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## Stalemate continues following meeting

### Government shutdown enters its third week

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WASHINGTON — As a partial government shutdown entered its third week, negotiations between Vice President Mike Pence and congressional aides from both parties yielded little progress Saturday while the impact on government workers and on federal workers was worsening by the day.

“Not much headway made today,” President Donald Trump conceded on Twitter, not long after the vice president’s office characterized the roughly two-hour talks, held next to the White House at the Old Executive Office Building, as “productive.”

The two sides are scheduled to meet again this afternoon, but there was little hope that the broad divide between Mr. Trump and Democrats over his demand for more than \$5 billion

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for a border wall would be bridged anytime soon. Saturday’s talks came a day after Mr. Trump said the government shutdown could continue for months or even years if Democrats did not relent on their steadfast refusal to grant him the wall money.

The negotiations Saturday focused on priorities for security rather than a dollar figure for the border wall, the vice president’s office said. While Mr. Trump has stood by his \$5.7 billion demand, Senate Democrats have offered \$1.3 billion for border security, including fencing, while Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the top Senate Democrat, Chuck Schumer of New York, have repeatedly said that they will not agree to any wall funding. Ms. Pelosi has called a border wall an “immorality.”

The vice president’s office said that Mr. Pence had reiterated the president’s position that any deal needed to include funding for the wall. The office also said that Democrats had requested additional information from the Department of Homeland Security about its needs to deal with border issues.

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## OneJet’s grounding leaves a trail of debt

### Airline’s investors here facing losses

By Mark Belko  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The Allegheny County Airport Authority isn’t the only one at risk of losing big money in the collapse of OneJet. Some prominent Pittsburghers are facing significant

losses as well.

In a recent filing in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Pittsburgh, the regional business carrier listed \$43.9 million in liabilities, all but \$1.5 million of which represented non-priority unsecured claims involving nearly 250 creditors.

It’s a filing that shows just how heavily the region and its citizenry bet on the airline — only to be left with no flights and perhaps little chance of getting back the

millions of dollars invested in the venture.

OneJet touched down at Pittsburgh International Airport in 2015 with big hopes, touting its plan to offer business travel to secondary markets like Indianapolis and Milwaukee no longer served by major carriers.

The vision attracted the interest — and financial backing — of local CEOs, retired bank executives, businesspeople and even

sports team executives who have longed for access to such markets.

But the airline hit severe turbulence last year, including a lawsuit filed by the airport authority to recover \$763,000 of the \$1 million in subsidies paid to the carrier, a \$621,556 federal tax lien and a forced bankruptcy. OneJet, which had a base of operations in Pittsburgh, stopped flying Aug. 29.

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## HE SHOOTS AND SCORES



Alexandra Wimley/Post-Gazette

From left, Steve Schiller, Kevin Schiller, 9, Landon Betok, 9, and John Betock, all of McCandless, react to a Robert Morris University goal against St. Cloud State University Saturday at the Three Rivers Classic hockey tournament at PPG Paints Arena in Uptown. For story, see **Page B-12**.

## Record precipitation brings pain

### Weather-dependent businesses suffer in ‘18

By Adam Smeltz  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Weather pros gauge last year’s historic rainfall by the record books. Pennsylvania farmers have another measure: decayed crops, withered and uneaten in their fields.

At golf courses, extraordinary downpours kept grass growing,

mowers spinning and payrolls humming, even as some greens hosted less play. Roofers saw work pile up, thanks to leaky rooftops, but had few dry days to finish their jobs.

“When you can’t work, thousands of dollars are on the line,” said Craig Gouker, owner of Craig Gouker Roofing in Bethel Park and West Mifflin. “Things like this that are out of everyone’s control — it can be catastrophic to smaller companies.”

His firm managed to schedule jobs around the rain and handles

off-site work in a warehouse, but other roofers might not be so fortunate, Mr. Gouker said. “We’ve been waiting basically for drought season to happen — and it never has.”

Such was the story in 2018 for weather-dependent businesses, agencies and utilities across southwestern Pennsylvania, where annual precipitation totals soared some 50 percent higher than normal. The Pittsburgh area logged 57.83 inches, with year-end

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## Bed bugs showing up in variety of venues

By Jill Daly  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

It’s been 10 years since word got out that Pittsburgh reached another step toward becoming a cosmopolitan city: Bed bugs were turning up in increasing numbers in hotels and apartments, where none had been expected before.

This sign of well-traveled residents and visitors seems to be here to stay. In its 2018 report on metro areas with the highest concentrations of bed bugs, Terminix put Pittsburgh at No. 22.

Senior living communities now have a protocol for bed bug removal, and schools are reporting problems with the bugs, according to Bill Todaro, entomologist for the Allegheny County Health Department.

“For rich or poor, young or old, bedbugs are a nasty problem,” he said. The latest study from the National Pest Management Association said the top three places where professionals are called to treat bed bugs are single-family homes, apartments and condominiums, and hotels and motels.

Other places with high

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## Not everyone understands collecting anti-Semitic artifacts

By Sean D. Hamill  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Howard Cohen does not talk much about his collection of thousands of anti-Semitic Holocaust artifacts. They aren’t on display anywhere on the first floor of his home in Pittsburgh’s south suburbs.

And when he does pull out the concentration camp outfit he bought from the Austrian woman who wore it, or the folder full of German passports stamped with pink J’s to indicate the holder was a Jew, or the horrific ashtray with a caricature of a Jew in the center that he recently bought for \$2,000, mainly to show to close family members, they don’t understand.

“My cousin said to me last time

he was here: ‘Why do you want that stuff?’” said Mr. Cohen, 68, who is Jewish. “And I told him, as I always do: ‘Because it’s history; it’s our history.’”

That question — Why would you collect this? — is one collectors like Mr. Cohen, a retired optometrist, hear all the time. It’s a question even more relevant with the rise in anti-Semitic threats and attacks in recent years that culminated Oct. 27 with the murders of 11 Jewish people at the Tree of Life synagogue.

While some people might have been stunned by the attack and the reported, virulent, anti-Semitic motives of the alleged shooter, Robert Bowers, Mr. Cohen was not.

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Howard Cohen, a retired Jewish optometrist, holds up a woman’s concentration camp uniform from his private collection of artifacts.

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On this day, Jan. 6

**1759** George Washington and Martha Dandridge Custis were married in New Kent County in Virginia.  
**1838** Samuel Morse and Alfred Vail gave the first successful public demonstration of their telegraph in Morristown, N.J.  
**1932** Allegheny County government was reorganized, and six departments were created: Highways, Property and Supplies, Parks, Airport, Elections and Law.  
**1968** A surgical team at Stanford University School of Medicine in Palo Alto, Calif., led by Dr. Norman Shumway performed the first U.S. adult heart transplant, placing the heart of a 43-year-old man in a 54-year-old patient (the recipient died 15 days later).  
**1982** Rand McNally's Places Rated Almanac named Pittsburgh as the third most livable city in the country.  
**2009** Alcoa, a Pittsburgh based aluminum manufacturer, announced it would have to cut 13,500 jobs locally and globally due to the economy.  
*Some items are from Stefan Lorant's "Pittsburgh: The Story of an American City" (digital.library.pitt.edu/chronology).*  
 — Compiled by Rick Nowlin

**Today's birthdays:** Country musician Joey, the CowPolka King (Riders in the Sky), 70. Former FBI director Louis Freeh, 69. Rock singer-musician Kim Wilson (The Fabulous Thunderbirds), 68. Singer Jett Williams, 66. Actor-comedian Rowan Atkinson, 64. World Golf Hall of Famer Nancy Lopez, 62. Actor Scott Bryce, 61. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kathy Sledge, 60. TV chef Nigella Lawson, 59. Rhythm-and-blues singer Eric Williams (BLACKstreet), 59. Movie director John Singleton, 51. Actor Aron Eisenberg, 50. Actor Norman Reedus, 50. TV personality Julie Chen, 49. Actor Danny Pintauro (TV: "Who's the Boss?"), 43. Actress Cristela Alonzo, 40. Actress Rinko Kikuchi, 38. Actor Eddie Redmayne, 37. Retired NBA All-Star Gilbert Arenas, 37. Actress-comedian Kate McKinnon, 35. Actress Diona Reasonover, 35. Rock singer Alex Turner (Arctic Monkeys), 33.

**Thought for today:** "Simplicity is an acquired taste. Mankind, left free, instinctively complicates life."  
 — Katharine Fullerton Gerould, American author (1879-1944)

Corrections & clarifications

**Local Xtra.** The next program in the 2nd Saturday Civil War Lecture Series at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall in Carnegie will be at 1 p.m. Jan 12. Kenneth C. Turner will discuss "The Civil War in Pennsylvania: A Photographic History." An incorrect date was reported Friday.

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The story of a symbol of congressional power and its heavy-handed abusers

A 400-pound gavel?

By Michael S. Rosenwald  
 The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — When Nancy Pelosi became House speaker for the second time Thursday, her new power was symbolized by a gavel handed to her by the new minority leader.  
 In transferring the gavel — a mallet made of lacquered maple — the Republicans let go of one of the oldest symbols of legislative power in Washington.  
 "In the speakership," said Sam Rayburn, the Texas Democrat who held the office longer than anyone else, "the gavel becomes almost part of the office. It's habit. Any gavel you use has a lot of sentiment attached."  
 That is, until it is shattered.

Throughout American history, speakers have pounded their gavels so hard in search of order that they wind up smashing the gavel itself into smithereens.  
 This is not the fault of the House carpentry shop, whose workers have diligently and expertly produced the mallets for decades, but rather a legislative process that often veered out of control in a world before microphones.  
 "Without sound amplification, the speakers really had to pretty insistently rap that gavel to bring the House to attention," Matthew Wawnski, the House historian, said in an interview.  
 It is not known exactly how many speakers have shattered their gavels throughout history, but two speakers are notable for their mallet mauling.  
 One is Joseph Cannon, the Illinois Republican whose last name adorns the oldest congressional office building in Washington. The following anecdote doesn't begin with "legend has it" because the following anecdote actually happened.



Andrew Harrer/Bloomberg News

On Oct. 25, 2015, then House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., hands the Speaker's gavel to House Speaker-elect Paul Ryan, R-Wis., at the U.S. Capitol.



Carolyn Kaster/Associated Press

Ms. Pelosi receives the gavel from House Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., on Thursday after being elected House speaker.

On June 22, 1906, Speaker Cannon was trying to push members toward considering a bill when, according to the House historian, he "banged the gavel hard enough to knock off the head, which landed between the clerks on the lower tier of the rostrum."

No clerks were injured. And then there was John Nance Garner, a gavel breaker of extraordinary distinction.  
 Upon taking over as speaker in 1931, the Texas Democrat broke not one but three gavels in his first week, including one the day he was sworn in. Mr. Garner

devised his own solution.  
 "He demanded that he have an unbreakable gavel so he used one that was made of walnut," Mr. Wawnski said.  
 But Mr. Garner's constituents were apparently not certain that would do the trick. They mailed him a 400-pound gavel made of mesquite wood. The head of the gavel was so large that one of Mr. Garner's aides sat on it as though it were a stool.  
 This is American history, people — really.  
 The number of broken gavels began to dwindle in the late 1930s with the introduction of amplification systems in Congress. Speakers no longer had to bring the House to order by banging the gavel with the force of a jackhammer.

Still, there have been sporadic gavel disturbances in the age of amplification.  
 In 1995, Rep. George Miller, a Democrat from California, was particularly exercised about "fat cat lobbyists" in Washington, getting louder and louder on the House floor. C-SPAN captured the drama as it unfolded. Rep. Bob Walker, a Republican from Pennsylvania, was presiding over the House that day.  
 "The time of the gentleman has expired," Mr. Walker said.  
 He banged the gavel. "The time of the gentleman has expired," Mr. Walker said again.  
 He banged the gavel again, harder. So hard, in fact, that it flew out of his hand. Mr. Miller kept ranting. Meanwhile, a clerk rushed to find the gavel, picked it up, then handed it back to Mr. Walker, who proceeded to hit it again and again, only softer.  
 Eventually, the House came to order.

Brian O'Neill is off today.

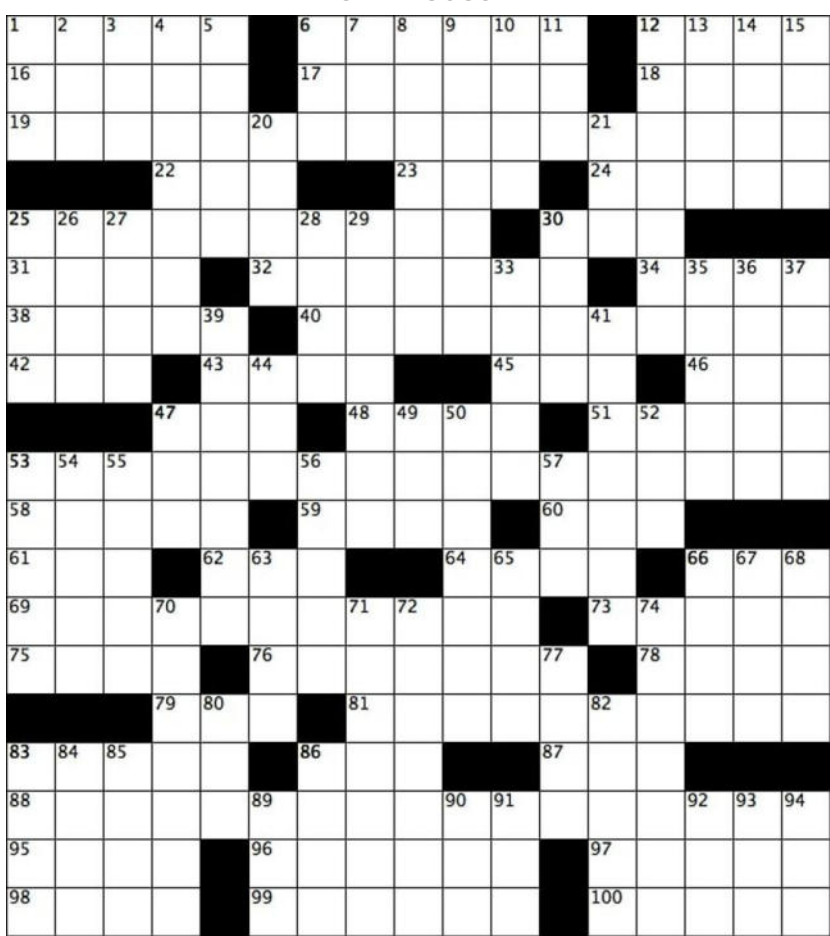
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 54 Capital once ruled by France  
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# OneJet's grounding leaves trail of debt

ONEJET, FROM A-1

In its bankruptcy filing, OneJet lists no financial assets, no real estate and an unknown amount of business-related property and vehicles.

It doesn't even have an attorney to represent its interests at this point. Nor has the airline's CEO Matthew Maguire made an appearance in court. He could not be reached for comment.

Kirk Burkley, attorney for four creditors who filed the petition in October that forced OneJet into involuntary Chapter 7 bankruptcy, said he's not sure how much money — if any — will be available to pay investors.

"It's just way too early to tell. This thing is in the first quarter and the first minute," he said.

About the only thing of value that has been recovered so far is \$85,000 representing part of the proceeds from the sale of a corporate jet that was taken back from OneJet, although it's uncertain whether that money will go to creditors.

On Friday, the trustee in the bankruptcy case filed an application to hire Mr. Burkley's firm as special counsel. In that role, the firm would investigate what happened to the airline and the millions of dollars invested in it.

One local investor who stands to lose money beamed the carrier's demise.

"It's a shame. It's too bad. It was a really good idea," said David Malone, Gateway Financial president and CEO who is owed \$300,000 by OneJet. "When the planes were running, we loved the service. It was a great deal."

## A who's who of Pittsburghers

OneJet has triggered its share of controversy in Pittsburgh — not only in the subsidies paid by the airport authority but in the investments made in the carrier by three members of the authority's board. The board later changed its rules to ban such investments.

But, among the creditors, the airport authority is by no means the only one facing huge losses.

The county's Redevelopment Authority is owed \$1.5 million in loans it provided to the airline. The state Department of Community and Economic Development is out \$415,286, according to the filing.

Individual investors owed money read like a who's who among Pittsburghers.

In addition to Mr. Malone, they include former PNC Bank executives Jim Rohr and Sy Holzer; Christopher Heinz, an heir to the family food company fortune and youngest son of Teresa Heinz Kerry; Howard Hanna, chairman of Howard Hanna Holdings Inc.; Penguins CEO David Morehouse; Jimmie Sacco, a Heinz Field executive; and Chuck Hammel, Pitt Ohio Express president.

Among others named as non-priority unsecured creditors are UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh; the Chip Ganassi Racing Teams LLC; and an outfit called the French Club Aviation Group with a Streets Run Road address that is owed \$1.35 million.

Also listed are Vesper Capital, Keith Kronk, and James and Debbie Campbell — the four creditors who forced OneJet into bankruptcy.

Vesper Capital, among the largest creditors, is owed \$4.5 million; Mr. Kronk, \$150,000; and the Campbells \$150,000.

According to the filing, Mr. Rohr, Mr. Heinz, Mr. Hanna, Mr. Morehouse and Mr. Hammel are owed \$150,000 each and Mr. Holzer and Mr. Sacco, \$75,000 each. UPMC Children's is owed \$250,000 and the Ganassi Racing Teams \$150,000.

Three members of the airport authority board who invested in OneJet — chairman David Minnotte, vice chairman Robert Lewis, and Jan Rea — are not listed among the creditors.

However, Ms. Rea's husband, Donald, and Rea Holdings LP are listed as a



Greg Whitaker/Associated Press

OneJet touched down at Pittsburgh International Airport in 2015 with big hopes, touting its plan to offer business travel to secondary markets like Indianapolis and Milwaukee no longer served by major carriers.

creditor owed \$150,000.

All three board members have said they have divested of their holdings in the airline.

## A needed service

Mr. Malone said he invested in the airline because he thought the idea of connecting mid-sized markets like Indianapolis, Milwaukee, St. Louis and Cincinnati was a good one and that the Pittsburgh region needed such service.

"I believe there is a demand for what [Matthew Maguire] is trying to do. I think he proved that," he said.

Without regular air service, mid-sized markets, Mr. Malone said, are at a disadvantage in competing for business against larger cities like New York and Chicago, which are hubs for major airlines.

Mr. Hanna said he got involved with OneJet so that he and his family could take advantage of charter flights the airline offered to Naples, Fla., in exchange for an investment of at least \$150,000.

As part of the deal, he said he also was able to negotiate a steeply discounted rate for use of an eight-seat jet to fly employees between cities, particularly Richmond, Va., and Albany, N.Y., where his company does business.

He ended up using the Naples charter a dozen

times and the discounted plane twice — not nearly enough to recoup his investment.

"I did it for convenience and long-term savings of the cost," Mr. Hanna said. "It did not work out to be what I thought."

Mr. Hammel said he invested to help out what he considered a Pittsburgh-based startup.

"It's like any startup. The chances of making it are slim. I want to see it make it. I want to help out if I can and that's what I did there," he said.

"I wanted to see more flights out of Pittsburgh to towns we can't get to. It's a very basic premise."

Like Mr. Hanna and Mr. Malone, Mr. Hammel is not expecting to get the money back. "Unless they find a secret pot of gold hidden, I doubt it," he said.

Mr. Morehouse declined comment. Neither Mr. Rohr, Mr. Holzer, Mr. Heinz, nor Mr. Sacco could be reached for comment.

## Doctors and DCED

UPMC Children's contributed \$250,000 as part of a partnership with Wolfson Children's Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla., to provide services that include cardiotoracic surgery, spokeswoman Andrea Kunicky said.

"We contracted with OneJet to establish direct flight capability so that our



Sy Holzer, former PNC Bank executive



Chuck Hammel, CEO of Pitt Ohio Trucking



Howard Hanna, chairman of Howard Hanna Holdings Inc.

pediatric cardiovascular surgeons could efficiently travel to and from Jacksonville and perform surgeries and other clinical duties," she said.

The county's redevelopment authority is the only one in the filing listed as having a claim secured by property.

County spokeswoman Amie Downs said two loans — one for \$1 million and one for \$500,000 — are secured by personal guarantees and intellectual property, "although the court will determine the value of the IP."

The \$415,286 owed to the state DCED involved a loan made to OneJet to expand operations and air service in Pittsburgh, spokesman Michael Gerber said.

"DCED is pursuing the

remaining balance and interest of the loan and has filed a claim with the bankruptcy court to recover some or all of the remaining debt," he said. "The department has also confessed judgment against the guarantor of the loan, [OneJet co-founder] Patrick Maguire, to pursue guaranteed funds."

The Allegheny County Airport Authority is not the only airport authority owed money by OneJet, although the \$763,000 is the largest amount by far. The airline also is on the hook with more than a dozen other airports or affiliated authorities, according to the court filing.

That includes \$135,160 in landing and space rental fees and \$21,181 in passenger facility charges owed to Milwaukee's General Mitchell International Airport and \$118,873 owed to the Kansas City, Mo., Aviation Department.

OneJet's biggest creditor, according to the filing, is PrimeAir Venture Partners, which is owed \$10 million. OneJet also owes the U.S. Transportation Security Administration \$349,603 in security fees and the U.S. Treasury Department \$777,233.

Its woes also include a lawsuit filed last month by 51 investors who claim that Matthew Maguire and his father Patrick misrepresented the extent of their investment in the airline; provided inaccurate financial statements and projections to potential investors; and "continued to misrepresent the financial stability and projected profitability" of the carrier through August even though it "was already in serious financial trouble."

The complaint alleges that the Maguires burned through more than \$60 million in investors' funds "with little or no explanation of how the money was spent."

A message left for Patrick Maguire was not returned.

OneJet's bankruptcy filing shows that Matthew Maguire was paid \$892,226 in the 12 months ending in October — \$368,394 in salary and \$523,832 in expense reimbursement.

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# Record precipitation brings pain to businesses, agencies and utilities

RAIN, FROM A-1

showers Dec. 31 dropping just enough water to clinch a local record, according to the National Weather Service in Moon.

For the city's biggest water utility, all the deluges added up to more customer calls for basement backups. There were 237 for the year, up from 166 in 2017, the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority said.

"We're creating our proverbial wish list of projects throughout the city. Our response has been, in every case, to focus on repairing where the existing infrastructure has been compromised," PWSA executive director Robert Weimar said.

