’s literally a small box of a cafe decked out in Tiffany’s signature shade of robin’s egg blue, including the walls, chairs and even plates. The menu focuses on “American classics” such as buttermilk waffles, smoked salmon and bagel stacks and truffle eggs for breakfast (with most options running about

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Courtesy of Tiffany & Co.

A look inside the Blue Box Cafe on the fourth floor of Tiffany & Co. on Fifth Avenue in midtown Manhattan.

You can now have breakfast at Tiffany’s

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\$29, including coffee or tea). For lunch, \$39 will get you a soup or a salad and a main course. The Charles Lewis Tiffany “CLT” club sandwich (chicken, bibb lettuce and beefsteak tomato on rye bread) and the Fifty-Seventh Street flatbread (burrata, apple, olive or tomato with fresh mozzarella) are a couple of examples. Or try tea and your choice of finger sandwiches for \$49. (The menu may change from season to season.)

Good luck with actually getting to eat any of these dishes! During a visit to Tiffany & Co. in February, I found myself feeling a lot like Ms. Hepburn’s character, Holly, from the movie — standing on the outside looking in.

Tables at the Blue Box Cafe can be booked 30 days

in advance — and they do book up. Reservations can be made only through the booking app Resy. (No phone calls, and the demand is still too great to accommodate walk-ins.) I tried reserving a table for one during a four-day stretch in February for every time slot that the cafe seats guests (10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays and noon to 4:30 p.m. Sundays), and there was not a single seat to be spared.

There were plenty of glimmers of false hope, though. The Resy app can alert users if a table becomes available. If one does, the app leads you through a series of prompts for how to reserve your spot. I received 24 notifications that a table was up for grabs, but each time I tried to book one (usually within just a few minutes of getting the email) I got a message saying

that the cafe was at capacity. Was I doing something wrong? Was the Resy app on the fritz? Mystified, I headed to Tiffany & Co. to seek out answers.

Turns out you can find out a lot by flagging down a waiter as he ends his shift and chitchatting with the friendly gentlemen who operate the Tiffany & Co. elevators. Here’s what I learned:

- If you’re heading to New York City, book your reservation as soon as possible. (I tried to book a week in advance, which wasn’t enough time.)
- If you receive a notification that a table is available, don’t wait to claim it. If you really have your heart set on dining at the Blue Box Cafe, check your phone frequently (obsessively, even). The moment you get a notification, click on it! Every second you wait, someone else will

claim it.

- Stay logged in to Resy. You could lose the chance in the time it takes to log back in.
- Check the booking site each day at about 9 a.m. According to one elevator operator, sometimes you can find a rare opening about that time.
- Enlist others to help. Have each person in your party try to reserve a table to up your chances for success.

Although the Blue Box Cafe has been wildly popular, don’t plan on seeing one pop up at Tiffany & Co. in Ross Park Mall. For now, New York City is the only place to enjoy breakfast at Tiffany’s — hopefully inside next time.

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Courtesy of Tiffany & Co. A table setting at the Blue Box Cafe on the fourth floor of Tiffany & Co. in midtown Manhattan.

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SUNDAY

An artist talk and demonstration by Stephanie Kantor will be given from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Bunker Projects, 5106 Penn Ave., Bloomfield. The Pittsburgh native and Denver resident is the first ceramic artist-in-residence at the non-profit artist residency and experimental gallery that offers opportunity for emerging artists to develop their practice and create new works for exhibition. Her solo exhibition, “Not Yet but Soon,” is among more than 100 being held regionally in conjunction with the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts Conference, which will be held at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Downtown, March 14-17. The exhibition continues through April 1. Gallery hours are noon to 4 p.m. Sundays.

TUESDAY

JazzLive presents bassist Tony DePaolis at the Backstage Bar at Theater Square, 655 Penn Ave., Downtown, at 5 p.m. This free music series showcases some of the region’s finest jazz musicians. Information: www.trustarts.org or 412-456-6666.

WEDNESDAY

Mary Halvorson’s Code Girl performs at The Andy Warhol Museum, 117 Sandusky St., North Side, at 8 p.m. as part of the museum’s Sound Series. Code Girl is the latest project of guitarist and composer Mary Halvorson and her first project for which she has composed both lyrics and mu-



Courtesy of Stephanie Kantor Clay installation by artist Stephanie Kantor.

sic. Deftly interpreted by Amirtha Kidambi (vocals), Ambrose Akinmusire (trumpet), Michael Formanek (bass) and Tomas Fujiwara (drums), the music synthesizes influences of jazz, folk and improvisation. Free parking in the Warhol lot. For more info and tickets, \$20, \$15 members and students: www.warhol.org or 412-237-8300.

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

Michael Sakamoto’s intercultural dance-theater work, “Soil,” will be performed at the Kelly Strayhorn Theater, 5941 Penn Ave., East Liberty, at 8 p.m. Mr. Sakamoto conceived, directed and co-created the show with three performers who embody distinct traditions: Cambodian classical and contemporary dancer Chey Chankethya, Thai traditional and contemporary dancer Waewdao Sirisook, and Vietnamese-American contemporary dancer Nguyen Nguyen. Various dance forms and styles — including Western contemporary, Cambodian classical, Northern Thai traditional and folk, and

butoh — are juxtaposed, re-mixed and revealed as rooted in the experience of everyday life as global citizens. Featuring original music by Reiko Imanishi and Shinichi Isohata. This is a Pay-What-Makes-You-Happy event. For tickets and more info: www.kelly-strayhorn.org or 412-363-3000.

SATURDAY

Cornelius (aka Japanese multi-instrumentalist Keigo Oyamada) will perform at the Carnegie Lecture Hall, 4400 Forbes Ave., Oakland, at 8 p.m. as part of The Andy Warhol Museum’s Sound Series. He is known for his lush orchestral/pop arrangements and has worked as a producer with artists such as Beck, Bloc Party and MGMT. Mr. Oyamada has scored the films “Scott Pilgrim vs. the World” and the anime mega-film “Ghost in the Shell Arise” and has been a key performer in Yoko Ono’s reformed Plastic Ono Band. More info and tickets — \$25, \$20 members and students — at www.warhol.org or 412-237-8300.

Ceramic artist seeks shards

By M. Thomas
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A community mural made from donated ceramic shards is among the many exhibitions and events connected with the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts Conference March 14-17 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Downtown.

Even if you’re not a ceramist or potter, you probably have a clay connection, whether tiles in the kitchen or a dainty tea cup passed down through the family. Pittsburgh artist Laura Jean McLaughlin is inviting conference attendees and community members to contribute a ceramic shard — from a broken mug that you made or purchased, for example — to her “Unity Shards” project.

During the NCECA conference, she’ll turn the individual pieces into one of her signature mosaic murals, which will later be installed permanently in City of Asylum’s Alphabet City Garden on the North Side.

The idea for “Unity Shards” came to Ms. McLaughlin during her morning meditation, she told NCECA. “I thought about people coming together from all over to attend the confer-



Andrew Rush/Post-Gazette Laura Jean McLaughlin is collecting ceramic shards for a mosaic mural she will create during the National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts Conference.

ence and how each person attending somehow contributes to the overall outcome of the conference, much like pieces of ceramic tiles coming together to create an image or design.”

Ms. McLaughlin will work in the Projects Space at the convention center, which is free and open to the public. A reception will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. March 13, and her hours will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m. March 14, 9 a.m.-6 p.m. March 15 and 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. March 16.

Shards may be dropped off

before March 10 at: Contemporary Craft, 2100 Smallman St., Strip District; Pittsburgh Center for the Arts Ceramics Studio, 6300 Fifth Ave., Shadyside; The Union Project Ceramic Studio, 801 N. Negley Ave., Highland Park; Clay Penn, 5111 Penn Ave., Garfield; Alphabet City Bookstore, 40 W. North Ave., North Side; and Manchester Craftsmen’s Guild, 1815 Metropolitan St., North Side.

NCECA wood firing

A pre-conference wood-salt firing with two American clay legends, Kevin Crowe and Jack Troy, will be held March 9-11 at Touchstone Center for Crafts, Farmington, Fayette County.

The master class will begin Friday with the application of glazes and slips to stoneware and porcelain ware brought by participants. Firing of the two-chamber kiln concludes March 11. The kiln will be unloaded the afternoon of March 17.

The \$775 fee includes allotted kiln space, meals and private dorm rooms Friday and Saturday. Information and registration: https://touchstonecrafts.org or 724-329-1370.

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TV ad aims to pressure Trump about transgender in military

By Lolita C. Baldor
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Activist groups are turning to television ads, including on President Donald Trump’s go-to network, Fox News, to pressure the White House into allowing transgender people to keep serving in the military.

Mr. Trump has pledged to ban transgender troops from serving. He’ll be able to see the 30-second commercial, which started airing Friday, on Fox, CNN and MSNBC morning shows. It uses a series of quotes from Mr. Trump, a former senior military leader and several Congress members who were in the armed forces to argue that all qualified Americans should be able to serve.

“An impulsive president tweets that transgender Americans won’t be allowed to serve,” the ad says. “But decorated military leaders say there’s no reason to single out these brave heroes.” An earlier version described Mr. Trump as “unfit,” rather than “impulsive.”

Sarah McBride, Human Rights Campaign’s spokes-

woman, said it’s a “critical window of time” to take the fight directly to the White House.

The White House had no immediate comment.

The issue has become mired in a complicated string of political statements, court decisions and policy reviews since Mr. Trump first stunned his administration with tweets last July declaring that the government would ban transgender individuals from serving in the military. He later asked Defense Secretary Jim Mattis to send him a recommendation on how to proceed. That memo was delivered to Mr. Trump last week. The White House has said that a quick decision is unlikely.

Three federal courts have ruled against the ban, and the Pentagon responded by allowing those serving to stay in the military. It then began allowing transgender individuals to enlist beginning Jan. 1.

It’s unclear how much impact the court decisions will have on Mr. Trump’s decision. Activist groups worry the administration could en-

act such strict enlistment and health care restrictions that it would become all but impossible for transgender troops to join or continue serving.

“If they can’t access health care, then they won’t be able to serve,” Ms. McBride said. “Then it becomes a ban in and of itself.”

Ms. McBride didn’t provide the exact cost of the ad buy, describing it as “five figures.” She said it was the largest media campaign on this issue, with the backing of at least four other activist groups, including OutServe-SLDN, which represents the LGBT population in the military and is a plaintiff in the lawsuits.

In the past two months, several transgender people have visited recruiting stations for the military services and started the process of enlisting. The Pentagon says only one has made it through all the medical reviews, testing and paperwork and actually signed a contract. That person hasn’t yet gone to basic training but will likely do so in the coming months. The person hasn’t been identified.

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‘Waitress’ star Desi Oakley dishes on her role, life on the road

By Sharon Eberson
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Desi Oakley was in Boston and on the phone as she talked about coming to Pittsburgh as pie maker extraordinaire Jenna, the star-crossed title character in “Waitress.”

Living out of a suitcase is nothing new for the Broadway actress, who is on her third national tour. She played Eva Peron in the production of “Evita” that came here in 2013 and returns for the second time as “Waitress” makes its debut here.

She arrives with a show that is still going strong on Broadway, in a role that earned a Tony nomination for Jessie Mueller and stars songwriter Sara Bareilles.

“Waitress” is based on the 2007 movie written and directed by Adrienne Shelly, who was murdered three months before her film debuted at the Sundance Film Festival. It starred Keri Russell as Jenna — a woman stuck in a loveless marriage and attracted to her married doctor — who becomes pregnant by her husband.

She is a remarkable pie maker who gives her treats names such as “Earl Murders Me Because I Am Having an Affair Pie” and the more soothing “Strawberry Chocolate Oasis Pie.” As a waitress in a small-town diner, she is surrounded by well-meaning friends and befriends a cantankerous fellow, a role played by Andy Griffith in the film.

From that recent tour stop in Boston, Ms. Oakley discussed her starring role and working onstage with kids and food.

Q: “Waitress” has a female protagonist and is recognized as the first musical with an all-female team — songwriter Sara Bareilles, book writer Jessie Nelson, director Diane Paulus and choreographer Lorin Latarro ...

A: That’s not to say that the story isn’t for everyone, and I love knowing that in the long run, it wasn’t that it’s



Joan Marcus

Desi Oakley stars as pie maker Jenna in the tour of “Waitress.”

women, but it’s the right people, and they happened to all be women. I will say that there are sort of behind-the-scenes moments, like Jenna goes through pregnancy and labor, and having a woman director, Diane Paulus, who has been through labor, she can give tips on “This is what it felt like.” That kind of insight is so valuable and makes so much sense. Hopefully, it helps us give a deeper picture of the impact of what Jenna is going through.

Q: You have to be the onstage mother to new girls playing Lulu (Ainsley Christof, 4, and Camlyn Reace, 5, in Pittsburgh) in every town. What’s that like?

A: We sort of adopt a new little Lulu everywhere we go, and it allows us to connect to the city in an even deeper way. She helps us tell the story, and they all bring their own little personalities and energies.

Q: Is it daunting to work with kids? Do you have to do anything to put

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them at ease?

A: I am always excited to meet them. I love working with kids. I give them a hug, ask what they like to do. It’s all about comfort. It’s such a deep, emotional show, and there is the stress of travel, the weight of the show, and then you meet these kids, and they lift our spirits. It really is a sweet, sweet thing.

Q: Speaking of sweet things, Jenna is a pie maker extraordinaire, and we get to see her at work. What are you

working with onstage?

A: It’s real flour, sugar, real ingredients. And almost everyone except Jenna takes a real bite of a pie. My character only prepares pies; she never eats them. Maybe she gets her finger in the whipped cream every now and then.

Q: Were you a baker before you were cast?

A: Absolutely. My expertise is more in the cookie department, but my mother flew to New York and taught me how to make a pie. She put a rolling pin in her suitcase, and we made my great-grandmother’s tart cherry pie together. Jenna’s mother taught her how to bake, and there are times I am onstage and I can recall seeing my mom’s hands as we worked together.

Q: What’s it like singing songs by Sara Bareilles, who was a pop star before she wrote her first musical?

A: I keep asking myself, “How this is my job?” She has been an idol for me. I have such respect for her,

since I am a singer-songwriter myself. ... The band is onstage, so it sometimes feels like we are all telling the story together, and with Sara’s music, it’s all so seamless. The music is catchy and laid-back, in the pop pocket, so when we are telling the story, it isn’t this huge abrupt shift when we go from from talking to singing. I think she’s a genius, so it is very cool. It never gets old.

Q: Everything revolves

around Jenna in this show, and it is very emotional, and then on top of that, how do you deal with living out of a suitcase?

A: I won’t sugarcoat it — no pun intended. It’s a challenge for everyone to bring this story to life and on their day off travel, sometimes hundreds of miles. What I always like to say is, there are some factors that can change, and that makes us cling to what is unchanging, which is working toward a common goal, from head carpenter to musical director. Whether we take trains or cars, however we get to the site, when we come together, it’s magic.

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Wiig would be natural comic villain

By Michael Cavna
The Washington Post

It is a sign of how terribly conventional Hollywood can be that the possible “Wonder Woman 2” casting of Kristen Wiig — she, the actress of noted timing and range and comedic pathos — is viewed by industry observers as such an out-of-the-box choice.

Now, if another actress of similar age and complexion — say, Amy Adams or Jessica Chastain — were in negotiations to play a Wonder Woman villain, Hollywood watchers would barely bat an eye. But something about Ms. Wiig’s elite comedic chops seems to make it hard for less flexible minds to see just how brilliant she could be as a DC movie antagonist.

Deadline reported Wednesday that Ms. Wiig was in talks with the filmmakers to play Cheetah, the villain of several incarnations over the decades in the comic books, sometimes with the turned-nose air of a society snob.

The news was immediately



Kristin Wiig in “The Skeleton Twins.”

hailed as some out-of-left-field choice, but this wasn’t exactly as if Warner Bros. and DC had just sought Omarosa or Miley Cyrus to play Diana Prince’s fascinating foil.

Ms. Wiig has more than proved the wide parameters of her talent, including in “The Skeleton Twins” and “Welcome to Me.” The “Bridesmaids” co-writer and star might be best known for her gift with comedically manic characters, but she also has a knack with the darker tinges of sad-

ness and pain and loss.

Yet what makes this an especially interesting choice is the range of cinematic influences that moves director Patty Jenkins, whose vision gave the extended DC Comics universe its first and only critical hit, as well as an \$822 million global box-office take.

Ahead of the release of “Wonder Woman,” Ms. Jenkins told The Washington Post that she was drawing inspiration from ’40s screwball comedies, as well as ’80s action-adventure movies, like the Indiana Jones series.

Given that, it’s particularly worth noting that “Wonder Woman 2” will reportedly move up the time frame, from the World War I era of the franchise’s first film to an ’80s Cold War setting.

As the antagonizing Cheetah, Ms. Wiig would be following in a line of gifted actors who can deliver dark comic pathos in a superhero world, including Alfred Molina, Michael Keaton and the late Heath Ledger.