The authority has tangled with a mess of costly landslides and overwhelmed storm sewers, many of them decades old. Officials are putting top priority on fixing system failures with "the most egregious impacts," but they recognize "many others that will need action" as more money becomes available, Mr. Weimar said.

At the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority, workers recorded 153 days last year when precipitation was so intense that it overran storm sewers and mixed with raw sewage. Those so-called "combined sewer overflow" days — when the untreated contamination menaces local waterways — were up about 50 percent over 2017, said Douglas Jackson, Alcosan's operations director.

The region is federally mandated to end those discharges in the coming years. Some stormwater reaches the Alcosan treatment plant in Marshall-Shadeland, which treated about 5.5 billion gallons more in 2018



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Richard A. Linn Jr., district chief of operations and chief of the Pittsburgh River Rescue unit of the Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, stands between two River Rescue boats at the City of Pittsburgh's boathouse on the North Shore. Pittsburgh's swiftwater rescue teams last year responded to at least 50 percent more incidents than normal.

than the year before, Mr. Jackson said.

Still, the 6 percent to 7 percent increase in water flow increased the plant's electricity costs perhaps \$400,000 for the year, Mr. Jackson said. Pumps at the plant run on electricity.

There was one minor upside for Alcosan to the wet weather: "Rainwater comes to us with a little higher oxygen content, so our process to put air in the water — to keep microorganisms alive during rain events — uses less of our own air," he said.

The weather landed a financial hit on Pennsylvania farmers, too. Flooding led to soil loss and crop failures, while waterlogged ground

often made it tough for farmers to tend to their fields, said Franklin Egan, education director at the Centre County-based Pennsylvania Association for Sustainable Agriculture.

"A lot of farmers are expressing anxiety about how typical this type of year might become, and how you keep farming in these conditions," Mr. Egan said.

Some are rethinking their approach, looking in part at building soil health and investing in equipment that's lighter or doesn't involve tilling, he said. Such advanced tools can reduce soil disturbance, Mr. Egan said.

Closer to the urban core, Pittsburgh's swiftwater res-

cue teams last year responded to at least 50 percent more incidents than normal, an emergency official estimated. Most involve drivers who try to ford high water, such as flash floods.

"They are not heeding the warnings. I wish they would. It would make our job so much easier," said Richard A. Linn Jr., an operations chief in the city Bureau of Emergency Medical Services.

"It seems silly, but people don't understand that only 6 inches of water will carry your car away. Six inches," Chief Linn added. "And people drive through all the way up to their door, to the hood of their car."

His advice: Don't drive

through water if the surface of the road isn't visible — because that means the water depth is uncertain.

As for whether the area can expect more high water in 2019, Chief Linn has trouble believing that local meteorologists can predict a whole year, he said. At the National Weather Service, the Climate Prediction Center lists equal odds for above-normal, below-normal and normal precipitation in Western Pennsylvania over the next few months.

Rainfall and snowfall are more likely to be above normal later in the year, according to the center. AccuWeather.com meteorolo-

gist Brett Rossio has said he expects a return to more typical conditions by summer.

Persistent low pressure during 2018 allowed lots of damp weather from the Gulf of Mexico to surge northward, Mr. Rossio said earlier. Pennsylvania lately has had more wet years — compared to the long-term averages — than dry years, "but there's no guarantee that will continue," according to Penn State University meteorologist Jon Nese.

"I'd be excited to hear it's a dry year," said Chris Kukor, golf course superintendent at the Williams Golf and Country Club in Weirton, W.Va. Golfers there played about 450 fewer rounds overall last year than they did in 2017, although a special deal drew in non-members, he said.

A busy year at the club can host about 12,000 rounds, Mr. Kukor said. "We got people out as often as we could."

The Wildwood Golf Club in Allison Park was just about even last year in rounds played, but that reflects facility improvements including drainage work to mitigate rainfall, superintendent Tom Fisher said.

"We've done what we could over the years to facilitate as many rounds as we could," he said.

At the same time, the rainy weather drove slightly higher labor costs to cover more frequent grass-cutting, Mr. Fisher said.

And about 2019? "It's not like the weather says, 'Hey, new year, new me,'" Mr. Fisher said. "Who knows what's going to happen?"

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# Bed bugs showing up here in wide variety of venues

**BUGS, FROM A-1**

numbers are nursing homes, schools and day care centers, office buildings, college dorms, hospitals and public transportation.

Bed bugs hide in dark places close to where humans sleep and usually crawl out at night to feed. They inject a substance that keeps people from feeling the bite. Itchy welts may appear the next day.

Having them in the home is not a sign of poor housecleaning.

The county entomologist said school nurses are contacting him with the newest trend: Children bringing bed bugs to school in their shoes, their clothes and their backpacks.

"The teachers shake the kids down ... bed bugs are crawling out of their backpacks," he said. "It's worse than lice."

He expects their parents can't afford commercial pest control, but he said keeping the bugs out of children's clothes is possible.

"The kids change their clothes right by the bed, [and] the bed bugs get into their shoes," he said. "You can beat that by having the children put their clothes on in another room."

The good news is there are ways to clear living spaces of the small blood-sucking wingless insects. But Mr. Todaro said monitoring the situation to prevent a recurring infestation isn't always done.

Older adults living in apartments independently or in congregate housing, where support services are available, can be particularly susceptible to uncontrolled bed bugs, he said. For example, he said, the residents may not be able to follow pest control instructions after their home is treated.

If they are doing the bed bug removal themselves, he said, "They just need physical help. You have to take the bedroom apart, take out all

the clutter, take the bed apart, clean it and treat it."

On top of that, he said, "There's a step nobody seems to take. It's a monitoring step."

It begins with pulling the bed away from the wall and then pulling other furniture away from the bed. Then each leg of the bed should be placed into a bed bug trap.

"If they would just put these traps under the legs of the bed, they would know if they still have bed bugs or not," Mr. Todaro said. "Without the monitoring tool, they're just spinning their wheels." Bed bugs can affect their well-being, he said.

"Elderly people worry about it. They have heirloom furniture they love, but it has bed bugs. They don't want family to visit; they don't want to visit others. They become anti-social and isolated."

People who use wheelchairs also face obstacles in bed bug control, Mr. Todaro said, because the wheelchair, like any piece of furniture, has to be taken apart and treated. They would need a replacement in the meantime. Aides for people with disabilities going in and out can transfer bugs from one place to another, he said.

"Social service people, case workers are scared to death of this stuff."

In rental housing, maintenance people could be helpful but might not be paid enough to tackle the whole job, Mr. Todaro said. To get control of bed bugs, he said, apartment managers could compile a list of tenants who need help and check on their places for signs of infestation.

"Every month they could look in on Grandpa Smith, who's in a wheelchair and see if bed bugs are in the trap." However, he added, "[Landlords] just don't seem to organize themselves to be proactive and pre-emptive. ... They spray some chemi-



National Pest Management Association

Bed bugs hide in dark places close to where humans sleep and usually crawl out at night to feed. They inject a substance that keeps people from feeling the bite. Itchy welts may appear the next day.

cal and walk away from it." As a result, the bed bugs survive.

"They're never all gone. They're in the apartment downstairs, next door," Mr. Todaro said. "It's awful, just awful."

People may blame furniture for bringing in the pests, he said, but a purse or a backpack can bring in enough bugs to start a problem. Tenants don't want to complain to the health department, he said, if they're afraid they'll lose their lease, especially if it's Section 8 housing and rent-controlled.

"Most calls I get are people who live in multifamily houses; I get three to four calls every day, at least."

The health department doesn't get calls from single-family homeowners, he said, because they often hire their own pest control.

"The commercial industry has some good tools to work with," Mr. Todaro said, although they're not available in hardware stores. His department has infor-

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— Bill Todaro, entomologist for the Allegheny County Health Department

mation for people who are tackling the job themselves; it's available online at <https://www.allegheny-county.us/Health-Department/Programs/Housing-and-Community-Environment/Bed-Bugs.aspx>.

"There are pesticides available online, traps available online," he said. "People can buy stuff that's proven effective." If people have the physical strength to pull beds apart and do the necessary steps, he said, they can be successful. That includes getting rid of clutter.

The bedroom is bed-bug central, he said, "Seventy percent of the bugs are in the bed. The rest are in the fur-

niture, the molding, the wall sockets by the bed."

A senior housing professional who's familiar with measures to prevent and treat bed bug problems said the insects show up in all types of places around here:

"They're present in public places, movie houses, public transportation. People spread them unknowingly, on their shoe, on their purse," said Margaret Martin, senior director of quality, education and compliance at UPMC Senior Communities. Facilities include assisted and independent living, along with medical services in 18 Pittsburgh-area locations.

Bed bugs can move from

one apartment to another in congregate living spaces, hiding in the walls, Ms. Martin said. "They can hibernate for 18 months — that's problematic." And, she said, the two main types of professional pest control treatment — chemical and heat — can be very expensive.

The heat process requires residents to move out for at least a day, she said. In UPMC cases, she said, residents have been able to move into a place in the same building.

Ms. Martin said the steps for bed bug control start with training for the UPMC staff in all the buildings and a separate training book for housekeeping and maintenance. It includes signs of bed bugs — the bugs themselves in mattresses and sheets, the exoskeletons after molting, rust-colored spots on the mattress or nearby furniture, and a sweet, musty odor.

"The most important thing is to be upfront with your residents and staff that there's always a potential for this," Ms. Martin said. If the signs are there, she said, "we immediately enlist Pestco. They're usually there the same day. They do a thorough inspection and identify the potential area." Pestco uses a dog trained to sniff out the bugs, and the dog returns for a follow-up inspection.

To monitor bed bugs after treatment, Ms. Martin said, traps are helpful, but they're not required.

If people are planning to move into congregate living, she recommends the same precautions used when staying in a hotel.

"You want to see the apartment that you're going to be staying in," she said. "You want to be able to look into all the crannies and crevices. Look for any signs of bed bug activity: brown spots and pieces of bugs."

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## Bowling alley shooting kills 3 near L.A.

Compiled from news services

A late-night fight at a suburban Los Angeles bowling alley turned deadly late Friday night, killing three men and injuring four.

Police in the coastal city of Torrance responded shortly after midnight to calls of “shots fired” at the Gable House Bowl, which is described on its website as a gaming venue that offers bowling, laser tag and an arcade. They found seven people with gunshot wounds.

Three men were pronounced dead at the scene and two others were taken to a hospital with injuries, said police spokesman Sgt. Ronald Harris. Two other men were struck by gunfire but “opted to seek their own medical attention,” Sgt. Harris said.

Authorities have not released details about what led to the shooting, but witnesses said it stemmed from a fight between two large groups of people at the bowling alley.

Wes Hamad, a 29-year-old Torrance resident, was at the bowling alley with his 13-year-old niece and cousin when he saw a “huge fight” break out. Mr. Hamad said the brawl, which lasted about five minutes, blocked the entrance of Gable House Bowl and devolved into “complete chaos.”

As he was leaving, Mr. Hamad said he saw a woman weeping over a man who had multiple gunshot wounds in his head and neck.

Brandon Tyre, 31, told the Los Angeles Times that he was inside celebrating a friend’s birthday when he heard fighting, then the sound of gunshots. He turned to find his brother had been shot in the chest. The brother’s condition is unknown.

## Invitation rescinded

Facing mounting criticism from Capitol Hill, NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine has rescinded an invitation to the controversial head of the Russian space agency to visit the United States.

In an exclusive interview with The Washington Post, Mr. Bridenstine said that the invitation was an attempt to maintain relations with Dmitry Rogozin, the head of Roscosmos, the Russian space agency. But after the offer was blasted by some key senators, he said he decided to withdraw it.

Mr. Rogozin was placed on a sanction list by the Obama administration in a 2014 response to Russia’s military actions in Ukraine when he was the deputy prime minister of the Russian Federation.

Given Mr. Rogozin’s history as a bombastic Russian nationalist and presence on the sanction list, Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, D-N.H., and others said Mr. Bridenstine should have never invited him.

## Inmates as residents

WASHINGTON — More states plan to count state prisoners as residents of their home communities, rather than residents of the places where they are incarcerated — a change that would shift political power away from conservative rural areas to more liberal cities during legislative redistricting.

Many inmates hail from neighborhoods in or near cities, but most are incarcerated in small towns and rural areas. Counting prisoners as residents of their hometowns would, for the most part, boost the legislative representation of Democratic-leaning urban areas with large minority populations while diminishing the power of Republican, mostly white rural areas.

New York and Maryland made the change after the 2010 census, and California and Delaware will start with the next redistricting cycle after the 2020 count. Connecticut, Rhode Island and New Jersey could follow suit.

By Julie Hirschfeld and Peter Baker  
The New York Times

Before it became the chief sticking point in a government shutdown that threatens to consume his presidency at a critical moment, President Donald Trump’s promise to build a wall on the southwestern border was a memory trick for an undisciplined candidate.

As Mr. Trump began exploring a presidential run in 2014, his political advisers landed on the idea of a border wall as a mnemonic device of sorts, a way to make sure their candidate — who hated reading from a script but loved boasting about himself and his talents as a builder — would remember to talk about getting tough on immigration, which was to be a signature issue in his nascent campaign.

“How do we get him to continue to talk about immigration?” Sam Nunberg, one of Mr. Trump’s early political advisers, recalled telling Roger J. Stone Jr., another adviser. “We’re going to get him to talk about he’s going to build a wall.”

Talk Mr. Trump did, and the line drew rapturous cheers from conservative audiences, thrilling the candidate and soon becoming a staple of campaign speeches. Chants of “Build the wall!” echoed through arenas throughout the country.

Now, Mr. Trump’s fixation with a border wall — the material embodiment of his keep-them-out immigration agenda — has run headlong into the new realities of divided government, pitting him against Democrats who reject the idea out of hand. The impasse is particularly remarkable given that even some immigra-



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The flag-draped casket of slain Newman police officer Corporal Ronil Singh during a funeral service at CrossPoint Community Church Saturday in Modesto, Calif. Hundreds of police officers from across the country along with members of the public came out to pay their respects after Cpl. Singh was shot and killed by an undocumented immigrant on Dec. 26 following a traffic stop of a fugitive parolee.

## Analysis

tion hard-liners do not regard the wall as their highest priority and fear that Mr. Trump’s preoccupation with it will prompt him to cut a deal that trades a relatively ineffectual measure for major concessions on immigration.

“I’ve always thought it created a danger that he would trade almost anything in order to get the wall — I think that’s still a potential danger,” said Mark Krikorian, the executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, a group that argues for less immigration. “I’m still worried about that now.”

That fear has been realized at times when Mr. Trump has explored a deal with Democrats on granting permanent legal status for immigrants brought to

the United States illegally as children, known as “Dreamers.” The president has always walked away at the last moment from committing to preserving the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program, known as DACA, but on Friday, FAIR, an anti-immigration group, warned him again that it would be a mistake.

To many conservative activists who have pressed for decades for sharp reductions in both illegal and legal immigration — and some of the Republican lawmakers who are allied with them — a physical barrier on the border with Mexico is barely relevant, little more than a footnote to a long list of policy changes they believe are needed to fix a broken system.

The disconnect is at the heart of the dilemma facing Mr. Trump as he labors to

find a way out of an impasse that has shuttered large parts of the government and cost 800,000 federal employees their pay. Having spent more than four years — first as a candidate and then as president — whipping his core supporters into a frenzy over the idea of building a border wall, Mr. Trump finds himself in a political box of his own making.

In transforming the wall into a powerful emblem of his anti-immigration message, Mr. Trump has made the proposal politically untouchable for Democrats, who have steadfastly refused to fund it, complicating the chances of any compromise.

“As a messaging strategy, it was pretty successful,” Mr. Krikorian said. “The problem is, you got elected; now what do you do? Having made it his sig-

nature issue, Trump handed the Democrats a weapon against him.”

The dynamic has been on vivid display this past week as Mr. Trump has argued that there can be no deal to reopen the government unless his wall is paid for, while Democrats, now in control of the House, have refused in ever sharper terms.

“A wall is an immorality — it’s not who we are as a nation,” House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Thursday. “This is not a wall between Mexico and the United States that the president is creating here; it’s a wall between reality and his constituents, his supporters.”

Last month, in private comments to Democratic lawmakers after an Oval Office confrontation with Mr. Trump, Ms. Pelosi said the wall was “like a manhood thing for him.”

Yet it has also become an outside symbol in the other direction for Democrats, many of whom supported at least some sort of barrier along the border in the past but now cast Mr. Trump’s wall as a travesty. Sixty-four Democrats in the House and 26 in the Senate voted in 2006 for the Secure Fence Act, which provided for hundreds of miles of fencing along the border. Among them were Sens. Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, Joe Biden and Chuck Schumer.

“The only things that have changed is the situation at the border is worse and Donald Trump got elected,” said Kellyanne Conway, the president’s counselor.

Beyond the symbolism, Democrats now argue that a wall is an expensive and ineffective means of curbing illegal immigration.

## Shutdown impasse continues

MEETING, FROM A-1

Democratic staff members asked for a formal budget justification for the administration’s insistence on its \$5.7 billion proposal, a Democratic official familiar with the discussion said, adding that Mr. Pence made clear that the White House would not budge from that figure. The Democrats told the vice president that there would be no movement on the dollar figure until after the government is reopened.

It is unclear just what kind of authority Mr. Trump has granted Mr. Pence to speak for him in negotiations. Last month, when Mr. Pence made a \$2.6 billion counteroffer to Democrats in an effort to avert the shutdown, Mr. Trump quickly shot down the proposal.

During the talks Saturday, Kirstjen Nielsen, the Homeland Security secretary, offered a briefing on what the administration has deemed a “crisis” at the border. Ms. Nielsen had tried to give a similar briefing earlier in the week to congressional leaders and White House officials gathered in the Situation Room, but she was cut off by Ms. Pelosi, who questioned Ms. Nielsen’s facts.

In addition to Ms. Nielsen, the vice president was joined Saturday by Mick Mulvaney, the acting chief of staff, and Jared Kushner, a senior adviser to Mr. Trump. Mr. Kushner is said to have raised the prospect with Democratic lawmakers that if they give the president the full \$5.7 billion in wall funding or something close to it, they might in exchange get an agreement for new protections for the young immigrants known as Dreamers. The prospect of such a deal has alarmed some conservatives.

For his part, the president seemed to be goading Democrats with a morning tweet that implied that he was ready to talk with them at the White House, even

though it was Mr. Trump who had announced Friday that the meeting would be at the staff level.

There have also been a few new signs of fraying political fealty to the president among Republicans. On Friday, Sen. Thom Tillis, R-N.C., became the third member of his party in the Senate to call for an end to the shutdown, joining Sen. Cory Gardner of Colorado and Sen. Susan Collins of Maine. All three are expected to face difficult re-election battles in 2020.

In an op-ed article for the newspaper The Hill published Friday evening, Mr. Tillis encouraged Congress to strike a deal that would provide “long-term certainty” to the DACA population — the Dreamers brought to the United States as children — and “force out the extreme elements on either side of the aisle.”

“When it comes to securing our borders, it’s important to note that the real solution is not going to be a big, literal physical wall, but rather an all-the-above, all-hands-on-deck approach,” he wrote, adding his support for solutions including “physical barriers and steel fences.”

The op-ed came just a day after the campaign arm of the Senate Democrats released statements to local news media targeting Republican senators up for re-election.

Ms. Pelosi showed no signs of budging in a town hall interview with MSNBC on Friday, and urged Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., the majority leader, to take up the appropriations bills that the House passed on Thursday to reopen the government.

“There is no reason to have the public pay a price in services, the workers pay a price in paychecks,” Ms. Pelosi said.

Mr. McConnell has largely stayed on the sidelines in the shutdown fight, saying that any solution must be reached between Mr. Trump and Democrats.

In an opinion column Friday, The Courier-Journal of Louisville, the largest newspaper in Mr. McConnell’s home state, called on him to “get into the game” and end “a crisis that really doesn’t need to be happening.”

Democrats and even some Republicans have fretted that Mr. McConnell has kept his distance during the shutdown, insisting that the Senate will vote only for a spending bill that Mr. Trump will sign, while excoriating Democrats for refusing to give Mr. Trump any money for a wall at the border with Mexico.

“My friends across the aisle understand these ground rules perfectly well,” Mr. McConnell said on the Senate floor. “They know that a solution will need to be palatable to House Democrats and Senate Republicans alike.”

Mr. McConnell rejected suggestions last week that he had been sidelined, insisting there was no role for him to play, as there had been when he was in charge of delivering Republican votes to a Democratic president.

“Now the role is reversed and ultimately the solution to this is a deal between the president and Nancy and Chuck because we need some of Chuck’s votes and obviously we need Nancy’s support,” he said, citing Ms. Pelosi and Mr. Schumer.

Mr. McConnell has long been a fixture in finding how to get out of messes like these. In 2013, he helped broker a deal with Vice President Joe Biden to avoid a looming financial crisis. The two Senate veterans and old-school politicians reached a compromise that no one really liked, but that enough members of both parties could tolerate. They had teamed up two years earlier to end a weeks-long impasse over raising the nation’s debt ceiling limit.

The New York Times and McClatchy Newspapers contributed.

## Woman in vegetative state gives birth, leading to sexual assault inquiry

By Cleve R. Wootson Jr.  
The Washington Post

A near-drowning had left the woman in a persistent vegetative state for nearly a decade. Awake but immobile, and apparently unaware, her universe consisted mostly of a room at a Phoenix Hacienda HealthCare facility where she received round-the-clock care.

And so a few days after Christmas, her caretakers were flummoxed when she went into labor.

“From what I’ve been told, she was moaning,” an unidentified source told Phoenix CBS affiliate KPHO. “And they didn’t know what was wrong with her. ... None of the staff were aware that she was pregnant until she was pretty much giving birth.”

On Dec. 29, with help from one of the facility’s nurses, the patient gave birth to a healthy baby boy, KPHO reported.

The reported birth — and the sexual assault on a vulnerable individual that must have preceded it — has cast a harsh glare on conditions at a nonprofit organization that bills itself as a leading provider of health care for Phoenix’s medically fragile.

A Phoenix police spokesman told The Washington Post that the department is investigating but did not release details about the case. A police report and 911 calls were also not available Saturday. Hacienda HealthCare, which has 40 programs that serve more than 2,500 people a year in Arizona, according to its website, did not immediately respond to calls and messages seeking comment.

But amid the firestorm that has engulfed it in the first week of the new year, the organization has released two statements,

vowing to determine what happened.

“As an organization, Hacienda HealthCare stands fully committed to getting to the truth of what, for us, represents an unprecedented matter,” David Leibowitz, spokesman for Hacienda HealthCare, said in a statement released to ABC News.

Another statement said Hacienda is “already conducting a comprehensive internal review of our processes, protocols, and people to ensure that every single Hacienda resident is as safe and well cared for as possible. Anything less than that is unacceptable to our team, our company’s leaders and the communities we serve.”

No one has been arrested in connection with the incident, and it’s unclear if police have identified any suspects. In Arizona, sexually assaulting a vulnerable adult is a felony.

Gov. Doug Ducey’s office released a statement saying the reports are “deeply troubling.”

In addition to working with police, the state is “re-evaluating the state’s contract and regulatory authority as it relates to this facility and have been working closely with state agencies to ensure all necessary safety measures are in place,” Patrick Ptak, a governor’s office spokesman, said in a statement.

The state department of economic security dispatched a team to conduct health and safety checks at the facility, and the department of health services has beefed up safety measures: more staff, increased monitoring and stronger security.

Hacienda HealthCare was founded five decades ago. Then, it was called Hacienda de los Angeles, or “the dwelling of the angels.”

National

# Democrats puzzle over whether a woman will beat Trump

Distinct narratives come to surface

By Lisa Lerer and Susan Chira  
The New York Times

Joyce Cusack would love to see a woman as president in her lifetime. But she is not sure it should happen in 2020.

"Are we ready in 2020? I really don't think we are," said Ms. Cusack, 75, a former Democratic National Committee member from Florida. Too many Americans may not want to "take another chance" on a female candidate, Ms. Cusack said, after Hillary Clinton was met with mistrust and even hostility in swing states.

But Andy McGuire, former chairwoman of the Iowa Democratic Party, sees a different reality after a record number of Democratic women won races in the 2018 midterms. "I'd go back to this last election — who won?" said Ms. McGuire, who, as a superdelegate like Ms. Cusack, supported Ms. Clinton at the 2016 convention. "Who had the excitement? Who had all the volunteers and power behind them? It was women."

As the 2020 primary competition gets underway with Sen. Elizabeth Warren's entry into the race, and with several other women likely to be early contenders, two competing narratives have emerged about the possibility of another woman leading the Democratic ticket, interviews with more than three dozen party officials, voters and pollsters showed.

The year of the woman and the midterm gains that followed electrified Democrats, who have eagerly promoted themselves as the party of diversity.

That success has inspired some of the most powerful women in politics to consider running for president. And it has boosted expectations that the political calculus for women has changed in the past two years, and that gender could become an asset, even in a presidential contest.

Ms. Clinton, after all, won the popular vote by almost 3 million.

Yet at a time of ascendancy for women in the party, there's a lingering doubt in some quarters about whether there is a risk involved in nominating a woman to take on President Donald Trump, whom Democrats fervently want to unseat.

The specter of Ms. Clinton's defeat in 2016 still haunts some Democratic officials, voters and activists. There is widespread recognition that women in politics are held to a different standard than men on qualities like likability, and toughness, and that voters have traditionally been more reluctant to elect women as executives than as legislators.

Some women see bias in the excitement surrounding a potential presidential run by Beto O'Rourke, the Texan who energized the left in a losing Senate bid, while Stacey Abrams is not mentioned as a possibility even though she had a much narrower loss for governor of Georgia.

"There's a real tension," said Neera Tanden, president of the Center for American Progress and a former policy adviser to Ms. Clinton. "On one hand, women are leading the resistance and deserve representation. But on the other side, there's a fear that if misogyny beat Clinton, it can beat other women."

Much of the debate is grounded in the question of whether Ms. Clinton's loss represented a rejection of women as president, or of one specific woman. How significant a role sexism played in Ms. Clinton's defeat is difficult to separate from the other liabilities that hindered her campaign. Ms. Clinton struggled to deal with decades of political baggage and a Republican attack machine that cast her as aloof, elitist and discon-



Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., greets an overflow crowd outside of the Our Place Community Center before participating in a roundtable discussion on Saturday in Storm Lake, Iowa. Scott Olson/Getty Images

nected. Her reliance on a tight-knit inner circle isolated her from tough political challenges, and she struggled to win over working class white women and men.

If Democrats nominate a woman in 2020, she will most likely face an onslaught of gender-based attacks from Mr. Trump, who did not hesitate in 2016 to mock the physical appearance and stamina of his female opponents. As the Republican nominee Mr. Trump carried more vulnerabilities on gender than any other modern candidate, facing allegations of sexual assault and harassment and having a record of lewd comments about women.

Still, exit polls indicated that a majority of white women voted for Mr. Trump, helping him seal crucial Electoral College victories in traditionally Democratic states like Pennsylvania and Michigan.

As Democrats look toward 2020, the conversation is particularly relevant because the 2020 primary season could prove to be as historic as the 2008 and 2016 races; in those years, Ms. Clinton became the first woman to become a top-tier candidate and then a nominee.

For the first time, multiple women may be serious contenders: Ms. Warren of Massachusetts is in, and Sens. Kamala Harris of California, Kirsten Gillibrand of New York and Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota are seriously considering running. A female front-runner would become a norm if a woman wins the nomination four years after Ms. Clinton did.

Women's political mobilization — as volunteers, candidates and donors — fueled the Democratic Party's gains in the November elections, and Democrats still far outpace Republicans in ele-

minating women to party leadership and representation in Congress. Female politicians now head all four of the Democrats' campaign committees.

Regardless of whether a woman wins the nomination, the presence of new, multiple female faces in the race could help the party move past a set of political expectations for women largely defined by Ms. Clinton for decades. Already, comparisons to Ms. Clinton have been unavoidable for the female 2020 contenders, even though they have little in common other than their gender and party.

"It is very hard, when you only have that one woman who's tread that ground," said Ilyse Hogue, president of the abortion-rights organization NARAL. "Everything about that individual becomes conflated with being a woman."

The rawness of the topic was evident in the furor that broke out this week over Ms. Warren's relatively low likability ratings. Research has found that it is much harder for female candidates to be rated as "likable" than men — and that they are disproportionately punished for traits voters accept in male politicians, including ambition and aggression. "Likability is totally framed by gender," said Celinda Lake, a longtime Democratic pollster and expert on women's votes.

Pushing back, Ms. Warren tweeted a video of herself on a train with the acid comment: "I hear women candidates are most likable in the quiet car!"

Yet for others, Ms. Clinton's loss sounded some notes of caution.

"During the campaign, I was shocked over and over and over again to see the type of attacks toward very strong, knowledgeable women," said Isabel

Farmer, a superdelegate from Ohio who received back votes after backing Ms. Clinton in 2016. "Maybe I'm still traumatized by that."

Some voters acknowledged the higher standard applied to female candidates but said that was not a reason to abandon the pursuit of the White House.

"I think right now there's still not going to be a female president, unfortunately," Jessica Nusbaum, of Wrightsville, Pa., said as she walked through a mall in suburban Philadelphia. "Right now I think we kind of — not regressed, but looked to the past." But she added, "Women should still run, even if they keep fail-

ing." Patricia McAuley, a Democrat from Wyomissing, Pa., agreed. "I do believe they're held to a different standard," she said, adding: "But could a woman win? Yes, and it's high time."

To those still reeling from the 2016 loss, Sen. Tim Kaine of Virginia, Ms. Clinton's running mate, had a blunt message: "Get over it and use 2017 and 2018 as the evidence that the pathogen has left the body."

Rather than a liability, several Democrats believe that having women run could be a galvanizing force in the presidential race, as it was in the midterms, when female candidates changed the playbook for how women run for office. Many campaigned with their young children and made their personal stories central to their message. They were not afraid to challenge incumbents.

Those campaigns, and the prospect of multiple female candidates, may change how women are treated in the presidential race.

"When you have two women running, the question becomes, what are you going to fight for, what do you believe in — not what are you going to do with your children, how do you get your hair to stay like that all day," said Rep. Katie Porter, who defeated a female Republican incumbent to flip her California congressional seat in November.

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Because of his deep understanding of anti-Semitic history through his work on his collection over the last 30 years, "It wasn't a shock because I know how deep the vein [of anti-Semitism] is," Mr. Cohen said.

The issue of collecting, and buying or selling anti-Semitic or Nazi material can be seen as an ethical or moral dilemma that private collectors like Mr. Cohen — one of the biggest collectors of anti-Semitic material in the country — and museums alike deal with.

"I do think there's a problem, and it's a dilemma we all face, including people in [the museum] business," said Judith Cohen, chief acquisitions curator for the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. "You don't want to create a market for it, but you also don't want it to fall into the wrong hands."

"I know for us the trick is not only to collect it, but to contextualize it," said Ms. Cohen, who grew up in Squirrel Hill not far from the Tree of Life synagogue and is not related to Mr. Cohen, the collector. "It shouldn't be collected merely as curiosities; it should be for a higher value."

### The private collectors' argument

But Bill Combs, business manager for the Ohio Valley Military Society — or OVMS — which runs military collectors shows in Kentucky, Ohio and Monroeville that sell a large amount of Nazi military material, said that ideal should not exclude private collectors.

"That's the argument we get a lot, that [military items] should be in a museum, and it shouldn't be in private hands," said Mr. Combs, who has been involved in his organization since 1971 when he was a 15-year-old member. "But all the museums in the world don't have enough space for all the historic military items out there. And all honest museum directors will admit to you that they rely heavily on private collectors because those are the people with the passion and the interest and the knowledge to preserve that history."

Ms. Cohen said that her museum does not have a large acquisition fund, and just last year it acquired a large collection of historic anti-Semitic material stretching back 500 years — the Katz Erenthal Collection — after a museum donor paid the collector's family for the items.

Even at the Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh, which has a small area in its storefront location in Greenfield for the display of a few historic anti-Semitic items, its items came from a private collector who donated them, said center director Lauren Bairnsfather.

The center is not intended to be a museum, although it keeps a collection of historic documents for reference, including some photographs.

But Ms. Bairnsfather said she does not object to private collectors like Mr. Cohen and others building their own collections.

"I'd rather he have all of them rather than someone who would do harm, someone who is anti-Semitic," she said.

### Nazi memorabilia the 'lion's share'

Michael Caplan, 39, a friend of Mr. Cohen's from Columbus, Ohio, and a major collector himself for the last eight years, said there are relatively few big-time collectors of anti-Semitic material, maybe 25, "and they're all Jewish."

There are obviously many more than that, particularly given the prices that have been paid for items such as the \$2,000 ashtray Mr. Cohen recently bought.

By comparison, the field for Nazi military items is huge. For example, there are no anti-Semitic exhibitions or shows as there are for military collectors. At the OVMS's largest show in Louisville, there are typically about 2,000 tables offering items for sale. Its military show in September in Monroeville will have about 1,000 tables.

What drives that interest for military items?

"The collecting of original, Third Reich memorabilia is the largest portion of the military collecting hobby," Mr. Combs said. "It's the lion's share of what's sold."

The reasons for that are not that people agree with the Nazi philosophy, said Brian Coats, OVMS president, but supply.

"There's just so much more of this [Nazi military memorabilia] around. A lot of baby boomers' grandfathers brought this back from the war with them," he said.

There is also the issue of that striking Nazi look, Mr. Combs said.

"I think it was something to do with — for better or worse — that people find Third Reich memorabilia aesthetically pleasing," he said. "It's like one lady told me



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Howard Cohen thumbs through German newspapers dating from 1933 to the 1940s last month at his Pittsburgh-area home.



Mr. Cohen's private collection includes anti-Semitic children's books.

when she was asked what's the difference between the Nazis and the communists, and she said: 'Cool clothes.' And I can guarantee you she was not a white supremacist."

Neither Mr. Combs nor Mr. Coats believes there are many people who buy original Nazi memorabilia who are white supremacists or anti-Semitic, if only because of the economics.

With an original Nazi uniform from World War II running in the thousands of dollars, "I can't see a white supremacist spending a ton of money to buy an authentic uniform," Mr. Coats said. "They'd probably rather spend much less to buy a replica."

Even then, he said: "We'd just as soon [white supremacists] not come" to our shows.

Mr. Combs added: "We are a military collectors organization. We preserve the memories of our veterans' victory with the items they brought home with them. We are not here to promote an ideology."

### Rise in white supremacy leads to changes

At the OVMS's September 2017 show in Monroeville — annually dubbed "The MAX Show" for Military Antiques Extravaganza — Mr. Caplan invited his friend, Mr. Cohen, to join him and buy a table to see if they could sell some of their anti-Semitic material.

"I set up [a table] because when I went to these shows I could never find people who sell or collect what I collect," said Mr. Caplan, who is Jewish and a salesman for a pharmaceutical benefits manager.

Mr. Caplan brought the document items he collects, including copies of Der Stürmer, an anti-Semitic newspaper the Nazis put out, postcards and leaflets. Mr. Cohen also brought copies of Der Stürmer and small figurines depicting some of the same grotesque caricatures of Jews that have been seen for centuries.

But about three hours into the first day, an OVMS board member approached them and objected to what he saw on their table.

According to Mr. Cohen, the board member told them: "You can't sell these here. They're discriminatory. You have to take this



An empty canister of Zyklon B, which was used in gas chambers.

stuff out of here."

"Is it more discriminatory than the swastika behind you?" Mr. Cohen said he replied, referring to the symbol being displayed on a sign for sale at another table.

Mr. Combs would not identify the board member but passed along to him a message to call the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette for this story. The board member never returned the message.

The men had a heated conversation, but Mr. Caplan and Mr. Cohen agreed to leave after other members, including Mr. Combs and Mr. Coats, explained their policy that anti-Semitic items could not be displayed there unless they were put in historic context. Their table fee was refunded, and the OVMS bought them dinner, too.

"It was an unfortunate event," said Mr. Combs, who noted that Mr. Caplan returned to last year's show with a disclaimer he puts out about why he collects such items.

"There was a time when anti-Semitism wasn't taken all that seri-

ously and was not seen as a problem like it is now," Mr. Combs said. "We've taken steps to ensure that as an organization we aren't inadvertently promoting that philosophy."

Mr. Combs noted that the show in September 2017 came about a month after the riots in Charlottesville, Va., that resulted in the death of a woman who was run over by a car driven by a man who has espoused neo-Nazi and white supremacist beliefs.

"It was the Charlottesville incident that caused us to revisit the rules on this," Mr. Combs said.

The OVMS has long banned people from walking through their shows in military uniforms that had arm bands, like swastikas, or to hang flags aloft. It also has long banned the sale of KKK or any white supremacist items at their shows, seeing a distinct difference between the sale of, say, a Nazi SS cap and a KKK robe.

"I understand that a swastika is

offensive," Mr. Coats said. "But we are a military history organization."

This year, they have tried to tighten their restrictions even more, banning for the first time the sale of any reproduced German World War II items such as uniforms, flags or guns in the hope that those white supremacists who want to buy a cheap Nazi flag don't bother to come because now they'd have to shell out thousands for a 74-year-old Nazi flag. They also banned attendees from wearing any German World War II uniform, real or reproduced.

"We've gotten questions about this as it's become a social issue the last year or two," Mr. Coats said. "We understood it would eventually get to us. And we struggled with how far do we push the rules. We think we've done a reasonable job trying to make it effective."

### 'It made it feel closer to me'

Mr. Cohen said his hope is that people, or organizations like the OVMS, do what they can to prevent the lessons of the Holocaust from being forgotten.

Remembering what happened during the Holocaust "is what got me into this," he said.

He had been interested in World War II history since he was a boy. But even as a Jewish kid growing up in Beaver Falls in the 1950s and 1960s, the Holocaust was not part of the discussion.

"It was a taboo subject," he said. "I noticed one day that my Hebrew teacher in Beaver Falls, Mrs. Penn, had a tattoo [from her time spent in a concentration camp] on her arm. I came home and told my mother, and she said, 'Don't you ever talk about that again. Don't you ever ask her about it.' My parents never talked about the Holocaust."

But a few years after he married his wife, Luisa, her father, Emanuel Bucaretsky, opened up to him about how he lost nearly his entire family during the Holocaust in Romania after his family sent him — as the oldest child — to live in the United States in 1940 when he was 27.

"It made [the Holocaust] feel closer to me," Mr. Cohen said of his father-in-law's story.

His interest in the Holocaust grew, and he began collecting items that showed the horrific, everyday nature of the oppression and attempted extermination of Europe's Jews.

Mr. Cohen had been an avid collector before, buying autographs of ex-U.S. presidents, including George Washington, and famous historic Americans, like Orville Wright, a collection he later sold to pay for the couple's twins' college education.

But collecting the granular pieces of the Holocaust's horror took Mr. Cohen's interest to another level, said his wife.

"He's obsessed," she said smiling. "He's probably upset to be talking to you right now because he's missing out on some auction he's interested in."

But, she said, she supported his interest: "It's a subject that can't be forgotten."

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KINSHASA, Congo — On the eve of the first expected results of Congo's long-delayed presidential election, U.S. President Donald Trump said military personnel had deployed to the region for possible "violent demonstrations," while the country's powerful Catholic church warned of a popular "uprising" if untrue results are announced.

Congo faces what could be its first democratic, peaceful transfer of power since independence from Belgium in 1960, but election observers and the opposition have raised numerous concerns about voting irregularities as the country chooses a successor to longtime President Joseph Kabila.

The first results are expected on Sunday, and the United States and the African Union, among others, have urged Congo to release results that reflect the true will of the people. The U.S. has threatened sanctions against those who undermine the democratic process. Western election observers were not invited to watch the vote.

## Exchange talk premature

MOSCOW — Russia's deputy foreign minister is brushing back suggestions that an American being held in Moscow on suspicion of spying could be exchanged for a Russian.

Paul Whelan, who also holds Canadian, British and Irish citizenship, was detained in late December. His arrest has led to speculation that Russia could be using him as a pawn to exchange for Maria Butina, the Russian who pleaded guilty last month to acting as a foreign agent in the U.S.

But deputy foreign minis-

ter Sergei Ryabkov said Saturday that discussing the issue would be premature because Mr. Whelan hasn't been formally charged, according to Russian news agencies.

## Information leak criticized

BERLIN — Germany's IT security agency is coming under fire for its response to a massive online leak of hundreds of politicians' and celebrities' private information.

Several German lawmakers on Saturday criticized the agency's apparent failure to inform affected politicians when it first learned of the leaks.

The head of Germany's Federal Office for Information Security, Arne Schoenbohm, said the agency had been aware of individual cases of hacked data being posted online in December, but only appeared on a large scale Thursday evening.

Authorities are investigating how the data, which included private addresses, cellphone numbers, chat records and credit card numbers, was obtained and by whom.

## Movement numbers down

PARIS — Hundreds of protesters are trying to breathe new life into France's apparently waning yellow vest movement with marches in Paris and gatherings in other cities, but numbers appeared down on their first demonstration of the new year.

There were no reports of violence on the eighth consecutive Saturday of yellow vest protests, in contrast to some December demonstrations that degenerated into chaotic violence.

Authorities have warned that they won't tolerate illegal acts. One known figure in the movement, Eric Drouot, was detained overnight this week for allegedly organizing an illegal demonstration. On Friday, government spokesman Benjamin Griveaux said those still protesting "want insurrection."

The movement is named after fluorescent vests French motorists must keep in cars.



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Protesters arrive at the Kossuth square of the Parliament building during a demonstration against the government's new labor reform, dubbed the "slave law" by the opposition, on Saturday in Budapest, Hungary.

## Hungarians march against government

## Protesters decry 'slave law' reform

By Griff Witte  
The Washington Post

BUDAPEST, Hungary — Thousands of Hungarians, their winter coats zipped tight against a freezing rain, marched through central Budapest on Saturday, voicing anger at a right-wing government and its attempts to snuff out nearly all domestic opposition.

The protest extended into a second month — and a new year — as part of a resistance movement taking shape as one of the most serious challenges to the authority of Viktor Orban, the four-term prime minister.

Mr. Orban has helped pioneer a new breed of autocracy in a country that threw off the shackles of communist authoritarianism three decades ago, and now serves as inspiration for other hard-line leaders in Europe and beyond.

His authority in Hungary is normally unques-

tioned — with the political opposition divided and leaderless, and civil society hemmed in by punishing laws, much of the media in his pocket, and supposedly independent branches of the government beholden to the ruling party.

In elections last April — deemed free but not fair by independent observers — Mr. Orban won a two-thirds parliamentary majority that gives him license to change the constitution at will.

Yet Saturday's protest offered fresh evidence that Mr. Orban — normally sure-footed in keeping the public on his side — may have erred with a series of recent moves that have provoked a backlash more intense and sustained than any in recent years.

Among the factors driving the unrest are the eviction of Central European University, the creation of a parallel justice system that will allow the government to bypass independent courts and the dead-of-night removal of a statue that paid tribute to a hero of the failed 1956 anti-Soviet upris-

ing. But the most important trigger for the demonstrations was legislation, which was jammed through the parliament last month with little debate, that allows employers to force workers to perform as much as 400 additional hours of overtime per year, and delay paying them for up to three years.

"Resign! Resign!" demonstrators chanted as a column of marchers stretching many city blocks made its way along Andrassy Avenue, the city's grand central boulevard.

"After the election, we had apathy. But then something changed," said Bernadette Szel, an independent lawmaker who has helped spearhead the protests. "This is fake democracy and people are fed up with it."

The workplace codes, dubbed "the slave law" by opponents, was the government's response to an ultratight labor market that has left employers struggling to find workers.

Mr. Orban has been

highly successful in attracting major European firms to Hungary, using low wages and other costs to make the country Europe's factory floor.

But hundreds of thousands of people have abandoned the country, seeking higher pay and greater freedoms elsewhere in Europe. The workers left behind are increasingly chafing under strain.

"The workers are already exhausted by the amount of work they're doing. The new law makes it even worse," said Bela Balogh, president of the Hungarian Metalworkers Federation.

Mr. Balogh's union was among a number of workers' groups out in force on Saturday.

The unions have threatened more protests, as well as strikes, in the weeks to come.

Alongside the unions, civil society groups and a hodgepodge of opposition parties have been the primary drivers of the demonstrations, which began with a series of protests last month.

## Taiwan president calls unification offer 'impossible'

By Chris Horton  
The New York Times

TAIPEI, Taiwan — President Tsai Ing-wen of Taiwan on Saturday called for domestic and international support of the island's de facto independence, days after China's leader, Xi Jinping, warned that unification with China was inevitable.

"It is impossible for me or, in my view, any responsible politician in Taiwan to accept President Xi Jinping's recent remarks without betraying the trust and the will of the people of Taiwan," Ms. Tsai said in a briefing for foreign report-

ers in Taipei, Taiwan's capital.