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2 KDKA	NCIS Voices. A person of interest is found murdered.				Bull No Good Deed. Bull is asked to help a teacher.				NCIS: Los Angeles The Silo. (CC)				News at Eleven (N)		Cochran Sports	
4 WTAE	The Oscars Honors for achievements in film. (N) (L) (CC)												Action News 4 (N)		Sundays-Alec (N)	
6 WJAC	"Furious 7" (2015) *** Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. Premiere. (CC)												News (N)		Big Bang	
7 WTRF	NCIS Voices.				Bull No Good Deed. (CC)				NCIS: Los Angeles				News (N)		Person	
8 WWCP	Simpsons		Ghosted		Family Guy		LA to Vegas		Fox 8 News		Goldbergs		Last Man		Last Man	
9 WTOV	"Furious 7" (2015) *** Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. Premiere. (CC)												News (N)		Sports Sun.	
10 WTAJ	NCIS Voices.				Bull No Good Deed. (CC)				NCIS: Los Angeles				News (N)		2 Broke Girls	
11 WPXI	"Furious 7" (2015) *** Vin Diesel, Paul Walker, Dwayne Johnson. Premiere. A dead man's brother seeks revenge on the Toretto gang. (CC)												Channel 11 News at 11		The Final Word (11:35)	
13 WQED	Victoria on Masterpiece (7:30) Comfort and Joy.				Little Women: A Timeless Story (CC)				Suze Orman's Financial Solutions for You				Finding financial solutions. (CC)			
16 WINP	NCIS: Los Angeles Beacon.				Private Eyes The Six. (N)				NCIS: Los Angeles				NCIS: Los Angeles			
19 WPCW	Friends (CC)		Friends (CC)		Friends (CC)		Friends (CC)		10 O'Clock News (N)		The Nightly Sports Call		CSI: Miami A wealthy family's nanny dies. (CC)			
21 WFMJ	"Furious 7" (2015) *** Vin Diesel, Paul Walker. Premiere. (CC)												News (N)		Edition (N)	
22 WPNT	Marketplace Pittsburgh		Seinfeld The Bubble Boy.		Seinfeld (CC)		Whacked Out Sports		Ring of Honor Wrestling (CC)				Paid Program		Medical Discoveries	
27 WKBN	NCIS Voices.				Bull No Good Deed. (CC)				NCIS: Los Angeles				First News		Blue Bloods	
33 WYTV	The Oscars Honors for achievements in film. (N) (L) (CC)												News (N)		Sundays (N)	
40 WPCB	Get Involved (CC)		Manna-Fest/Perry Stone		Christ in Prophecy		Prophetic Connection		Real Life Signs and Wonders (CC)				The Calling John Guest.		Prophecy Watchers	
43 WUAB	Family Feud		Family Feud		Cleveland Nws (N)				Edition (N)		Raw Travel		Detroit		Truck Tech	
53 WPGH	The Simpsons		Ghosted Ghost Studz.		Family Guy Nanny Goats.		LA to Vegas		Channel 11 News on Fox 53 at 10 (N) (CC)				The Big Bang and a Theory		Two and a Half Men	
59 WEPA	Munsters		Munsters		Munsters		Munsters		Magnum, P.I. (CC)				Magnum, P.I. (CC)			
PREMIUM CABLE																
HBO	"Alien: Covenant" (6:50) (2017) ** (CC)				Here and Now Kristen works with Farid's son. (N)				Divorce (N) (CC)		Crashing (10:33) (N)		Last Week To. (N)		Here and Now (11:35)	
HBO/2	Here and Now Greg gets de-toured in the wilderness.				"Something's Gotta Give" (2003) *** Jack Nicholson, Diane Keaton, Keanu Reeves. (CC)								"Gifted" (11:15) (2017) ** Chris Evans.			
HBO/FAM	"Ice Age: Collision"		"Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore" (8:35) (2010) * (CC)				"Romeo & Juliet" (2013) ** Douglas Booth, Hailee Steinfeld, Ed Westwick. Premiere. (CC)									
HBO/SIG.	"Hereafter" (2010) ** Matt Damon, Jay Mohr. Death touches three people in different ways. (CC)								"The Informant" (10:15) (2009) *** Matt Damon, Scott Bakula, Joel McHale. (CC)							
MAX	"Lowriders" (2016) ** Gabriel Chavarria, Theo Rossi. (CC)				"Ronin" (9:40) (1998) ** Robert De Niro, Jean Reno. Five espionage specialists must find a special briefcase. (CC)											
SHO	Our Cartoon President (N)		Our Cartoon President		Homeland Like Bad at Thangs. (N) (CC)				The Chi Brandon branches out on his own. (N) (CC)				The Chi Wallets. Brandon branches out on his own.			
STARZ	Counterpart The Sincerest Form of Flattery. (N) (CC)				Ash vs Evil Dead (N)		Counterpart The Sincerest Form of Flattery. (CC)		Ash vs Evil Dead (CC)		Counterpart The Sincerest Form of Flattery. (CC)					
STARZ-E	"What Lies Beneath" (6:48) (2000) ** (CC)				"Life" (2017) ** Jake Gyllenhaal. Astronauts discover a rapidly evolving life-form from Mars. (CC)				"Mission: Impossible" (10:46) (1996) **							
STZENC	"A Knight's Tale" (6:45) (2001) ** (CC)				"Overboard" (1987) ** Goldie Hawn. An amnesiac millionaire is duped by a cunning carpenter. (CC)				"Flashdance" (10:55) (1983) ** (CC)							
STZ/ENCL	"Swing Vote" (6:57) (2008) ** Kevin Costner.				"Men in Black II" (2002) ** Tommy Lee Jones, Will Smith. (CC)				"Deep Impact" (10:31) (1998) ** Robert Duvall, Tea Leoni. (CC)							
STZ/ENCW	"Heaven's Gate" (1980) ** Kris Kristofferson, Christopher Walken, Isabelle Huppert. An educated marshal defends Wyoming settlers against cattle barons. (CC)												"Winchester '73" (11:39)			
STZ/ENSU	"Evil Dead 2" (7:33) (1987) *** (CC)				"From Dusk Till Dawn" (1996) ** Harvey Keitel, George Clooney, Quentin Tarantino. (CC)								"Friday the 13th, Part VI: Jason Lives" (10:51) (1986)			
TMC	"Rocky" (1976) **** Sylvester Stallone. A heavyweight champ gives a club fighter a title shot. (CC)				"Rocky II" (1979) *** Sylvester Stallone, Talia Shire, Burgess Meredith. (CC)											
BASIC, EXPANDED AND DIGITAL CABLE																
A&E	Storage Wars: Rockin' Finds Rockin' Finds. A locker puts a song in Ivy's heart. (N) (CC)															
AMC	The Walking Dead (7:38) Honor. (CC)				The Walking Dead (N) (CC)				Talking Dead (10:06) (N) (CC)				The Walking Dead (11:06) (CC)			
ANIM	North Woods Law (N)				North Woods Law (N)				Lone Star Law (10:01) (N)				North Woods Law (11:02)			
ATTS	Wrestling				Bensinger				Poker Night				Heartland Poker Tour (N)			
BBC	Top Gear (N) (CC)								"The Hunt for Red October" (1990) *** (CC)							
BET	"True to the Game" (6:30)				Martin (8:55)		Martin (9:25)		Martin (9:55)		Martin (CC)		Martin (CC)		Martin (CC)	
BRAVO	The Real Housewives of Atlanta Livin' la Villa Loca.				The Real Housewives of Atlanta (N) (CC)				Married to Medicine In the Black. (CC)				Watch What		To Rome for Love (CC)	
CMT	Last Man		Last Man		Last Man		Last Man		Last Man		Last Man		Last Man		Road House	
CNBC	Shark Tank (CC)				Shark Tank (CC)				Shark Tank (CC)				American Greed (CC)			
CNN	CNN Newsroom (N)				Anthony Bourdain Parts				Anthony Bourdain Parts				Anthony Bourdain Parts			
COM	South Park		South Park		South Park		South Park		South Park		South Park		South Park		South Park	
C-SPAN	Q & A Joshua Zeitz. (N)				Prime Min.		Public Affairs		Events (9:40) (CC)				Q & A Author Joshua Zeitz.			
DEST	My Haunted House Sad Sam & Black Magic. (CC)				My Haunted House Sympathy & the Engagement.				Paranormal Witness The Pit. (CC)				My Haunted House Sad Sam & Black Magic. (CC)			
DFC	Clash of the Dinosaurs (CC)				Prehistoric Prehistoric animals roamed New York.				Dinosaurs: The Untold Story (CC)				Clash of the Dinosaurs (CC)			
DIS	"Hop" (7:25) (2011) ** (CC)				"Mr. Popper's Penguins" (9:05) (2011) ** Jim Carrey, Carla Gugino, Angela Lansbury. (CC)				Bunk'd (10:50) (CC)				Bunk'd (11:20) (CC)			
DSC	Street Outlaws: Memphis (Season Finale) (N) (CC)				Street Outlaws Getting ready for the race. (N)				Street Outlaws (10:01) The Gonorrail. (N) (CC)				Twin Turbos (11:02) Building a Future. (CC)			
DSC/INV	Evil Lives Here A woman is afraid of her own son.				Evil Lives Here Blood Atonement. (N) (CC)				On the Case With Paula Zahn (N) (CC)				Evil Lives Here A woman is afraid of her own son.			
E!	The Kardashians				The Kardashians (N)				Revenge Body (N)				Kardashian After (N)			
ESPN	NBA Basketball Philadelphia 76ers at Milwaukee Bucks. (N) (CC)								SportsCenter (N) (L) (CC)							
ESPN2	Wm. Basketball				Women's College Basketball								E:60 (CC)		Rugby	
ESPN-C	30 for 30 (CC)				30 for 30 (CC)								Roll Tide/War Eagle (CC)			
EWTN	Prime (N)		Catholics		Life (N)		Holy Rosary		Franciscan U. Presents (N)				Defend Life		The Catholic	
FNC	Scandalous (N) (CC)				The Next Revolution (N)				Life, Liberty & Levin (N)				Scandalous (CC)			
FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games (N)				Worst Cooks (N)				Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby		Beat Bobby	
FREE FRM	"Capt. America" "X-Men: First Class" (2011) *** James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender, Rose Byrne. The early years of Charles Xavier and Erik Lehnsherr. (CC)															
FS1	MLS Soccer								MLS Soccer Portland Timbers at LA Galaxy. (N) (CC)							
FX	"Straight Outta Compton" (2015) *** O'Shea Jackson Jr., N.W.A revolutionizes music and pop culture in 1988. (CC)								Corey Hawkins, Jason Mitchell. (2015) *** (CC)				"Straight Outta Compton" (2015) *** (CC)			
FX	"Minions" (2015) ** Voices of Sandra Bullock, Jon Hamm, Michael Keaton. (CC)								"Minions" (2015) ** Voices of Sandra Bullock, Jon Hamm, Michael Keaton. (CC)							
GOLF	PGA Tour Golf WGC Mexico Championship, Final Round. From Chapultepec Golf Club, Mexico City, Mexico. (CC)															
GSN	Family Feud		Family Feud		Family Feud		Family Feud		Family Feud		Family Feud		Cash Cab		Cash Cab	
HALL	"The Perfect Bride" (7)				When Calls the Heart (N)				Meet the Peetes (N) (CC)				Golden Girls		Golden Girls	
HGTV	Beach		Beach		Caribbean		Caribbean		Island Life		Island Life		Hawaii Life		Hawaii Life	
HIST	Forged in Fire: Cutting Deeper (8:05) Warrior Weapons. Knights Templar crusader daggers. (N) (CC)															
HIST	Forged in Fire (11:05) Masters join their apprentices.															
IFC	"The Town" (7) (2010) *** Ben Affleck, Rebecca Hall, Jon Hamm. (CC)								"The Town" (2010) *** Ben Affleck. A woman doesn't realize that her new beau is a bank robber. (CC)							
LIFE	"One Small Indiscretion" (2017) Ashley Scott. A woman seeks revenge against her father's former mistress. (CC)								"The Rachels" (10:04) (2016) Caitlin Carver. A popular teen's rival investigates her death. (CC)							
MSNBC	Kasie DC (N) (CC)				Richard Engel On Assign				Meet the Press (CC)				Lockup: Colorado			
MTV	Fear Factor (8:01) (CC)				Fear Factor Tech-Hell.				"White Chicks" (2004) ** Shawn Wayans. (CC)							
NBCS	NHL Hockey: Red Wings at Wild				NHL Overtime				(9:45) (N) (L)				Cycling Paris Nice: Stage 1.			
NGEO	America's National Parks				America's National Parks				America's National Parks				StarTalk (N) (CC)			
NICK	"The SpongeBob Movie: Sponge Out of Water" (2015) *** Voice of Tom Kenny. (CC)															
OWN	227 (CC)		227 (CC)		227 Football Widow.		227 (CC)		227 (CC)		227 Mary's Christmas.		227 (CC)		227 (CC)	
OXYGEN	Snapped Danielle Parker.				Snapped Melissa Napier.				Snapped Daniel Clay.				Snapped Barbara Garcia.			
PARMT	Bar Rescue (CC)				Bar Rescue Daddy Dearest.				Bar Rescue (CC)				Bar Rescue (CC)			
PCNC	PCNC 8PM		PCNC		PCNC 9PM		PCNC		NightTalk				PC		PCNC 11	
SC	Unearthed Egypt's Forbidden Wonders. Egypt's most mysterious monuments. (N) (CC)								Secrets of the Lost (10:04) (N) (CC)				Unearthed (11:06) Egypt's Forbidden Wonders. (CC)			
SYFY	"The Hobbit: The Desolation of Smaug" (2013) *** Ian McKellen, Martin Freeman, Richard Armitage. Premiere. Bilbo and company encounter the fearsome dragon Smaug. (CC)															
TBS	"Transformers" (2007) *** Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel. Two races of robots wage war on Earth. (CC)															
TBS	Final Space Chapter One.															
TCM	"Daughter of the Dragon" (1931) ** Anna May Wong.				"Shanghai Express" (1932) *** Marlene Dietrich, Clive Brook. (CC)								"Piccadilly" (1929) ** Gilda Gray.			
TLC	Sister Wives Maddie has her baby shower. (N)				Seeking Sister Wife (N)								Sister Wives (11:14)			
TNT	"American Sniper" (7) (2014) *** Bradley Cooper, Sienna Miller, Jake McDorman. (CC)								The Alienist Sara looks into Kreizler's past.				"Catch Me if You Can" (10:58) ***			
TOON	King of Hill		King of Hill		Burgers		Amer. Dad		Family Guy		Family Guy		Rick, Morty		Mike Ty. (N)	
TRAV	Food Paradise (N) (CC)				Food Paradise (N) (CC)				Greatest BBQ of America				Roadside Eats: Top 20			
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USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Perverted Justice.				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (CC)				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Terrorized.				Modern Family			
VH1	"Lean on Me" (7:30) (1989) ** (CC)								The Temptations (CC)							
WE	Monk (CC)				Monk (CC)				Monk (CC)				Monk (CC)			
WGN-A	Blue Bloods (CC)				Blue Bloods Cursed.				Blue Bloods (CC)				Shoot the Messenger			



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Andy Favreau, left, J.J. Totah and Anders Holm in “Champions.”

Pick of the week

ROB OWEN

Post-Gazette TV writer Rob Owen offers a viewing tip for the coming week

Thursday

“Champions,” 8:30 p.m., NBC.

Forget the unfunny “A.P. Bio” (9:30 p.m. Thursday, WPXI), the most winning midseason comedy — at least until the still-unscheduled return of “Trial & Error” — looks to be “Champions,” executive produced by Mindy Kaling (“The Mindy Project”) and Charlie Grandy (“The Office”).

Washed up high school baseball star Vince (Anders Holm, “Workaholics”) plans to sell the Brooklyn gym he inherited from his father and runs with his sweet-but-dim brother Matthew (newcomer Andy Favreau, brother of “Pod Save America” host Jon Favreau) when his high school girlfriend,

Priya (guest star Ms. Kaling), unexpectedly drops off their 15-year-old son, Michael (J.J. Totah), who’s never met his father.

Michael’s a gay theater kid

What happened to Burnett on ‘PTL’?

TV Q&A
ROB OWEN

Post-Gazette TV writer Rob Owen answers reader questions online every Friday in Tuned In Journal blog at post-gazette.com/tv. Here's a selection of recent queries.

Q: Why isn't Jon Burnett on KDKA-TV's "Pittsburgh Today Live" anymore? Since Kristine Sorensen left he seems to be just doing the weather.

— LINDA VIA EMAIL
Rob: KDKA-TV news director Anne Linabarger said, "Recently Jon has been working almost exclusively weather shifts," which doesn't explain the "why" of it, but that's all I could get. Mr. Burnett declined to comment.

Q: What happened to "Cooper's Treasure" and "Billion Dollar Wreck"?
— THOMAS, BELLEVUE

Rob: "Cooper's Treasure" will be back on Discovery, but there is no return date locked.

History canceled "Billion Dollar Wreck," so it won't be back.

Q: "Star Trek: Discovery" is not a TV show; it is a CBS All Access show that you can only see on anything but TV. So, why are we referring to it as a TV show, which it is not? Also I read in the timeline for "Star Trek" that "Star Trek: Discovery" is after all the Enterprises and everything. Did we somehow jump back to Capt. Pike?
— MIKE VIA EMAIL

Rob: "Discovery" is set 10 years before the original "Star Trek" series, at which



Doug Jones, Sonequa Martin-Green and Michelle Yeoh in "Star Trek: Discovery."

Jan Thijs/CBS

time Spock was serving on the Enterprise with Capt. Pike.

The platform "Discovery" airs on, CBS All Access, is streaming, but the program is for all intents and purposes a TV series. Yes, calling it a streaming series is more specific to the platform, but in every other way — budget, production, writing, production staff, etc. — it is a TV show, so you can call it either.

Q: Are there going to be second seasons of Vice's "Abandoned" and Science's "Mysteries of the Abandoned"?
— JIM, BROOKVILLE

Rob: Vice has no current plans to make more of "Abandoned" as the production team has moved onto a new project on the subcultures within the skateboard-

ing culture, but Science's "Mysteries of the Abandoned" will be back, although no return date has been announced.

Q: I watch a lot of crime dramas. An odd thing I've noticed is how often the suspects and/or victims don't have full first names. A detective will announce that the suspect is Bill Somebody. I think to myself, "How do they know he doesn't go by Will?" They pull up his DMV photo on a computer, and sure enough, his driver's license says his name is Bill. Or the deceased victim is found to be Patty Whatshername and her license confirms that her given name is Patty. I realize that some people do not have formal first names but not as many as I see in

crime dramas. One show I know does this is "Major Crimes," but I see it on others as well. Do you know why? Are there legal implications to using a name for a TV character that also belongs to a real-life human being?

— TONI, PITTSBURGH

Rob: Yes, all names of TV characters have to be legally cleared. So if a show is set in Pittsburgh, they'd go through local directories to make sure there is no character by the name of a real person in Pittsburgh. That may have something to do with the use of informal first names.

Ask TV questions by emailing rowen@post-gazette.com, including your first name and location, or submitting the form at post-gazette.com/tv.

The 2018 Oscars ballot

Pittsburgh goes to the Oscars this year on the shoulders of previous winners who are once again nominees — Frances McDormand, who earned her fifth acting nod, and visual effects guru Joe Letteri, with nomination No. 10.

Here are nomination highlights of the top categories:

BEST PICTURE

- ☐ "Call Me By Your Name"
- ☐ "Darkest Hour"
- ☐ "Dunkirk"
- ☐ "Get Out"
- ☐ "Lady Bird"
- ☐ "Phantom Thread"
- ☐ "The Post"
- ☐ "The Shape of Water"
- ☐ "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri"

ACTRESS IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

- ☐ Mary J. Blige, "Mudbound"
- ☐ Lesley Manville, "The Phantom Thread"
- ☐ Allison Janney, "I, Tonya"
- ☐ Laurie Metcalf, "Lady Bird"
- ☐ Octavia Spencer, "The Shape of Water"

DIRECTING

- ☐ Paul Thomas Anderson, "Phantom Thread"
- ☐ Guillermo del Toro, "The Shape of Water"
- ☐ Greta Gerwig, "Lady Bird"
- ☐ Jordan Peele, "Get Out"
- ☐ Christopher Nolan, "Dunkirk"

ADAPTED SCREENPLAY

- ☐ "Call Me By Your Name, James Ivory"
- ☐ "Logan," Scott Frank, James Mangold, Michael Green
- ☐ "Molly's Game," Aaron Sorkin
- ☐ "Mudbound," Virgil Williams, Dee Rees
- ☐ "The Disaster Artist," Scott Neustadter, Michael H. Weber

ACTRESS IN A LEADING ROLE

- ☐ Sally Hawkins, "The Shape of Water"
- ☐ Frances McDormand, "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri"
- ☐ Margot Robbie, "I, Tonya"
- ☐ Saoirse Ronan, "Lady Bird"
- ☐ Meryl Streep, "The Post"

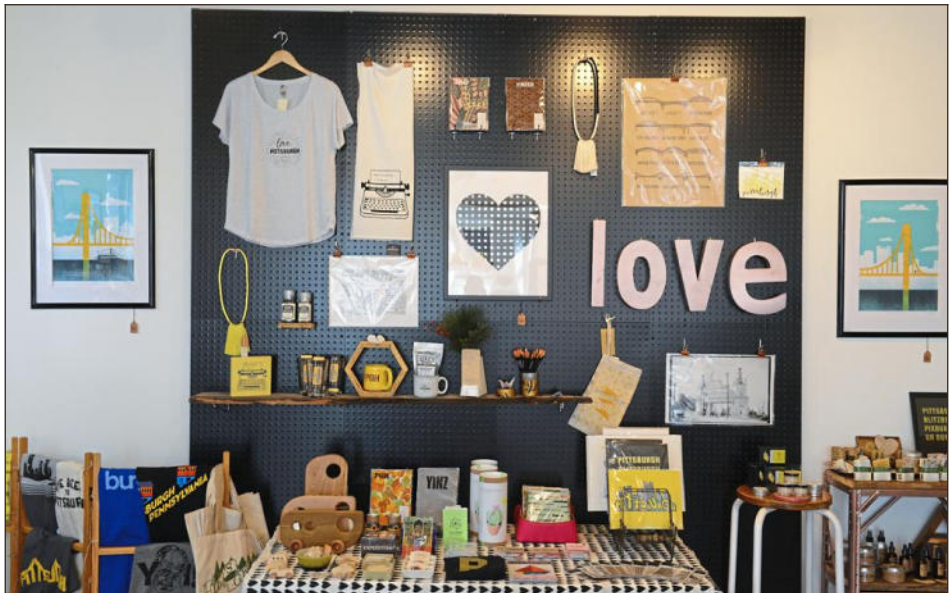
ACTOR IN A SUPPORTING ROLE

- ☐ Willem DaFoe, "The Florida Project"
- ☐ Woody Harrelson, "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri"
- ☐ Richard Jenkins, "The Shape of Water"
- ☐ Christopher Plummer, "All the Money in the World"
- ☐ Sam Rockwell, "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri"

ORIGINAL SCREENPLAY

- ☐ "The Big Sick," Kumail Nanjiani and Emily V. Gordon
- ☐ "Get Out," Jordan Peele
- ☐ "Lady Bird," Greta Gerwig
- ☐ "The Shape of Water," Guillermo del Toro
- ☐ "Martin McDonagh," Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri

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The gift shop love, Pittsburgh on Mount Washington sells items made in Pittsburgh. A second location is slated to open Downtown this spring.

Love, Pittsburgh shop to open second location Downtown

By Sara Bauknecht
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A second location of the gift shop love, Pittsburgh is slated to open this spring at 805 Liberty Ave., Downtown.

Owners Monica Yope of Mount Washington and Kelly Sanders of Mt. Lebanon — both artists who are active in Pittsburgh's creative scene — opened the store's first location in July 2017 at 301 Shiloh St., Mount Washington. The concept behind the shop is that its inventory is all Pittsburgh-made products, from candles and cards to T-shirts and tea towels.

A second location was on their list of goals for 2018 and put in motion when people from the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership stopped in the Mount Washington shop in January. The group inquired if love, Pittsburgh had an interest in coming Downtown.

"We said, 'we'll let us know if something is available,'" Ms. Yope said. When the gallery space Shaw's on Liberty would close this year, they knew it was a sign.

"This is just one of those things that just felt right," Ms. Sanders said.

Many of the same items found in the Mount Washington location will be sold Downtown. Owners plan to also use the Downtown store to grow

their fine art offerings and to test new products and brands.

Check out the new location during the Cultural Trust gallery crawl on April 27 in the evening. The store is planning a formal opening for May 4 in time for the

Pittsburgh Marathon.

Learn more at lovepittsburghshop.com.

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WQED to air opioid town hall meeting

WQED-TV will broadcast and stream its live March 8 (8 p.m.) town hall meeting on drug addiction among women: "Hitting Home: Women • Families • Opioids."

Lisa Washington of KDKA-TV will moderate a panel discussion including Cheryl Andrews, executive director of the Washington County Drug and Alcohol Commission; Deborah McDonald, director of Allegheny Health Network's women's health programs; and Thelma Turner, a patient counselor and recovered addict.

In addition, scenes from the WQED documentary "Broken: Women • Families • Opioids" will be screened. The film, which originally aired last November, recently won a Pennsylvania Association of Broadcasters award.

— Maria Sciuillo,
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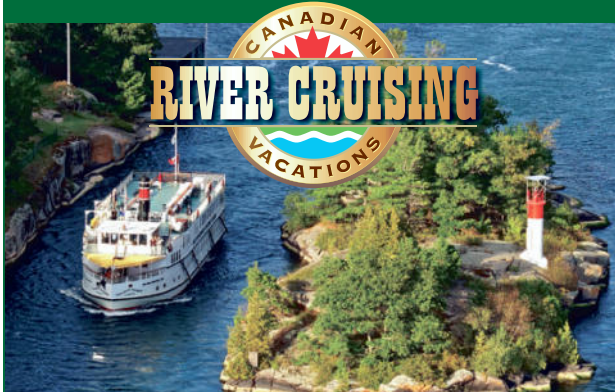
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American Craft Spirits Association convention visits growing Pittsburgh scene

SPIRITS, FROM E-1

those distilleries to sell directly to the public led to the bloom of openings that is continuing to blossom.

Western Pennsylvania alone now has about two dozen distilleries, including city landmarks Wigle (Pittsburgh Distilling Co.), Maggie's Farm Rum (Allegheny Distilling) and Boyd & Blair (Pennsylvania Pure Distilleries), the last of which is the oldest, having started in 2008. There are other newcomers finding their groove in surrounding Whiskey Rebellion country — where post-Revolutionary War settlers famously protested taxes on their liquid assets — including Liberty Pole Spirits and Red Pump Spirits in downtown Washington, Pa., where they're helping to attract other businesses. And there are some really interesting new players, including Quantum

Spirits, which just opened a spacey space in a former bakery on Carnegie's main drag.

In another twist, a couple of local companies have spirits made elsewhere and import them. After researching starting a distillery, Sewickley's Chris McClain says he "ultimately thought it was a better decision for us to go this route" — having gin made at a 200-plus-year-old distillery in the United Kingdom and then bottling it in Switzerland before importing it to Pennsylvania state stores. His Europa London Dry Gin last month won a World Gin Awards gold medal.

So visiting distillers and distillery owners will find a nice diversity of local booze, and not just our resurrected Monongahela ryes but also the seemingly unlikely best-in-the-world rums from Maggie's Farm — rum? from Pittsburgh? Not just the fla-

vored Country Hammer moonshines Tim Baureis now blends in a Jefferson Hills warehouse and sells at soon-to-be-three stores (with a bourbon and a gluten-free vodka set to launch later this month), but also the limoncello and other fruit liqueurs Brittany Breen and her grandfather, Jim Breen, started making at their Bella Bambini Cello in a Coraopolis storefront this past September.

Moonshine & BBQ along the bike trail

More distilleries are on the way. In West Newton, Dave Baustert and Meredith Baldock are transforming an old Ford dealership that once housed Model Ts and Model As into the Crooked Creek Distillery & BBQ that this spring will sell moonshine and barbecue along what's now the Great Allegheny Passage bike trail. They'll also start with vodka and gin, with aged spirits to follow.

In a former Odd Fellows hall in Stoystown, Somerset County, that they'll open to the public any week now, H.J. and Amy Handwerk already have been making a range of spirited stuff — everything from maple sugar bourbon to whiskey pickles.

Opening soon in a new building in the Allegheny Mountains at Nanty Glo is the Moonshine Mine Distillery, which bills itself as "the first legal distillery in Cambria County."

Walter Novosel — he's president of the Nova Destinations' wineries, cidery and brewery in Lawrence County — just last week drove to Omaha, Neb., to pick up a still for its forthcoming Bandit Distillery in Pulaski. He expects to be serving his own vodka, slivovitz (plum brandy) and other clear spirits there by mid-April, with bourbons and more aged stuff to follow.

In the city, Lawrenceville Distilling Co. is coming together in an old machine shop in Upper Law-



Nate Guidry/Post-Gazette
Dana Dolney, left, prepares drink samples for Victoria Jones of Florida and Scott Levitt of Baltimore at Pennsylvania Libations in the Strip District in February.

renceville, aiming to start by producing a "Parking Chair" vodka soon and to specialize in absinthe. Co-owner Dave Harmon says the plan is to start as a production distillery and add a tasting room by the fall.

In the Strip District, Blake Ragghianti is still working on his Port of Pittsburgh distillery in a former horse stable at 2613 Smallman St., where he hopes to open (under a different name) this spring or summer. But he'll be part of the ACSA gathering, including the Monday night consumer tasting at the Senator John Heinz History Center called "The Pennsylvania Toast."

He'll be pouring his first commercial product, Bliss 1895 Spiced Rum, that Erie Yacht Club commissioned him to make to honor George T. Bliss, who founded the club that year. Mr. Ragghianti made that on the stills at Conneaut Cellars Winery in Conneaut Lake, Crawford County, one of several distilleries where he's been making spirits before his own Italian-made still is ready to go.

Pennsylvania distilleries under one boutique roof

Bliss 1895 is available around the corner at Pennsylvania Libations (2103 Penn Ave.), the state's first non-state-run "spirits boutique" that Christian Simmons opened last June. He now has the place packed with products from 13 of the state's distilleries, with several more on the way once the state approves, and is himself planning to open a second store with an upstairs cocktail bar serving barrel-aged and -rested cocktails, probably in Shadyside.

He says the region's spirits scene, which benefits from our quality water and abundance of agriculture, is only going to get better as these new distilleries mature. "Just like the beer scene, we're going to be making some of the most well-known products in the country and the world."

Nobody has estimated the economic impact of the regional craft spirits industry, but nationally, the ACSA says, retail sales reached \$3 billion in 2016, with investments reaching \$593 million in 2017 and producers employing 19,600 people.

The president of the Pennsylvania Distillers Guild,



Nate Guidry/Post-Gazette
Rachell Youngman of Swissvale samples some of the spirits at Pennsylvania Libations in the Strip District.



Jessie Wardarski/Post-Gazette
Bottles of different rums, from white rum to spiced rum, line the bar at Maggie's Farm Rum distillery in the Strip District.

Rob Cassell of Philadelphia's Millstone Spirits Group, says working up economic impact figures for the state is one of the guild's goals, as is creating a state craft spirits "trail." He praises the Legislature for supporting craft distillers — "It's very forward thinking" — including a proposal earlier this year by state Rep. Paul Costa to create a Pennsylvania Distillers Industry Promotion Board that would give out \$1 million per year in grants the way state beer and wine boards do.

Tim Russell, who runs Maggie's Farm in the Strip District, is amazed at the industry's booming growth but says, despite that, "a camaraderie still appears to exist" among craft distillers.

He's looking forward to participating in the ACSA gathering, where "we get a chance to show off what we're doing and how we're doing it to our industry friends from across the country."

He wouldn't mind, on Tuesday night, picking up a few more medals — as he's done before in the ACSA competition, including a "best of show spirit" in 2016. "The competition has gotten tougher, but if we're fortunate enough to achieve similar results, doing it on stage in our hometown would feel pretty special."

The American Craft Spirits Association gathering runs Sunday through Tuesday. Learn more at americancraftspirits.org/convention. The ACSA and the Pennsylvania Distillers Guild tasting event, the Pennsylvania Toast, runs from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Monday at the Senator John Heinz History Center in the Strip District, which is showing the traveling exhibit, "American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition." Tickets are \$59 in advance or \$69 at the door, which lets you sample the liquids from more than a dozen local and Pennsylvania distilleries and talk with the people who make them. A pop-up state store will sell bottles. Also Monday night, from 6 to 8 p.m., convention keynote speaker Fawn Weaver will give a public talk at Threadbare Cider House and Meadery on the North Side about Nearest Green, the slave who taught Jack Daniel to make whiskey (\$6 admission includes a cocktail). Wigle is selling a limited-edition Prohibition Rye, and a portion of proceeds go to the History Center.

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A cool baby gift: bourbon?

By Bob Batz Jr.
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

At McLaughlin Distillery in Sewickley Hills, owner and distiller Kim McLaughlin offers an unusual baby gift: bourbon.

On the day a child is born, he'll fill a small barrel with, say, 10 gallons of bourbon and mark it with the baby's name, date of birth and contact information.

Customers don't have to have to pay anything to have a barrel laid in. They simply

get first dibs at buying bottles of that whiskey at regular retail price when Mr. McLaughlin bottles it when it's ready in two or three years. It's up to customers when they open the bottles, but they can wait until the baby is an adult. He can't sell full barrels, but he will sell customers the empty barrels, too. If they choose not to buy all the bottles of "their" whiskey, he simply sells it to other customers.

Mr. McLaughlin himself made such a barrel for Shay-

lee Grace, his granddaughter who was born on Nov. 30. He'd made one for his other granddaughter, Clementine Rose, when she was born the previous March, but Shaylee Grace's he posted on Facebook. "People started calling me," he says, wanting barrels for their babies. As of this week, he had 14 of those barrels aging. He plans to keep his granddaughters' batches in the barrels until they each turn 21.

This is not to be confused with McLaughlin's super-

premium Baby Bourbon, which is aged in little 2.5-gallon barrels that he hand makes himself.

Mr. McLaughlin also recently began offering home delivery of his bourbon in Allegheny County.

For more information visit the distillery's Facebook page, website or the distillery itself or call 1-315-486-1372.

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Kim McLaughlin, McLaughlin Distillery

At Sewickley Hills' McLaughlin Distillery, owner Kim McLaughlin will put his bourbon into a barrel on the day a baby is born and give the customers first dibs on the bottles. The barrels age at the distillery, marked with the baby's date of birth, name and other contact information.

Turning cane sugar into rum

RUM, FROM E-1

heated in the big still on a "stripping run" to remove the alcohols and flavor compounds from the water, which is discarded. A batch that starts out at 500 gallons at 10 percent alcohol (by volume) might become 75 gallons at 30 percent alcohol.

Then that "low wine" is put into the second still, for the spirits run, during which the distiller carefully heats it again, in stages, so that the "heads" part — the poisonous methanol — is boiled off first and discarded. Or used as a sidewalk de-icer or cleaner. (Says Mr. Russell, "I've only bought one bottle of Windex ever.")

Then the distiller "makes the cut" and starts capturing the "hearts" — the main portion of potable ethanol — and then captures with it some of the "tails," which are rich with flavor components. The resulting 30 to 35 gallons of new rum winds up being about 70 percent alcohol (or 140 proof), and eventually will be blended with water to be barreled (at about 50 to 60 percent alcohol) and bottled (at about 40

percent alcohol, or 80 proof). What's left are the late "tails." While distilleries typically add the tails to the next batch and redistill them that way, Mr. Russell saves them and re-distills them together to create extra flavorful "queen's share" rums.

Rum and other spirits get additional flavor and character by aging, whether it's in stainless tanks and/or various kinds of wooden barrels, for periods ranging from months to decades.

Other distilleries also offer tours that explain the equipment, ingredients and processes they use. For instance, Wigle Whiskey, also in the Strip District, offers

tours on Saturdays and some Fridays for \$20 to \$25.

Pennsylvania Pure Distilleries in Shaler, which makes Boyd & Blair Potato Vodka, is open from noon to 6 p.m. Saturdays for free tours and tastings.

In Washington, Pa., Red Pump Spirits offers tours and tastings (\$15) at 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. Saturdays, and Liberty Pole Spirits offers of-fers them (\$20) at 1, 3 and 5 p.m.

Check with the distilleries, as some require pre-reg-istration.

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Tim Russell checks the taste and the temperature of a batch of rum during the "spirits run" process at his Maggie's Farm Rum distillery in the Strip District.



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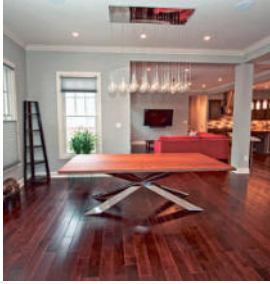




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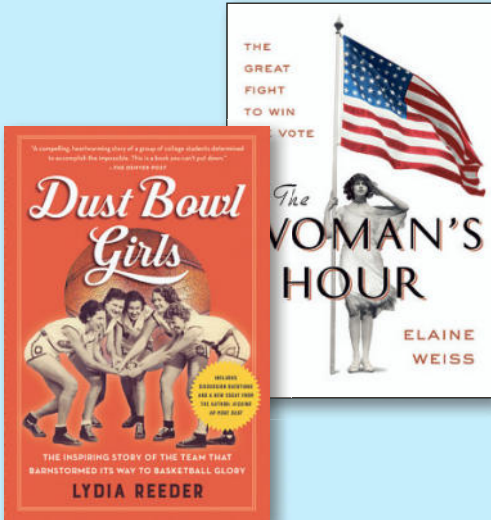
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- The Operations Coordinator is responsible for the continuous operation and maintenance of the Authority's 6 MGD surface water treatment plant. The principal duties of the position include the supervision of all plant personnel, water quality, process control, data collection and reporting to State and Local Authorities.
- A PA-DEP Class (A) Subclass 1, 7, 8, 10, and 11 Water Operator Certification or a related BS/BA degree in Chemistry, Biology, Physical Sciences, or Engineering required.
- The position includes an attractive wage and benefit package.
- Resumes are being received until March 27, 2018 by mail: The Municipal Authority of the City of New Kensington P O Box 577, 920 Barnes Street, New Kensington PA 15068-0577 or email: office@newkenwater.net

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Bids and Proposals

ALLIES & ROSS MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION OF NORTHVIEW MIDRISE REBID IFB NO. 2017-23-E-P-M-Rebid

ALLIES & ROSS MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION will receive separate sealed bids for New Construction of the Northview Midrise. The construction work is estimated to begin in August 2018. The estimated values of the project are in the following ranges Electrical Construction: \$ 2,325,173.00 - \$2,814,683.00; Plumbing Construction: \$ 2,933,600.00 - \$3,551,200.00; Mechanical Construction: \$ 2,408,250.00 - \$2,915,250.00

Bid Documents will be available on or about Monday, March 5, 2018 and may be obtained from the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh's webpage, www.hacp.org. Bidders may register on the website and download the bid documents free of charge. Electronic versions of the Bid Documents, including bid forms, project manual, and drawings can be picked up in person, Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to

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4:30 p.m. at: Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh, Procurement Department, 100 Ross Street, Suite 200, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Mr. Kim Detrick, Director/Chief Contracting Officer

A Pre-Bid Conference and Site Visit will be held on Thursday, March 15, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.: Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh, Northview Heights Highrise Gymnasium, 533 Mt. Pleasant Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15214

A site visit will be conducted thereafter. Bidders shall come prepared to review all aspects of the construction site necessary to prepare a bid.

Bids will be received at: HACP Procurement Department, 100 Ross Street, Suite 200, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Attn: Mr. Kim Detrick, Director of Procurement/Chief Contracting Officer until 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 29, 2018 at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

ALLIES & ROSS MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION reserves the right to waive any informality in, or reject any and all bids. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days subsequent to the opening of bids without the consent of ALLIES & ROSS MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

The Contractor will be required to comply with all applicable Equal Employment Opportunity requirements for Federally Assisted Construction Contracts. The Contractor must ensure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sexual preference, handicap or national origin.

HACP has revised its website. As part of those revisions, vendors must now register and log-in, in order to view and download IFB/RFP documentation.

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Additional information may be obtained by contacting Kim Detrick, Director of Procurement at (412) 456-5116 Opt 1.

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Green Physical Needs Assessment & Integrated Energy Audit (GPNA) for Manchester, Amp-72 ARMDC RFP #2018-25 The documents will be available no later than February 26, 2018 and signed, sealed proposals will be accepted until 11:00 a.m., March 16, 2018 at which

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time they will be Time and Date Stamped at 100 Ross Street, 2nd Floor, Suite 200, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

Parties or individuals interested may obtain information from: Mr. Kim Detrick - Procurement Director/Chief Contracting Officer, Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh, Procurement Department, 100 Ross Street, 2nd Floor, Suite 200, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, 412-456-5116, Option 1 or by visiting the Business Opportunities section of www.hacp.org.

A pre bid meeting will be held: Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh Procurement Department, 100 Ross Street, 2nd Floor, Conference Room, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, March 8, 2018, 11:00 A.M.

The Allies & Ross Management and Development Corporation strongly encourages certified minority business enterprises and women business enterprises to respond to this solicitation.

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HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH INVITATION FOR BIDS (IFB) FOR COMPACTOR/CHUTE REPAIR SERVICES AT VARIOUS HACP LOCATIONS REBID IFB# 300-04-18 Rebid

The Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh (HACP) hereby requests proposals from qualified Firms or individuals capable of providing the following service(s): COMPACTOR/CHUTE REPAIR AT VARIOUS HACP LOCATIONS REBID IFB# 300-04-18 Rebid

The documents will be available no later than February 26, 2018 and signed, sealed bids will be accepted until 10:00 a.m. on March 16, 2018 at which time they will be Time and Date Stamped at 100 Ross Street 2nd Floor, Suite 200, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, at which time they will be opened and read aloud.

Parties or individuals interested in responding may download a copy of the Solicitation from the Business Opportunities page of www.HACP.org.

Questions or inquiries should be directed to: Kim Detrick, Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh

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INVITATION TO BID Sealed bids for roof renovations will be received by the Northgate School District, 591 Union Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15202 until March 26, 2018 at 10:00 a.m., local prevailing time. Bids will be opened publicly and read aloud at the time and place stated above.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting shall be conducted on March 14, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at the Northgate School District, Middle / Senior High School, 591 Union Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15202. The purpose of this meeting is to review the specification and site conditions. Contractors failing to attend the pre-bid meeting will not be permitted to bid, and if a bid is submitted it will be disqualified. Roof renovations will require the use of a hot asphalt kettle.

Each bid shall be accompanied by a certified check, a cashier's check or the bid bond of an approved Surety Company, in an amount of not less than ten (10%) percent of the amount of the proposal. Check or bond shall be drawn in favor of the Northgate School District.

No bidder may withdraw its bid for a period of sixty (60) days after the date set for the opening of bids, except if delayed by a required approval of another government agency, the sale of bonds, or the award of a grant or grants, in which case contract award would occur within 120 days of the date of bid opening, unless extended by the mutual written consent of the contracting body and the bidder. Third

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Laureen Dowd Board Secretary Northgate School District

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PORT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY Electronic Proposals will be received online at the Port Authority of Allegheny County's Ebusiness website (<http://ebusiness.portauthority.org>). Proposals/bid submissions will be due 11:00 AM on March 23, 2018 and will be read at 11:15 AM., the

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same day, at Port Authority's Heinz location (345 Sixth Avenue, Third Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2527), for the following: Electronic Proposal - Ebusiness website (<http://ebusiness.portauthority.org>)

- Bid Number, Bid Name**
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 - 2, B180105A, Coach Replacement Parts - Air Conditioning
 - 3, B180106A, LRV Wheel Assemblies
 - 4, B180209A, Coach Replacement Parts - Body
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Legal Notices

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Notice is hereby given of a Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of School Directors on Monday, March 5, 2018. The meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Multipurpose Room at Fairview Elementary School, 738 Dorseyville Road, Pittsburgh, PA, 15238, followed by the regularly scheduled Agenda Study Session Meeting noticed for 7:00 p.m.

Kathleen Anuszek
Board Secretary

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Public Education of the School District of Pittsburgh shall conduct the following public meetings during the month of March 2018, in the Administration Building, 341 S. Bellefield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213, where copies of this Notice has been prominently posted. Meeting times will be as stated below:

Committee Meeting, March 5, 2018, 5:30 p.m. Conference Room A

Legal Notices

Policy Workshop, March 6, 2018, 5:30 p.m. Conference Room A

Education Meeting, March 6, 2018, 5:30 p.m. Conference Room A

Agenda Review Meeting, March 14, 2018, 6:30 p.m. Conference Room A

Public Hearing, March 19, 2018, 6:00 p.m. Conference Room A

Legislative Session, March 21, 2018, 7:00 p.m. Board Room

Dr. Anthony Hamlet
SECRETARY

OFFICIAL NOTICE - CARNEGIE BOROUGH NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Carnegie Borough Council shall hold a public hearing at the municipal building on March 12, 2018 at 6:45 PM to inform, take public comment on the proposed conditional use application of Ms. Christine Amorose (420 E. Main St. (R) - Cosmetic Tattoo Studio). If persons with a disability wish to attend and require auxiliary aid, service or other accommodation to participate please contact the borough office at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting date.

Proposed Grant Application by the Pennsylvania Department of Education under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act for FFY 2018

Public comment is invited regarding the Pennsylvania Department of Education's proposed grant application and revisions to policies and procedures under Part B of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA-B). The annual grant application provides assurances that

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son with a disability and require an accommodation to participate in the proceedings, please call Beth Runkle at 717.783.2311 no later than March 16, 2018.

Following receipt of all written and oral comments, the Pennsylvania Department of Education will consider all comments and make any necessary modifications to the proposed grant application before submission of the 2018 IDEA-B grant application to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education.

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Weighing the pros and cons of using the parking brake

Dear Car Talk:
Is it a good idea to ALWAYS put on the parking brake? Does doing so keep the transmission from being stressed to hold the car in place? My son told me this, and I do believe him; it makes sense. But I just want to make sure. Most of my friends do NOT set the parking brake. If it really is a good thing to do, should I be advising them to do it also — without sounding like a “smarty-pants”? Love your col-

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umn. — Ann
To parking brake, or not to parking brake? It's not as simple as it seems, Ann.
I guess my answer is that it's a good habit to get into. It's a backup safety system. Assuming you have an automatic transmission, the parking brake is not needed to keep the car from moving, certainly not on flat ground. But if, for some crazy reason,

the car slipped out of gear (or, as is unfortunately too common, the driver forgot to put it in park), then the parking brake would prevent the car from rolling away, or —even worse—rolling over the driver as he or she tried to exit the vehicle. That's a pretty good reason in itself to use the parking brake.
The other advantage is that it can make it easier to get the car out of park when you park on a hill. When you park on a steep hill, after you put the car in park and take your foot off the brake,

you've probably noticed that the car rolls down the hill a bit. That jams the transmission's parking pawl against its ratchet mechanism. That doesn't do any mechanical harm, but it can make it hard to get the shifter out of park when you want to drive away.
If you're a parking-brake user, and you put the car in park and then apply the parking brake before you release the brake pedal, the parking brake will keep the car from rolling, and will make it easier to shift out of

park and drive away. Just remember to shift the lever into gear before releasing the parking brake on your way out.
What's the downside of using the parking brake? Well, if you rarely use it, the cables can rust and stick in the “on” position. Then you'll have to get it towed and repaired.
And the other downside is that you forget it's on, and drive away smoking your brakes, wondering why the car doesn't seem to have its usual power.

But I'd say overall, I think it's a good habit to get into. And kudos to the carmakers who are starting to make cars with parking brakes that apply themselves automatically when you put the car in park, so future generations won't have to struggle with this terrible moral dilemma, Ann.

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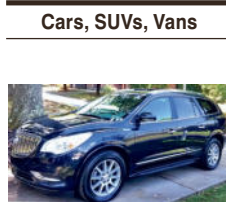

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New group of co-workers seem to be nothing but ‘trouble’

Q: Although I have loved my job for 12 years, things have been going downhill ever since some new people arrived. Now I have a group of co-workers who are nothing but trouble. These petty, spiteful backstabbers constantly criticize the rest of us and keep trying to change the way we work.

My manager is no help because she's just as bad. If you complain about a co-worker, she either ignores the problem or makes things worse by telling the person what you said. I've heard her make negative comments about the staff and question our abilities.

I'm afraid to go over her head because life would be hell if she found out. Besides, our new vice president supports the changes she is making, so he probably doesn't want any complaints. How should I handle this?

A: Reading between the lines, I assume your boss is also new and the vice president placed her in this role. If so, his support for her is hardly surprising because he's the one who chose her. And if your manager hired the annoying co-workers, she is similarly likely to support them.

In that case, you are facing a dilemma often encountered

office coach

MARIE G. MCINTYRE

by long-term employees. When a new executive arrives, major changes follow almost inevitably. As a result, a familiar and comfortable workplace can suddenly feel like alien territory.

When this occurs, one common mistake is to view these changes as “wrong” rather than simply “different.” Instead of assessing ideas objectively, employees quickly become argumentative and resistant, thereby doing considerable damage to their future career prospects.

You have correctly concluded that complaining is not a wise move at this point. But if you make a sincere effort to welcome new people and new approaches, you may find that management is open to well-intentioned suggestions that are properly presented.

On the other hand, if you determine that the place you knew and loved has disappeared forever, it may be time to polish up your resume.

Q: The last time a national holiday fell on Monday, the owner of our business said we would have the day off. However, on Thursday he changed his mind and said Monday would be a normal

workday. When we asked why, he just said there was a lot of work to do.

Losing our holiday after we had already made plans left everyone in complete shock. Now we're afraid the owner is setting a precedent that makes any holiday basically optional. What recourse do we have?

A: Your owner sounds like an inconsiderate jerk. In the absence of any urgent need, canceling a promised holiday was completely unforgivable. If this decision reflects his usual management style, the guy may have difficulty keeping quality employees.

Nevertheless, you may be surprised to learn that holidays are, as you say, “basically optional.” There is no federal law requiring private employers to grant any holidays at all. Most do, of course, but that's an individual business decision. However, your city or state may require that certain days be observed, so perhaps you should explore that possibility.

Marie G. McIntyre can be reached at www.youroffice-coach.com.

Horoscope: Eugenia Last, March 4, 2018

Happy Birthday: Figure out the best way to bring about positive change. Don't follow what another does just because someone's laying a guilt trip on you. What you have to offer should come from the heart. Use your attributes wisely to gain respect and personal satisfaction.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) — Take hold of whatever situation you face. Don't cave under pressure or give in to someone trying to manipulate you. Be your own master and strive for personal gain.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) — Your personal relationships must be handled with diplomacy. Be willing to listen to people and assess situations before you say something or take action. It's in your best interest to get along with others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) — Don't feel that you must make a sudden decision, change or move just because someone else does. Participate in events that include relatives to discover more about your ancestry.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

— Not everyone will be happy with the changes you make, but keep moving forward if you are pleased. Energy spent on self-improvement will pay off and attract praise from someone who counts.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) — You are best off ironing out any emotional issues that surface before things escalate into a feud. Refuse to let an outsider interfere in your personal life.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) — Make positive changes at home. Move things around or set aside space for a project you want to pursue. Spending time with children, engaging in physical activities and socializing with like-minded people are favored.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) — A change in your financial situation is apparent and dependent on your spending habits and ability to budget. Impulse-buying should be stifled before you end up in debt.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) — Impulsive actions should be avoided. Look carefully at every situation you face. Ask

those affected by your decisions to make suggestions or offer preferences if you want to face less disapproval.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) — Listen and learn. Now is not the time to retaliate. Walk away from situations that don't feel right. Focus on being the best you can be and spending time with the ones you love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) — Protect your reputation. Someone will try to make you look bad or use personal information against you. Walk away from anyone who tries to manipulate you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) — Listen carefully and be reluctant to make an abrupt move just because someone is imploring you to make a change. Aim for greater stability instead of disrupting what you've worked so hard to achieve.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) — Don't spend what you don't have. Going into debt to impress someone or while investing in something risky should be avoided. Keep your money in a safe place.



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Black and Gold lives here



The Bidwell Training Center and its sister organization, Manchester Craftsmen's Guild, set up their displays for the Home Garden Show on Wednesday at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

Antonella Crescimbeni/Post-Gazette

Renovation contest entry deadline extended

Technology makes our lives easier — most of the time. Issues with the online entry form for the 2017-18 Renovation Inspiration Contest have prompted us to extend the entry deadline to March 9.

The contest, which is sponsored by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and Design Center Pittsburgh, honors well-done renovations of houses and commercial buildings in Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Greene, Washington and Westmoreland counties.



Lake Fong/Post-Gazette

Michael and Helen Trask and her mother, Mitzi Smetters, were winners in the large residential category of the 2016-17 Renovation Inspiration Contest for their multigenerational rehab of a century-old house in Crafton.