"We hope the international community will pay attention and combine efforts to speak out on our behalf," she said.

Mr. Xi's speech, his first major address on Taiwan, has given Ms. Tsai a chance to position herself as the young democracy's defender, both to the outside world and to voters who will decide next year whether she stays in office. Her party was battered in local elections in November, but since Mr. Xi's address, there has been a groundswell of support for her on Taiwan social media

and even, to some degree, in publications that tend to oppose her.

Tensions between Taiwan and Beijing, which claims the self-governing island as part of Chinese territory, have emerged as one of the region's flash points. Mr. Xi, the most powerful Chinese leader since Mao, reiterated in his speech that Beijing would use force if necessary to prevent Taiwan from seeking formal independence.

Mr. Xi has been ramping up pressure on Ms. Tsai's administration over her refusal to accept the so-called 1992 consensus — a vague notion, accepted by Ms.

Tsai's predecessor, that posits that Taiwan and China are part of the same country, with each side allowed its own interpretation of what that China is.

Mr. Xi urged Taiwan to avoid a "dead end" and accept his offer of the "one country, two systems" framework under which Hong Kong has operated since Britain returned it to Chinese rule in 1997.

But many people in Hong Kong and elsewhere — not least in Taiwan, where the situation is closely watched — believe that Hong Kong's promised freedoms have been eroding under Mr. Xi's rule.

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People visit the annual Harbin Ice and Snow Sculpture Festival on its opening day Saturday in the city of Harbin, which is in China's northeast Heilongjiang province.

# While in retreat, populism ups its attack on liberals

By Max Fisher  
The New York Times

LONDON — President Donald Trump's push for a border wall hints at a problem that populist leaders are facing across the Western world.

After a year of setbacks, populist leaders and parties are trying to rejuvenate their fortunes by revitalizing the sense of crisis on which they thrive.

But as with Mr. Trump's demand for a border wall — which has brought a two-week government shut-down — this may say more about populism's weakness than its strength.

Immigration and terrorism crises, which aided populism's world-shaking rise in 2016, have waned. Populists have faced disappointing election results in Germany, the United States and even Poland, shattering the image of the movement's inevitability and its claims to represent true popular will.

The West's populist leaders and parties have grown defensive, retreating into ever-starker messages of us-versus-them. The approach excites their most dedicated followers. But it can be risky, forcing voters to pick sides at a moment when the populist right holds declining appeal.

Cas Mudde, a Dutch political scientist and leading scholar of populism, has predicted that the movement's once-meteoritic rise will become "modest" and "uneven" in 2019, with more setbacks ahead.

Populism is hardly dying. It holds power in the United States, Italy and a few Eastern European countries, as well as meaningful parliamentary minorities in much of Western Europe, where populist parties now reliably win about 1 in 6 votes.

Still, without a crisis to justify populism's hard-line policies, its message has been stripped down to its

most core element: opposition to liberal ideals of pluralism, multiculturalism and international cooperation.

The result is a new phase in the populist era, one that will test populism's appeal — and that of its ideological rival, postwar establishment liberalism — as never before.

**A rocky year**

Populists in Europe had a rocky year.

In Britain, support for Brexit has slipped below 50 percent. Polls suggest a majority of voters want a second referendum. Brexit hard-liners in the governing Conservative Party tried and failed to eject Theresa May, the prime minister, over her support for a softer Brexit.

In Germany, the rise of Alternative for Germany, a far-right party, has stalled. It performed worse than expected in elections in the border state of Bavaria, where immigration is a major issue, and worse than it fared a year earlier.

When Bavaria's center-right party tried to co-opt the populist message and challenge Chancellor Angela Merkel over immigration, it suffered election losses.

Ms. Merkel survived, her approval rating spiked and she lined up a centrist successor.

Many Western populists are falling back to their message of besiegement and threat, as much out of the paranoid worldview that is central to populism as out of any conscious strategy.

Brexit hard-liners are pointing to the 470 people who illegally crossed the English Channel by boat last year, a drop in the bucket compared with the hundreds of thousands of arrivals to Europe in 2015 and 2016.

But dividing the world into us versus them works only if voters want to be-

long to "us" and oppose "them," typically establishment elites and cultural outsiders.

In Europe, many more voters have had contact with migrants since 2016, which research suggests can lessen fear and resentment.

In the United States, the buoyed economy has undercut fears of economic competition from immigrants.

**Curious case of Sweden**

One of the countries most often cited as a populist success last year may also underscore the movement's challenges.

The Sweden Democrats, a populist party, won 17.5 percent of the vote, its highest share ever, in a national election in September. If populists could surge this high, this fast even in Sweden, a bastion of liberalism, surely it represented a global shift.

But polls tell a different story.

Support for the Sweden Democrats has not grown since the end of 2015, just as the refugee crisis began tapering off.

And the party's share of the vote last year was only slightly more than that of Dutch far-right populists in 2017, which had been considered a disappointing setback for the movement.

Sweden's experience may suggest that Western populists rose only with the refugee and terrorism crises and that, as those crises have faded, populism has stalled out well below the numbers needed for it to sustainably hold power.

But there is another way to read cases like Sweden: not as the populist wave cresting, but as the liberal consensus breaking.

Even if populists win power only occasionally, struggle in office and mostly consign themselves to an angry minority, that they play any role at all represents a seismic change.

# New president shifts Brazil to the far right

By Marina Lopes and Anthony Faiola  
The Washington Post

SAO PAULO — Brazil's jolt to the right in the three days since President Jair Bolsonaro's inauguration has been faster and more severe than even his critics may have anticipated.

Since Tuesday, he has eradicated the country's Labor Ministry, ordered monitoring of nongovernment and international organizations, undermined indigenous rights and excluded the LGBT community from explicit protection by the Human Rights Ministry.

"I come before the nation today, a day in which the people have rid themselves of socialism, of inversion of values, of statism and political correctness," the former army officer said in his inauguration speech. Hours later, the first tremors of change were felt from Brasilia, the nation's capital, as Mr. Bolsonaro signed a decree granting farmers eager to access protected lands the authority to decide which indigenous territories merit recognition by the federal government, a move widely expected to increase logging in the Amazon.

Mr. Bolsonaro's speedy moves to reward the base that got him elected — enacting populist policies through executive orders, at little political cost — recall the early days of President Donald Trump's tenure.

Mr. Trump also vowed a litany of moves on Day 1 of his presidency, including a federal hiring freeze and withdrawal from Trans-Pacific Partnership negotiations. Some of those promises were left for later or abandoned, but the president made headlines by signing a number of orders and directives that signaled to his base that he meant business.

Similarly, Mr. Bolsonaro has made a showy flourish of his first days and signaled even bolder acts to come. The new president plans to loosen restrictions on gun ownership, cut the number of government employees by 30 percent and shut down the agency responsible for diversity in the Education Ministry. In Brasilia, where the leftist Workers' Party governed for 14 years, men on scaffolds this week slowly removed the letters on the sign of the now extinct Labor Ministry.

Last week, dozens of tourists hiking toward the famous Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro were held at gunpoint for up to two hours in a mass robbery that could mark an early test for anti-crime crackdowns promised by Mr. Bolsonaro.

The scene was surreal in a country once hailed as a bastion of the global left. But much has changed since Brazil's most popular president, Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, left office with an 87 percent approval rating eight years ago. The country sank into its worst-ever recession, a corruption investigation decimated its political class and a crime wave led to record homicides. Mr. Lula now leads a disorga-

nized and dispirited opposition from jail, where he is serving 12 years for corruption.

The result was an outpouring of popular anger that catapulted Mr. Bolsonaro to the presidency. And the swing to the right he promised in response appears set to be the sharpest Brazil has seen since the end of its military dictatorship almost 35 years ago.

"It is the other face of radicalization, the other side of the Workers' Party," said Marcelo Kfoury Muinhos, an economics professor at the Getulio Vargas Foundation, a university in Sao Paulo.

Mr. Bolsonaro and Mr. Trump have expressed mutual admiration. But the tie may have significant limits. Mr. Bolsonaro is likely to back Mr. Trump on some global and regional issues, such as climate change and Venezuela. However, he is unlikely to fully embrace other causes that hold more risk for Brazil, particularly the U.S.-led campaign to pressure China on trade policy.

In a television interview this week, Mr. Bolsonaro said he would be open to discussing establishing U.S. military bases in Brazil to contain Russian interference in Venezuela. Just a decade ago, by contrast, Mr. Lula sought to foster regional independence from the United States by building out organizations like the Southern Common Market, the South American trade bloc known as Mercosul, and the New Development Bank that bypassed it.

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First Muslim American women in Congress unapologetic about their faith

## Two new U.S. reps sworn in on Koran

By Tania Karas  
PRI's The World

The first two Muslim American women in Congress have been unapologetic about their faith from the start of their campaigns. Thursday's swearing-in to the U.S. House of Representatives was no different.

Rashida Tlaib, an American-born Muslim of Palestinian descent, was sworn in with her left hand on her own copy of the Koran, though she considered using a 1734 English translation that belonged to Thomas Jefferson. And Ilhan Omar, who arrived in the U.S. 23 years ago as a refugee fleeing Somalia's war, used the Koran of her late grandfather, who helped raise her.

New members of Congress are not required to take their oaths on the Bible or any other religious text. In fact, they need not swear on anything at all. According to the U.S. Constitution, senators and representatives are only bound "by oath or affirmation" to support the Constitution and no religious test is required as a qualification for office. Ms. Tlaib and Ms. Omar used the Korans at individual, ceremonial swearings-in at the House speaker's office after the official, en masse swearing-in on the House floor.

Both Democrats, they are part of an extraordinarily diverse class of representatives — "transformative," as Rep. Nancy Pelosi called them in her address after being elected House speaker Thursday. More than a dozen documents and books — including the U.S. Constitution and Eastern Orthodox Bible — were used to swear in officials of various ethnic and religious backgrounds.

For many Muslim Americans, the presence of a Koran is a symbolic moment amid a presidential administration that has seemed to wage an all-out war on what Ms. Tlaib — who also made history as the first Palestinian-American woman to serve in Congress — and Ms. Omar represent: immigrants, Muslims and women.

Degha Shabbbeh, a suburban Minneapolis high school English teacher whose family was exiled from Somalia when she was a child, says it's the first time she feels truly represented in national politics.

"To finally have women of color, or immigrants or second generation-Americans to be sworn in on a holy book other than the Bible — for me it personally validates that I do belong here, and this is home," says Ms. Shabbbeh, who campaigned for Ms. Omar and flew to Washington to attend Thursday's swearing-in.

It's not the first time members of Congress have been sworn in using the Koran. In 2007, former Democratic Rep. Keith Ellison of Minnesota — who was the first Muslim elected to Congress — used Jefferson's Koran for his ceremonial swearing-in. Ms. Omar was elected to Mr. Ellison's old seat after he stepped down to run for state attorney general and won. And Ms. Omar used a Koran when she was sworn in to the Minnesota House two years ago.

Ms. Tlaib ran for the seat vacated by John Conyers, who resigned over sexual harassment allegations. She lost in a special election to replace him but won the 2018 general.

Ms. Omar and Ms. Tlaib are joining Rep. André Carson of Indiana, a Democrat, for a total of three Muslim members of the House. Both Mr. Carson and Mr. Ellison have spoken on behalf of Muslim Americans, particularly as President Donald Trump instituted a travel ban affecting refugees and travelers from several Muslim-majority countries.

But the two women's elections are notable for the diversity they bring to national-level representation of American Muslims, say faith and community leaders. Mr. Ellison and Mr. Carson, who are both black and grew up in the U.S., each converted to Islam as young adults. Ms. Omar and Ms. Tlaib grew up Muslim: Ms. Tlaib in an Arab community of Detroit, and Ms. Omar in a Kenyan camp for Somali refugees, then a Minneapolis neighborhood that is home to many Somali and East African im-



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Rep. Ilhan Omar, D-Minn., fourth from the left, with her hand on the Koran, participates in a ceremonial swearing-in Thursday with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., second from the left, during the start of the 116th Congress at the Capitol in Washington.



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Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich., wears a traditional Palestinian robe as she takes the oath of office on a Koran, with family members present, in a ceremonial swearing-in Thursday.

migrants.

"It's important because Muslims are not one. We don't all come from the same background and experiences," says Robert McCaw, director of government affairs with the Council on American Islamic Relations in Washington. "Now, with three different reps with three very different experiences, it gives us a more powerful collective and representative voice."

### 'Unapologetic' Muslim women

Ms. Omar, 37, is the first person in Congress to don the hijab, or Islamic head covering worn by many women. Shortly after being elected, she vowed to help lift the 181-year-old ban on headwear on the House floor.

Ms. Tlaib, 42, does not wear the hijab. Some hope their leadership will challenge stereotypes of Muslim women and show the hijab is an individual choice.

"There are so many parts of the Koran that preach about freedom and equality and preach about women being at the forefront," says Sumaiya Ahmed Sheikh, executive director of the Michigan Muslim Community Council in Detroit and a friend of Ms. Tlaib. "People think of Islam as oppressing women. But the fact that there's a Muslim woman wearing the hijab, swearing in on the Koran, shows women are at the



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Democratic members of the House take their oaths. Ms. Omar is in the top row, wearing a hijab, and Ms. Tlaib is second from the left in the middle row.

forefront of these movements and have always been. It's a lesson there's no way Muslim women are oppressed."

Asha Noor, a Somali American activist with CAIR's Michigan chapter in Detroit who has worked with both Ms. Tlaib and Ms. Omar, called Thursday a "big moment" for Muslim women across the world.

"That representation is especially important for younger gener-

ations to see that Muslims can ascend to leadership unapologetically and not have to compromise who they are to do that," she said.

Their election is controversial in some quarters of the U.S. Last month, a conservative Christian pastor singled out Ms. Omar and complained on his radio show: "The floor of Congress is now going to look like an Islamic republic."

Ms. Omar shot back on Twitter: "Well sir, the floor of Congress is

going to look a lot like America. ... And you're gonna have to just deal."

"They're very aware of not being token first Muslim women," says Rami Nashashibi, founding executive director of the Chicago-based Inner-city Muslim Action Network, whose acronym, IMAN, is the Arabic word for faith. "They're coming in with these extraordinary global-local narratives and are uncompromisingly grounded in their Americanness while being refugees, Palestinian and Somali — and that's what's so inspiring for Muslims and non-Muslims."

### 'Muslims were there at the beginning' of America

Ms. Tlaib announced last month she would use Mr. Jefferson's Koran and wear a Palestinian traditional dress called a thobe.

"It's important to me because a lot of Americans have this kind of feeling that Islam is somehow foreign to American history," she told the Detroit Free Press.

"Muslims were there at the beginning."

Indeed, the history of Muslims in America goes back to before the country's founding. The Founding Fathers included Islam as they established the principles of religious liberty. At least 10 percent of the millions of Africans brought to the U.S. as slaves were Muslim, according to historians, and many practiced their faith even after being forced to convert to Christianity.

About 3.45 million Muslims now reside in the United States, or about 1.1 percent of the U.S. population, according to Pew Research Center. The rapidly growing group is set to overtake Jews as the United States' second-largest group after Christians by 2040.

With such numbers, "we should be beyond this point in American Muslim history of having to validate our narrative," Mr. Nashashibi says.

Ms. Omar's father, Nur Omar Mohamed, announced she'd be sworn in with grandfather's Koran in a post on her Instagram account Wednesday night.

"Hey, Ilhan's dad here," he started. "Twenty three years ago, my family and I arrived at an airport in Washington DC. We were newly arrived refugees in this country, from a refugee camp in Kenya. ... I could never have dreamed that twenty three years later I would return to the same airport with my daughter Ilhan by my side, the day before she is to be sworn in as the first Somali-American elected to the United States Congress."

## National

## ‘SMART CITIES’

Concerns for privacy rise as these cities thrive on the data of daily life

By Timothy Williams  
The New York Times

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — An algorithm predicts where potholes will emerge so road crews can resurface streets before cracks appear. Doghouses outfitted with cameras and temperature controls provide people a place to leave pets while they're on a date or at yoga. And on Main Street, if a driver parks too long, a sensor alerts the police and a ticket is issued.

In recent months, Kansas City has become an unexpected destination for technology companies looking for a place to test ideas. The city's goal: To be what it calls a living lab.

Far from technology centers on the coasts, Kansas City and dozens of other cities have begun competing for federal grant dollars and tech company attention. They want to remake themselves as “smart cities,” where technology is seen as a tool to help grow, improve school systems and air quality, and make traffic move faster.

“People are starting to notice us,” said Sly James, mayor of Kansas City, Mo. “We have people coming to town thinking there are going to be cows and tumbleweeds and coming away with a whole other idea.”

Hundreds of cities, large and small, have adopted or begun planning smart cities projects. But the risks are daunting. Experts say cities frequently lack the expertise to understand the privacy, security and financial implications of such arrangements. Some mayors acknowledge that they have yet to master the responsibilities that go along with collecting billions of bits of data from residents.

Concerns have intensified as Kansas City prepares to expand its technology experiment from downtown to poor neighborhoods on the city's East Side. The expansion will bring free wireless to homes, but also dozens of surveillance cameras and a gunshot detection system, and some residents worry that in the quest to be seen as forward thinking, the city may be handing off too much control to private companies and opening up residents to consequences it doesn't fully understand.

“We increasingly see every problem as a technology-related problem, so the solution is more technology,” said Ben Green, a Harvard University graduate student who studies cities and technology. “And you have cities, which are caught in this devil's bargain, where they feel they don't have the resources to provide the services people need, and so they make these deals with tech companies that have money, but which in the long term might not be beneficial to either them or their residents.”

In Seattle, officials this year began to dismantle a network of surveillance cameras and wireless devices that the police had

deemed vital in fighting crime, but that drew complaints over the network's ability to track cellphones.

Several government officials in Toronto were fired this month after they tried to rush through a large technology project proposed by a company affiliated with Google.

And high-tech criminals have also presented problems: In Atlanta, hackers broke into the City Hall network this year and demanded a ransom to unlock it.

Supporters of “smart cities” say that the potential is enormous and that some projects could go beyond creating efficiencies and actually save lives. Among the plans under development are augmented reality programs that could help firefighters find people trapped in burning buildings and the collection of sewer samples by robots to determine opioid use so that city services could be aimed at neighborhoods most in need.

Cities habitually feel compelled to outdo each other, but the competition has now been intensified by lobbying from tech companies and federal inducements to modernize.

“There is incredible pressure on an unenlightened city to be a ‘smart city,’” said Ben Levine, executive director at MetroLab Network, a nonprofit organization that helps cities adapt to technology change.

That has left Washington, D.C., and dozens of other cities testing self-driving cars and Orlando, Fla., trying to harness its sunshine to power electric vehicles. San Francisco has a system that tracks bicycle traffic, while Palm Beach, Fla., uses cycling data to decide where to send street sweepers. Boise, Idaho, monitors its trash dumps with drones. Arlington, Texas, is looking at creating a transit system based on data from ride-sharing apps.

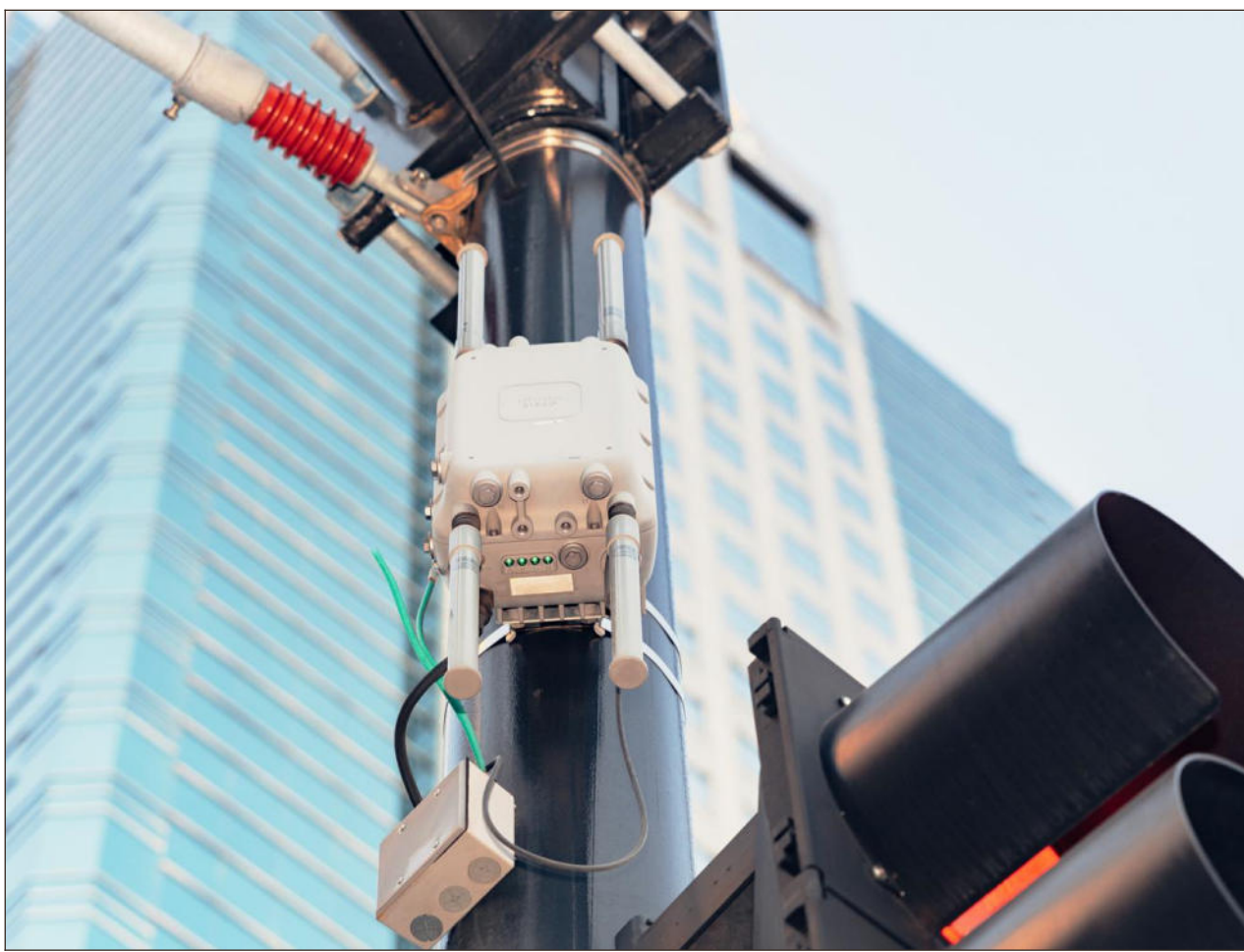
Kansas City is trying to position itself as the most forward-thinking of all.

It has promoted its use of technology with aggressive marketing, proclaiming itself the nation's “smartest city.” It has hosted international conferences, offered advice to other cities, and its tech guru, Bob Bennett, has become the public face of a smart cities movement.

“Cities that fail to embrace technology today, that fail to embrace a data-driven approach, those cities will be in the digital Rust Belt 20 years from now,” Mr. Bennett said.

Much of Kansas City's progress stemmed from its selection in 2011 as the first metropolitan area to get Google Fiber, an ultrafast internet and television service. Then five years ago, it was approached by Cisco Systems, the tech giant.

At the time, Kansas City was digging a trench under Main Street for a streetcar line. Cisco told officials that since there would be a hole in the street anyway, the city might as well install fiber op-



Barrett Emke/The New York Times photos

A Wi-Fi access point on a streetlight in downtown Kansas City, Mo. When Kansas City's 2.2-mile streetcar line was under construction, the city also installed fiber optic cable and electronic sensors to monitor traffic, as well as 25 tourist information kiosks, public Wi-Fi and surveillance cameras.



A dilapidated home on the East Side of Kansas City. City officials hope to extend the city's wireless system to reach homes of about 80,000 residents along Prospect Avenue, one of the main thoroughfares in the neighborhood, where only four in 10 homes have internet access.



A doghouse designed by Dogspot outside a health food store in Kansas City. The kiosks are outfitted with cameras and temperature controls so that owners can leave pets while they run errands.

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The sensors, Cisco argued, would help City Hall understand how the city behaves in an unobtrusive way, and at relatively little cost.

The city also built 25 kiosks along the 2.2-mile

streetcar line to provide tourist information and installed public Wi-Fi. It installed surveillance cameras and LED streetlights also outfitted with video cameras.

The city borrowed much of its \$3.7 million portion of

the cost. Sprint, which manages the Wi-Fi network, contributed about \$7 million, while Cisco invested \$5 million.

There was no competitive bidding.

The city's downtown corridor now monitors nearly everything that happens along this stretch of road — cars, pedestrians and parking spaces. The wireless system has been used by 2.7 million people.

But some results have been modest. Despite sensors linked to traffic signals, motorists have saved only an average of 37 seconds from their commutes, according to the city. And a crime location predictor with an algorithm that takes into account everything from 911 calls to weather patterns has yet to reduce assaults in the city's entertainment district.

Sprint collects data from users who log onto the wireless network, including their home ZIP codes, internet searches and location.

Some of the information — including phone numbers and other potentially identifying information — is available even if one does not log on to the wireless network,

city officials and data experts said.

Sprint declined to discuss the data it collects or how it uses it.

But the company said its work was critical in cities like Kansas City, Mo., where people want access to the latest technology.

“People are ready for smart things,” said Patricia Watkins, Sprint's director of emerging solutions. “For the first time, instead of asking why we're doing this, they're asking, ‘Why can't we do this?’ It will force cities to move ahead with these things because their constituents will be asking for it.”

On Kansas City's East Side, officials hope to extend the wireless system to reach homes of about 80,000 residents along Prospect Avenue, one of the main thoroughfares in the neighborhood. Only about 40 percent of homes there have internet access.

The city says it wants to transform the neighborhood, which has a high crime rate and is dotted with vacant buildings. It plans to install air quality sensors, water meters to detect leaks, a bus line, surveillance cameras and a gunshot detection system.

Some residents thought the changes would bring an economic boost to the area.

“I'm just elated,” said Cheryl Barnes, president of a local residents' group. “It will provide a measure of hope to the neighborhood.”

Quinton Lucas, who represents the East Side on the city council, said while the project represented “a psychological investment in the area,” he worried about all the surveillance.

“I have a concern about monitoring inner cities in a different way than other neighborhoods,” he said. “Is this going to accrue to the detriment of young black men?”

Mr. Lucas said he wondered whether Kansas City was moving too fast.

“When you look at the amount of change in the world — and basically we're operating on a hunch — how are we sure if we are getting the best deal available?” he said.

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International

This year is set to be one of major change for Europe, with big decisions likely to have implications for the continent's economy

# Brexit, tariffs, populism could buffet Europe in 2019

By David McHugh  
Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany — 2019 is set to be a year of major change for Europe, with big decisions that will affect the continent's economy.

Britain is due to leave the European Union but there is no clarity on how that will happen, or how painful it will be economically. The EU has long seen deepening ties among countries as the best way to create prosperity, but a rise in populist and nationalist politics is likely to further test that commitment. And threats loom from outside, including possible U.S. tariffs on cars.

The economy is already slipping. Growth in the 19 EU countries that use the euro slipped from a decade-high of 2.4 percent in 2017 to an estimated 2.1 percent this year. It is expected to ease further to 1.9 percent next year, according to the EU's executive commission.

Here's a look at the major events and challenges that will shape the coming year in the European Union.

**Brexit chaos**

Europe confronts one risk early in the year, as the British Parliament faces a possible vote in mid-January on Prime Minister Theresa May's negotiated deal on terms of an exit from the EU. If the deal is rejected, and no other solution such as a second referendum is found, the risk will increase that Britain would leave the EU as scheduled March 29 without any clarity on new trading rules.

That could cause widespread disruption to business and complex supply chains such as those involving auto factories. Some predict it could even ground flights and lead to shortages of produce and some medicines.

**Trump and trade**

Europe and the U.S. are discussing new terms of trade after U.S. President Donald Trump threatened to put tariffs on European cars. The tariffs would hurt growth in Germany and in Europe more broadly and could be imposed in 2019 if the talks fail. Angel Talavera, lead eurozone economist at Oxford Economics, says that U.S. car tariffs would lower German gross domestic product by 0.2 percent in 2020. That's in addition to the U.S.-China trade conflict, which could side-swipe Europe because it trades extensively with both.

**Populism**

Elections to the European Parliament slated for May 23-26 can serve as a chance for voters to express dislike of their government and as a platform for populist parties that don't like the EU. A



Tim Ireland/Associated Press

Britain's Prime Minister Theresa May leaves No. 10 Downing St. last month in London. In 2019, Europe will face a raft of risks to the continent's ongoing upswing, including the British Brexit from the trading bloc, if Parliament votes on Ms. May's negotiated deal on leaving the European Union.

strong showing by groups like Marine Le Pen's National Rally in France, the League in Italy and the Alternative for Germany could make it harder for the EU to agree on legislation.

Italy's populist government could further complicate things. It has smoothed over a disagreement with the EU on a budget that drastically increases spending. But the plan could leave Italy, which has a debt load of 133 percent of GDP, more vulnerable to new financial trouble.

**Yellow vests**

With Britain leaving and Germany's Angela Merkel planning her political exit, French President Emmanuel Macron had hoped to seize the European spotlight in 2019 and push his agenda of economic change at home and strengthening EU unity. But weeks of protests by yellow-vested masses angry over high taxes and shrinking pocket-books have hobbled his credibility.

Riots forced him to offer billions of euros in tax relief and aid — which in turn is damaging his European credentials, because it risks pushing France over the EU deficit limit.

Some yellow-vest groups are considering a bid for the European elections, though the movement has no single political bent.

Mr. Macron and his parliamentary majority don't face new elections until 2022 and he could yet rebound. Still, he is expected to scale back the pace of change to France's long-stagnant econ-

omy, with repercussions for the whole region.

**New team**

After the elections, European governments will choose a replacement for European Central Bank President Mario Draghi, whose eight-year term expires Oct. 31, and for Jean-Claude Juncker, the head of the EU Commission, who isn't seeking a new term.

Mr. Draghi has pushed the ECB into new territory by using bond purchases to push 2.6 trillion euros (\$3 trillion) in newly created money into the economy as a way of supporting a weak-post-crisis recovery. His vow to do "whatever it takes" to rescue the euro from its debt crisis — followed by a program to quell trouble in bond markets — is credited with halting market turmoil in 2012.

Stimulus skeptic Jens Weidmann, head of Germany's national central bank, was an early front runner but has faded amid me-

dia speculation Ms. Merkel may push for a German to replace Mr. Juncker. That would make it tough for Germany to also claim the ECB job under typical EU horse-trading. Other possible successors are former Finnish central bank head Erkki Liikanen and Bank of France governor Francois Villeroy de Galhau.

**Interest rates**

The ECB could raise interest rates for the first time



Michael Sohn/Associated Press

Alice Weidel, co-faction leader of the Alternative for Germany party, delivers a speech in November during the budget debate of the German federal parliament, Bundestag, at the Reichstag building in Berlin. This year in elections to the European Parliament, a strong showing by parties such as Alternative for Germany could make it harder for the EU to agree on legislation.

since 2011.

The bank, which has already closed out its bond-buying stimulus program, has signaled no increase in rates before the fall. That leaves it open whether it will be Mr. Draghi or his successor to lead the decision-

ing on the timing of a first rate move.

Higher rates could increase consumer and business borrowing costs and improve returns for savers. The first rate increase could be postponed, however, if the economy looks weak.

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## International

## Gallery prods Germans for painting stolen in WWII

By Elisabetta Povoledo  
The New York Times

ROME — Museums are not usually known for online trolling, so when one of the world's great art institutions uses provocative hashtags like #Nazis and #Wehrmacht to make digital demands that Germany return a stolen painting, it is bound to draw attention.

The Uffizi Galleries in Florence, Italy, is calling on the German government to step into a dispute over a baroque painting that German soldiers took 75 years ago. "Vase of Flowers," by 18th-century Dutch master Jan van Huysum, is in private hands in Germany, and neither the museum nor the Italian authorities have been able to persuade or pressure the people who have it to give it up.

The Uffizi made its message public on Twitter on Tuesday, with a link to a lengthy "appeal to Germany for 2019" by its director, Eike Schmidt. It also posted on its website a video showing Mr. Schmidt ceremoniously affixing a black-and-white photo of Van Huysum's still life in the Room of the Putti of the Pitti Palace, which is overseen by the Uffizi, where the painting hung before it was stolen during World War II.

Around the photo in bold red lettering is the word "stolen" in Italian, English and German, and a caption posted in front of it explains that the work was taken by German soldiers and is now held by a German family.

The German government has not responded. Under German law, legal claims for stolen property cannot be made after more than 30 years.

The painting has been the object of "on-and-off negotiations" for decades between Italian authorities and

agents for the German family that has the work, Mr. Schmidt said.

He said he did not know the identity of the family, but that it was "very likely" that they were related to the soldier who took the painting during the war.

Last year, a representative for the German family offered to return the work in exchange for a substantial sum of money (Italian media reported the sum as 500,000 euros, or about \$567,000), prompting the museum — and Italian judicial authorities — to take action.

"We're trying to get the German family to understand that we are not in a legal position to buy something that according to Italian and international law we already own," said Mr. Schmidt, who is German and is the first foreigner to head the Uffizi.

Italian prosecutors and the Carabinieri, the national military police force, which has a division that investigates art theft, have opened investigations into the painting's movements since it was taken from Italy. They have asked German judicial authorities to cooperate.

They are also evaluating whether the family's request for money could be construed as extortion.

"What belongs to the Italian state has to be returned to the Italian state," said Gen. Fabrizio Parrulli, commander of the Carabinieri's art theft unit. He said his men were working with Florentine prosecutors on the case, but declined to give details, "because the investigation is ongoing."

In such cases, German officials have said the 30-year statute of limitations means that when property is in private hands, there is simply no legal way to force its return, and no basis for government intervention.



Uffizi press office via The New York Times

A photo provided by the Uffizi press office of Eike Schmidt, director of the Uffizi Galleries in Florence, Italy, hanging a black-and-white copy of "Vase of Flowers," by the Dutch painter Jan van Huysum with the word "stolen" in different languages. The Uffizi Galleries is calling on the German government to step into a dispute over the Baroque painting that German soldiers took 75 years ago.

For many years, Israel and Jewish groups have lobbied Germany to carve out an exception for items looted in the Nazi era. After the discovery in 2012 of more than 1,000 artworks in a Munich apartment, including some that were taken by the Nazis, the government considered such a change, but it never became law.

Mr. Schmidt said that generating publicity about "Vase of Flowers" should make it harder for the Germans who hold the painting to try to sell it.

"Thanks to the photo in the Room of the Putti, people will never forget that this work was stolen," Mr. Schmidt said in a telephone interview.

And thanks to the accompanying resonance on social media, "no one would ever be able to say that 'I purchased this work in good faith,'" he said.

But some experts say Italy should examine its own record on stolen art.

Italy was recently called out at an international conference on the restitution of art looted during World War II as one of five countries that have been slow to address the issue.

Stuart E. Eizenstat, a former State Department official and White House adviser, said that the Italian government had not carried out "provenance research or listing of possible Nazi-looted art in their public museums," and that Italy appeared to be more interested in "what the Italian government lost."

During the Nazi regime, Germans took thousands of precious items — often at the direction of high-ranking officials — from Jews, political opponents and conquered countries, and the fate of those items continues to make news.

Germany has committed

"Germany has a moral duty to return this painting to our museum, and I trust that the German government will do so at the earliest opportunity, naturally along with every other work of art stolen by the Nazi Wehrmacht."

— Eike Schmidt,  
director of the Uffizi Galleries in Florence, Italy

to returning items held in public museums, though it has acted too slowly, and the recovery of privately held works has been much more difficult.

At the same time, all the former colonial powers face growing demands to return looted art and artifacts, including those they have had for hundreds of years; a recent report for the French government recommended returning all the objects in its museums that were taken from Africa.

Grand Duke Leopoldo II of Tuscany bought "Vase of Flowers" in 1824 to hang alongside other Dutch still lifes, including works by Rachel Ruysch and Willem van Aelst, for the newly created Palatine Gallery in the Pitti Palace.

The palace was evacuated during World War II, and the painting, along with other works, was moved first to the Medici Villa at Poggio a Caiano, a small town outside Florence, and then to the Villa Bossi Pucci on the outskirts of the city. According

to the Uffizi, before retreating from Florence in 1944 as the Allies advanced, German soldiers shipped artwork northward, and that is when "Vase of Flowers" disappeared from the public record.

Italian authorities first learned something of the painting's fate in 1991, and since then, intermediaries for the German family have been intermittently involved in negotiations for its return.

The Uffizi has an extensive collection of Dutch still-life paintings, and the missing Van Huysum "left a gap" that begs to be filled, Mr. Schmidt said.

"This story is preventing the wounds inflicted by World War II and the horrors of Nazism from healing," he said in a statement. "Germany has a moral duty to return this painting to our museum, and I trust that the German government will do so at the earliest opportunity, naturally along with every other work of art stolen by the Nazi Wehrmacht."

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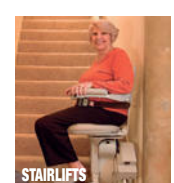
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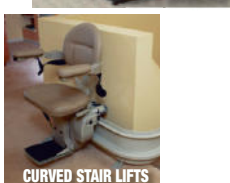


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## Turnpike expanding cashless tolling

Toll collectors to be eliminated by 2022

By Ed Blazina  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

By the end of October, no motorists passing through the Pennsylvania Turnpike's Gateway station near the Ohio border in Lawrence County will have to stop to pay the toll.

That's because the turnpike will close its cash toll booths and all drivers arriving at the first stop east of the Ohio border will pass through an overhead gantry that will either record their payment by an E-ZPass transponder or take a photo of their license plate and send them a bill through the mail. The turnpike commission last week awarded a \$1.275 million contract to Allison Park Contractors Inc. to close the existing toll booths and convert the E-ZPass lanes to allow the Toll by Plate system by Oct. 26.

The change is the latest in the turnpike's efforts to switch to all cashless payments across the 550-mile system and eliminate more than 600 toll collectors by 2022. Cashless tolling already is used in Western Pennsylvania at the Beaver Valley Expressway and the Findlay Connector as well as the Delaware River Bridge, Clark's Summit and Keyser Avenue plazas in the eastern part of the state.

So far, the agency has been able to handle job losses by attrition with toll collectors transferring to other turnpike jobs in the same district under an agreement with the union representing the collectors.

"For this year, it looks like we're going to be able to absorb the workers in that district in other jobs," said turnpike spokesman Carl DeFabo. "At some point in the future, the commission is going to reach the point where that isn't possible, but we haven't reached that point yet."

The turnpike wants to eliminate toll collectors to improve the flow of traffic for motorists, who don't have to stop for a ticket with the cashless system, and to reduce its personnel costs. More than 35 agencies in 13 states have all-electronic toll collections.

Gateway is one of the busier toll

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## State Senate seat will be filled in April 2 special election

By Andrew Goldstein  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The special election to fill the state Senate seat left vacant by Guy Reschenthaler has been scheduled by the lieutenant governor.

Lt. Gov. Mike Stack posted a tweet Friday that said he asked the Senate secretary to draft a writ setting the special election for April 2.

Counties will be served the writ on Monday, he said.

The election will determine who fills the seat left vacant by Mr. Reschenthaler, a Republican, who resigned after being elected to the U.S. House of Representatives in November.

The senator in the 37th District represents communities in Allegheny County's southern and western suburbs as well as Peters in Washington County.

Because it is a special election, each party's nominee will be chosen by party leaders in lieu of a primary. The winner would serve the remainder of Mr. Reschenthaler's term, which extends into 2022.

Mr. Reschenthaler had served in the 37th District since 2015 when he defeated Heather Arnet in a special election after state Sen. Matthew Smith resigned to become the president of the Greater Pittsburgh

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## SHOW OF APPRECIATION



Michael M. Santiago/Post-Gazette

Larry Hopkins of Brighton Heights and his wife, Pam Smith, look on as their granddaughter, Janala Smith-Hopkins, plays with toys while waiting to eat dinner during a Twelfth Night celebration Saturday at the Calvary United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall on the North Side. The dinner was a way for the church to show appreciation to its Messiah performers, as well as Calvary family and friends.

## Pittsburgh Public Schools optimistic about reducing student suspensions

By Elizabeth Behrman  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Leaders in Pittsburgh Public Schools are hopeful that a newly released, long-awaited study of a new strategy aimed at reducing student suspensions could be an asset for others across the country.

The two-year, federally funded study was released last week by the RAND Corp. and showed that the use of "restorative practices," a proactive strategy being adopted by schools across the nation and that focuses on improving school culture and building relationships rather than pushing students out of the classroom, had a positive effect on student suspension rates and the disparity between black and white students.

The report marks one of the first comprehensive studies of restorative practices. Pittsburgh district leaders and proponents of the change said the results have national significance, and that they hope it can be a "road map" for other urban schools.

"It's really validating to see the outcome data associated with this work," said Christine Cray, Pittsburgh Public Schools' director of student services reforms.

RAND began its research shortly after the district was awarded a \$3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in

"We've been waiting for this a long time. It's affirming to hear of the positive effect of school climate upon student discipline. It's an important challenge that our nation is concerned with in K through 12 [education]."

— Keith Hickman, director of continuing education for the International Institute for Restorative Practices

2014. Teachers at 22 schools were trained by the International Institute for Restorative Practices, and those schools were paired with and compared to 22 "control" schools with certain similarities, like suspension rates. Researchers also surveyed the teachers, to gauge their use and understanding of the new program.

The results overall were positive and showed that they could be maintained on a large scale, said Keith Hickman, the IIRP's director of continuing education. But the study also had some limitations, and showed areas where leaders could improve and explore further.

"We've been waiting for this a long time," Mr. Hickman said. "It's affirming to hear of the positive effect of school climate upon student discipline. It's an important challenge that our nation is concerned with in K through 12 [education]."

Among the findings of the study were:

- Suspensions in PPS overall decreased during the 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years, from about 16 percent of students suspended to about 13 percent. But in the schools that used restorative practices during the study period, the suspension rates dropped twice as much as in the control group.

- Prior to implementation, black students were suspended four times as often as white students, and that rate dropped slightly to 3.5 times as often as white students in the schools that used restorative practices.

- Overall, restorative practices did not have a significant effect on the number of student arrests or absences.

- During the study period, there was a negative effect on math test scores for students in third through eighth grade, particularly for students in middle-school grades and for black students.

About 73 percent of the staff at the pilot schools reported that

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## DWINDLING NUMBERS

Working without pay, TSA screeners are calling off sick

By Patricia Sabatini  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Transportation Security Administration workers who screen passengers and baggage at U.S. airports have been calling off sick in increased numbers around the country during the partial government shutdown, raising the possibility that passengers could soon face unusually long security lines.

So far the absences have had "minimal impact" on TSA operations nationwide, according to TSA spokesman Michael Bilello.

At Pittsburgh International Airport, security is operating normally, Allegheny County Airport Authority spokesman Bob Kerlik said.

"We aren't noticing any impact in our security wait times or lines," Mr. Kerlik said Saturday morning. "Right now, it's business as usual."

He said he did not have any information on the number of TSA employees in Pittsburgh who may have called in sick.

A spokeswoman for the TSA in the Pittsburgh region couldn't be reached.

Across the country, "Screening wait times remain well within TSA standards," Mr. Bilello said in a tweet Friday evening, noting that wait times could be affected if call outs increase. TSA agents are required to work even though they aren't getting paid.

TSA workers reportedly have been calling off in unusually high numbers at Kennedy International Airport in New York and a few other major airports.

More than 150 TSA employees, many of them responsible for screening passengers, called in on Friday morning at Kennedy International Airport in New York to say they were ill or otherwise unable to work their shifts, according to a union official with knowledge of the situation. The New York Times reported.

The staffing gap was covered by other officers, who also are working without pay, the person said.

The so-called call-outs have spiked to three times their normal level at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport, where an average of 25 employees usually call in sick per shift, a local official of the agency told CNN, which first reported on the story.

A federal official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the official was not allowed

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**MAKING HER MOVES** Sarah Urso, 12, works on her moves during the Dancer Day workshop Saturday at Robert Morris University in Moon. The event, sponsored by the university dance team, included a morning workshop learning dance moves and a routine for a half-time performance at the women's basketball game. To watch a video, visit [post-gazette.com](http://post-gazette.com).

# Woman charged with firing gun in casino garage

Incident occurred early on Jan. 1

By Michael A. Fuoco  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A Lower Burrell woman has been charged with firing a handgun and related crimes stemming from an incident early New Year's Day on the ninth level of the Rivers Casino parking garage.