Prizes include tickets to city house tours, free design consults with an architect or designer affiliated with Design Center Pittsburgh and seeing your project featured on the cover of the PG Sunday Home & Garden and Real Estate section.

Winners and runners-up are chosen in four categories:

- Small residential — renovation of the exterior or one or more rooms of a house at least 50 years old. Projects must cost \$50,000 or less.
- Large residential — renovation of the exterior or one or more rooms of a house at least 50 years old. Projects cost more than \$50,000.
- Younger residential — renovations of the exterior or one or more rooms of a house 25-50 years old. No limit on cost of project.
- Commercial — renovation of a residential or commercial building for commercial use. No limit on cost of project.

Enter now at <http://biz.post-gazette.com/renovationcontest/>. If that doesn't work, email your name, address and contact information along with your essay and up to 10 images to kkirkland@post-gazette.com. If you have already entered, please email to be sure it was received.

— Kevin Kirkland, Post-Gazette

Growing up

Bidwell Training Center celebrates 50 years at home show

By Kevin Kirkland
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

For 50 years, Bidwell Training Center has been teaching adults horticulture, carpentry, cooking, electrical wiring and many other skills. But they don't teach them how to grow plants in an old typewriter, computer keyboard or frying pan. Eighteen Bidwell students had to figure that out for themselves.

"From the Ground Up" is the theme of two Bidwell displays at the Duquesne Light Pittsburgh Home & Garden Show, which opens Friday and continues through March 11 at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Downtown.

The lower level exhibit is where you'll find repurposed items used as planters in

IF YOU GO

Duquesne Light Pittsburgh Home & Garden Show

WHEN: March 2-11; 4-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sundays

WHERE: David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Downtown

TICKETS: \$10 adults, \$4 children ages 6-12, free for those under 6. Discounts on week-day admission only at www.pghhome.com

PARKING: \$7 at Heinz Field lots with free shuttle

18 vignettes — one for each discipline — honoring the 50th anniversary of Bidwell and its partner organization, the Manchester Craftsmen's Guild, both on the North Side.

"It's like a sculpture show," said Gary Baranowski, Bidwell's director of horticulture technology.

The same 18 students built informational kiosks on the second level of the convention center to educate showgoers on trees and plant families.

The kiosks surround the Pennsylvania WoodMobile, a traveling exhibit about the state's forests and forest products industry. It was created by the Pennsylvania Forest Products Association and is apparently in

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Millvale hoping riverfront amenities draw newcomers

By Rosa Colucci
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Just over the 40th Street Bridge, another riverfront community is in the initial stages of a renaissance — Millvale.

The borough has a solid business district on North Avenue. Tazza D'Oro coffee shop just took a street-level space at the Bennett Station project, joining new neighbors Ton Pottery and old neighbors Jean-Marc Chatellier French Bakery and Pamela's P&G Diner.

On the real estate front, the town has been buzzing about a trio of pre-Civil War-era townhouses on Stanton Avenue that are being rehabbed by architect Susan Tusick. The end unit at 524 Stanton Ave. is listed for \$219,900 (MLS No.

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1313199) with Racheallee Lacek and Todd Kilgore of Piatt Sotheby's International Realty (412-255-2404 or www.piattsothebysrealty.com).

The price point is breaking new barriers for the borough.

"They are the first new construction rehabs in the borough in more than a decade," Ms. Lacek said.

The real estate agent saw Lawrenceville explode after a benchmark sale several years ago. She said Millvale is still looking to record such a sale to set the tone for future development there.

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The living room at 524 Stanton Ave. in Millvale.

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Millvale hoping riverfront amenities draw newcomers

HOME, FROM G-1

“There is a movement happening over there, and I am so excited to be part of it.”

The Stanton Avenue properties sit on the hill near St. Nicholas Croatian Catholic Church, and out back offer scenic views of the Allegheny River and Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC on the opposite bank.

The shotgun-style, wood-framed townhouses have been completely brought up to speed and to code. Brown asphalt siding has been replaced with soft gray vinyl accented by new vinyl windows and front doors with transoms. New roofs, porch and siding keep things cozy along with a new HVAC system and mechanical upgrades including central air-conditioning.

Each unit features 1½ baths and three bedrooms, one on the lower level, with a reimagined open living concept. The main living spaces feature white walls, engineered hardwood floors and recessed lighting. The kitchens have neutral counter tops.

“I love old buildings,” Ms. Tusick said. “It’s an architect-led design-build. We have Amish-made custom cabinets — durable and going to last. Not lots of jumpy colors in the place.”

Each room has large windows with views of the bustling streets below. The architect said she had hoped the project would inspire others — and it has.

“Something interesting is happening since we built. Other people are buying homes and fixing them up. There are five renovations happening on the street

right now,” she said proudly.

The architect said the townhouses could serve as starter homes or places to downsize. The price makes the townhouses a bargain compared with an apartment.

“It is cost-effective, with low utilities. You can go out and have more fun. It is very European-feeling.”

“You can build equity here. It is like renting, it is so cheap.”

Ms. Lacek has focused a lot of her realty business on Downtown, Lawrenceville and other communities that have seen a renaissance as of late. With her pulse on the condo and new development market, she says Millvale has a lot to offer home buyers.

“Millvale is a walkable, bikeable and boatable community. People are missing the boat if they are not looking at Millvale,” she said.

The borough and neighboring Etna suffered severe flooding when Hurricane Ivan dumped more than 9 inches of rain on the region in September 2004. According to Ms. Lacek, people are still shy about building on the flats, so she thinks that the Stanton Avenue project is right on time.

Restaurants and drinking places such as Draai Laag Brewing and Grist House Craft Brewery are attracting millennials and other transplants to Millvale. Other popular attractions include Millvale Riverfront Park and the Three Rivers Heritage Trail.

Ms. Lacek sees the influx of new residents to city neighborhoods on the other side of the Allegheny River as a bonus. They are not as



Gene Yuger/Pittsburgh Real Estate Media photos
These three row houses at 520-524 Stanton Ave. are the first new construction-rehabs in Millvale in more than a decade.



The kitchen at 524 Stanton Ave. in Millvale features Amish-made custom cabinets and engineered hardwood flooring.

averse to crossing bridges as longtime Pittsburghers.

“Out-of-towners love to cross rivers, visit new neighborhoods and they don’t mind biking, driving or taking Uber to get there,” she said.

The current real estate boom in Lawrenceville has driven the price of a two-bedroom, one-bath row house to \$149,000 unrenovated and more than \$350,000 after renovation.

Ms. Lacek is advising that anyone interested in a property in Millvale should focus on agents who deal with rehabs and new construction because they will have a line on a home before it’s listed.

“Very frequently homes will sell while still under construction and before they are listed, as they did in Lawrenceville.”

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Glass, pottery show & sale this weekend

By Patricia Sheridan
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Glass collectors won’t want to miss the Three Rivers Depression Era Glass Society’s 41st annual American Glass & Pottery Show and Sale on Saturday and Sunday.

The show at the Quality Inn, 300 Tarentum Bridge Road, New Kensington, will feature pieces from the 1880s, the Depression, 1950s-’60s and many other periods. This year’s special exhibit is on Blenko Glass of Milton, W.Va., one of the few independent glass companies still operating in the U.S. Dean Six, a Blenko vice president, will be at the show to answer questions. Hours are 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday.

“Our organization’s mission is to preserve the history of the glass industry in the United States and this show is our biggest fundraiser,” said Leora Leasure, president of the Three Rivers Depression Era Glass Society.

There will be 25 dealers from several states. “They bring the best of the best and we are never disappointed in



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Pitcher and tumbler set made by Cambridge Glass Co. in the 1930s. Beverage ware is a popular collectible.

their offerings,” said Mrs. Leasure.

Early bird admission on Saturday is \$7 from 10 a.m. to noon. The cost is \$5 after noon Saturday and all day Sunday. Anyone 30 years old or younger will be admitted free.

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Bidwell Training Center celebrates 50 years at home show

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high demand. “We’ve been trying to get it for years,” Mr. Baranowski said, noting that the exhibit is popular at fairs and other mostly rural events. “This is a more urban setting than you usually see it.”

Also new at this year’s show is MONMADE (mon-made.org), a showcase of work by local artisans presented by the local chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers. Nine area creators of furniture, pottery, textiles and other crafts will appear at the show to discuss their work.

“We always like to highlight new products and trends at the home show,” said Nancy Sakino Spears of Savoy Interior Design, a past president of ASID Pennsylvania West. “This time we have these great, great artisans. We have this treasure right in our backyard!”

The craftspeople will be joined in the second-floor space by ASID members and design students from La Roche College, Chatham and Mercyhurst universities and Indiana University of Pennsylvania. The designers will offer free consultations on paint color, interiors, aging in place and other issues.

“We are becoming a destination city. More people are retiring here,” Ms. Sakino Spears said. “We can help you decide what you need to change and how you can continue to live in your home. You don’t need to move.”

The home show offers over 1,800 exhibits of products and services, including some returning features. Showgoers can meet robots at the Life-Changing New Products exhibit, bring one item for a free appraisal from antiques expert Dr. Lori Verderame, watch the art of Japanese flower arranging, talk to local garden writer Doug



Lillies spring from a repurposed filing cabinet drawer.

Antonella Crescimbeni/Post-Gazette photos



Ben Sonenblum

Ben Sonenblum created this kitchen with mahogany cabinets and maple butcher block island. He is one of nine artisans who will appear at the Pittsburgh Home & Garden Show with MONMADE.

Oster and enjoy jazz by the CAPA House Band in the Crawford Grill. Other returning favorites are Duquesne Light’s Electric Lane, the Builders Association of Metropolitan Pittsburgh’s Builders Showcase, the Children’s Village and Turtle Races.

*Kevin Kirkland:
412-263-1978 or kkirkland@post-gazette.com.*



Alyssa and Drew Copeland create riveted wool bowls.

Camp Copeland Studio



Multi-colored roses are rearranged while on display at the Home and Garden Show.



A small aloe plant is displayed in a repurposed beaker.



Mike Korsak

Mike Korsak photos Furniture maker Mike Korsak created the Iris chest of drawers. He is one of nine artisans who will appear at the Pittsburgh Home & Garden Show with MONMADE.

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PITTSBURGH

2nd Ward

Joseph Cardosi to Judith Bacchus, 2419 Smallman St. Unit 505, \$600,000.

3rd Ward

Lestanya Chenielle Martin to Hill Community Development Corp., 243 Lombard St., \$37,000.

6th Ward

Scott Lucot to Kyle Adam Lucot and Felicia Paige McKinney, 275 38th St., \$109,000. MSSH Enterprises LLC to Mahmoud Zalloum, 24 Revere Way, by sheriff's deed \$69,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$136,230).

7th Ward

Amina Turner et al. to Citizens Bank Pennsylvania, 5 Bayard Road, by sheriff's deed \$1,616. Estate of Chris aka Chrissie Soucoumiou to OPA HI Development LLC, 5108 Bayard St., \$200,000. Bakery Village L.P. to Amar Bansal, 6453 Melissa St., \$671,872. Jonathan Burdette to Craig and Diane Markovitz, 600 Shady Ave. Unit B, \$320,000.

8th Ward

Keith William Gibson to Park Tree Investments 17 LLC, 323 West Penn Place, by sheriff's deed \$1,671.

9th Ward

Frank Rezzetano Jr. to Joseph Rosenbloom, 163 45th St., \$200,000.

10th Ward

William Hearld et al. to Highland Assoc. LLC, 5014 Dearborn St., \$75,000. Robert Cardillo to Christopher Cardillo, 5420 Dresden Way, \$11,046. Virginia Clemm to Bank New York Mellon trustee, 335 N. Aiken Ave., by sheriff's deed \$1,738. Lynia Matthews estate et al. to JLA Properties L.P., 840 Oranmore St., by sheriff's deed \$51,500 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$68,400).

11th Ward

Pittsburgh City to Paulette Poulet, property, 5426 Broad St., \$8,000. Charles Wright IV to Mariu Castro Adames and Christian Frangiadis, 1136 Mellon St., \$430,000. Estate of Olivia Jones to Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. trustee, 6112 St. Marie St., by sheriff's deed \$5,840. Yong Wan to Meredith Flannery, 913 Wellesley Road, \$450,000.

13th Ward

Estate of Cheryl Louis Dolby to JLA Properties L.P., 7322 Idlewild St., by sheriff's deed \$31,601 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$50,388). Rashi Stubblerfield to Guy Alphonse, 1022 Lawndale St., \$16,000. Estate of Evelyn Cephas Wright to 15CCD Corp., 7712 Susquehanna St., by sheriff's deed \$5,400 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$34,770). Estate of Nathaniel Morris to Bullychid Redevelopment LLC, 7630 Tioga St., by sheriff's deed \$3,600 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$37,278).

14th Ward

Scott Americus to Jose' Omelas and Gloria Bernabe Ramos, 110 N. Woodland Road, \$658,480. Robert Woolhandler to Ann Nicole Uland and Emily Elizabeth Willins, 6404 Wilkins Ave., \$467,500.

15th Ward

Phillip Solomond et al. to Nicolas and Renee DiLuzzo, 3862 Beechwood Blvd., \$117,000. Frank Cogoli to Valerie Gardner, 5148 Gloster St., \$3,000. Estate of Lucia Giannetta to Hazelway LLC, property, Harlem St., \$2,000. Maria Critelli to Ilyia Kulidi, 774 Hazelwood Ave., \$131,500. James Chapman to Lily Truong, 5049 Orinoco St., by sheriff's deed \$7,500 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$33,288).

16th Ward

2116 Carey Way LLC to Cityside Leasing General LLC, 2116 Carey Way, \$25,000. Theodore Williams et al. to DRPCR LLC, 2816 Mary St., by sheriff's deed \$71,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$134,634). 2116 Carey Way LLC to Cityside Leasing General LLC, property, Sarah St., \$10,000.

17th Ward

Pittsburgh Chili Kings LLC to Steven Sherman, property, 1022 Fritz St., \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$31,692). Jeeraporn Chairsi to Lynn Resnick and Lee McDermott, 1808 Jane St., \$230,000. Melissa Kosheba Passafiume et al. to Justin's Heroes LLC, 68 S. 19th St., \$92,200.

18th Ward

Bigham Growth Trust #100850 to Pittsburgh City Holdings LLC, 850 Climax St., \$18,000. Mohamed Kargbo to SSSH Community Partners LLC, 929-931 Manton Way, by sheriff's deed \$7,100 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$49,818). Tonia Suber to Stanhope Street Properties LLC, 231 Ruxton St., \$55,000. Patricia A Worthy Millender to Ming Guo, 436 Sylvania Ave., \$60,000. Mary Gorski et al. to Michelle Annette Kidby and Davin Ray Gauthier, 205 Walter St., \$39,000.

19th Ward

David Marchi to Clemont Okoye and Dorothy Graczyk, 1607 Averoado Ave., by sheriff's deed \$18,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$68,172). Mitchel Sallee to William McCabe, 344 Bradley St., \$535,500. Helen Smithyman to Helen and David Smithyman, 756 Eathan Ave., \$18,500. Fouad Salman to Jay Hough Jr., 1333 Goldstrom Ave., \$115,000. Michael Joseph to Lily Truong, 204 Merrimac St. rear, by sheriff's deed \$9,500 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$87,096). Michele Hutchison to Federal National Mortgage Assn., 2020 Pioneer Ave., by sheriff's deed \$1,908. Zhongxue Liu to Old Concord Capital LLC, 2001 Plainview Ave., \$158,300. Kevin Greiner to Pasquale Santini Jr. and Annmarie Santini, 227 Smith Way, \$76,250. Christiana Trust trustee to Alexander Hassan Farah, 1622 Westfield St., \$46,000. Sweetbriar Street LLP to Pomo Development Inc., property, 465 Wyolia St., \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$2,850).

20th Ward

Guy Lozito et al. to Lily Truong, 7 Bond St., by sheriff's deed \$8,700 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$104,652). Donna Rokey to Lili Pan, 3045 Glenmaw Ave., \$33,899. Estate of Anna Marie Barry to Johanna and Jacqueline White, 740 Herschel St., \$44,500. Marc Benoit to Fog Homes L.P., 433 Parson St., \$30,000. Nicole Storino aka Winters to Marx Properties LLC, 2810 Strachan Ave., by sheriff's deed \$27,400 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$79,230). Estate of Douglas Ordean to Elada Khramova, 1025 Uvilla St., \$19,500.

24th Ward

Donna Moser to Micah Tozer, 2116

Straubs Lane, \$25,000. Pittsburgh Urban Redevelopment Authority to Washington's Landing Marina L.P., commercial property, 1200 Waterfront Place, \$285,000.

25th Ward

Capital Homes LLC to Jared Scott Beers and Livia Margarite Vissat, 1602 Bighorn Road, \$199,500. William Combs Jr. to Wells Fargo Bank NA trustee, 1685 Pennysville Ave., by sheriff's deed \$17,420.

26th Ward

Jenifer Oberg to Delia Fojo, 3424 Delaware St., \$100,000. Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency to Shane Johnston, 1700 High St., \$17,000. Jimmy Lincoln to Northside Properties R&S LLC, property, Josh Gibson Drive, \$6,000. Sara Phillips to US BankTrust NA trustee, 2402 Osgood St., by sheriff's deed \$2,362.

27th Ward

Peter Mahoney to Gary Miller, 814 Benton Ave., \$63,500. Deborah Johnson to JLA Properties L.P., 3466 Shadeland Ave., by sheriff's deed \$45,201 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$73,986). Matthew Scrabas to Robert Joseph McAfee, 1102 Woodland Ave., \$66,000.

28th Ward

Estate of Nicholas Erlach to US Bank NA trustee, 1533 Cumberland St., by sheriff's deed \$1,954. George Ryden to Katie Dodd, 1623 E. Steuben St., \$83,000. Ronald Viskovic to Shawn Seagriff, 136 Hyde St., \$166,200. Anita Williams estate et al. to JPMorgan Chase Bank NA, 1551 Obey Ave., by sheriff's deed \$8,439.

29th Ward

Estate of Donald Bick to Bryan Runski, 115 Birmingham Ave., \$28,000. Edward Dietz et al. to Bayview Loan Servicing LLC, 1419 Nobles Lane, by sheriff's deed \$3,006.

31st Ward

LSF9 Master Participation Trust to Pronotech LLC, 5510 Keefe St., \$16,000. Pronotech LLC to Gabriel Fischer, 5510 Keefe St., \$88,000.

32nd Ward

Shaun Trosky to Kim Sable, 2281 Bernard St., \$134,550. Bartley Malie to JPMorgan Chase Bank NA, 2823 Fernland St., by sheriff's deed \$1,775. Property Partners Group LLC to Abi Jett, 2120 Groveland St., \$147,900. Candy Burgess to JPMorgan Chase Bank NA, 616 Horning St., by sheriff's deed \$1,616. Susan Jean Price to US Bank NA trustee, 546 Sunnyside Ave., by sheriff's deed \$2,076.

Aleppo

Christopher Docchio to Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency, 101 Trailside Drive, by sheriff's deed \$2,894.

Avalon

Francesco Scrivolfio to Jennifer Barnes, 221 Oak St., \$125,000.

Baldwin Borough

Shawn Berta to Lal and Budhi Biswa, 1422 Cathell Road, \$150,000. Cleo Saukel estate et al. to DRPCR LLC, 3795 Cynthia Drive, by sheriff's deed \$36,500 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$106,134). Philip English to Laxmi Gautam and Yanti Maya Ghimeray, 5155 Janie Drive, \$175,900. Daniel Needham to Wells Fargo Bank NA, 664 Judith Drive, by sheriff's deed \$5,317. Robert Babayk et al. to LSF8 Master Participation Trust, 5044 Leona Drive, by sheriff's deed \$18,813.

Baldwin Township

Maureen L Kelly Nelson to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., 553 Old Farm Road, by sheriff's deed \$2,168. William Faust III to Jessica Ullshney, 555 Old Farm Road, \$154,500.

Bell Acres

Ronald Sevin et al. to Allegheny Land Trust, property, Little Sewickley Creek Road, by sheriff's deed \$25,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$97,926).

Bellevue

Michael Moran to PNC Bank NA, 328B Glaser Ave., by sheriff's deed \$52,362. Jennifer Bohland Anhalt to School Sisters of St. Francis, 143 Kendall Ave., \$155,000. Colin O'Brien to Jonathan Pitcher, 149 N. Sprague Ave., by sheriff's deed \$43,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$113,889). Jack Heffin Jr. to Wells Fargo Bank NA trustee, 620 North Ave., by sheriff's deed \$2,321. Randy Bevan to Pabean Property L.P., 78 S. Harrison Ave., \$188,000.

Bethel Park

David Rigot to Tika Ram Siwakoti and Ray Paudel, 5566 Annetta Drive, \$184,500. Robin Whetsell to Randy and Elaine Rigatti, 573 Clifton Road, \$110,000. Estate of Francis Payson Shonkewiler to Kyle McRory, 2516 Milford Drive, \$70,000. Lark Wilson to Lisa Finnegan and Steven Shannon, 5016 Orchard Ave., \$104,000.

Bradford Woods

Christopher Rizzo to Matthew and Corissa Cook, 245 Bradford Road, \$455,000.

Brentwood

Kayja Properties LLC to Evergreen Property Invest LLC, 3027 Bremen Ave., \$325,000. Wendy Beck to B&B Capital LLC, 2912 Brentwood Ave., \$40,000. Michael Grabowski to JREPH LLC, 3000 Clermont Ave., \$60,000. Estate of Deborah Rutkowski to Luke Hodgkinson, 3848 Delco Road, by sheriff's deed \$25,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$64,524). James Shoup to Christy McCune, 3108 Elroy Ave., \$80,000. LDT 3 Properties LLC to PRL & Co., 3412 Kaufman Ave., \$72,500. Jacquelyn Jones to Soulshine Life LLC, 3410 Kaufman Ave., \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$62,700).

Carnegie

Smith & Clark Real Estate LLC to Christopher and Tiffany Ivey, 557 Boquet St., \$155,000.

Castle Shannon

Senterra Building & Development Inc. to Jose Paez and Alba Lucia Tovar Neira, 2898 E. May St., \$256,035. Steven Zack to Carl Van Shuytman, 1245 Havlock Ave., \$44,000. Estate of Judith Ann Young to Christine Lynne Brookline LLC, 3730 Lyndell St., \$75,000. Estate of Edward Petronio to Sarah Bobzynski, 3583 Middleboro Road, \$132,000. Miculo Enterprises Ltd. LLC to 3768 Willow Avenue LLC, institutional site, 3768 Willow Ave., \$699,700.

Churchill

Stephen Edward Toliver Jr. to Amanda Louise Creps and Mark Joseph Clemente, 69 Holland Road, \$180,500.

Clairton

Stuart Price to Economic Development South Inc., commercial property, 519 St. Clair Ave., \$80,000.

Collier

Steven Shepos to Curtis Adlai and Amy Lynn Sowder, 805 Timber Trail, \$304,787.

Coraopolis

Herman Jones estate et al. to Federal National Mortgage Assn., 1105 Birch Way, by sheriff's deed \$4,459.

Crescent

Andrew Edward Hunter to Sarah Bevan, 1723 Heather Heights Drive, \$229,000.

Domont

Thomas Morton et al. to Jonathan Pitcher, 1126 Kelton Ave., by sheriff's deed \$22,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$91,770). WF Master REO 201502 LLC to Justin's Heroes LLC, 2702 Philadelphia Ave., \$50,102. Samuel Bianchi to US Bank NA trustee, 1310 Tennessee Ave., by sheriff's deed \$6,690.