Julie Ann Renaldi, 37, was

charged Saturday by state police with discharging a firearm into an occupied structure and carrying a firearm without a license, both felonies, as well as five counts of reckless endangerment, all misdemeanors, and a single count of disorderly conduct, a summary charge.

State Trooper Edward Hermick, assigned to the department's Gaming Enforcement Unit at Rivers Casino, reported in an affidavit of probable cause that the fol-

lowing occurred:

At 9:42 p.m. on New Year's Eve, a surveillance camera captured Ms. Renaldi parking a black Kia Sorento on Level 9 of the casino parking garage. She and a male passenger, later identified as her boyfriend, got out of the vehicle and went to the casino where they later argued and separated.

At about 2:03 a.m. on New Year's Day, the boyfriend and another man returned to the parked vehicle with Ms. Renaldi following

shortly behind with two other men. Ms. Renaldi and her boyfriend opened the driver's and passenger doors, respectively, and leaned into the vehicle. Both stood up outside the vehicle, and at 2:06 a.m. a flash and smoke were seen near the driver's side, indicative of a gunshot being fired toward the ceiling of the garage. The other men left the garage and returned to the casino. Ms. Renaldi and her boyfriend exchanged words, got into the vehicle and left ca-

sino property.

Ms. Renaldi was identified by using the vehicle's registration plate, casino player's card use, driver's license photo and surveillance video, Trooper Hermick reported.

On Wednesday, a bullet fragment was recovered from the floor of Level 9 of the parking garage near where Ms. Renaldi's vehicle had been parked. Later that day, Ms. Renaldi told Trooper Hermick that her boyfriend had been taking

his gun out of the glove box and she grabbed it out of his hand and when she exited the vehicle it discharged. She said she did not know the gun was loaded nor how it went off. Ms. Renaldi admitted she was intoxicated when the gun was discharged.

At the time the gun was fired, the garage level was occupied by the other men who had been with the couple, other casino customers and vehicular traffic, Trooper Hermick reported.

## Suit: Drop 'good moral character' job requirement

Cosmetologists call state law unfair

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Is good moral character required to wax eyebrows and give facials?

In the state of Pennsylvania it is, and two women denied licenses to work as cosmetologists because they ran afoul of that regulation are challenging the law in court.

Courtney Haveman and Amanda Spillane filed suit last month, with the help of nonprofit law firm the Institute for Justice, maintaining the state's good moral character requirement for cosmetologists is unfair and unconstitutional.

The women both suffered from addictions in the past, which led to criminal records, they said.

Ms. Haveman said her addiction to alcohol led to a number of misdemeanor infractions that inspired her to turn around her life. She has been sober for more than five years, got married, had a baby and now mentors women who struggle with alcohol abuse.

She decided to pursue a career in cosmetology, completed beauty school and had a job lined up at a salon. So she was shocked when she learned her license application had been denied, citing her moral character.

"I made mistakes in my

past, I paid my dues and I had learned and grown from them," she said at a news conference announcing the lawsuit.

Ms. Spillane said her addictions led her down a path of criminal behavior and she was incarcerated for burglary. While she was locked up, she said she went through extensive rehabilitation, became a Christian and changed her life. When she was released on good behavior, she worked in fast food until she decided to be a cosmetologist.

"I thought cosmetology was a career I could pursue despite having a record," she said.

"It is very frustrating and upsetting to know that you're a different person and that nobody would give you a chance," she said.

Under the Pennsylvania Constitution, laws prohibiting people from working must actually protect the public. The women's lawyers say that isn't the case for cosmetologists, that good moral character has nothing to do with skin care, painting nails or cutting hair.

"In fact, there is no requirement like this for barbers, so it requires good moral character to tweeze a hair, not to shave one," said Andrew Ward, one of the lawyers with the Institute for Justice.

Pennsylvania requires good moral character for a number of jobs, ranging from landscape architect to poultry technician.

## TAKING FLIGHT



Michael M. Santiago/Post-Gazette photos

**Above:** Mark Francis of Ross, left, watches as his sons Trevor, center, and Owen fly balsa wood planes during the Destination Moon Family Day: All Things Armstrong on Saturday at the Heinz History Center in the Strip District. Families were able to learn about astronaut Neil Armstrong, the first human to walk on the moon, and interact with visiting experts from the Armstrong Air and Space Museum in Wapakoneta, Ohio.

**Right:** Emily Cukauskas of Ross tries on a spacesuit.



Pam Panchak/Post-Gazette

Rebecca Wayne with TSA checks a passenger through security Thursday at the Pittsburgh International Airport Thursday in Moon.

## Working without pay, TSA screeners are calling off sick

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to comment publicly on the matter, said the call-outs seemed to be a coordinated protest. But union officials said that many of the workers who called in sick were most likely seeking alternative temporary employment to make up for the lost wages, according to the Times.

Those numbers could spike as workers are set to start missing their first paychecks this week.

CNN quoted an unidentified TSA union official as saying sick calls are expected to "explode" over the next week or two as workers call off to work other jobs.

About a quarter of the government, including the TSA, has been under fund-

ing since the shutdown began Dec. 22.

"TSA is grateful to the agents who show up to work, remain focused on the mission and respectful to the traveling public as they continue the important work necessary to secure the nation's transportation systems," Mr. Bilello tweeted.

Mr. Kerlik said Pittsburgh passengers can check the airport authority's website for an estimate of security wait times at [www.fly-pittsburgh.com](http://www.fly-pittsburgh.com).

As always, he said, travelers should check with their airline concerning flight delays before going to the airport.

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## Iraqi and Syrian immigrants are now leading Penn Museum tours of home country treasures

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The Middle East Galleries at Philadelphia's venerable Penn Museum — formally the University of Pennsylvania Museum of Archaeology and Anthropology — are full of light now in the wake of extensive renovation. The collection on view of 1,200 artifacts from civilizations spanning millennia can now be seen like never before.

Cuneiform tablets from Mesopotamia, ceramics from ancient Persia, all manner of funerary objects and decorative royal gold and jewelry are arrayed to dazzle visitors.

But these objects, as wondrous as they might be, may seem inscrutable to many, and their antiquity lends a remoteness to them. What relevance could a 4,000-year-old clay tablet have in the zippy, evanescent world of the 21st century?

A lot, said Abdulhadi Al-Karfawi, who grew up in Iraq.

"This clay tablet was retelling an argument between a father and his son thousands of years ago," Mr. Al-Karfawi said recently as he enthusiastically crossed the gallery and pointed to a tablet about the size of a small paperback book. "When I saw this, I went back home and called my father and told him, 'I'm sorry I gave you a hard time!'"

That call was to Baghdad, where Mr. Al-Karfawi's family still lives, and his response to the tablet is exactly why the Penn Museum hired him to lead tours of the Middle East Galleries.

What may be ancient and remote to most museum visitors is, for Mr. Al-Karfawi and three other museum global guides (two others born in Iraq and one in Syria) — a transporting journey back to their families and homelands, and a testament to the persistence of daily culture through millennia. Empires come and go, but arguments between fathers



David Maialetti/Philly.com

Abdulhadi Al-Karfawi, who recently moved from Iraq to the United States, leads a tour in the Middle East galleries at the Penn Museum in Philadelphia in November.

and sons persist.

Mr. Al-Karfawi, 40, grew up in Iraq, largely in Baghdad, but he often summered in the south near the great ancient city of Ur. He immigrated to the United States last year.

"This [Global Guides] program builds on the history at the museum of hiring people from other countries," said Ellen Owens, the museum's director of learning programs. She characterized the effort as "cross-cultural communication and breaking down stereotypes."

"We're seeking to promote empathy and greater understanding," she said.

Kevin Schott, Penn Museum's educational programs manager, said the museum perceived a big need for global guides.

"People are always asking us, 'Well, what is it like today?'" he said. "We wanted to give a fuller picture of that."

Mr. Al-Karfawi, who was a translator in Iraq, joined global guides after he arrived in the U.S. with his wife and children last year.

"When I moved here, I felt so isolated," he said. He was overjoyed when the opportunity at the Penn Mu-

seum opened up.

"Everything in this gallery is so personal," he said. "I feel this is my life. This is what I've been through."

Mr. Al-Karfawi demonstrated the point to about two dozen visitors who signed up for his tour on a recent Saturday.

He paused by the installation focusing on the ancient town of Tepe Gawra, a small settlement that flourished in northern Iraq 7,000 years ago. He told the visitors about the heat of the country and how people sleep on the rooftops, how, as a boy, he lay on his back and studied the beauty of the stars. He showed pictures. This is what Tepe Gawra was like, he said. This is what nighttime is like in the heat of the summer to this day, he said.

When Mr. Al-Karfawi and his group approached the gold-bedecked headdress of Queen Puabi who ruled in the royal city of Ur 4,600 years ago, he became even more personal.

"Every time I stand next to Queen Puabi, I feel like I'm standing next to my grandma," he said. "My grandma arranged her scarf similar to this, the same thing."

Mr. Al-Karfawi pointed to the 20-foot-long black scarf elaborately wrapped around and around the manikin head of Puabi. He showed pictures on his iPad of Iraqi women wearing the same kind of headdress today.

Once the scarf is in place, it can be decorated with ornamentation — exactly in the manner of Puabi.

"To me, it's not just an object," he said. "It reminds me of something I was born and raised with. My grandma was not an educated person, but she arranged the scarf similar to Puabi, and then they roll it over and tie it with a golden clip."

With his personal touch, Mr. Al-Karfawi held the attention of his group through the entire tour.



Darrell Sapp/Post-Gazette

A truck gets flashed by light as it passes through the "cashless tolling system" at the Findlay Connector section of Turnpike 576, between routes 60 and 22, on Thursday in Findlay. Drivers can either use E-ZPass or have a photo taken of their license plate and receive a bill by mail.

## Turnpike expanding cashless tolling by Oct. 26

**CASHLESS**, FROM A-17

plazas in the western part of the state with about 12,200 daily motorists annually in 2017. That compares to about 18,500 at Warrendale, 19,300 at Monroeville and 33,000 at Valley Forge.

Donald Steele, the turnpike's engineering project manager for cashless tolling, said the program has been more successful than expected at converting more customers to E-ZPass users. For example, the agency had projected 81.8 percent of drivers would use the pre-

paid transponder when the system started at the Delaware River Bridge in 2016, Mr. Steele said, but the actual E-ZPass use has been 83.2 percent.

Motorists driving rental cars can either take their own transponder to pay the toll or the turnpike will bill the rental company, which in turn will bill the driver.

Turnpike officials couldn't provide the exact payment rate for customers who receive their bill by mail, but they said they are satisfied with it. The turnpike has the ability to seek criminal

charges against motorists who have six or more unpaid bills or owe more than \$500 in unpaid tolls.

Gateway will be one of the easier conversions, Mr. Steele said, because it already has separate E-ZPass lanes away from toll booths. When the first system was established at the Delaware River Bridge, crews had to install the system a few miles away from the ticketing booths.

The turnpike also will open a cash-only system this year on the Turnpike Route 66 bypass from Interstate 119 in New Stanton to near Route

22 south of Delmont, Westmoreland County. Collinson Inc. is expected to begin work next month on a \$737,716 contract to install signs so the system can begin operation by the end of October.

"There's a lot of thought that goes into this every time before we make the change to a cashless plaza," Mr. DeFabo said. "We're doing everything we can to improve the trip for our customers."

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## Pittsburgh schools optimistic on cutting suspensions

**STUDY**, FROM A-17

they felt confident they could use restorative practices in their classrooms in year two of the study, according to the report. Elementary school teachers reported using them more than high school teachers, although generally restorative practices were used "often" throughout the course of the study. Generally, most teachers reported having high "buy-in" to use and sustain restorative practices in their buildings.

Nina Esposito-Visgitis, president of the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers, said the results of the use of restorative practices vary from school to school, and they are more successful at schools where teachers have

the time and support to use them effectively. Pittsburgh teachers, she said, are expected to balance several behavioral programs and strategies at the same time in their classes.

"No teacher wants any student to be suspended, but I want to make sure all the students are learning," Ms. Esposito-Visgitis said. "If students aren't being suspended, what supports are in place for teachers to make it a positive environment for all students? I would hope that [the district] would listen to the voices of teachers who are the experts on their students and listen to their requests to take some things off their plate so they have the time and the ability to focus on what is best for students and to focus on what they need to

provide the best possible and most effective supports and learning environments."

Overall, administrators found the results to be promising. Ms. Cray said the district is working to provide more customized support to individual schools, now that the program has been expanded districtwide. She hopes that the outcomes will continue to be positive as restorative practices are used more and they are given more time to take effect in the classrooms.

"I feel like it's that nice combination of showing that educators really do 'buy in' and support this and also that it gets positive outcomes," she said.

"While restorative practices is still a relatively new program in our schools, it's

encouraging that the findings show that it has reduced suspensions and the racial disparity associated with suspensions, especially among our elementary school students," board president Lynda Wrenn wrote in an email. "We've also seen improved attendance in our elementary students and those students who have [individualized education programs]. As we know, attendance is important for academic achievement. As our schools become more familiar with using restorative practices and it becomes the norm, I hope to see this trend continue and grow."

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## Special election on April 2 will fill state Senate seat

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Chamber of Commerce.

As of December, three Republicans and five Democrats confirmed to the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette that they had either decided to run for the seat or were strongly considering it.

Possible Republican candidates included: D. Raja, the Allegheny County Republi-

can Committee chairman; South Hills business owner Devlin Robinson and North Fayette Supervisor Bob Doddato.

Possible Democratic candidates included: attorney William Caye II; Mike Crossey, the former Pennsylvania State Education Association president; former Navy officer Pam Iovino; Mark Scappe, a Moon Area school board

member; and emergency physician Bob Solomon.

Two others also are considering a run, according to people familiar with their thinking: former state Rep. Martin Schmotzer and Olivia Benson, the Women and Girls Foundation community engagement director.

The Pennsylvania Senate Democratic Campaign Committee was already working

to build support for whom ever they choose as their candidate on Saturday.

The committee sent an email asking for donations from supporters so that the 37th District seat last held by a Democrat in 2015 can "turn blue again."

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### SOUTH

#### Columbia Gas outage expected to last days

A service outage affecting about 1,700 Columbia Gas customers in Washington County is expected to continue for a couple days, a company official said.

Lee Gierczynski, a Columbia Gas spokesman, said Saturday evening that crews were in the process of shutting off service to customers in Donora after a contractor doing work on a gas line "inadvertently introduced air into the system."

The shutdown was done "out of an abundance of caution" and there is no threat to customers, Columbia Gas said.

Crews should have all gas meters shut off before noon Sunday, but it will take up to 48 hours to restore service to customers, Mr. Gierczynski said. Once service is restored, crews will go door-to-door to perform safety checks and relight natural gas appliances.

Customers with special needs or medical concerns should contact Columbia Gas at 1-888-460-4332.

Warming centers have been set up in three locations:

- Carroll Township Social Hall (130 Baird Ave., Monongahela)
- Carroll Township Volunteer Fire Department (988 Route 837, Monongahela)
- Donora Council Chambers (603 Meldon Ave., Donora)

Columbia Gas officials said residents in need of transportation to the warming stations can call 724-379-6600. The American Red Cross also is helping staff at least one of the centers, said spokesman Dan Tobin.

A fourth warming station that was located in the Charleroi Fire Department has been closed.

Columbia Gas will provide updates on its Twitter and Facebook accounts.

### NORTH

#### Police: UPS driver was under the influence

A UPS truck driver was under the influence and had marijuana and an open alcohol container in his vehicle when he struck three other vehicles on Route 28 in O'Hara during rush hour Friday, injuring passengers.

The suspect is 27 but he was not identified by state police, who said charges are pending. State police reported that passengers in the struck vehicles suffered injuries and were transported to various hospitals but provided no specifics.

According to state police, the accident happened at 6:28 p.m. when the truck struck three vehicles while traveling southbound on Route 28 near RIDC Industrial Park. Police determined the UPS driver had been driving under the influence while operating a commercial vehicle and was in possession of marijuana and an open container. Charges are pending lab results, police said.



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**Today**

**HIGH: 40**  
**LOW: 24**



Clouds giving way to some sun and breezy. Winds NW at 10-20 mph.

**Tomorrow**

**45**  
**41**



Cloudy. Winds ESE at 7-14 mph.

**Tuesday**

**52**  
**30**



Mostly cloudy and milder with a shower. Winds WSW at 8-16 mph.

**Wednesday**

**32**  
**24**



Cloudy, breezy and colder with flurries. Winds WNW at 10-20 mph.

**Thursday**

**31**  
**21**



Low clouds. Winds NW at 7-14 mph.

**Weather outlook**

Clouds giving way to some sun and breezy today. Becoming cloudy tonight. Cloudy tomorrow. Tuesday: mostly cloudy and milder with a passing shower. Chance of precipitation 55%. Wednesday: cloudy and breezy with a couple of flurries. Chance of precipitation 55%.



**Nation Cities**

| City              | Today   |    | Tomorrow |    |
|-------------------|---------|----|----------|----|
|                   | HI/Lo   | W  | HI/Lo    | W  |
| Albany            | 41/15   | pc | 26/23    | pc |
| Albuquerque       | 43/25   | r  | 43/24    | pc |
| Allentown         | 46/22   | s  | 35/30    | pc |
| Anchorage         | 4/-3    | pc | 4/0      | pc |
| Atlanta           | 67/46   | s  | 67/50    | pc |
| Atlantic City     | 52/29   | s  | 40/35    | pc |
| Baltimore         | 52/26   | s  | 38/34    | pc |
| Birmingham        | 64/43   | pc | 67/52    | pc |
| Boise             | 44/29   | sf | 41/28    | c  |
| Boston            | 45/20   | pc | 32/27    | pc |
| Buffalo           | 36/20   | c  | 37/35    | sn |
| Charleston, S.C.  | 69/45   | s  | 69/54    | pc |
| Charleston, W.Va. | 49/35   | c  | 56/49    | c  |
| Charlotte         | 68/43   | s  | 57/48    | pc |
| Chicago           | 40/35   | c  | 52/36    | r  |
| Cincinnati        | 49/39   | pc | 56/46    | r  |
| Cleveland         | 39/29   | c  | 49/42    | c  |
| Columbus          | 43/33   | c  | 52/46    | r  |
| Dallas            | 67/58   | pc | 69/43    | pc |
| Dayton            | 44/36   | pc | 53/43    | r  |
| Denver            | 55/29   | c  | 54/26    | s  |
| Des Moines        | 44/40   | sh | 51/32    | pc |
| Detroit           | 39/28   | c  | 46/38    | i  |
| Erie              | 38/25   | sf | 42/38    | c  |
| Fairbanks         | -24/-32 | s  | -25/-32  | pc |
| Grand Rapids      | 38/29   | c  | 44/36    | r  |
| Greensboro        | 64/38   | s  | 50/44    | pc |
| Harford           | 43/17   | pc | 33/24    | pc |
| Harrisburg        | 48/26   | pc | 37/33    | pc |
| Honolulu          | 85/69   | s  | 83/69    | s  |
| Houston           | 71/59   | pc | 70/60    | c  |
| Indianapolis      | 46/40   | pc | 54/42    | r  |
| Jackson, Miss.    | 66/44   | pc | 66/55    | pc |
| Kansas City       | 55/47   | c  | 57/35    | pc |
| Las Vegas         | 55/44   | c  | 56/42    | pc |
| Los Angeles       | 60/51   | c  | 61/51    | sh |
| Louisville        | 54/47   | pc | 61/50    | r  |
| Memphis           | 62/50   | pc | 62/48    | c  |
| Miami             | 77/65   | s  | 79/66    | pc |
| Milwaukee         | 39/35   | c  | 48/37    | r  |
| Minneapolis       | 35/32   | pc | 41/27    | pc |
| Myrtle Beach      | 65/47   | s  | 61/54    | pc |
| Nashville         | 60/47   | pc | 63/51    | c  |
| New Orleans       | 66/50   | s  | 71/57    | pc |
| New York City     | 47/25   | pc | 34/32    | pc |
| Norfolk           | 60/37   | s  | 47/42    | pc |
| Oklahoma City     | 61/47   | pc | 63/37    | s  |
| Omaha             | 49/36   | c  | 53/32    | pc |
| Orlando           | 72/52   | s  | 78/56    | s  |
| Philadelphia      | 49/26   | s  | 39/35    | pc |
| Phoenix           | 57/43   | r  | 64/44    | s  |
| Portland, Maine   | 42/12   | pc | 28/19    | pc |
| Portland, Ore.    | 46/37   | r  | 47/40    | r  |
| Providence        | 46/20   | pc | 33/25    | pc |
| Richmond          | 61/32   | s  | 46/38    | pc |
| Sacramento        | 52/48   | r  | 59/53    | r  |
| St. Louis         | 56/49   | pc | 63/42    | r  |
| Salt Lake City    | 39/33   | sn | 42/31    | c  |
| San Diego         | 63/50   | r  | 65/51    | s  |
| San Francisco     | 55/51   | r  | 59/55    | s  |
| San Juan          | 85/71   | sh | 84/72    | sh |
| Seattle           | 47/37   | r  | 46/37    | c  |
| Spokane           | 40/28   | c  | 36/22    | c  |
| Syracuse          | 34/9    | sf | 29/26    | sn |
| Tampa             | 71/54   | s  | 76/59    | s  |
| Toledo            | 41/30   | c  | 47/40    | r  |
| Tucson            | 56/38   | r  | 62/41    | s  |
| Washington, D.C.  | 56/33   | s  | 43/38    | pc |
| Wheeling          | 41/27   | c  | 49/46    | c  |
| Wilmington, Del.  | 50/25   | s  | 38/33    | pc |

**Yesterday's Record**

Readings from the Pittsburgh Int'l. Airport through 5 p.m. Jan 5, 2019

**TEMPERATURE**

|             |           |
|-------------|-----------|
| High        | 48        |
| Normal high | 36        |
| Year ago    | 9         |
| Record high | 66 (1997) |
| Low         | 34        |
| Normal low  | 21        |
| Year ago    | -1        |
| Record low  | -6 (1884) |

**DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL**

|               |       |
|---------------|-------|
| Yesterday     | +12.5 |
| Month to date | +10.4 |
| Year to date  | +10.4 |