Duquesne

Janice Moddy et al. to Wells Fargo Bank NA trustee, 117 Erwin St., by sheriff's deed \$1,948.

East Deer

Daniel Gigger to TJM Properties LLC, 419 Marion St. rear, \$24,000.

East Pittsburgh

Jeff Pusateri to Dion Daye Jr., commercial property, 340 Electric Ave., by sheriff's deed \$10,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$68,400). Michael Fanto et al. to The Holy Grail Garage LLC, institutional site, 905 Main St., \$50,000.

Elizabeth Borough

William Adams to Tuff Properties LLC, 206 Locust St., by sheriff's deed \$5,500 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$49,362).

Elizabeth Township

Michael Isbir Jr. to Country Club Drive LLC, 2009 Country Club Drive, \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$126,540). Housing & Urban Development to Kingdom Priority 2 LLC, 308 Grouse Drive, \$62,625. Barbara Wilson to Robert Nylander, 6106 Roslyn St., \$50,000. James Joseph Bonner IV et al. to Megan Elizabeth Coma, 1313 Virginia St., \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$132,282).

Etna

SJ Group LLC to Kenneth Klaja, 72 Wilson St., \$51,000.

Findlay

Estate of Edna Spangler Jones to Paul and Elizabeth Marflak, 130 Burns St., \$9,000.

Forest Hills

Debra Wuenchell estate et al. to Christina Trust trustee, 4004 Greensburg Pike, by sheriff's deed \$2,367. Forest Hills Trust #100524 to Robert K Malkin & Assoc. Inc. PSP, 524 Pacific Ave., \$29,000. Catherine Zellers to Bronwyn Doyle, 137 Sumner Ave., \$77,000.

Forward

Nicole Bahanna et al. to EQM Gathering OPCO LLC, property, Kelly Run Road, by sheriff's deed \$10,000. PNC Bank NA to Mac Molek, 3218 Rainbow Run Road, \$6,800.

Fox Chapel

John Goodenough to Barbara and Patrick O'Connell, 500 Guyasta Road, \$599,000. Constance Donnelly to Donald and Mary Block, 207 Hunt Road, \$799,000. Champion Mortgage Co. to Nationstar HECM Acquisition Trust 2017-2, 1917 Squaw Run Road, \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$575,814).

Franklin Park

Craig Schweiger to Jace and Mary Colin, property, Barrington Drive, \$199,900. Jason Wolfe to Sterling James Development LLC, 2316 McAleer Road, \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$391,476). Jason Wolfe to Sterling James Development LLC, 2324 McAleer Road, \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$324,900). Anthony Kozol to Franklin Fields 2 L.P., 2398 Rochester Road, \$455,000. NVR Inc. to Andrew Anthony and Samantha Tai Garrity, 1729 St. Johns Lane, \$282,695. Franklin Fields 2 L.P. to NVR Inc., property, 1733 Stevensen Drive, \$153,950.

Glassport

John Gardner to M & T Bank, 608 Delaware Ave., by sheriff's deed \$3,020. Marjorie Campano et al. to JMBC Real Estate LLC, 1007 Vermont Ave., \$53,000. Donna King to Alexin Investments LLC, 732 Vermont Ave., \$21,000. Karen Rarick to Bank New York Mellon trustee, 814 Vermont Ave., by sheriff's deed \$3,871.

Green Tree

Estate of Robert Stewart to Leigh Ann Homick, 209 Aria Drive, \$198,500. Anthony Morocco trustee to Anthony Morocco III, 226 Banbury Lane, \$142,000. Charles Chieffallo to Christopher and Jaclyn Boehm, 1063 Norsis Drive, \$242,000. Bruce Gradowski Jr. to Sean and Elizabeth Windisch, 218 Silver Oak Drive, \$270,000.

Hampton

The Hamptons L.P. to NVR Inc., property, 5128 Hampton Place Drive, \$344,344. Nancy Jean Braun trustee to George and Joy Campbell, 2925 Harts Run Road, \$200,000. Douglas Potoka Spaniel Hansen, 3055 Samadja Crescent West, \$410,000. Samad Bakuri to Gurinder and Ramandeep Mahal, 3160 Woodridge Road Ext., \$328,000.

Harrison

Valencics Inc. to Enterprise Bank, office building, 4001 Freepport Road, by sheriff's deed \$32,883. Michael McKinney to GSMPs Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-RP2 Mortg, 2610 Meadow St., by sheriff's deed \$2,205. Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. to Angela Crissman, 2612 Palm St., \$17,000.

Homestead

Dawn Ann Arrington to Marx Properties LLC, 1616 Maple St., by sheriff's deed \$7,500 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$50,844). Kesha Epps to Lily Truong, 329 W. 15th Ave., by sheriff's deed \$5,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$48,222).

Indiana

Kelly Caccia to Lindsay and David Dougherty, 711 Heathergate Drive, \$420,000. David Siarkowski to Robert Coleman Stroh, 3 Ring St., \$56,000. Brian Striegler to Michael and Talma Williams, 3668 Saxonburg Blvd., \$245,000. Anthony Squeglia to Meghan French and Zachary Avi, 3041 Sylvan Terrace, \$332,000.

Ingram

Jennifer Glozzer to Taylor Bean & Whitaker Mortgage Corp., 127 Scotia St., by sheriff's deed \$8,203.

Jefferson Hills

Susan Stonick to Nancy Bundy, 129 Dale St., by sheriff's deed \$165,010 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$322,734). Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. to Jack Jay Matyas II, 2012 George Lane, \$112,000. Maronda Homes Inc. to Shannon and Michael Wetzel, 334 Hunters Field Circle, \$340,748. Glenn Deboski to Christopher and Christine Murphy Elwanger, 1233 Oakwood Drive, \$315,000. Samuel Gallaher to Megan Lisa and Justin Young, 111 Roberts Drive, \$173,000.

Kennedy

Anthony Pastin to Dominic and Anna Carlini, 16 Woodland Drive, \$210,000.

Kilbuck

Douglas Reichert Jr. trustee to George

Magovern Jr. and Jamie Magovern, 1 Newgate Road, \$507,880.

Liberty

Kenneth Holland to Daniel Kocsis and Shayna Cappello, commercial property, 2814 Liberty Way and H St., \$70,000.

Marshall

Joseph Nowak to Yongqing LLC, 904 Highlander Circle, \$530,000. Robert Tuttle to Raghavan Mohan and Vidya Venkataraman, 202 Venango Trail, \$291,500. Katherine Bosworth Borland to Craig and Elizabeth Rice, 1545 Warrendale Bayne Road, \$303,000.

McCandless

James Woloszyk to Huntington National Bank, 9443 Almar Place, by sheriff's deed \$1,612. 9801 Babcock Assoc. LLC to Pohl Construction Inc., restaurant, 9801 Babcock Blvd. and Ridge Road, \$200,000. Adventure Champion Partn. to CA Senior McCandless PA Property Owner L, commercial property, 8570 Duncan Ave., \$3,200,000. Estate of Suzanne Plakidas to Scott Lucot, 555 Sloop Road, \$80,000. Carly A Cammarata Sunstay to Mario Glioizzi, 1413 Towne Square Drive, \$211,000.

McKeesport

Jeanne Irons to Robert Gray, 317 30th St., \$28,000. Betty Perrone trustee to Kennedy Investment Properties LLC, office building, 2711 Fifth Ave., \$80,000. Gregory Dazro to DVA Services Inc., 618 Arlington St., \$5,000. Erik Snyder to Christopher and Justin Palko, car dealership or parking garage or car wash, 218 Atlantic Ave., \$20,000. Estate of Frances Leifheit to US Bank NA trustee, 612 Atlantic Ave., by sheriff's deed \$2,873. Jamie Winkler et al. to Robert Jackson, 1410 Craig St., \$60,000. Roy Ellison to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., 908 Ridge Street, by sheriff's deed \$1,960. Dayna Sirianni aka Sabbath to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., 1807 Scott St., by sheriff's deed \$1,641. Dale Dellapenna to Adam Thomas Bak, 3116 Stewart St., \$150 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$24,624). US Home Ownership LLC to Pitt NY Enterprises Inc., 918 Union Ave., \$16,000.

Millvale

Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. trustee to Lambo Properties 113 Maryland LLC, 113 Maryland Ave., \$18,200. Mark Walsh to Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. trustee, 412 Stanton Ave., by sheriff's deed \$2,073.

Monroeville

John Lips to PNC Bank NA, 432 Cottage Lane, by sheriff's deed \$85,000. Wendy Stiere to Bob Tyke's Auto Service LLC, car dealership or parking garage or car wash, 508 Garden City Drive, \$165,000. Kenneth Fedorek to Glen Wagner, 305 Glenwood Drive, \$140,000. Estate of Brian O'Hara to Central Penn Capital Management LLC, 120 Leslie Road, by sheriff's deed \$112,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$141,360). Clyde Kinney Jr. to PHH Mortgage Corp., 266 My Way, by sheriff's deed \$3,121. Strategic Realty Fund LLC to Joseph and Corinne Geisweidt, 213 Shackelford Drive, \$55,100. Estate of Russell Brown to Elizabeth and Darin Hazlett, 744 Vanderbilt Drive, \$120,000. Bruce Reed to Devendra and Deepa Kaprowan, 118 Verlinden Drive, \$165,000. Eva Matzko to Gregory and Antoinette Chelkis, 116 W. Patty Lane, \$90,000.

Moon

Maronda Homes Inc. to

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Concept Homes, 4413 Outlook Drive, \$15,000. Terrel Funk to Streets MR18 LLC, industrial site, 1326 Streets Run Road, by sheriff's deed \$72,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$240,426). Raymond Simeral to IHHWL LLC, 1901 Worton Blvd., by sheriff's deed \$14,500 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$55,290).

West View

Perato Enterprises LLC to Windsor Capital LLC, 343 Center Ave., \$73,500. Raymond Lach to Rachel Bachri and Eugene Laborde, 14 Fordham Ave., \$145,000. Michael Dusi to Huseyin and Laura Ozdem, 127 Harvard Ave., \$115,000. Janice Kemer to RTO SA Holdings 181 L.P., 220 Park Ave., \$73,000. John Koerbel to TYT Real Estate Investments LLC & Meravd, 12 Township Road, \$60,000.

White Oak

Estate of John Hackwelder to S & T Bank, 14950 Cherry Lane, by sheriff's deed \$1,738. Jon Sylvander Jr. to Bank America NA, 2031 Kansas Ave., by sheriff's deed \$2,642. Dana Bartko to US Bank NA trustee, 1637 Lincoln Way, by sheriff's deed \$5,422.

Whitehall

Estate of James Donovan to Nai Ah Ta Mon and Mhra Moe, 4825 Brownsville Road, \$135,000. Nicholas Hoyle to Frank and Samantha Faraone, 4330 McKee Drive, \$145,000. Daniel Caponi to Adam Marasco and Chelsea Zola, 4711 W. Barlind Drive, \$162,500.

Wilkins

Estate of Norene Lukinich to Erin and Daniel Calig, 287 Cline St., \$58,000. Robert Lewis to Wells Fargo Bank NA trustee, 288 Cline St., by sheriff's deed \$1,967. Ryan Shedlock to Charlene Dodaro, 154 Gilmore Drive, \$115,000.

Wilksburg

Le Andre Davis to Marcell Turner, 502 Campbell St., \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$27,246). Le Andre Davis to Alan Monroe, 2023 Chalfant St., \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$11,400). William Hayes et al. to Dana Cralle, 1450 Foilage St., \$27,500. Wanda Royall to 3H Properties Inc., 1544 Montier St., \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$151,848). Peter Williams et al. to HL Properties L.P., commercial property, 1550 Montier St., by sheriff's deed \$8,800 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$49,590). Alfred Savage Jr. to Ogbonna Moses Onwubiko and Olga Chipangila, commercial property, 912 Penn Ave., \$50,000. Estate of Leon Gray to US Bank NA trustee, 757 Princeton Blvd., by sheriff's deed \$4,772. Al Smith Jr. to Haluk Kose, 313 South Ave., by sheriff's deed \$25,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$151,848). Gregory Collier to US Bank NA, 2100 Village Drive, by sheriff's deed \$5,569. Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. to Bank America NA, property, 1822 Wright St., \$10 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$5,814).

Beaver County

Aliquippa

US Bank NA to Paloma Dantas Coutinho and Manoel Sa De Oliveira, 108 Sutton St., \$14,560.

Ambridge

Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. to Twisted Trunk Properties LLC, 934 Duss Ave., \$23,380. Ambridge Revocable Trust to Miracle Church of God In Christ, commercial property, 120 Merchant St., \$375,000.

Beaver Falls

Marie Tagg Weir to Michael Turner, 1110 Tenth Ave., \$20,000. Richard Cramer to Donnalou Hodak, 1514 Fifth Ave., \$8,000. Patricia Melcher to William and Jean Ross, 1326 Sixth Ave. #701, \$15,500.

Beaver

David Mulcahy to Jeffrey and Liza Ankrum, commercial property, 469 Market St., \$93,500.

Brighton

James Naim to Tahishia and Matthew Simmons, 103 Ericson Circle, \$411,000. Mark Gaudio to Gregory Peluso, 415 Neville Road, \$23,000. Chad Davies to Michael Umstead, 160 Sycamore Drive, \$99,000.

Center

Joseph Berkeley to Douglas Landy, 328 Canterbury Drive, \$258,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$516,000). Terry Barr et al. to George and Gail Rollins, 255 Columbia Drive, \$163,000. Michael Yerkins to Sara Lynn Homky and John Sylvester Bober, 521 Cornell Drive, \$175,000. Louis Michael et al. to Ramesh and Theresa Kaul, property, 118 Michaels Drive, \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$5,946).

Chippewa

Matthew Barkley to Jennifer Renee Pomerico, 2941 Darlington Road, \$125,000.

Conway

Kirk Patterson to Douglas and Melinda Sue Bergman, 1708 Porter St., \$165,000.

Darlington Township

James Mansell Jr. to Marc Youngdahl,

property, 784 Anchortown Road, \$34,000. Geoffrey Giambrone to Bonaparte LLC, agricultural land, 1000 Cannellton Road, \$350,000.

Economy

Regis Pascuzzi to Shane and Rachel Follmar, 2 Leaf Court, \$203,700. Eric Lunde to Lee Lawyer Jr. and Arianne Lawver, 1808 Lynn Drive, \$145,500.

Franklin

James Rohm to Adam Knauff and Aimee Clare Vaniglia Knauff, mobile home site, 184 Bessor Road, \$18,500.

Hanover

Clifford Campbell to Jeremiah Linn, property, 266 Anderson Hozak Road off, \$50,000.

Harmony

Thomas Pappas to James Pappas, 3720 Watson St., \$25,000.

Hopewell

Maronda Homes Inc. to Dan Ryan Builders Mid Atlantic LLC, property, Claimont Court, \$52,000.

Independence

Michael Melko to Ryan Kukuruda, property, 134 Parrish Road, \$160,000. Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. to Michael Melko, property, 484 Tank Farm Road, \$50,000.

New Brighton

Ryan Beachem to Mary Reina to Daniel Rankin, 1632 Sixth Ave., \$42,000.

New Sewickley

William Stewart to James and Mary Beth Hassan, 525 Pioneer Lane, \$355,200.

North Sewickley

Ryan Beachem to Dakota Isaiah Beachem, 1485 Francis St., \$70,000.

Ohioville

Christina Trust ARLP Trust 3 to David Logan, 102 Anderson Drive, \$52,000.

Patterson

Wells Fargo Bank NA to Seth Rosenberger, 1416 Struby Ave., \$169,050.

Rochester Borough

Beaver Valley Aerie #1226 Fraternal Orde to Siebenbueroner Sachsen Kranken Unterstuet, commercial property, 112 Simes St., \$41,000.

Rochester Township

Mark Gaudio to Angel Torres and Jennifer Torres Pflugh, 574 Connecticut Ave., \$10,000. Erin Tooch to Kelly and Lori Rockwell, 746 Elk Ave., \$22,500.

Butler County

Adams

Martha Stepanic to Robert and Catherine Pappa, 603 Independence Court, \$399,900. Barbara Krug to Tracey Lynn Lessner, 8841 Lost Valley Drive, \$190,000. Robert Mogus to Damon and Katherine Garr, 613 Oswego Drive, \$657,500. Central Penn Capital Management LLC to Michelle Bosiljevack Vaglia, 319 Princeton Drive, \$276,500. Patricia Brown to Martha Stepanic, 134 Valleybrook Drive, \$384,900.

Buffalo

Eric Davis to Matthew Slamecka, 182A Beale Road, \$240,000. Savers Mill Assoc. L.P. to NVR Inc., property, Creek Side Drive, \$57,000. NVR Inc. to Vincent and Emily Donatelli, 164 Creekside Drive, \$300,650. David Wells to Christopher and Gina Peat, 224 Edgewood Drive, \$239,515. Hilda Braden to Danna Burke and Leo Burke Jr., real estate, Maple Ave., \$10,000. Bryan Vaughan to Gary Kretzler Jr., 605 S. Pike Road, \$153,000.

Butler Township

Greta Monnie to Gerald and Cheryl McNeill, mobile home site, 110 Crevar Drive, \$75,000. Leslie Dero to Bayview Loan Servicing LLC, 213 Home Ave., \$20,000. Estate of Amy Regal to Federal National Mortgage Assn., 500 Meridian Road, by sheriff's deed \$3,447. HP PA LLC to HPA Borrower 2017-1 ML LLC, 4147 Miller St., \$10 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$98,526). Connie Wetzel to Mary Lou and Elmer Katica, 258 N. Boundary St., \$173,900. Loretta Mrochek to Angela Chiappini and Kenneth Dambaugh, 204 Thornwood Drive, \$278,500.

Butler

Travis Furman to Dustin and Holly Furman, 301 Third St., \$95,000. Mark Williams to George Denning and Elaine Jacobs, 713 N. Monroe St., \$152,000.

Center

Allan Fleeger to Donald McCollough Jr. and Carol McCollough, 123 Henley Drive, \$257,000.

Connoquenessing Borough

Frank Dietrich to Janene Marie Veazey, 275 Constitution Ave., \$180,200.

Cherryberry

Sheny Codispot to Quicken Loans Inc., 137 Bayberry Lane, by sheriff's deed \$20,000. Mark Beneski to Franconia Real Estate Services Inc., 118 Dalliance Court, \$704,500. Forest Edge L.P. to Caleb and Jennifer Knier, 220 Drake Circle, \$190,000. Richard Sallade to Patricia Ann and Matthew Scott Quinn, 1267 Norbery Court 16, \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$139,502).

Harrisville

Victoria Moline to Northwest Bank, 420

S. Church St., by sheriff's deed \$1,335.

Jackson

Jackson Park Dev Assoc. L.P. to NVR Inc., property, Isabella Court, \$74,117. Maronda Homes Inc. to Mary Jo Godwin and Richard Dalton Simons, 183 Rylie Drive, \$271,381.

Jefferson

Michael Giza to Jason and Hannah Giza, 137 Reay Lane, \$152,000.

Lancaster

Brennan Builders Inc. to Kimberly Kaal, 105 Savannah Drive, \$543,730.

Middlesex

Browns Hill Road Assoc. LLC to NVR Inc., property, Blackhawk Drive, \$76,210. Maria Stewart to Zhiwei Feng and Yanglin Luo, 2023 Eagle Ridge Drive, \$308,000. Gigliotti Holdings L.P. to NVR Inc., property, Weatherburn Drive, \$93,233.

Oakland

Bank New York Mellon to Matthew and Gina Wolf, 466 Chicora Road, \$39,160.

Slippery Rock Township

Mercer Lime Co. to Surplus Asset Holdings, industrial property, Branchton New Hope Road, \$140,071. Mary Lou West to Daniel Hartzell, property, 653 Franklin Road, \$333,625.

Washington

Connie Lawrence et al. to Gregory Kiffer and Glennessa Rose, property, Hilliards Road, \$55,000.

Winfield

Willia Smay to Patricia and Norman Durci, 221 Winfield Road, \$112,500.

Washington County

Amwell

David Lee Wray to Travis Lemley, 360 Carey Way, \$80,000.

Bentleyville

Cynthia Puce to Debra Russell, 250 Beallsville Road, \$6,000.

California

Patrick Vitchoff to Robert and Lenni Nedley, property, Knob Road, \$32,000. Donna Dipiazza to Jason and Heather Tyhonas, 52 Mucko Lane, \$110,000. Jeffrey Mohnney to Matthew and Beth Desko, 17 Willow Wood Drive, \$236,000.

Canonsburg

Frank Romano estate et al. to Nation-star REO SUB 1B LLC, 418 Cecil St., \$87,000. Thomas Becker to Austin and Abigail Sager, 323 Euclid Ave., \$68,000. Scot Paridon to HP PA 1 LLC, 126 Rose Ave., \$305,000.

Canon

William Manning estate et al. to Kenneth Edgar Jr., 499 Buena Vista St., by sheriff's deed \$20,000. PB & J Rentals LLC to Richard Foster II and Jennifer Foster, property, 1354 S. Hewitt Ave., \$10 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$173,800).

Cecil

Jerry Bastaroli et al. to Renee and Terrence Criste, property, 63 Highland Drive, \$46,857 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$46,875). Phyllis Ann Loughry to Deutsche Bank National Bank Co. trustee, 30 Mawhiney Road, by sheriff's deed \$1,099. Daniel Birchok to Sandy Ralicki, 30 Meadowcrest Drive, \$175,000. Estate of Sandra Sunner to Michael and Beverly McCann, 1102 Old Farm Road, \$220,000. Overlook at Southpointe LLC to NVR Inc., property, Overview Drive, \$59,225. Overlook at Southpointe LLC to NVR Inc., property, Overview Drive, \$112,241. Shearer's Foods LLC to Swihart Road LLC, commercial property, 42 Swihart Road, \$10 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$100,000). Joseph Fox to Justin Miller, 133 Valleycrest Drive, \$120,000. Richard Russo et al. to James Reed, 1184 Valleyview Drive, \$194,000. James Albani to Tri L Prop LLC, 1478 Yorktowne Drive, \$175,000.

Centerville

Jacob Lazzaro to Jason Alford, 24 Fishpot Road, \$16,000.

Charleroi

Ed Woytovich to Samuel Vargo, commercial property, 529 Fallowfield Ave., \$25,000. Papafish Inc. to Janet and Lnzie Trail, 821 Lookout Ave., \$2,566.

Chartiers

Piatt Estates Chartiers L.P. to NVR Inc., property, Furlong Court, \$65,000. Federal National Mortgage Assn. to William Kelkington, 435 Hallam Ave., \$20,500. Ruth Whitten to Relocation Horizons Inc., 150 McGovern Road, \$132,900. Relocation Horizons Inc. to George and Kimberly Lucy, 150 McGovern Road, \$132,900. Heather Duckworth to Nicholas and Jenna Muncie, property, 808 Ridge Ave., \$489,000. NVR Inc. to Jared and Lauren Kelley, 400 Valley View Court, \$367,240. Estate of Ann Orbin to Robert and Janet Geyer, 2426 W. Pike St., \$182,000.

Donegal

Estate of JoAnne Reed to Lynda and Romeo Perreras, 156 Main St., \$98,400. John Hansell to Community Bank, property, 931 Route 231, by sheriff's deed \$1,159.

Donora

Kristie Steel et al. to Comprehensive Community Services Inc., 324 Castner Ave., \$47,000. Curly Gatts to Shawn and Cindy Burns, 712 Waddell Ave., \$19,000.

Finleyville

Darlaine Taylor to Daniel and Robin Mulkern, 3106 School Place, \$85,000.

Hanover

Ruby Jane Scherba to Jerome Sheret Curotola, 30 Colwell St., \$143,000.

Hopewell

Estate of Joseph O'Donnell to Joseph O'Donnell Family Holdings LLC, agricultural land, 152 N. Buffalo Road, \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$32,900).

McDonald

John Bracall to Darle and Nancy Ruby, 202 Sixth St., \$212,000. Samuel Gillo to Raymond Leary and Sherri Deleuze Leary, 325 N. McDonald St., \$12,150.

Monongahela

Jared Marran to Brandon Hickie and Abigail Stark, 431-1/2 Jackson St., \$18,000.

North Strabane

Adam Huang to HP Pennsylvania I LLC, 1165 Bayberry Drive, \$285,000. Donna Hollander to Central Penn Capital Management LLC, 299 Clare Drive, by sheriff's deed \$235,700 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$359,200). HP Pennsylvania I LLC to HP Borrower 2017 1 ML LLC, 1358 Morgan Circle, \$10 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$319,200). Timothy Taylor to Casey Gaspari, 416 Old Pike St., \$220,000. Michael McConnell to Audrianna Sisul, 31 Pacers Ridge, \$215,000. Kelsey Osbourne to Betty Ann Karlstrand and Vicki Pierce, 208 Pheasant Cove, \$142,400. Lauren Gotses to Levi Scherich and Rachel Randolph, 324 Winners Circle, \$129,000.

Nottingham

Richard Lee Nicholas to Josef Tybl and Hong Lin, 272 Arrowhead Lane, \$450,000. Matthew Wesner to Cartus Financial Corp., 305 Hickory Nut Drive, \$333,500. Tracy Coppola to John Subrick, 11 Mingo Creek Road, \$240,000.

Peters

Wayne Russo to Robert Charles Rankin Jr. and Michelle Brodland Rankin, 124 Golfview Drive, \$615,000. Carla Thompson to Matthew Kieman, 299 Maplewood Drive, \$160,000. Christopher Klovian to William and Christine Andersen, 224 Molly Drive, \$375,000. Deborah Sward trustee to Charles and Sarah Nettles, 207 Rock Run Road, \$499,000.

Robinson

Aloe Family 1994 L.P. to Todd Janas and Katherine Mirich, agricultural land, Beagle Club Road, \$195,000.

South Franklin

First Federal Savings and Loans Assn. Greene Co. to Christie and Ryan Anderson, 650 Moore Road, \$134,500.

South Strabane

Christopher Carrier to Jessop Community Federal Credit Union, 101 Oak Hill Drive, by sheriff's deed \$1,471. Jessop Community Federal Credit Union to Wins Income Group LLC, 101 Oak Hill Drive, \$106,000. Jennifer Foster to RAJ Rentals LLC, 1413 Willowbrook Drive, \$10 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$247,000).

Stockdale

Bank New York Mellon Trust Co. NA trustee to Randall Tordi, 501 Southernland St., \$33,286.

Union

Matthew Helfrich to James Walsh III and Tammy Walsh, 5120 Hill St., \$153,000.

Washington

Bradley Hundt to Michael and Susan Bartock, 54 Park Ave., \$80,000. Quaker State Properties LLC to Delma Smith, 620 Penn Ave., \$54,000. Ryan Anderson to Lisa Kirchel, 510 W. Chestnut St., \$74,000.

Westmoreland County

Allegheny

Anthony Post et al. to Wesley and Kelli Martin, agricultural land, Merwin Road, \$60,000. D. Edward Spix to Van Tran and Amanda Waddell, 208 Treeline Drive, \$275,000. Ronald Klonowski to Maryann Kondik et al. and Andrea Marmros, 212 Treeline Drive, \$315,000. Estate of Joan Burgess to Joseph and Kathryn Burgess, 1811 White Cloud Road, \$245,000.

Arnold

Flora Colayaco to Megan Rose Pelican, 1002 Ewing St., \$25,000. Margaret Costantino to Keith and Amy Dziobak, 2004 Ridge Ave., \$35,000.

Bell

May Jane Barker to Kenneth Johnson Jr., 188 Main St., \$30,000.

Derry Township

Joseph Yurigan to Virginia Stopera, property, Redwing Drive, by sheriff's deed \$679 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$8,946).

East Huntingdon

Estate of Calvin Miller to George and Angela Smouse, 367 Bessemer Road, \$185,000. Earl Duane Crabtree to Edward Allan Opachko, 218 Porter Ave., \$156,000. PTV Ruffsedale LLC to Dhanikijay LLC, commercial property, 1103 SR 31, \$1,301,000.

Export

Bank New York Mellon Trust Co. to Richard and Jennifer Marson, 2842 Italy Road, \$14,100.

Greensburg

Nationstar Reo Sub 1B LLC to Simtec Property Management L.P., 105 Edinboro Drive, \$95,000. Estate of Barbara Mikula to Jose Aragon Jiron and Emily Aragon, 38 Glenview Ave., \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$116,000). Michael Koupiack Jr. to Markman Capital Ventures LLC, N. Westmoreland Ave., \$32,000. Steel City Services Inc. to Charles and Brittany Hodgkins, 332 Painter St., \$102,500. Gordon Glaus to Cynthia Knesh, 24 Waverly Drive, \$140,000.

Hempfield

USA Timber & Land Auctions LLC to Kenneth and Carole Bair, mobile home site, 118 Armstrong Road, \$25,000. Estate of Carl Averi to John and Susan Schuerman, 519 Bloomfield Drive, \$109,000. Christopher Gounder to Michael Lazzaro, 4044 Briarwood Drive, \$190,000. Robert Stratton to David and Rebecca Johnston, 929 Castlegate Circle, \$244,900. Brock Blair to Kayla Jones, 5559 Columbus St., \$102,000. RNAR Specialties Inc. to Fox Jr. Development Inc., commercial property, 579 Feightrner Road, \$340,000. Tony Sovinski et al. to Hildenbrand Lime & Fertilizer, agricultural land, 423 424 Middle town Road, by sheriff's deed \$1,529 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$22,212). Robert Vary to Matthew and Gina Vary, 398 Millersdale Road, \$102,000. Dave Byers to Rodney Miller, 47 Peters Road, \$225,500. Judith Brotherton to Franklin & Assoc. LLC, 911 Pine St., by sheriff's deed \$5,064 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$85,948). Richard Schimizzi to David Stoner, property, Ridilla Lakes Lane, \$51,000. Pellis Homes Inc. to James and Pamela Cullen, property, 1008 Southway Drive, \$35,000. Markman Capital Ventures LLC to JSP Homes LLC, 516 Thomas Richard Lane, \$140,115. Kimberly Diane Altman to Robert and Kristen Stratton, 64 Timber Trail Drive, \$321,000. Mario Reck to Thomas and Lisa Grim, property, Westview Ave., \$15,000. Blue Mountain Homes Inc. to Robert and Vicki Musa, property, Westview Ave., \$3,000. Robert Jones et al. to Ashley Checque, property, Woodhaven Drive, \$3,500.

Jeannette

David DePalma to Franklin & Assoc. LLC, 812 Arlington Ave., by sheriff's deed \$8,641 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$114,577). Foreboxusd LLC to Franklin Suites LLC, 3 E. Division St., \$9,900.

Latrobe

Alan Christianson to Sally Dingman, 22 W. Fourth Ave., \$192,000.

Ligonier Township

Kevin Wright to Alfred Cova, 195 Ligonier 157 Road, \$157,300. James Breisinger to Johnathan and Jamie Huemme, property, 327 Orme Road, \$555,000. Clark Nicklas to Stornoway LLC, property, Route 711, \$275,000.

Lower Burrell

William Alworth to Sandra Lane, 4138 Arnold Ave., by sheriff's deed \$3,143 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$38,933). Federal National Mortgage Assn. to Derek William Findon, 757 Idaho Ave., \$53,288. Charles Ashe to Francine White, 500 Stonehaven Drive, \$249,900.

Loyalhanna

Robert Spade to Wilmington Savings Fund Society FSB, 752 Racoon Road, by sheriff's deed \$1,363.

Manor

Brandywine Recovery L.P. to NVR Inc., property, 397 Brandywine Drive, \$55,500.

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NORTH

ADAMS TWP

1212 JOSEPH COURT \$819,000
H Uniquely situated Maggsie Sliger 412-963-6300

202 TAMARACK DR \$769,900
6BD 3/2B Craftsman Tony Tenfelde 724-452-1100

202 ASHTON \$439,000
H 4BD 2.5B Custom Home Juliette Thomas 724-452-1100

222 10TH STREET \$314,900
H Aspinwall charm Eileen Lusk 412-963-6300

208 SUMMIT DRIVE \$175,000
Super convenient locat Amanda Markey 412-963-6300

1418 BOYLE \$199,900
H Charming farm house Karl Owens 412-741-2200

1074 NORTH BOUNDARY ROAD \$400,000
N Beauty on 1.04 acres Joyce Weyman 412-366-3100

107 KINGSTON AVE \$979,900
5BD 4.5B Brick & Stone Andrea Hoover 724-452-1100

602 BOXWOOD DRIVE \$949,900
4BD 3.5B New custom Mary Ann Brettell 724-452-1100

114 GRINDSTONE PLACE \$799,000
H 4BD 4.5B New Craftsman Maureen Fullerton 724-452-1100

200 BUCKTAIL DRIVE \$449,000
3BD 2.5B 8 Months Old Carissa Sitterly 724-452-1100

10 SUNSET CT \$254,900
H 3BD Pristine End Unit Vicki Sulkowski 724-452-1100

110 VALLEYVIEW \$239,500
H 3BD 1.5B Updated Split Sue Malagise 724-452-1100

212 NEW ENGLAND PLACE \$595,000
H 4BD 1 pm - 3 pm Kay Caravaggio 412-741-2200

153 DEWEY STREET \$88,000
H Move in ready 3 sty Judy McGinnis 412-366-3100

317 OLDE CHAPEL TRL \$947,000
H Soft Contemporary Lisa Rutkowski 412-963-6300

611 BERKSHIRE DRIVE \$795,000
Gracious Colonial Kathleen DeMartino 412-963-6300

120 MARVELWOOD PLACE \$649,000
5BD 4/1BA 4c Garage Amanda Cline 412-361-4000

218 SADDLE COURT \$314,900
H 3BD 3B detached condo Cindy Stein 724-452-1100

3174 BEECHWOOD DR \$1,399,000
H Gorgeous custom home Jean Bongiovanni 724-449-9900

4167 PAPE CLEMENT CT \$400,000
H Open 12-3 Ranch/Arbors Mark Yurcon 724-934-3400

921 RED OAK \$559,999
Beautiful townhouse Cameron Crowe 412-963-6300

322 CHURCH LANE \$797,900
H Spacious w/ 5.92 ac Michelle Mattioli 724-449-9900

58 SUMMER DUCK WAY \$765,000
Fantastic Contemporary Meredith Ward 412-963-6300

303 KENNEY \$489,000
Beautifully updated Ausra Gause 412-741-2200

957 FREEPORT RD \$360,000
H Charming Brick Tudor Kurt Krebs 412-963-6300

100 VISTA CIRCLE 515 \$682,000
H Luxury condominium Terry Bienvenue 724-449-9900

2 DAVONSHIRE DRIVE \$385,000
H Spacious rooms Lauren Shepherd 412-963-6300

419 HEIGHTS DRIVE \$849,500
H Meticulously maint Betty Moraca 412-741-2200

1003 WILLOW DR \$189,900
M Very Nice 3 BR 2 sty Jill Jing 412-366-3100

1400 PLANTATION DRIVE \$379,900
H 4BD 2.5B 3 car garage Brooke Wozniak 724-452-1100

194 WOODHAVEN DR \$158,900
H 2BD 1.5B 1 Car Garage Liz Hartman 724-452-1100

2907 GREENFIELD ROAD \$224,000
4BD 1.5B Move-in-Ready Jessica Shearer 724-452-1100

212 LUCILLE ST. \$204,000
S Spacous desirable area Erin Taylor 412-963-6300

115 DAVID DRIVE \$183,900
Fantastic Family Home Kaila Sturgess 724-772-8822

3008 3RD ST \$173,000
N Feel right at home Eric Bengel 412-963-6300

26 SIMON RD \$259,900
Great house & property Dulcia Gum 412-963-6300

SOUTH

1406 KINMOUNT \$159,900
H 3BR 2Ba C/A FR wd flrs Susan Henry 412-561-7400

110 MAPLE AVE \$140,000
3BR 1+1BA Huge deck Joey Booker 412-262-5500

1005 MILTON RD \$207,500
4BR 4Ba Ranch FinBsm Rita Lengvarsky 412-561-7400

2708 CONNECTICUT AVE \$179,999
N Open Fl Plan HW Pking Mary Donato 412-561-7400

202 SPRINGHOUSE DR \$369,900
M Opn11-1 In-ground pool Mario P. Rudolph & Danean Fedor 412-882-9100

5038 WALTON RD. \$133,900
Op1-3 Cozy Fp PrettyLt Renee Mauro 412-882-9100

541 SWEETBRIAR ST \$409,900
H Pristine brick home Matthew Ivill 412-882-9100

242 MAIN ENTRANCE \$479,900
H 4BR Central Loc Lovely Bonnie Bagay 412-833-3600

625 ROCKWOOD AVE \$459,500
H Newer 4BR 2+Ba Contemp Lynne Bingham 412-833-3600

825 NORTHBRIDGE DR \$398,000
Super! 5BR 3Ba Ranch Maria Holzworth 412-561-7400

855 N MEADOWCROFT AVE \$379,500
H 4BR 3Ba First FL BR Santino Merante 412-561-7400

873 LOVINGSTON DR \$349,900
H 5BR Total Renovation! Megan Hinds 412-561-7400

1525 VALLIMONT DR \$335,900
4BR 2.5Ba EatInKitch Denise Marasco 412-561-7400

122 MAYFAIR DRIVE \$298,000
H 3BR 2Ba Colonial Jane Davis 412-561-7400

108 VANDERBILT DRIVE \$295,000
OpenFlrplan 4BR2.5Ba Dina Castillo 412-561-7400

2665 LINDENWOOD DR \$279,900
N Unique3BR RanchOpnFIPL Beth Thomas 412-561-7400

1243 LAKEMONT DR \$225,000
N Lovely3BR BrkRanch Gar Genevieve Strazisar 412-561-7400

628 THOMAS ROAD \$424,900
6+ acre horses welcome Holly Corace & Andrew Robinson 724-941-8800

308 SNOWBERRY CIRCLE \$1,199,000
5 BR 6+ BA pool Mary Eve Kearns & Debbie Fragello 724-941-8800

204 BRIDLE TRAIL \$565,000
Fabulous Grounds Mary Eve Kearns & Greg Young 724-941-8800

179 ROSCOMMON PLACE \$239,600
First floor bedroom Mary Eve Kearns & Christine Kaezyk 724-941-8800

872 HIGHPOINTE CIRCLE \$284,000
Luxury 3 BR Townhomes Kathy McCloskey 412-833-3600

2639 KEATS \$185,000
Op11-1 Fab level entry Mario A. Rudolph 412-882-9100

93 S 13TH \$405,000
N New Construc Townhome Lynne Bingham 412-833-3600

70 S 11TH ST \$239,000
N 2BR 2+Ba Updtd Charmer Izzy Zehner 412-833-3600

2440 WASHINGTON RD \$1,299,000
H Stunning Contemporary Frankie Kunselman 412-833-3600

1520 FOX CHASE LANE \$850,000
Elegant 5BR 4+BTH 3Car Kirstan Boettger 412-561-7400

2123 CLAIRMONT DR \$350,000
H 5 BR 2+2 Ba Colonial Kirstan Boettger 412-833-3600

2305 LAMBETH DR \$328,000
H M Location Must See Home Janet Hensler 412-833-3600

1309 PROSPECT \$179,900
N Spanish style Colonial Bhagawat Subedi 412-882-9100

EAST

105 THORNBERRY DRIVE \$269,900
M Turn Key Pristine Home Linda Devlin 412-271-7600

514 RIDGE AVE \$68,000
Beautiful Updated Home Karen Schramm 412-271-7600

124 SUMNER \$193,700
H 5Bd 3BA 2c garage Denise Serbin 412-361-4000

6051 GRAFTON ST \$549,000
H 4BD 2BA 2c Garage Allison Mauro 412-361-4000

200 57TH STREET \$249,900
Fantastic Updates Jhonnie Sims 412-963-6300

1605 WILLIAMS ST. \$69,900
H 3BR/1 and 1/2 baths. Cathy Petrulli 724-863-3300

2116 OLD DOMINION DR \$169,900
M Updated 2Ba 2Car LG YD Deborah Kane 412-856-8800

3528 CAMBRIA STREET \$159,900
Exquisitely Detailed! Scott Schramm 412-271-7600

9B COOPER LANE \$294,900
Low maintenance living Maureen Ruefle 724-327-5161

109 EARLWOOD RD \$179,900
H M Spac 4Br ML Fr & LL Gr Patricia Wehn 412-856-8800

7 LACEBARK COURT \$319,900
H S Stately 4BR 2 story Marie Lyons 724-327-5161

100 DENNISTON ST 96 \$659,900
Convenience/ Shadyside Joe Larkin 724-934-3400

6609 LANDVIEW ROAD \$435,000
H Contemporary City View Anita Nischal 412-963-6300

1101 MONROEVILLE AVENUE \$69,900
Spacious Home Must See Angela Byrnes 412-271-7600

1610 HILL ST \$140,000
H N Lrg Col 2fp HWflrs 4BR Quanda Ellis 412-856-8800

1816 MCNARY BLVD. \$65,000
Dana Bufalo 412-271-7600

134 GEORGETOWN RD \$249,900
N 3BD 2B 1/2 acre lot Melissa Watkins 724-452-1100

88 LINSHAW AVE \$249,900
N Huge FR Mbr Gr Gar 5BR Aimee O'Connor 412-561-7400

218 KENRICH \$365,000
Grt location Danielle Palencsar 412-741-2200

101 COVE COURT \$399,900
First Floor Master! Patty Dwinga 412-276-5000

33 BELLVIEW DR \$269,000
\$ Ranch w/ double lot Stephen Stormer 412-276-5000

201 GRANT ST 508 \$165,000
Co Op in Sewickley Steve Shane 412-262-5500

10025 GRUBBS RD \$927,900
Catherine Blandi 724-934-3400

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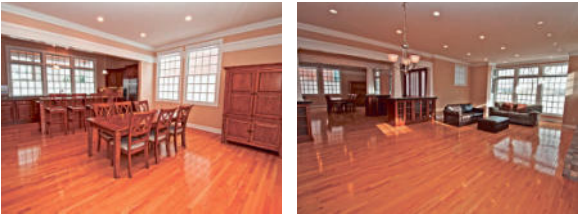
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SQUIRREL HILL • \$1,333,000
MARYANN BACHARACH • 412-361-4000
Open floor plan complemented by floor to ceiling windows Gleaming hardwood floors and high ceilings throughout Custom woodworking Pool Club House



INDIANA TOWNSHIP • \$765,000
58 SUMMER DUCK WAY
TRUDY WARD • 412-963-6300
WOW! New updates to this fantastic home Door from kitchen leads to covered deck for outdoor entertaining grilling rain or shine Spacious pool deck



MCCANDLESS • \$927,900
10025 GRUBBS RD
CATHERINE BLANDI • 724-934-3400
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CHAPEL POINTE
FOX CHAPEL AREA

Selling Fast... Just A Few Left! This pet-friendly building along the Allegheny River offers secure parking, a fitness center, an elegant lobby, plus an outdoor grilling area and social garden! Condominiums are available with two or three bedrooms, courtyard or balcony, move-in ready or customizable, from the high \$400,000s.

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Please Call



CHICAGO POWER TOOLS

Customer Rating

★★★★★

**10" SLIDING
COMPOUND
MITER SAW**

Blade sold separately.

ITEM 61972/61971 shown

**COMPARE TO
KOBALT**

\$199
MODEL: SM1207LW

\$84.99

\$117.99



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LIMIT 1 - Compare unit through 6/30/98*

SUPER COUPON!

SAVE \$130

COMPARE TO
SUPERWINCH

\$179⁹⁹

MODEL: 1173220

BATTLE TESTED

Voted Best Winches

Customer Rating

★★★★★

BADLAND

2500 LB. ELECTRIC WINCH WITH WIRELESS REMOTE CONTROL

- Weighs 14.3 lbs.
- 11-1/8" L x 4-1/2" H

ITEM 61840/61297

63476/61258 shown

\$4999



30912829

LIMIT 3 - Coupon valid through 5/12/18*



GREENWOOD

**4 GALLON BACKPACK
Customer Rating
★★★★☆**

**SAVE 66%
COMPARE TO
ROUNDUP**

**ITEM 61368
63036/63092 shown**

~~\$29.99~~
\$19.99

**\$59.97
MODEL: 198314**



31097153

LIMIT 6 - Coupon valid through 5/12/16*



SUPER COUPON

NEW

COMPARE TO
BLACKHAWK
\$19⁹⁹
MODEL: 637002

SAVE 35%

ITEM 63750/63181 shown

30882821

LIMIT 7 - Coupon valid through 5/12/18*

Customer Rating
★★★★★

.50 CAL METAL AMMO CAN

\$12⁹⁹

~~**\$15⁹⁹**~~



HAULMASTER

STEEL CARGO CARRIER

Customer Rating ★★★★★

\$399

• 500 lb. capacity

SAVE 50%

COMPARE TO HIGHLAND **\$799**

MODEL: 1234560

31067004

ITEM 69623
66983 shown

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 5/12/18*

~~\$599~~

SUPER COUPON!