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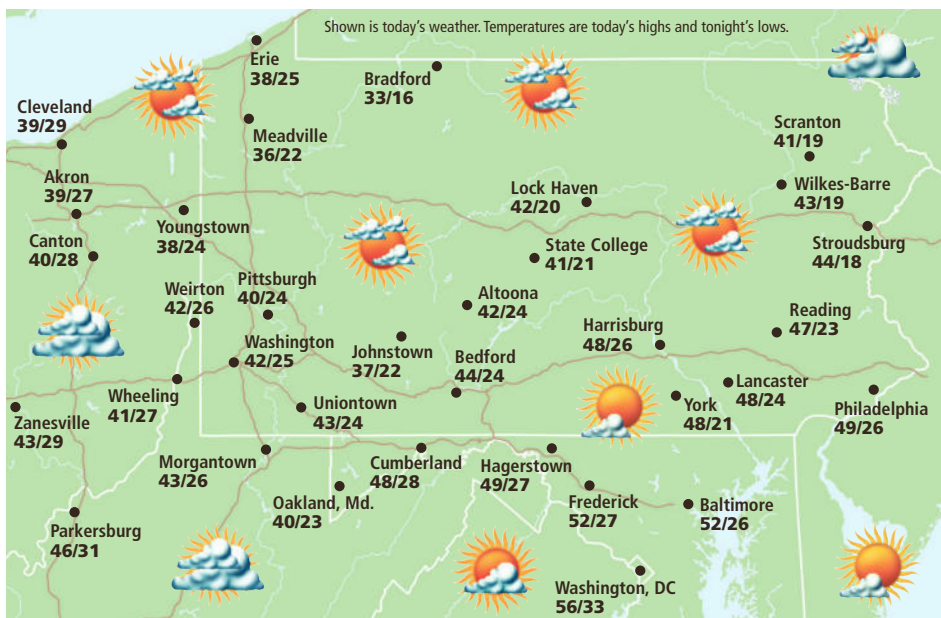
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| High | 100 (at 1 a.m.) |
| Low  | 58 (at 2 p.m.)  |

**PRECIPITATION (inches)**

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| 24 hours ending 5 p.m. yest. | 0.36  |
| Month to date                | 0.36  |
| Normal month to date         | 0.36  |
| Departure from normal        | -0.08 |
| Year to date                 | 0.36  |
| Normal year to date          | 0.44  |
| Departure from normal        | -0.08 |

**BAROMETER**

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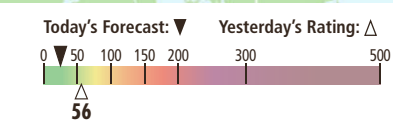


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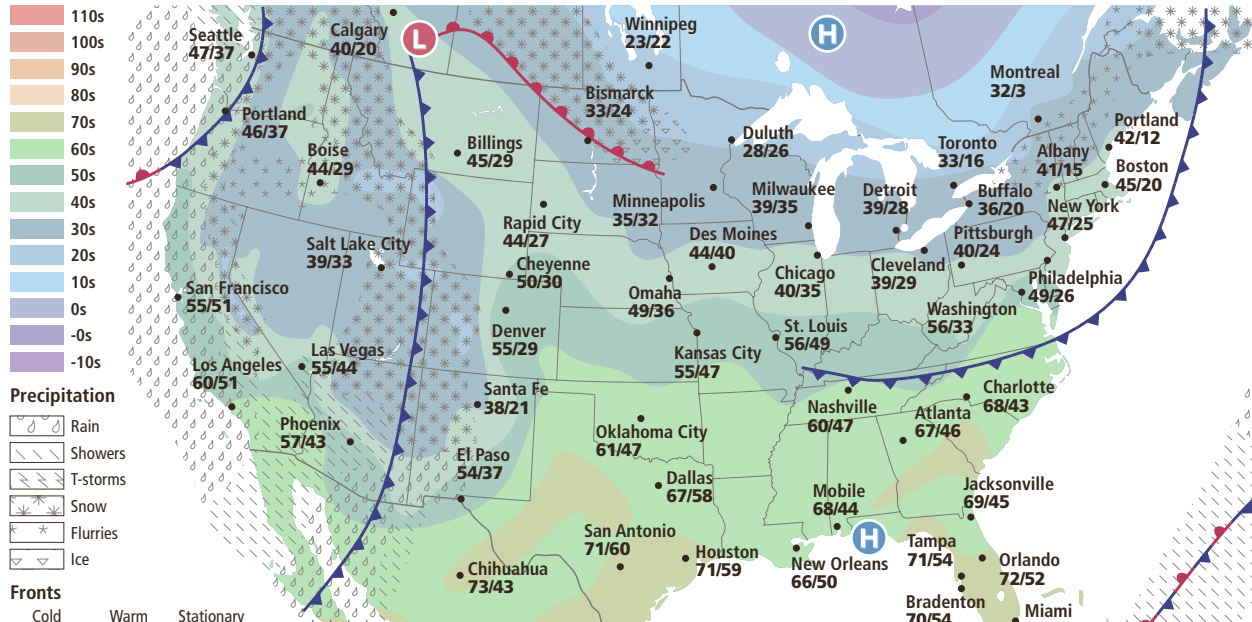
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| Sunrise  | 7:44 a.m. |
| Sunset   | 5:09 p.m. |
| Moonrise | 8:07 a.m. |
| Moonset  | 5:52 p.m. |

**Air Quality**

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



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



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Low ..... -19 at Waverly, Colo.

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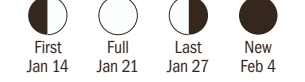
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**River Stages**

| Location                     | Stage   |
|------------------------------|---------|
| ALLEGHENY                    |         |
| Franklin, Pa.                | 8.50 F  |
| Parker, Pa.                  | 8.30 F  |
| Sharpsburg, Pa.              | 14.00 F |
| MONONGAHELA                  |         |
| Gray's Landing, Pa.          | 12.50 R |
| CHEAT                        |         |
| Parsons, W.Va.               | 4.80 R  |
| WEST FORK                    |         |
| Clarksburg, W.Va.            | 2.87 R  |
| YOUGHIOGHENY                 |         |
| Sutersville, Pa.             | 6.30 R  |
| BEAVER                       |         |
| Beaver Falls, Pa.            | 6.80 F  |
| OHIO                         |         |
| Pittsburgh, Pa.              | 16.60 R |
| Dashields Dam                | 17.20 S |
| Montgomery Dam, Pa.          | 16.20 R |
| Pike Is. Lock and Dam, W.Va. | 19.20 R |

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

**Moon Phases**



**World Cities**

| City           | Today |    | Tomorrow |    |
|----------------|-------|----|----------|----|
|                | HI/Lo | W  | HI/Lo    | W  |
| Athens         | 47/38 | pc | 43/35    | sh |
| Auckland       | 74/63 | pc | 77/62    | pc |
| Baghdad        | 65/42 | pc | 61/41    | s  |
| Beijing        | 37/15 | s  | 37/17    | pc |
| Berlin         | 37/33 | c  | 42/39    | sh |
| Bermuda        | 71/64 | c  | 66/57    | pc |
| Bogota         | 68/48 | c  | 66/45    | t  |
| Buenos Aires   | 85/70 | t  | 79/66    | t  |
| Cairo          | 58/45 | s  | 61/49    | pc |
| Copenhagen     | 41/38 | c  | 43/38    | c  |
| Dublin         | 50/45 | c  | 53/40    | sh |
| Frankfurt      | 45/37 | sh | 43/38    | sh |
| Hong Kong      | 67/63 | c  | 69/62    | pc |
| Jerusalem      | 48/37 | pc | 49/40    | s  |
| Johannesburg   | 83/59 | pc | 77/58    | t  |
| Kinshasa       | 87/74 | t  | 88/73    | t  |
| London         | 46/41 | c  | 51/42    | c  |
| Madrid         | 57/26 | s  | 57/26    | s  |
| Manila         | 86/74 | s  | 85/74    | s  |
| Mexico City    | 74/47 | pc | 74/42    | pc |
| Montreal       | 32/3  | c  | 14/12    | pc |
| Moscow         | 18/7  | c  | 13/8     | pc |
| Nairobi        | 79/55 | pc | 79/57    | pc |
| Nassau         | 79/67 | c  | 80/68    | s  |
| New Delhi      | 64/45 | r  | 65/44    | pc |
| Oslo           | 33/29 | pc | 32/29    | sn |
| Paris          | 40/36 | sh | 45/43    | sh |
| Rio de Janeiro | 92/79 | pc | 95/80    | pc |
| Rome           | 56/33 | s  | 53/33    | s  |
| Seoul          | 35/18 | pc | 37/23    | pc |
| Singapore      | 87/78 | c  | 87/77    | t  |
| Sydney         | 73/69 | r  | 76/71    | t  |
| Tokyo          | 45/37 | c  | 49/36    | pc |
| Toronto        | 33/16 | c  | 33/31    | sn |
| Vancouver      | 46/36 | r  | 43/31    | s  |
| Vienna         | 35/26 | sf | 32/30    | c  |
| Warsaw         | 24/17 | c  | 25/23    | c  |

**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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## Pitt suffers growing pains

North Carolina's first-half surge deflates young Panthers in ACC opener



**On the Panthers**  
CRAIG MEYER

Pitt's first 13 games of the 2018-19 season showed how far the program had come from a cataclysmic campaign the previous season in which it was unable to muster even one conference win. While winning two more games in non-conference play than they did in 2017-18, the Panthers were, for the first time in some time, exciting, playing at a fast tempo with a group of

young players who looked like they could develop into stars, all under the careful watch of a new coach.

Their 14th game showed just how much further they have to go.

In its first game of ACC play, Pitt was routed by No. 15-ranked North Carolina, 85-60, Saturday at Petersen Events Center, looking overmatched

and out-manned in a way it hadn't all season, even against another top-15 team, Iowa, and a heated rival, West Virginia, both on the road.

After losing its first three games by a combined 12 points, losing two of those on missed layups in the final seconds, it was blown out by 25. The final

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Matt Freed/Post-Gazette  
Pitt's Au'Diese, left, and North Carolina's Brandon Robinson go for a loose ball Saturday at Petersen Events Center.



Steph Chambers/Post-Gazette photos

# AN OFFSEASON AND A FUTURE SEEN IN 84 SHADES OF GRAY

Lack of execution in key moments, not talent, doomed Steelers season



**Ron Cook**

**B**efore the season, Ben Roethlisberger talked excitedly about his expectations for the Steelers and for himself.

So what if he was 36?

So what if it was his 15th NFL season? "I feel like the window is open, the breeze is flowing in."

A few days later, Roethlisberger turned the ball over five times in a 21-21, opening-game tie at Cleveland.

Few realized that game would set the tone for a rotten Steelers season, one that ended a week ago with the team out of the playoffs for the first time since 2013.

"I don't think our window is closed," Roethlisberger said last week before heading into the offseason. "I'm not saying we have 10 years in front of us, but I like where we're at."

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**A cold winter's laundry list**

Yes, what to do with Antonio Brown is on the collective mind of Steelers Nation. But there are other important calls to be made this offseason writes Ed Bouchette.

On the Steelers, Page B-4

Be careful what you wish for if you want Antonio Brown to be gone

**A**ntonio Brown got angry over some perceived slight, bolted the premises, remained out of touch except for having his agent call, and essentially abandoned his team as it became clear it might fall short of its goals.

Well yes, and I think that was just on "Dancing With The Stars."

Can the Steelers reason with Antonio Brown, the best pass catcher in their long and gloried history? Would they rather heart-to-heart it with Ronald Ocean, A.B.'s alter ego? Would they settle for an earnest skype session with someone dressed as a singing hippopotamus?

These were all serious questions this week in Pittsburgh, meaning football questions, Steelers questions, questions

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**Gene Collier**

## Pettersson feeling right at home in Pittsburgh and on the Penguins blue line



**On the Penguins**  
MATT VENSEL

In a few significant ways, Pittsburgh feels a lot like home to Marcus Pettersson.

While the 22-year-old defenseman's Swedish hometown of Skellefteå is a fraction of the size of the Steel City and several time zones away, it is a historically industrial city that can get frigid this time of year and has a successful hockey club with fer-

vent fans.

"It's a big hockey town, for sure. There's a lot of good players coming out of that town," he said Saturday. "I grew up with winters, so I love it here, too. It's a little bit smaller and tighter town, but they love their sports teams."

In addition to Pettersson, Skellefteå's hockey club has

produced, among others, fellow NHLers Adam Larsson, Viktor Arvidsson and Tim Erixon, an American-born former Penguins minor leaguer who spent his formative years in his father's hometown.

Pettersson's father, Daniel, rose through the ranks with Skellefteå's hockey club and spent several seasons with

Skellefteå AK of the Swedish Hockey League. The 5-foot-11 forward wrapped up his pro career around the age of 30 and remained there.

Marcus has always been on the taller side, eventually sprouting to 6 feet 3. Asked where he got his height, he

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**Sunday**

**Game:** Penguins vs. Chicago Blackhawks,

PPG Paints Arena.

**When:** 8 p.m.

**TV:** NBCSN.

**The skinny:** The good news keeps on coming: Justin Schultz is spotted on skates for the first time since injury, **Page B-6**,

**MORE SPORTS INSIDE**



**Colts advance**

Indianapolis struck quickly in defeating Houston in AFC opener. **Page B-2**

**Nick Saban\***

The asterisk next to Nick Saban's name? He didn't win in the NFL. **Page B-10**

**RMU hangs on**

Robert Morris pulls out a 62-59 victory against Mount St. Mary's. **Page B-9**

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**STEELERS:** Ray Fittipaldo chats at noon Monday.

**PAUL ZEISE:** James Harrison has a short memory.

Pro Football

Wild-card weekend

# Luck, Colts drub Texans

Indianapolis jumps to three-TD lead in first half on way to 21-7 victory

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — A year ago at this time Andrew Luck was at home struggling with an injured shoulder that cost him the entire season.

Saturday he wrote a happy ending to the latest chapter of his comeback season, throwing for 222 yards and two touchdowns as the Indianapolis Colts raced to a lead and cruised to a 21-7 victory against the Houston Texans in an AFC wild-card game at NRG Stadium.

Luck put on a show in his hometown in a stadium where he had attended games throughout childhood and played in them since high school, throwing for 191 yards and two touchdowns before halftime to help the Colts (11-6) build a 21-0 lead.

He denied feeling “at home” at NRG Stadium, but admitted to having warm feelings for the city he grew up in and where his grandparents still reside.

“But it’s still an away stadium,” he said. “It was very loud, very energetic, but fun to win, certainly.”

Running back Marlon Mack had 148 yards and a touchdown for Indianapolis, which advances to face the top-seeded Kansas City Chiefs Saturday in the divisional round.

“We know we have an elite quarterback and we can throw it for 400 and win when we have to,” Indianapolis coach Frank Reich said.

“But the margin for error in playoff football when you try to do it that way is very thin. When you can win like this — running the football and stopping it — that’s just everything.”

Houston (11-6), which overcame a 0-3 start to win the AFC South Division, gave up too many big plays and couldn’t get anything going on offense in the first half to fall into the huge hole.

Deshaun Watson, who was sacked an NFL-leading 62 times in the regular season, was sacked three times and hit eight more times in a disappointing playoff debut. He finished with 235 yards passing with a touchdown and an interception.

“Just a lack of execution on our part,” Watson said. “We didn’t make plays. Communication was a little off. You just got to give the Colts the credit.”

The Colts, who opened the season 1-5, continued an impressive run by winning their fifth in a row and for the 10th time in 11 games. Saturday was their first playoff appearance since the AFC championship loss at New England in the 2014 season.

It was another good game in a splendid season for Luck. He threw for 4,593 yards and 39 touchdowns in the regular season after missing all of 2017 with a shoulder injury.

The Texans didn’t score until rookie Keke Coutee grabbed a 6-yard touchdown pass to cap a 16-play, 89-yard drive that included a fourth-down conversion that cut it to 21-7 with about 11 minutes left.

The Texans led the NFL with nine comeback wins this season, but their attempt at a rally ended on their next possession when Watson’s pass on fourth-and-10 from the Indianapolis 24 fell short with four minutes left.



Tim Warner/Getty Images

Indianapolis receiver Eric Ebron extends the ball across the goal line to score the first of three first-half touchdowns for the Colts in what became a 21-7 victory over the Texans in an AFC wild-card game in Houston.

## Cowboys defeat Seahawks, advance to divisional round

Dallas, Elliott end Seattle’s win streak in playoff openers

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Ezekiel Elliott rushed for 137 yards and the go-ahead touchdown in the fourth quarter, and the Dallas Cowboys hung on for a 24-22 wild-card win against the Seattle Seahawks on Saturday night.

The playoff win by the Cowboys (11-6) was the first for Elliott and quarterback Dak Prescott on their second try after losing a divisional game as rookies two years ago. Dallas will play either New Orleans or the Los Angeles Rams in the divisional round next weekend.

The loss ended a run of nine consecutive victories in playoff openers for the Seahawks (10-7). The Elias Sports Bureau says it was the longest streak in NFL history.

Dallas’ defense, ranked in the top 10 most of the season, mostly kept quarterback Russell Wilson under control and handed him his first loss in four wild-card games.

“Our defense was great,” Prescott said. “They keep us in every game.”

The Cowboys never did lose control of the Seattle running game, allowing Chris Carson just 20 yards on 13 carries.

It was the eighth win in



Tom Pennington/Getty Images

Ezekiel Elliott puts the Cowboys ahead with a fourth-quarter touchdown Saturday night in an NFC wild-card round game in Dallas. The Cowboys went on to beat Seattle, 24-22.

nine games for the Cowboys. “We had so much confidence coming into this game and our confidence remains,” Prescott said. “It’s all about the way we fought. ... I’m proud of my guys.”

Prescott, the NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year in 2016 when the Cowboys lost to Green Bay at home as the top seed in the NFC, threw

for 226 yards and had a 1-yard sneak for what appeared to be a clinching score before Tyler Lockett’s 53-yard catch set up a quick Seattle touchdown.

Wilson’s 7-yard scoring pass to J.D. McKissic got the Seahawks within four, and they made it a two-point game on their second 2-point conversion following an in-

jury to kicker Sebastian Janikowski.

But the missing kicker left the Seahawks no options on an onside kick with 1:18 remaining. Punter Michael Dickson’s drop kick was caught by Cole Beasley, sealing the first playoff win for the Cowboys since beating Detroit in the wild-card round in the 2014 season.

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WILD-CARD ROUND

**SATURDAY’S GAMES**  
Indianapolis 21, Houston 7  
Dallas 24, Seattle 22

**SUNDAY’S GAMES**  
L.A. Chargers at Baltimore, 1:05 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Chicago, 4:40 p.m.

DIVISIONAL ROUND

**SATURDAY, JAN. 12**  
Indianapolis at Kansas City, 4:35 p.m.  
Chicago/Dallas/Seattle at L.A. Rams, 8:15 p.m.

**SUNDAY, JAN. 13**  
Baltimore/Los Angeles Chargers at New England, 1:05 p.m.  
Dallas/Seattle/Philadelphia at New Orleans, 4:40 p.m.

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**SUNDAY, JAN. 20**  
NFC  
TBD, 3:05 p.m.

AFC  
TBD, 6:40 p.m.

SUPER BOWL

**SUNDAY, FEB. 3**  
At Atlanta  
AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:30 p.m. (CBS)

(Summaries Page B-11)

STATS & FACTS



**SIBS:** Fox analyst Howie Long, pictured, turns 59 Sunday. As a present, he’ll get to see one of his sons win an NFL playoff game. Of course, that means he’ll also have to watch one of his sons lose an NFL playoff game. Son Kyle is a guard for the Bears. Son Chris is a defensive end for the Eagles. For the record, Chris is 2-0 in previous matchups.

**THE NEWCOMERS:** Seven teams that weren’t in the playoffs last season qualified this year. All seven — Baltimore, Chicago, Dallas, Houston, Indianapolis, L.A. Chargers and Seattle — will play this weekend. Since the 12-team playoff format was adopted in 1990, at least four teams have qualified for the playoffs in every season that were not in the post-season the previous year.

**THE GREAT OZ:** Ravens-Chargers begins — and could end — the final verse to Ozzie Newsome’s NFL story. Newsome, head of Ravens football operations for 23 years after a Hall of Fame playing career as a tight end with the Browns, will retire after the season. Newsome caught 662 passes for 7,980 yards as a player in Cleveland, then built two Super Bowl-winning teams in Baltimore.

**FULL TREES:** Interesting tidbit from Associated Press NFL writer Barry Wilner: All 12 head coaches that made the playoffs this season have some connection — think Six Degrees of Kevin Bacon — to either Bill Parcells or Bill Walsh. Three are direct: New England’s Bill Belichick, New Orleans’ Sean Payton and the Chargers’ Anthony Lynn were assistants under Parcells.

**INCREDIBLE:** According to Sports Illustrated, Saturday marked the first time Texans QB Deshaun Watson has lost a game by more than one score since high school.

**SAY IT AIN’T SO:** With rookie Lamar Jackson now starting, longtime Ravens QB Joe Flacco dresses for quite possibly his final game in Baltimore. Flacco acknowledged to the Baltimore Sun that it’s still a strange feeling after he spent 10½ seasons as the Ravens starter. “It’s definitely not the most fun position in the world,” Flacco said Friday. “It is what it is.”

**THE BIG STAGE:** This number is directed at Lamar Jackson. Since 2000, there have been 21 playoff games started by rookie QBs. Their teams were 9-12 in those games.

**COUNTED OUT:** Apparently, the saying that money isn’t everything goes for the NFL playoffs, too. The NFL’s six highest-paid quarterbacks in 2018 are on the sideline as the postseason began. (Dollar figures are in millions.)

| Quarterback, team       | \$\$\$ |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Aaron Rodgers, Packers  | 33.5   |
| Matt Ryan, Falcons      | 30.0   |
| Kirk Cousins, Vikings   | 28.0   |
| Jimmy Garoppolo, 49ers  | 27.5   |
| Matthew Stafford, Lions | 27.0   |
| Derek Carr, Raiders     | 25.0   |



GERRY DULAC’S WILD-CARD SUNDAY FORECAST

LAST WEEK: 10-6 (.625) • SEASON: 171-85 (.668)



**Los Angeles Chargers (12-4) at Baltimore Ravens (10-6): 1:05 p.m.**  
The Chargers’ failure to beat the Ravens at home two weeks ago is one of the reasons the Steelers failed to get any outside help to make the playoffs. The Ravens beat up Philip Rivers in that game, holding him to 181 yards passing with four sacks and eight QB hurries. This shouldn’t be any different. Remember when everyone was saying two months ago John Harbaugh was going to be fired?  
**Prediction:** Ravens, 23-21



**Philadelphia Eagles (9-7) at Chicago Bears (12-4): 4:40 p.m.**  
Do not turn your back on the Eagles. Defending champs, in any sport, have a hard time recapturing that winning formula early in the regular season. But once they get it, look out. And so it is with the Eagles, who won five of their past six games to sneak into the postseason. If it were any other team that didn’t play such nasty defense, the Eagles would be a good pick. But not against the Bears.  
**Prediction:** Bears, 20-17

## Pro Football

Wild-card weekend

## Defending champs now underdogs

Eagles will need another miracle run from backup quarterback Nick Foles

Mark Maske  
The Washington Post

There is, really, very little about this season's Philadelphia Eagles entering the playoffs that is reminiscent of last season's version.