11" CABLE TIES
PACK OF 100
 Customer Rating


YOUR CHOICE
\$199

~~\$299~~

BLACK
 ITEM 69405
 60277/34637 shown

WHITE
 ITEM 69404
 60266/34636

SAVE 80%

COMPARE TO UTILITECH

\$998
 MODEL: 601-C725

UPPER COUPON

STORE CLOSURE

30983886

LIMIT 8 - Coupons valid through 5/12/16*

SUPER COUPON

PITTSBURGH™

LIFETIME WARRANTY

**1-1/4 LB. AXE
WITH 11-1/2"
FIBERGLASS
HANDLE**

Customer Rating
★★★★★

ITEM 61510
96231 shown

**SAVE
76%**

**COMPARE TO
FISKARS**

~~\$799~~

\$2497
MODEL#10680635

\$599

30999308

LIMIT 7 - Coupon valid through 5/12/16*

UNIVERSAL GRIP WRENCH

Customer Rating

★★★★★

SAVE 41%

~~\$499~~

\$399

COMPARE TO UNIFIT

\$677

MODEL: 13904661

ITEM 60435

30940975

LIMIT 7 - Coupon valid through 5/12/18*

SUPER COUPON

EMERGENCY 39 LED TRIANGLE WORK LIGHT

Customer Rating
★★★★★



**SAVE
73%**

~~\$399~~

**COMPARE TO
WAGAN**

\$1146
MODEL: 2620

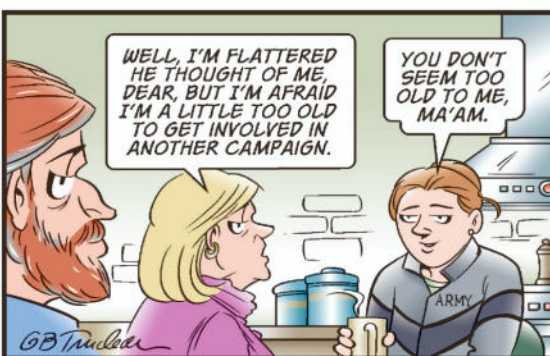
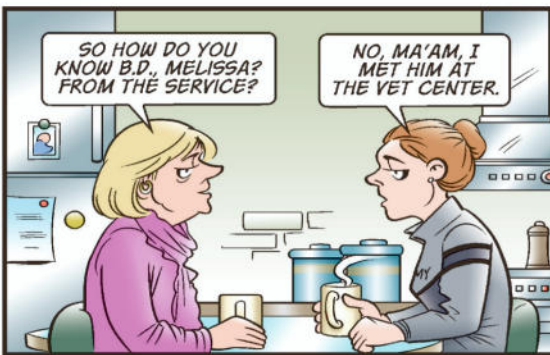
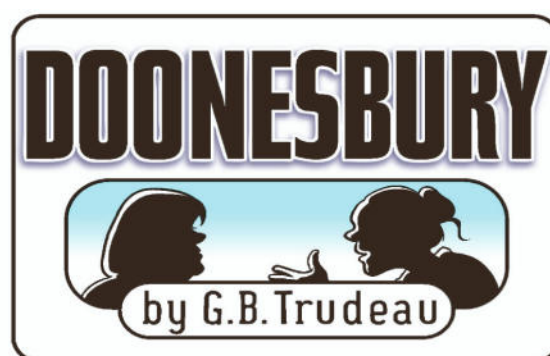
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62574/62158 shown

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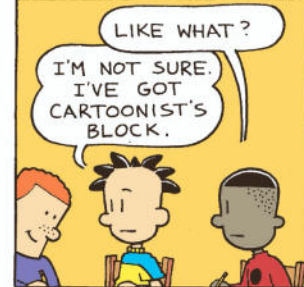
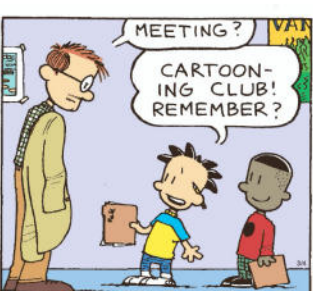
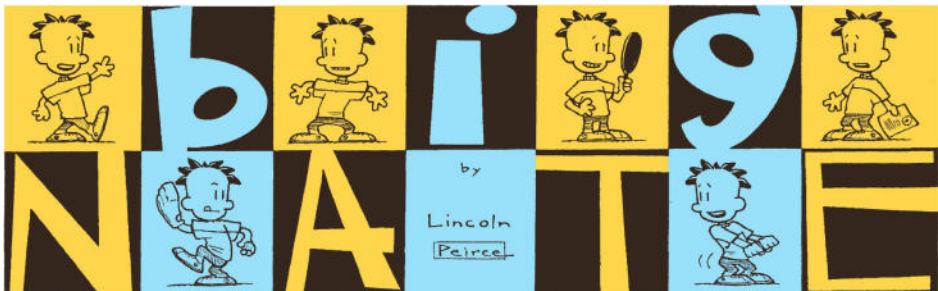
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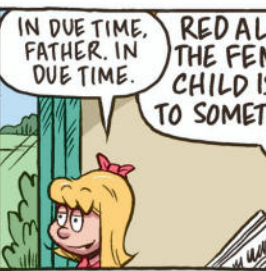


DOG GONE BUNNY NEW BRAUNFELS, TX
PETE AND **ELLEN** **ZIELENSKI** HAVE
 BROTHER AND SISTER **SHIH TZUS**
TORY AND **SASHA**, WHO GIVE
 SINGING CONCERTS TO THE TRASH
 COLLECTOR. WHEN THEY HEAR
 THE TRUCK COMING, THEY **RUN**
 TO THE GATE, **STAND** ON THEIR
 HIND FEET AND BEGIN **SINGING**.
 THE DRIVER TOOTS THE AIR HORN
 AS HE DRIVES AWAY AND THE
 DOGS RUN BACK INTO THE HOUSE.

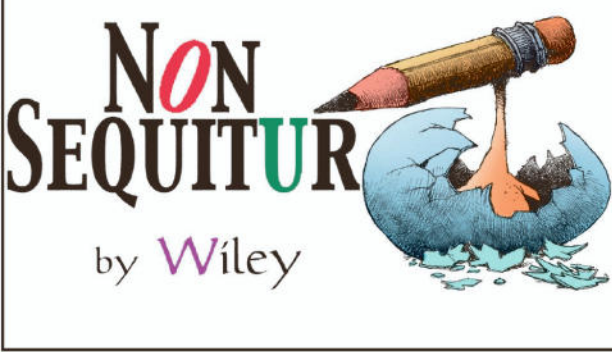




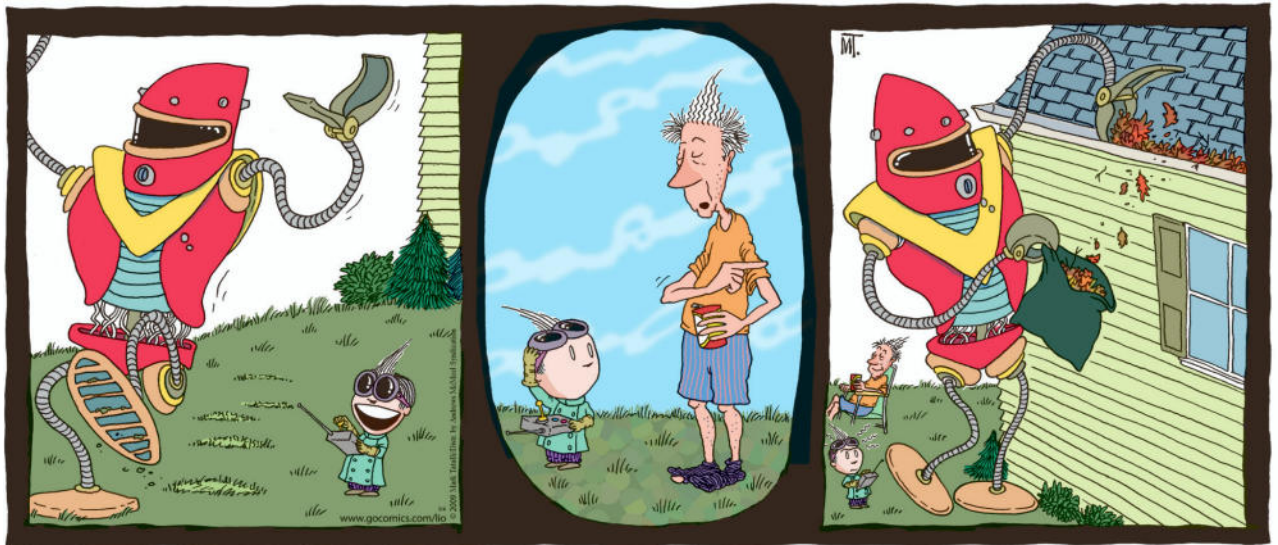
ADAM@HOME



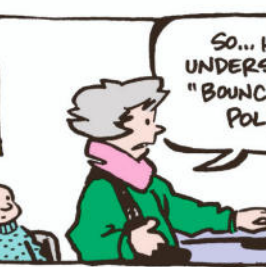
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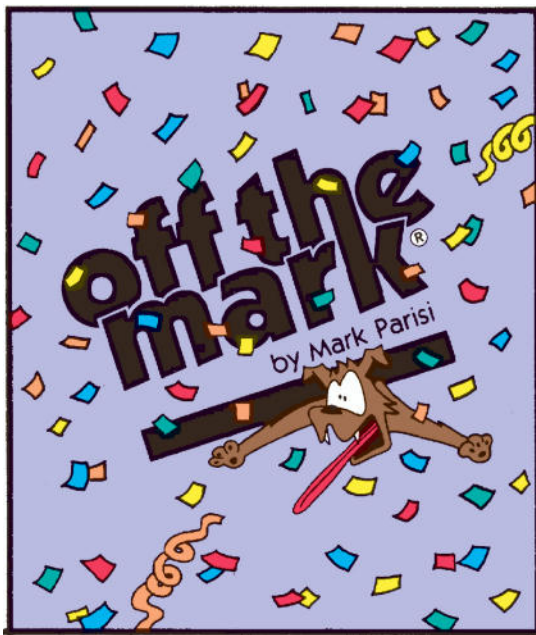
LIÖ BY MARK TATULLI



JUMP START



BY ROBB ARMSTRONG



PEARLS BEFORE SWINE

BY STEPHAN PASTIS

WORK EMAIL

Inbox (325)

To: KJohansson25482

From: pearlscomic@gmail

Subject: Insurance

Sounds good. Let's do it for this year.

To: ETrack2495@stem

From: pearlscomic@gmail

Subject: Speaking eng

Sure. Do we want to meet on the 8th?

To: DSimmons4827@yahoo

From: pearlscomic@gmail

Subject: Speaking eng

Sounds good. Let's do it for this year.

Inbox (0)

PING PING PING PING PING PING

Inbox (417)

IT WAS THE ONLY SENSIBLE SOLUTION.

I DON'T THINK THAT'S HOW E-MAIL WORKS.

LET THAT BE A LESSON, E-MAIL!

GET FUZZY

by darby conley

I JUST COMPLETED AN INVENTORY OF ALL THE CDS IN THIS HOUSE AND I AM SHOCKED AND CHAGRINED!

THERE IS ONLY ONE CD IN THIS HOUSE BY A CAT ARTIST!

HUH, I DIDN'T KNOW WE HAD ANY.

THAT WOULD BE MY COPY OF GARFIELD SINGS THE BLUES.

SILENCE! I WILL NOW BE FILING A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT AGAINST THE MUSIC INDUSTRY, THE CD STORES, EACH INDIVIDUAL NON-CAT ARTIST...

I BELIEVE THAT IS WHAT'S KNOWN AS A CLUELESS ACTION SUIT, SATCHEL.

YOU JUST BOUGHT YOURSELF A LAWSUIT, SMART GUY!

DUDE, YOU DON'T EVEN HAVE ANY MONEY, ANYWAY, SO YOU'D HAVE TO GET SOMEBODY TO DO THE CASE PRO BONO, AND I SERIOUSLY DOUBT—

PRO BONO?

HEY, I LIKE U2 AS MUCH AS ANYBODY, BUT I REALLY DON'T THINK THAT GUY NEEDS A FREE PLUG...



DRABBLE

BY KEVIN FASKE

NOT THANKS!

FORGET IT!

I'LL PASS ON THAT, TOO.

THAT'S DUMB.

THAT'S DUMBER THAN THE LAST ONE!

NO WAY I'LL SPEND MONEY ON THAT!

OH, GREAT! NOT ANOTHER ONE!!

MAYBE YOU SHOULD GO TAKE A WALK DURING THE PREVIEWS!



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POOCH CAFÉ

BY PAUL GILLIGAN

ONE HAZELNUT LATTE, PLEASE.

"HAZELNUT LATTE"? THAT SOUNDS LIKE SOMETHING A SQUIRREL WOULD ORDER!

YOU'RE A SQUIRREL IN A DOG COSTUME, AREN'T YOU?

WHAT? GET HIM! PULL HIS MASK OFF!

GET OFF OF ME! I'M A DOG!

SORRY. OUR DOG INSTINCTS ARE FINELY TUNED TO PICK UP ON ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS.

HAZELNUT INSPECTOR. PLEASE PLT ALL YOUR HAZELNUTS IN THIS BAG FOR INSPECTION.

RIGHT AWAY, INSPECTOR.

SMELL THIS CREAM. IS IT A LITTLE OFF?

THE CREAM IS OFF!!



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KEWPIE, SIT DOWN!

OH, COME ON, GIRL, I KNOW YOU CAN DO THIS. SIT! PLEASE!

BLAST IT, I SAID, SIT!

THAT DOES IT! I GIVE UP!



Brevity

by DAN KRONEN

I CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU TO MEET GREG. THOUGH I MUST WARN YOU, HE CAN BE A LITTLE STANDOFFISH...

SWAT SWAT SWAT SWAT

SWAT



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Nellie Medeiros of Hawaii reads the names on some of the headstones during a visit to the Truong Son National Cemetery in Quang Tri province, Vietnam. Thousands of North Vietnamese Army soldiers are buried here.

RETURN TO VIETNAM

Veterans in the Tet Offensive return to mark the 50th anniversary of the attack

By Diana Nelson Jones
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

HUE, Vietnam — Halfway across the Truong Tien Bridge, walking north, George Haught seemed to jolt. He grabbed at the air and found Danny Cholewa beside him.

With arms over each other's shoulders they proceeded, walking back into 1968, when they were 19, hearing the screams of their buddies being hit and the din of machine gun rounds clanging off the bridge girders, darting for cover, firing weapons to get to the other side while dragging their wounded and dead against fire coming from the Citadel.

Suddenly, the intersection was today's. It teemed with scooters and bicycles carrying people who were born in the 1980s and '90s. Mr. Haught stared wide-eyed past them and wiped his cheek.

"You all right?" Mr. Cholewa asked, looking carefully into his friend's round, sweet face. He knew the answer. He had been a first-time returnee once himself.

'It took a day to cross a street'

Late last summer, Mr. Haught, who lives in Monaca, made up his mind to go back to Vietnam. He had been buoyed by support at gatherings of the local Veterans Breakfast Club, with whom he first shared the horror of his weeks in Hue as a corporal in Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines.

His father-in-law encouraged him to go, too.

"He said, 'You only have one 50th.'"

Military Historical Tours, a company in Woodbridge, Va., was offering a trip to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the Tet Offensive — a blitz of surprise attacks throughout South Vietnam by North Vietnamese military and their southern allies just before the Tet lunar new year holiday. Of the many battle sites of the Tet Offensive, Hue (pronounced Hway) was the trip's focus.

Mr. Haught remembered the traffic circle at the entrance to the city off Highway One and the gas station where his company com-

mander, Capt. Chuck Meadows, now a retired colonel, found a tourist map. He remembered a market, boats on the Perfume River. He remembered, in blips between panic and running and hiding and ducking, the French colonial villas and gardens, the plane trees along the sidewalks.

He remembered only dozing, afraid to fall asleep "because if you did, you might not wake up."

As someone who had buried his story for 48 years, telling it for the first time in a torrent of emotion, he was prepared for more of the same as he planned his trip: "I want to see what it's going to bring up," he said. "I tell people it took a day to cross a street and they look at me like I'm crazy."

The Battle of Hue was the bloodiest battle of the war in Vietnam, with some estimates as high as 10,000 civilians and combatants killed. It was also a rare urban battle, with snipers in second- and third-story windows. News from Hue was light because Gen. William Westmoreland, commander of U.S. forces, told the government and the media that Hue was under control.

In his 2017 book "Hue 1968," Mark Bowden described this misleading narrative as "a conspiracy of denial."

Hue was fully under the control of the North Vietnamese army and their southern allies. More than 8,000 of their troops had amassed around Hue, occupying the city and its heavily fortified Citadel as Tet festivities were about to begin.

Resistance initially came from just two companies of Marines to support several battalions of the South Vietnamese army, or ARVN.

The imbalance was perverse, but so much about the foray into Hue was out of whack.

There was almost no intelligence to suggest any major concern about enemy activity, plus a ceasefire was supposed to be on for Tet.

Capt. Meadows didn't know what he was leading his 160-man Golf Company into. He even had to scavenge for a city map.

The mission was to retrieve ARVN's Gen. Ngo Quang Truong,

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The slave who taught Jack Daniel how to make whiskey

By Bob Batz Jr.
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Pittsburghers have a chance to hear the true story most still don't know — how a slave taught Jack Daniel to make whiskey — when Threadbare Cider in Spring Garden hosts writer and entrepreneur Fawn Weaver for a talk from 6 to 8 p.m. March 5.

Ms. Weaver is the keynote speaker earlier that day at the American Craft Spirits Association convention and vendor show at the Wyndham Grand Pittsburgh hotel, Downtown.

But later she'll share with the public the story of Nathan "Nearest" Green. The enslaved black man in the 1850s and 1860s worked at a family farm and distillery in Tennessee, where Jack Daniel learned from him. In a story that the famous Jack Daniel's Distillery only recently has been more pub-

licly telling, Mr. Daniel later hired the newly free Mr. Green as his distillery's first head distiller, making him the country's first documented African-American master distiller.

"I think we're in a cultural moment ... where we're finally recovering our stories," says Ms. Weaver. The best-selling author, who founded the Happy Wives Club, was captivated by the idea of a black man and white man working together in the South even before the Civil War. While heavily documenting it last year, she found the original farm where Mr. Green and Mr. Daniel made whiskey near Lynchburg, Tenn., and she and her entertainment executive husband, Keith, bought it and moved into a neighboring house. She's since started the nonprofit Nearest Green Foundation, as well as co-founded a company that markets Uncle Nearest Premium



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Author Fawn Weaver, founder of the Nearest Green Foundation and Uncle Nearest 1856 Premium Whiskey, will speak in Pittsburgh in March to tell the story of Mr. Green.

Whiskey and supports the foundation.

Made under contract by other distilleries starting this past summer, the quickly popular whiskey — including a brand-new silver, or clear, version — isn't yet available in Pennsylvania state stores. But the company soon will be making and aging the whiskey itself at a distillery, tasting room and music venue it's building in phases on a former horse farm and sales arena north of Lynchburg in Shelbyville.

Plans call for a barn to be turned into the Nearest Green History Walk, an interactive gallery that tells the history of Nearest Green and other African-American contributors to the whiskey industry, such as six slaves at George Washington's Mount Vernon.

Nearest Green Distillery will be on the Tennessee Whiskey Trail, which launched last year. The

company believes Mr. Green was one of the pioneers of the Lincoln County Process, the charcoal filtering method, named for where he lived and worked, that's still used on Jack Daniel's and most spirits labeled as "Tennessee whiskey."

As the story is told on the Jack Daniel's website, Mr. Green's sons and grandsons also worked at that distillery, and Ms. Weaver found other relatives who did, and even some who still do.

The foundation plans to commemorate the Green family with the Nearest Green Memorial Park in the heart of Lynchburg, and has started a scholarship fund for descendants, funded in part by proceeds from a 50th-anniversary edition of "Jack Daniel's Legacy," an official biography that Ben A. Green (no relation) published in 1967. Ms. Weaver worked with the

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Veterans make emotional return to Vietnam

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commander of his army’s first division in the Citadel, and take him safely back to Phu Bai. It sounded like an easy day trip to a city — a rare treat for guys whose war experiences had been in the jungle and the boonies.

So they left their packs behind.

Capt. Meadows had a funny feeling as their 6x6 trucks rolled north on Highway One. It was almost Tet — a time of travel for homecoming — and no one was around? he thought. No traffic on the roads? Strange.

When they arrived in Hue, they found Alpha Company, 1st battalion, 1st Marines in tatters, already ambushed. Together, they made their way to the compound of military advisers under attack. Then they headed to the Citadel to retrieve ARVN’s general.

‘I’m glad we didn’t make it in’

Mr. Haught was one of the few Marines who spent the entire Battle of Hue in Hue. A scrap of a guy at 140 pounds when he entered Hue and 130 when he left, he was trained to handle a 3.5 rocket launcher, a flame-thrower, a machine gun and a 106 recoilless rifle.

In the first day of fighting, he saw his friend Clyde Carter go down, the first of the company to be killed. Seven others from Golf died on the first day and 45 were wounded.

There was no air support — in part because of bad weather, in part because the threat in Hue was still not officially recognized. Bombing was off limits because of the historic architecture in what was then a South Vietnamese city. That order was eventually rescinded, but not before scores of men were killed.

Some of those men were on Mr. Haught’s mind as he and Danny Cholewa fell in with the rest of the returning veterans from Golf Company, walking peacefully to the end of the bridge.

On Tran Hung Dao Street, parallel to the river, the group turned right at the first intersection, a street that led into the Citadel through the Truong Tu gate.

“This is a critical spot for Golf Company,” Col. Meadows said. “This is the corner where Larry [Lucas] was wounded, where [Rich] Cobb hid behind a tree. We lost Glen Lucas, we lost [Don] Kirkham and we lost [Gerald] Kinny.

“Even for Marines, we were a little outnumbered,” said Col. Meadows. “I reflect back to the second time I made this trip, trying to piece together the pieces. I still shake my head at how we made it over the bridge.”

Col. Meadows, who was 28, lost nearly 35 percent of his men, wounded or killed. He decided not to enter the Citadel but to pull back, re-



George Haught tears up after crossing the Perfume River in Hue City, Vietnam.

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“If you didn’t have blood all over you, you wondered if you were doing something wrong.”

— George Haught, U.S. Marine veteran

cross the bridge.

“We couldn’t get any further. I never completed the mission I was sent on, and that stayed with me for years,” he said. “The first trip back, in 1996, I went to the farthest point we got to and then I walked into the Citadel.”

Fifty years ago, he had no idea that just inside the gate, a wide open space would have become a killing field.

“If we had gotten in, we would have all been lost, obliterated,” he said. “I am fully reconciled to the fact that I’m glad we didn’t make it in.”

The Battle of Hue was a technical victory for the South and its American allies, as the North Vietnamese were eventually driven out of the Citadel. But the Tet Offensive was, by all accounts, the point at which the resolve to win began to erode for the American government and its public.

It was finally clear that the enemy was willing to sacrifice more to unite its country than the U.S. was to keep it apart.

‘Old Marines do cry’

The Citadel was built in the early 1800s, home of the Nguyen Dynasty’s Imperial Palace — now a museum. The walls are 6 feet thick. The gates are arched tunnels, each about 30 feet long. Thousands of people live there, and hundreds of little shops and restaurants operate within its walls.

“I credit the colonel with not getting us into the Citadel,” said Rich Cobb, whose daughter Amanda accompanied him on this trip. They live in Winston-Salem, N.C. “She wouldn’t be here if it wasn’t for his decision. We would have been wiped out in five min-

utes.”

As the colonel, now of Tigard, Ore., provided narrative to the tour group, three men approached.

“This must be a military group,” one said. He introduced his father, Tom Odom, of Cookeville, Tenn. In 1968, Mr. Odom was a first lieutenant with the Green Berets stationed about 6 kilometers from Hue.

Spotting Col. Meadows, his face began to crumble.

“I know who you are,” he said as Col. Meadows put his arm around his shoulder. “You guys were getting shot to hell and our lieutenant said he wasn’t able to provide fire.” Mr. Odom choked back a sob. “We couldn’t help you.”

The colonel asked Mr. Odom and his sons to walk with the group into the Citadel.

“I’d be proud to,” Mr. Odom said.

Entering the Citadel this time was a symbolic action, but not without its modern-day challenges. The roadway over the moat is narrow, so people have to walk single file, hugging the sides as traffic flows by. Once inside, the group gazed up through the mist at the blackened tower above the gate. Then everyone walked back across the moat and regrouped on Tran Hung Dao Street.

Mr. Haught asked for a prayer. He had traveled in part to say goodbyes he didn’t get a chance to say 50 years ago.

The Hue guys gathered into a huddle — the colonel, Mr. Haught, Mr. Cholewa, Mr. Cobb, Larry Verlinde, Larry Lucas and Corpsman Bruce Gant. They stood with their arms over each other’s backs, their heads bowed.

There were murmurs and

sniffles, and then the colonel’s words: “You were the guys who made me want to keep being a Marine.”

“You don’t know it,” Mr. Haught told the colonel, “but I thank God every day for you.”

As they stood apart, each man saluted him.

“He’s the type of Marine who thought his guys were more important than he was,” said Mr. Verlinde, of Chico, Calif., who has made multiple trips back.

Col. Meadows said it is rewarding to help returning veterans find a measure of peace.

“I know doing that takes a lot of rocks out of their packs. It’s like the end of the tunnel. Old Marines do cry. We have an old tradition of crying together.”

Dreaming in jungle green and blood red

The morning before Golf Company veterans retraced their steps across the bridge, Danny Cholewa had yet to arrive at the hotel. Mr. Haught sat over his breakfast, his buddy on his mind. Then he glanced up to see him bounding toward him.

“Danny!”

He popped out of his chair and grabbed Mr. Cholewa in a bear hug.

“I wasn’t sure I was going to make it,” Mr. Cholewa said, joining him at the table, grinning, describing his decision and his preparations breezily, as if you jump on a plane to Vietnam on a whim.

A Chicagoan who lives in Benton Harbor, Mich., Mr. Cholewa is a motorcyclist with bodybuilder arms and confident patter. He is the winged spirit to Mr. Haught’s caution. But he would be the anchor this



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George Haught, left, and Clyde Carter of Oklahoma in a 1967 photograph at the An Hoa Combat Base in Vietnam. Mr. Carter was killed Jan. 31, 1968, in Hue, Vietnam.



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George Haught of Monaca walks along China Beach in Da Nang, Vietnam. Mr. Haught served with the Marines during the Battle of Hue and was awarded three Purple Hearts for service in Vietnam.

time, having returned to Hue in 1998 as a step in his own healing.

“It was great for me to have Danny here on this trip,” Mr. Haught said later. “He said he was worried about me because of the effect it had on him the first time he came back.”

The veterans who had previously returned seem to have the drill down, less riveted retracing old steps.

Amanda Cobb said her dad has dealt with his pain with humor. He enjoyed his friends’ jokes about the tree that saved his life: It was so badly injured that a younger tree now stands in its place.

But he was circumspect when asked if each trip back makes the damage easier to live with. He cocked his head, grinned and said, “a little bit.”

Mr. Cholewa, who like Mr. Haught was wounded in Hue, said he spent the first 15 years after the war struggling.

“I dreamed in jungle green and blood red,” he said. “I kept it to myself. No one to talk to about it. My dad said, ‘Get a job, forget about it.’

“Yeah, right.”

What changed?

“My girlfriend helped get me through,” he said. “And then I got a letter about a Golf Company reunion in Washington, D.C. I decided to go, and when I entered the lobby, I saw four or five guys I knew. These were my people.”

“I lost it, yes”

Mr. Haught, who after

the war worked for Shell Oil in Florida and later at a manufacturing company in Chester, W.Va., said he is disheartened that Vietnam veterans are not more appreciatively honored on anniversaries like veterans of previous wars. Their intentions were no different.

“I knew this was going to be a rough journey for me,” he said. “It’s surreal, a trip I didn’t expect to make again. Seeing the university where I got wounded [now a five-star hotel] brought back a lot of emotion. The first day when we crossed the bridge, the same rush of emotion. I could feel my heart beating like it did then, the adrenaline pumping.

“We grew up real damn fast that day,” he said. “As Danny and I walked along, his movement and my movement, I could feel the bullets ricocheting again.

“I lost it, yes. Thousands of images, a super-fast replay. You could hear the screams, hear the bullets, see the blood. If you didn’t have blood all over you, you wondered if you were doing something wrong.

“I would like for people to remember the people who died here,” he said. “Why Clyde Carter and Gerald Kinny and not me? That was all part of my emotion.”

The return to Hue, he said, gave him some relief from pain he has carried for 50 years, “but whether you ever have closure, that’s debatable.”

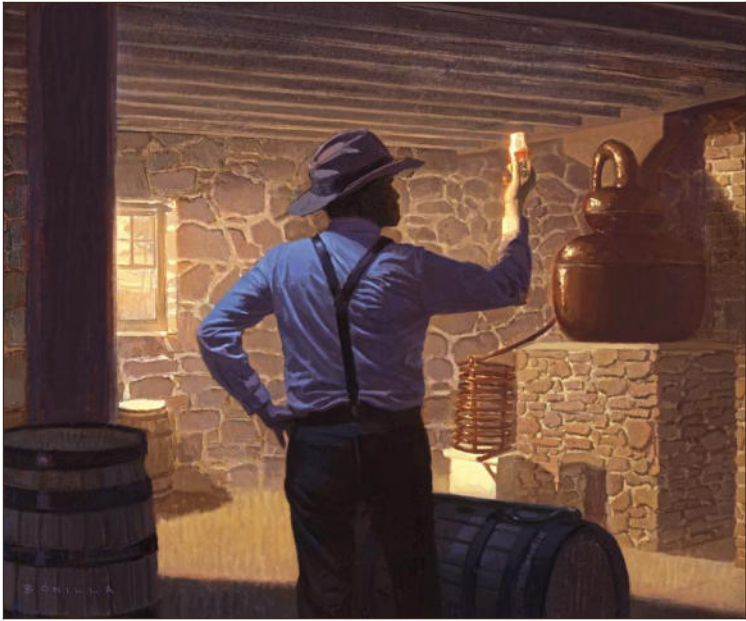
Story of slave who helped Jack Daniel make whiskey comes to Pittsburgh

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author’s family and wrote a new foreword. Meanwhile, she’s writing a book of her own about Nearest Green.

Her passion for this work comes through even on a phone interview, in which she stresses that recovering and telling these lost stories is not only inspiring for African-Americans, but for all Americans, and can help heal current racial divides. “I think there are more stories like this,” she says, adding with her bubbly laugh how much she would love if her appearance helped reveal one here.

Meredith Meyer Grelli, co-owner of Threadbare and Wigle distillery, says hosting Ms. Weaver fits right in with her company’s current efforts to increase the diversity of both its own workforce and its customers. Ms. Grelli says, “I think I have a heightened sensitivity to this because both of our brands are based on historical white guys” — John “Johnny Appleseed” Chapman and Phillip



Raymond Bonilla

An image of what Nathan “Nearest” Green may have looked like. Mr. Green was a slave who taught Jack Daniel how to make what’s become known as Tennessee whiskey in Lynchburg, Tenn., where Mr. Daniel hired him to be his master distiller. That made Mr. Green the first documented African-American master distiller.

“I think there are more stories like this.”

— Fawn Weaver

Wigle. It is reaching out to various community groups and schools to get the word out to a broad audience on this event, and they’re planning a public diversity forum for March 30.

“We want to make sure our first step was listening and understanding,” says manager of training, education and loyalty programs Teresa DeFlicht. One person who is part of it is Mike Potter, who said he was set to launch on Monday his online magazine dedicated to celebrating and bringing more diversity to the craft beer scene: Black Brew Culture (blackbrewculture.com). Also coming are Celeste Beatty of Harlem Brewing Co. and Rodney Dotson and Reggie Jones of Atlanta-based distillery Rams & Parrots.

At her Threadbare talk, Ms. Weaver will be sampling some Nearest Green whiskeys. A ticket is \$6 and includes a cocktail. Food

will be available for purchase. Get details and tickets at threadbarecider.com/event/fawn-weaver-uncle-nearest.

The American Craft Spirits Association gathering runs from March 4-6. Learn more at americancraftspirits.org/convention. The ACSA and the Pennsylvania Distillers Guild will present a consumer tasting event called the Pennsylvania Toast from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. March 5 at the Sen. John Heinz History Center in the Strip District, which is showing the traveling exhibit, “American Spirits: The Rise and Fall of Prohibition.” Tickets, \$59 in advance or \$69 at the door, let you sample the liquids from more than a dozen local and Pennsylvania distilleries and talk with the people who make them.

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PITTSBURGH’S GLITTERING BLACK CULTURE

‘Smoketown’ revisits Pittsburgh’s 30-year black renaissance

By Marylynn Pitz
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

While researching a family memoir, journalist Mark Whitaker discovered pictures of his Pittsburgh grandparents he had never seen.

One image shows his paternal grandmother, Edith McColes Whitaker, wearing a hat and pearls at a ladies luncheon in 1941. In the other, his grandfather, funeral director C.S. Whitaker Sr., presides at the burial of a black war veteran during the 1950s.

Mr. Whitaker, whose father grew up in Pittsburgh, visited his grandparents every summer. By then, his grandmother, who had a mortician’s license, had moved the Whitaker Funeral Home from the Hill District to Climax Street in Beltzhoover.

As Mr. Whitaker clicked through an array of Charles “Teenie” Harris pictures, he was astonished by the many famous faces of athletes, entrepreneurs, journalists and jazz giants who figured in Pittsburgh’s black renaissance from the 1930s to the 1960s.

There was boxer Joe Louis and baseball players Josh Gibson, Satchel Paige and Jackie Robinson. There was businessman Gus Greenlee, the Crawford Grill nightclub owner who bankrolled the Pittsburgh Crawfords baseball team. Composers Mary Lou Williams and Billy Strayhorn as well as Billy Eckstine, an influential band leader and vocalist, were among 50 musicians who honed their major league talents here. The Pittsburgh Courier, the nation’s most influential black



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When Billy Strayhorn and Lena Horne finally met and became instant soul mates, one of the first things they talked about was their mutual ties to Pittsburgh, circa 1945.

newspaper, included columns by sportswriter Wendell Smith, who advocated successfully for the integration of baseball. Finally, there was playwright August Wilson, who set nine of his 10 plays in the Hill District.

“As extraordinary as all those people were, a lot of their success had to do with the fact that they came out of this extraordinary culture. I decided I wanted to tell that story,” the 60-year-old author said in a telephone interview. A New York City resident, he was the first African-American to serve as editor of Newsweek magazine.

His new book, “Smoketown: The Untold Story of the Other Great Black Renaissance,” revisits a time when thriving businesses, churches, clubs and theaters made the Hill District a cohesive, vibrant community.

A key influence among black readers was The Pittsburgh Courier, a weekly newspaper so influential



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White fans greet Pittsburgh singer Billy Eckstine outside New York’s Bop City in 1950, when he was at the pinnacle of his popularity. The image created controversy, adversely affecting Mr. Eckstine’s career.

that its circulation, for a few decades, exceeded The Chicago Defender. The Courier’s savvy editor, Robert Lee Vann, was the son of a slave and grew up sleeping in a North Carolina home’s kitchen while his mother cooked for a white family. Mr. Vann came north to Pittsburgh, attended the University of Pittsburgh on a scholarship and also earned a law degree there.

“He was a fiercely independent guy. He didn’t play ball with the black establishment. He knew a lot of them. He corresponded with them. But he also feuded with them,” Mr. Whitaker said.

Mr. Vann succeeded in urging African-Americans, who usually supported Republican candidates, to turn Abraham Lincoln’s face to the wall and vote for Franklin Roosevelt.

“There is probably no black national leader in 1932 who FDR owed more to when he was first elected,” Mr. Whitaker said.

Another influential journalist, Wendell Smith, was a

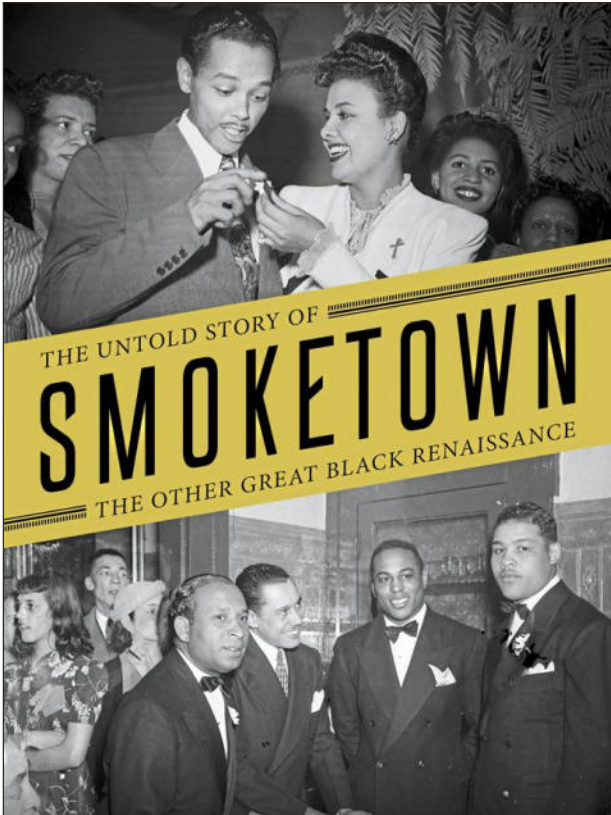
Pittsburgh Courier sports columnist. He was a genial, persistent man with a positive attitude.

“He was crusading for the integration of black baseball week in and week out for a decade before Jackie Robinson comes on the scene. I think you can make a case that the ground would not have been ready for Branch Rickey’s great experiment if not for a lot of the work that Wendell Smith and the Courier had done,” Mr. Whitaker said.

Mr. Smith introduced Branch Rickey, general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, to Jackie Robinson. While Mr. Robinson broke the color barrier in major league baseball, Mr. Smith served as Mr. Robinson’s driver, ghost writer, spokesman and travel companion.

Meanwhile, the city’s music scene was also rich in talent. Black students benefited from learning to play classical music at Pittsburgh’s public high schools, especially Schenley and Westinghouse.

“Black folks would go out of their way to send their



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kids to those schools,” the author said, adding that pianist Earl “Fatha” Hines was sent to live with an aunt in East Liberty so he could attend Schenley.

“Billy Strayhorn’s mother moved the family to a back alley in Homewood so that she could send Billy to Westinghouse,” the author said.

Mr. Strayhorn saved money from a drugstore job to pay for private piano lessons with Charlotte Catlin, an elegant black pianist who performed for Pittsburgh’s white society parties.

“She was an extraordinary pianist in her own right and taught all of these people. She came from this incredibly accomplished musical family. She had befriended Lena Horne and invited her to perform with her. She helped Lena develop the mu-

sical style for which she became known. If nothing else, I feel good about the fact that there is now in this book an acknowledgement of how extraordinary she was,” Mr. Whitaker said.

The author hopes his book will instill pride in Pittsburgh’s black renaissance.

“We live in an era now that there’s just so much attention paid to racism, to the history of oppression of blacks. What gets lost is the record of black achievement and black ambition and black contribution to our culture. That’s what’s great about the ‘Teenie’ Harris photographs as well. They testify to the vibrancy and the joy that went along with all the hardship,” he said.

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What’s in a president’s signature?

By Michael A. Fuoco
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Well, first of all, it’s *HUGE*, but what else does President Donald Trump’s signature reveal about the man?

Mr. Trump’s bold, condensed, angular signature shows someone who is “rough, tough, aggressive, competitive, can never relax and is not nurturing,” according to an analysis by Michelle Dresbold, a Pittsburgh-based handwriting expert.

And it has changed since he was a candidate — and not for the better in regard to emotional traits, she added.

“The signature since he’s been president is more condensed, which means he’s more uptight, actually. It’s more rigid.”

Richard Nixon’s signature experienced dramatic changes during his presidency. His signature slowly started to deteriorate as he became embroiled in the Watergate scandal until it finally became just a great big X, she said.

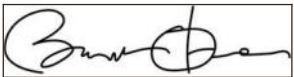
George Washington? It was a sign of the times. “His signature is very flamboyant and very pretty in a way,” Ms. Dresbold said. “It shows somebody to whom looks would be important. He was not your simple, everyday guy. He liked things to be perfect and he put on a show, he was a show person.”

This signature day for U.S. presidents seemed like a good time to take a look at what their autographs tell us.

“The signature is how you want the world to see you, how you portray yourself to the world,” Ms. Dresbold said. “You never sign your signature for yourself. It’s always for other people.”

Ms. Dresbold has been studying Mr. Trump’s signature for years and even included examples and analysis in her 2006 book “Sex, Lies and Handwriting” long before he became president. In the middle of Mr. Trump’s first year in office, she added an afterword on him to the book.

‘A lot,’ Pittsburgh writing expert says



Barack Obama’s signature is mostly unreadable but for the “B” and the “O,” which are larger than the other letters, symbolic of having a bigger ego, as most politicians do.

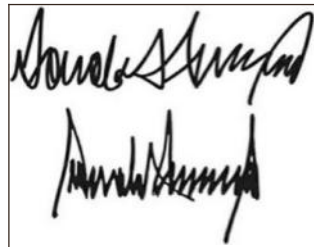
Ms. Dresbold, who holds a degree in psychology and fine arts, became a handwriting expert almost as a lark, but discovered she had a gift for analysis — so good that she’s the only civilian to receive advanced training by the U.S. Secret Service.

Locally, her clients have included Pittsburgh police, the Allegheny County District Attorney’s office, the county elections division and private attorneys, among others. She has analyzed handwriting in cases ranging from homicides to bank robberies to forgery to abandoned babies and has testified in court as an expert witness.

Studying a body of someone’s handwriting and their signature is the ideal for deeper analysis of personality traits. But, she said during an interview, a signature itself holds many clues to what’s going on in a person’s mind and heart.

In her book, she writes that that Mr. Trump’s angular writing with minimal curves shows up in the signatures of “workaholics who are sharp-minded, competitive, angry, hostile, aggressive, determined, driven, fearful, rigid and uptight.”

When she talks about President Trump’s signature in her public speaking engagements, she sometimes is shocked with the reaction. Those in conservative audiences — corporations, business groups, entrepreneurs — react positively to what could be considered analysis of negative attributes. And, likewise, liberals at universities or other conclaves agree with her in-



Candidate Donald Trump’s signature (top) had some curves and was wider. But that changed after he became president, with a more angular, condensed style, indications of having more aggression and being uptight.

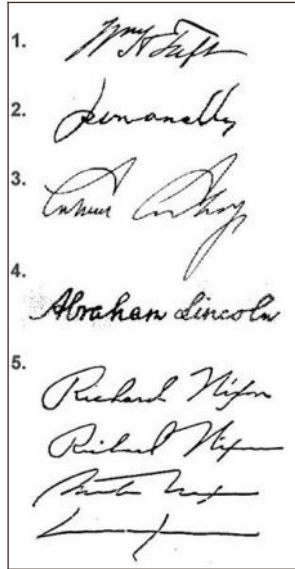
terpretation.

“When I say something like ‘his check-mark-like stroke, called a tick-mark [in the bottom left-hand corner of the D in Donald], indicates that Trump has explosive anger and a very bad temper,’ the conservative interpretation is, ‘Of course, he’s angry about what’s happened to America.’ The liberal interpretation is, ‘Yes, he’s a very angry man with childlike temper tantrums.’”

“I say his signature is completely unreadable and when a signature is indecipherable, it still says the writer wants to keep his feelings hidden from the public and does not want his true self revealed. The liberals’ interpretation is ‘he’s such a sneaky man. I’d never trust a thing he says,’ while the conservatives say, ‘That’s good. We don’t want our enemies to know what he thinks.’”

Like everyone, Mr. Trump’s signature has changed over the years. His signature on a draft deferment document when he was 18 is readable with rounded letters. By the time he became a candidate, it had morphed into thick, elongated angular strokes, and it continues to change as president.

“Candidate Trump’s signature was still not Mr. Sweetie Pie’s handwriting,” Ms. Dresbold said, “but was more relaxed, a little less



Signatures or written words by presidents 1) William Howard Taft, 2) the word “permanently” by Franklin Delano Roosevelt, 3) Calvin Coolidge, 4) Abraham Lincoln and 5) Richard Nixon. The four examples of Nixon’s signatures show how much it changed over his two terms. The top signature was written in 1968 and it began deteriorating as he became embroiled in the Watergate scandal. At the end, his signature was unreadable, as if he had disappeared.

completely dogmatic, a little more open, a little more free and also a completely different P. That’s very significant. The [candidate’s] P is a phallic symbol. You see that in people who say ‘Look at me. I’m a big hunk of a man, macho, someone to whom sexuality is very, very important. They want to brag about it.

“But since he’s been president, that sexuality has completely disappeared. That’s not there at all. That phallic symbol has become more sharply pointed and you can look at it more like a dagger, someone who has to get his point across. After the ‘Access Hollywood’ tape, he hasn’t done that [phallic symbol]. It’s disappeared.”

And, she added, in both signatures, in the middle,

are two X’s that exclaims, “Don’t cross me,” “and also often means somebody afraid of being destroyed and will do anything not to die ... [who] will become very combative because their goal is to survive.”

Ms. Dresbold said she’s looking forward to seeing how Mr. Trump’s signature changes during his term.

She also has taken a look at the signatures of earlier presidents and what they tell us about them.

RICHARD NIXON: Dramatic change

“When he became president, you can read his signature. But as Watergate consumed him at the end of the presidency, when he was being destroyed, his signature slowly started to deteriorate until it finally became just a great big X. With an X or crosses, you think about death or destruction. The only letter you see in his writing are the cross and the X. It’s how he feels he’s being presented to the world. He’s disappeared. In his head he’s thinking, ‘I made it to the presidency and now what am I? Nothing. I’m destroyed.’ He doesn’t want anyone to even look at him, if you want to think of it that way, symbolically.”

CALVIN COOLIDGE: Tragedy and depression

“If you look at the top of C in Calvin you see two X’s. Again, X is that fear of destruction, fear of death. Because it was in his upper signature, it means he was always thinking about death. His son [Calvin Coolidge Jr., 16] happened to die. He [was devastated], he constantly thought about death. He had a fear of death all the time. At the very end of his G goes downward like a frown, like someone who is very depressed.”

BARACK OBAMA: Looking for a ratio in life

“I couldn’t figure out what the [line through the] O symbolized, so I looked it up in a book of symbols. It’s a Greek symbol for the phi sign. It means golden ratio, that things should be in proportion, there should be a ratio of life. He does something that a lot of people who run

for office do — their capital letters are really large. You do have somebody with a bigger ego.”

JOHN ADAMS: ‘I’m It!’

“He put a period at the end. If you put a period after your name, you think, ‘I’m it, I’m the final word, period.’ When I see that, not that often but sometimes, that means they’re the final answer, they’re very egotistical.”

THOMAS JEFFERSON: Moving fast

“He crosses his T’s very high — the higher you cross your T’s, the higher your goals are. He also ends with a sharp point. Think of a tongue — this means he has a sharp wit, sharp words, sarcastic if you have to be. His writing moves quickly from the left to the right, from the present to the future. He sets his mind to do something, moving forward into the future. He has two kinds of S’s in his signature, one rounded and one pointed. A pointed S means you have strong opinions and you have very strong belief systems. When it’s rounded, it means you’re willing to listen to others. He had both so he had very strong opinions but had an open mind.”

ABRAHAM LINCOLN: Plain writing, common man

“He has what is called print writing. His writing is a combination of someone who prints and cursives all in one. You find that in very, very intelligent people’s handwriting. They combine the most efficient things of cursive and printing. These are your very, very creative thinkers. His signature is not pretentious; it’s very simple. Some of [the presidents] make a unique signature. His signature is very much like his writing, meaning, ‘Here I am.’ There’s no pretense. ‘I’m a simple man. I’m not here to put up this big front for everybody else.’ His signature is small. When you have a small signature, it means you feel a little like you’re shrinking.”

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