Those Eagles began the postseason as the NFC's top seed, a 13-win team that had been among the NFL's best all season. They possessed a first-round bye and home-field advantage en route to the Super Bowl.

These Eagles are nothing like that. They needed to win their final three games of the regular season just to achieve a 9-7 record. They required help from the Chicago Bears in Week 17 to leapfrog the Minnesota Vikings for the NFC's second wild-card spot and No. 6 seed. They'll have to go on the road for an opening-round game and they'll be an underdog Sunday when they face the third-seeded Bears at Soldier Field.

But there is one key common denominator: Nick Foles. The fill-in quarterback extraordinaire is back in the lineup, doing the work of saving another Eagles' season. In the Eagles' minds, it seems, that is enough. They appear convinced that they have another postseason run in them.

"You want to be getting better at this time of the year," wide receiver Nelson Agholor said in the visitor's locker room at FedEx Field after last Sunday's triumph over the Washington Redskins that, combined with the Vikings' loss to the Bears, got the Eagles into the playoffs. "And I don't think we've reached our potential. I think next week we're gonna play a better football game."

In Foles they trust. "He definitely provides a spark out there," offensive tackle Lane Johnson said. "You can see his confidence as soon as he steps out on the field. Nick has been there before and he knows how to play football."

Last season's playoff run was somewhat improbable, even with the No. 1 seed in hand. Quarterback Carson Wentz had been an MVP candidate before suffering a season-ending knee injury in December. Few outside the Eagles locker room believed that Foles could finish the job started by Wentz. But that's what Foles did, helping the Eagles to a Super Bowl triumph over the New England Patriots.

He was named Super Bowl MVP, and he orchestrated the three-game winning streak at the end of the regular season with Wentz sidelined by a stress fracture in his back. The Eagles have been a better team this season with Foles on the field — they are 4-1 with him as the starter, 5-6 with Wentz starting.

"It's super exciting," Foles said last Sunday. "Any time you're blessed to be able to play in the playoffs, and especially the road we've had these last several weeks — it hasn't been an easy ride. We got some help today. It makes it really special. We get to keep playing. We get to wear that Eagles jersey one more time. I'm really excited. The locker

room is super excited. It'll be hard to sleep tonight."

Foles is scheduled to start against the Bears despite missing the final quarter of the Redskins game with a rib injury. He had been forced to miss a play on the game-winning drive in a last-second victory at home over the Houston Texans a week earlier after absorbing a hard hit to the chest. But he keeps coming back, just as the Eagles kept regrouping during a trying season in which they had records of 2-3, 4-6 and 6-7.

"There was never a quitting attitude," Foles said. "Though we might not have been winning all the games we wanted to, guys never gave up, never wavered, kept working, kept believing, kept communicating with one another. Sometimes it just takes time. We talk about adversity, going through adversity. It just shows if you stick together, you lean on one another, you can do great things. We've got to keep doing that."

Safety Malcolm Jenkins has played on two Super Bowl-winning teams, the 2009 New Orleans Saints and last season's Eagles. Both were No. 1 seeds for the playoffs. But Jenkins said this Eagles team is dangerous even as a sixth seed.

"I don't know what the advantages and disadvantages are," Jenkins said. "I think once you get in, all bets are off. Obviously the two times I've been part of a championship team, we've had a first-round bye. That helps when you've only got to win two games [to reach the Super Bowl]. But we've seen it all the time where guys fight and scrap to get in and end up in a wild card, and somehow just fight their way through. So for us, it's a long, hard way. But if you're saying there's a chance, then we'll be there."

The Bears are a formidable foe, with the league's third-ranked defense during the regular season and a creative offense overseen by rookie head coach Matt Nagy, who is close to both Foles and Eagles coach Doug Pederson after being paired with them in both Philadelphia and Kansas City.

"They're a good football team," Johnson said. "We know what we're going against."

But it's the Eagles who have Foles. For now, he and the Eagles can put aside the offseason decisions they face, with Foles' contract containing a \$20 million mutual option for next season. They don't have to fret about the quarterback choice that Pederson will have to make if the Eagles keep winning and Wentz becomes available to play at some point. Foles has stressed a stay-in-the-moment approach since last year's Super Bowl run. It served him rather well then. Why change now?

"It's a big stage," Foles said. "It's the playoffs. We're gonna go against one of the best teams in the NFL at their place. ... When I simplified things like that last year, it helped a lot. And I've learned a lot more since. So I'm gonna pull on everything I know to get ready this week."



Timothy A. Clary/Getty Images

Attention NFL fans: These are not your 2017 Philadelphia Eagles although the presence of Nick Foles back under center might make it seem as if they are.

## Rookie QB Jackson is Ravens' surprise hero

The Associated Press

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Lamar Jackson has started only seven pro games, is barely old enough to drink in Maryland and has never participated in the NFL postseason.

Fortunately for Jackson and the Baltimore Ravens, experience isn't a requirement for success in the playoffs.

Jackson will become the youngest quarterback in NFL history to start in a postseason game Sunday when Baltimore plays host to the Los Angeles Chargers. That might seem like a big deal to some, but Jackson isn't at all impressed with himself.

"I was 21 all year, so this is another game for me," the rookie said Wednesday. "I'm here to play football."

Jackson turns 22 Monday, and intends to provide himself with an early present.

"That win, I can taste it," he said. "It's like Thanksgiving — you know, that food, sweet potato pie. I'm trying to taste that victory for my birthday."

After winning the 2016 Heisman Award at Louisville, Jackson threw for 27 touchdowns and ran for 18 with the Cardinals in 2017, yet some still suggested he wasn't ready to be an NFL quarterback. Baltimore disagreed, trading up to take Jackson with the 32nd overall pick in the draft. He expected to serve as a backup for the entire season, but that plan changed after starter Joe Flacco was forced out with a hip injury.

Jackson took over Nov. 18 and sparked a run-heavy offense that has flourished under its young, versatile quarterback. Baltimore (10-6) won six of its final seven games to capture the AFC North Division and earn a rematch with the Chargers, who lost to the Ravens, 22-10, Dec. 22.

"They're a very physical



Harry How/Getty Images

Baltimore traded up to take Lamar Jackson with the 32nd pick in the 2018 draft. The Ravens are glad they did.

football team and they make you play very disciplined because of their quarterback," Chargers coach Anthony Lynn said. "We just have to do a little better job this time than we did the first time."

Though Flacco regained his health in the middle of Jackson's seven-game run, coach John Harbaugh opted to still with the rookie. Jackson, in turn, convinced his teammates that he's got what it takes to carry an offense all the way to the Super Bowl.

"Every single game he's definitely getting a little bit more calm, more confident in what he does," seven-time Pro Bowl guard Marshal Yanda said. "Young guys have a chance to grow in every single game, and I think he's done that."

Once perceived to be the Ravens quarterback of the future, Jackson is their quarterback right now.

Asked Wednesday if he could have envisioned his first season playing out this way, Jackson replied, "I can't lie, I didn't think about it at all. I told them when I came in

that I just wanted to sit out and learn. I got my ticket in the middle of the season, and we're having success."

With Jackson zipping and twisting his way through the opposition, the Ravens amassed 1,607 yards rushing over the final seven weeks. The next-closest team was Seattle with 1,190. Jackson's teammates have bought into the old-school attack, so much so that wide receivers are blocking with intensity instead of complaining about running pass patterns without being targeted.

"Those guys just blocking their tails off," Jackson said. "Sometimes they won't get a catch that game. I'd be madder than they would."

Baltimore's success has a lot to do with it. John Brown was far more productive when Flacco was at quarterback, but with Jackson leading the way, the 28-year-old is in the playoffs again for the first time since 2015.

"We're winning," Brown said. "If no one can stop it, you might as well keep doing it."

## Connection nets Ravens fan two tickets

Big supporter, son, to see playoff game

By Doug Donovan  
The Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — Hikeen Crampton's search for tickets to the Ravens playoff game Sunday took an unexpected twist this week after The Baltimore Sun featured him in an article about fans eager to attend the team's first postseason appearance since 2014.

When Kevin Holley of Bowie read the Monday article, he was shocked to see Crampton featured in the photograph.

Holley instantly recognized the big-bearded Crampton as the fan who was sitting behind him in Section 533 at M&T Bank Stadium in a win Sunday against the Cleveland Browns. The two men had talked throughout the game, and it became clear to Holley that Crampton is a much bigger fan than he is, Holley said.

"He was living and dying on every single play," said Holley, 57, a computer consultant who inherited two season tickets from his father. "The penalties were personally insulting to him."

The men also chatted about playoff tickets and how when Crampton tried to buy one from the batch offered by the Ravens last week, he ended up behind 2,000 other people. Those tickets sold out before Crampton could buy one.

To confirm it was the same guy, Holley looked Crampton up on Facebook and was greeted by yet another surprising coincidence: the social media website showed that Holley's cousin, Sarrah Jones, was friends with Crampton, who is a process server for the Baltimore sheriff's office.

"I Facebook messaged him to ask how he knew my cousin," Holley said.

It turns out Crampton, 39, befriended another one of Holley's cousins two decades ago when the two attended Frederick Douglass High School in Baltimore. But when Crampton also mentioned that one of the family's matriarchs, Karen Jones, was like a second mother to him, Holley knew the chain of events was more than coincidence.

"Mama Karen passed away in 2012," Crampton said. "I have her name tattooed on my arm."

That's in addition to the three Ravens tattoos Crampton also sports.

"Ms. Karen was a great human being," said Holley, a digital subscriber to The Sun. "I told him, 'If you're good with her, you're good with me. Ms. Karen must want you to have [the tickets].'"

So he texted his two tickets — no charge — to Crampton, who was blown away by Holley's generosity and the bizarre connections.

"When we were talking at the game we didn't even know we had a connection," Crampton said. "He happens to see the article, makes the connection, looks me up on Facebook, sees I'm friends with his cousin and reaches out to give me the tickets. It's like this was meant to happen."

And, so, Crampton will now be attending the game Sunday against the Los Angeles Chargers with his 19-year-old son, Hikeen, whose godfather is Mama Karen's oldest son.

"This is crazy," he said.

## THE SUNDAY WILD-CARD GAMES

**Game:** Los Angeles Chargers (12-4, No. 5 seed) at Baltimore Ravens (10-6, No. 4 seed) in AFC wild-card game, M&T Bank Stadium, Baltimore.

**When:** 1:05 p.m. • **TV:** KDKA • **Favored:** Ravens by 3.

**The skinny:** Rematch of a game Dec. 22 won by the Ravens, 22-10. ... L.A. Q.B. Philip Rivers was second in NFL in passer rating (105.5). ... At 21, Ravens QB Lamar Jackson is the youngest QB to start a playoff game. They are 6-1 since he replaced Joe Flacco. ... Ravens allowed NFL-low 292.2 ypg. ... Ravens RB Gus Edwards, pictured at right, was on practice squad until Week 6, yet ran for a team-high 718 yards for a team that rushed for 2,441. ... Ravens 65-23 at home since 2008.



**Game:** Philadelphia Eagles (9-7, No. 6 seed) at Chicago Bears (12-4, No. 3 seed) in NFC wild-card game, Soldier Field, Chicago.

**When:** 4:40 p.m. • **TV:** WPXI • **Favored:** Bears by 6½.

**The skinny:** Defending Super Bowl champion Eagles won 5 of 6 to sneak into playoffs. ... This postseason marks 30th anniversary of "The Fog Bowl" in which the Bears defeated the Eagles, 20-12. ... Eagles TE Zach Ertz set single-season record for TE with 116 catches. ... Bears, winners of 9 of 10, are in playoffs for first time since 2010. ... Bears led the NFL with 36 takeaways and also points allowed per game (17.7). ... Eagles QB Nick Foles is 3-1 in the postseason.

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STEELERS OFFSEASON

# Change is in the air for Steelers

Team needs to improve its defense, must have an attitude adjustment

Alejandro Villanueva stuffed belongings from his locker into a large, black garbage bag, breaking only to talk about the Steelers' fortunes, which really wound up in the trash.

As distasteful as 2018 was for Villanueva and his Steelers teammates, it did not end with the Ferrari going over the cliff as it did a year earlier.

"We saw this coming; it was an easy death," Villanueva explained Monday, one day after the Steelers were eliminated from making the playoffs. "It wasn't a tragic loss in the playoffs. It was as easy to put down as possible. We knew there was a very small chance of us going into the playoffs. We knew we were in a hole and we put ourselves in a very bad situation."

So while the end to 2018 came with a whimper, the noise as they move toward 2019 could be explosive. There will be changes, coach Mike Tomlin promised without specifying who or what. He made his first on Friday when he fired Joey Porter as outside linebackers coach.

They do not need to overhaul the product — BetDSI Sportsbook, for one, already has them tied as the No. 2 favorite to win the Super Bowl next year. But they need to improve, both by talent and creating an atmosphere where winning supersedes all else, including the selfishness that might have helped bring them down.

They have two major orders of business first: Pass on tagging Le'Veon Bell for the third time, and explore a trade for Antonio Brown. Unthinkable a few years ago, those decisions actually should be easy now. They started the ball rolling toward their 2018 disappointment by giving Bell the franchise tag again last year. He had held out until six days before the start of the 2017 regular season, and they misjudged badly his intentions for 2018. Let him go and collect that third-round draft pick in 2020 for him.

They will need to add another good running back either through free agency or the draft to add to the mix of James Conner and Jaylen Samuels. That would give them a solid backfield again and, perhaps, one more immune to an injury. With another good back, they could abandon the idea of using primarily one player to carry the ball and spread things around as many other successful offenses do.

They cannot trade until the new NFL season begins March 13, when free agency also starts. But they can explore trades before then and should do so for Brown. If so, they would need to replace him, and that's where the difficult part comes.



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They can use some of his \$15 million in salary and bonuses that won't be paid or count on their cap to sign another receiver and/or draft one.

Brown has been a spectacular receiver for them, but it's time they move on as he turns 31. Despite his baggage and age, he has three years left on his contract and should fetch a first-round draft pick.

That would put the end to the Killer B's with only Ben Roethlisberger back, which is the biggest reason the Steelers are still highly regarded as a Super Bowl contender.

He does not need to be surrounded by stars. Brown, Bell and Martavis Bryant never won a Super Bowl. Roethlisberger needs competence at receiver.

They would do well to feature tight end Vance McDonald even more. The guy is a brute, and while he did catch 50 passes for 610 yards, he has Rob Gronkowski-like ability to do more. With JuJu Smith-Schuster, an improved James Washington and the receiver who replaces Brown, the Steelers will have at least an adequate receiving corps that also includes backs Conner and Samuels.

The Steelers have won Super Bowls with less.

Their offensive line will remain among the strongest in the league even if they lose Ramon Foster and part ways with Marcus Gilbert. Both could return because Gilbert is under contract and Foster, who turns 33 Monday, might be amenable to re-signing with them at a fair price rather than test free agency. If both leave: Matt Feiler performed well at right tackle in Gilbert's long absence, and B.J. Finney is a starting guard in waiting, but a restricted free agent.

Improving the defense, which has been ongoing for years, will be more difficult.

It is an annual statement that the Steelers need another cornerback, but they might need more than one. Artie Burns was benched for much of the season, and unless something changes there, he's not in their plans. Joe Haden enters the final year of his contract. Coty Sensabaugh, who replaced Burns unspectacularly, will be an unrestricted free agent. Others have not shown they are capable of stepping in.

Then there are the linebackers. They need a bunch — starters and depth. After T.J. Watt, all are replaceable, and some should be.

They have not adequately replaced Ryan Shazier but must keep try-



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An enhanced role for Vance McDonald — the guy is a brute — wouldn't be a bad thing.

ing. It has become obvious that Bud Dupree is not the next James Harrison. Although they committed to paying him \$9.232 million when they picked up his fifth-year option for 2019, they are not bound by that. He would not make near that on the open market if they withdrew it. They could negotiate a multi-year contract for him at a much lower price.

Anthony Chickillo, their only backup for most of the season at outside linebacker, is an unrestricted free agent, as is L.J. Fort, their most reliable inside backup.

Tyson Alualu and Daniel McCullers, the only two backups they used regularly on their defensive line, also will be unrestricted.

What the Steelers need on defense are playmakers, defensive backs who intercept passes and others who not only force fumbles but know how to recover them. Not forcing turnovers may have been the biggest factor that kept them out of the playoffs.

They must decide on whether to re-sign punter Jordan Berry and what to do with kicker Chris Boswell, who is due a \$2 million signing bonus in March. Pay that and have him compete with Matt McCrane, or just move on without Boswell?

There are changes every year, but when the Steelers don't make the playoffs, especially after 13-3 last season and high expectations for 2018, making those changes are easier. A few more coaches may join Porter and go as well, but they made a bunch of coaching changes last season and that didn't help the bottom line.

Soon, Mike Tomlin will find one of those large, black garbage bags like Villanueva's and start using it.

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# Despite a frustrating finish, Steelers window is still open

COOK, FROM B-1

I get Roethlisberger's thinking. I agree with him to the extent that Steelers don't need blown up. They were a Conner or a Grimble or a Ridley or a Smith-Schuster fumble here, a Roethlisberger interception there or a missed Boswell kick here, there and everywhere from being 12-4. We're talking about a 9-6-1 team, not a 4-12 team. It's a team that wasn't far off from success, one that can be successful again next season.

"We did a lot of good things, but we weren't good enough when we needed to be," Roethlisberger said.

Obviously, the Antonio Brown mess has to be cleaned up. It has made the Steelers a national joke, one that would embarrass Dan Rooney and his dad, Art Rooney Sr. Roethlisberger said he hopes Brown comes back to the team — "He makes me better" — but it's hard to believe that feeling is shared in the locker room. Brown quit on his teammates. How can they welcome him back? Everyone will be watching how Mike Tomlin deals with Brown.

A trade is the only solution. Changes also need to be made on defense, with coaches and certainly with personnel.

Tomlin all but admitted as much in his wrap-up news conference Wednesday. The Steelers need an inside linebacker who can cover a tight end or running back. They need to do better than Bud Dupree at outside linebacker. They need a cornerback who can cover. They need a playmaker, period. That the defense had just eight interceptions all season is disgraceful.

Roethlisberger is more concerned about losing an offensive coach, Mike Munchak, who was scheduled to



Peter Diana/Post-Gazette

Mike Munchak's future affects the Steelers on multiple levels.

interview Friday for the Denver head-coaching job. The Steelers linemen worship Munchak. So does Roethlisberger. "I pray that fans write as many letters as they can to Mr. [Art] Rooney to keep coach Munchak around," Roethlisberger said. "He's such a special coach. When the linemen are happy and love to play for their coach, they play better."

Roethlisberger cares deeply about his linemen. He said he will talk to Tomlin about keeping Ramon Foster, who is a free agent. But he also said he loved the progress of backups B.J. Finney and Matt Feiler, who started 10 games this season in place of injured Marcus Gilbert.

"That whole room is special," Roethlisberger said.

The Steelers will go into next season without the Le'Veon Bell cloud hanging over them and can use the salary-cap money wasted on him to strengthen their defense.

Roethlisberger admitted it hurt losing one of the better players in the NFL but said the "distraction" was worse.

"I choose to look at what James Conner and Jaylen Samuels did for us," Roethlisberger said. "I was really encouraged by what I saw without Le'Veon."

Conner and Samuels were two young players mentioned. He said he liked the play of Ryan Switzer, said he can't wait to see how much better JuJu Smith-Schuster and James Washington will be and said T.J. Watt is a star-to-be on defense.

"I loved what some of the young guys did. Guys grew up," he said. "We've got a lot of young talent."

Roethlisberger's health is the biggest reason for optimism. He nearly was crushed in Baltimore when linebacker Za'Darius Smith fell on him, but he missed just a play. With a rib injury in Oakland, he returned to the game, although too late to assure a win.

Other than that?

"I feel like I'm in as good a shape as I've been in for a long time," Roethlisberger said. "I enjoy playing this game. It's been, arguably, one of the best seasons of my life. The linemen keep me healthy. I really feel like my best football is ahead of me."

That tells me one thing: The Steelers window hasn't closed just yet.

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Mike Tomlin  
125-66-1 in 12 seasons

### The opponents

Teams the Steelers will face in 2019. Note: The schedule will be released in April.

**Home:** Baltimore Ravens, Cincinnati Bengals, Cleveland Browns, Buffalo Bills, Indianapolis Colts, Miami Dolphins, Los Angeles Rams, Seattle Seahawks.

**Road:** Baltimore Ravens, Cincinnati Bengals, Cleveland Browns, Arizona Cardinals, Los Angeles Chargers, New England Patriots, New York Jets and San Francisco 49ers.

### 2018 NFL final rankings

Where the Steelers ranked and compared to the NFL average:

|                    |                          |                            |                           |                            |                            |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>6t</b>          | <b>4</b>                 | <b>2</b>                   | <b>31</b>                 | <b>16t</b>                 | <b>6</b>                   |
| Points/game (26.8) | Total yards/game (403.3) | Passing yards/game (313.0) | Rushing yards/game (90.3) | Points allowed/game (22.5) | Yards allowed/game (327.2) |
| NFL average 23.3   | NFL average 352.2        | NFL average 237.8          | NFL average 114.4         | NFL average 23.3           | NFL average 352.2          |



Ben Roethlisberger  
NFL-best 5,129 yards



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# Offense would suffer without Brown



Peter Diana/Post-Gazette

**DEC. 23, 2018:** Is it possible that this touchdown reception with 1:02 remaining in the third quarter against the Saints in New Orleans — the 74th of his Steelers career — was Antonio Brown's last with the Steelers?



Peter Diana/Post-Gazette

Antonio Brown's 2018 season began with his arrival at the Steelers Saint Vincent University training camp by helicopter.

“When we're talking about our darkest hour, about playing to win a game and needing other dominos to fall for us to be in the tournament, and a guy not communicating, that is a real element of discussion ...”

Mike Tomlin



COLLIER, FROM B-1

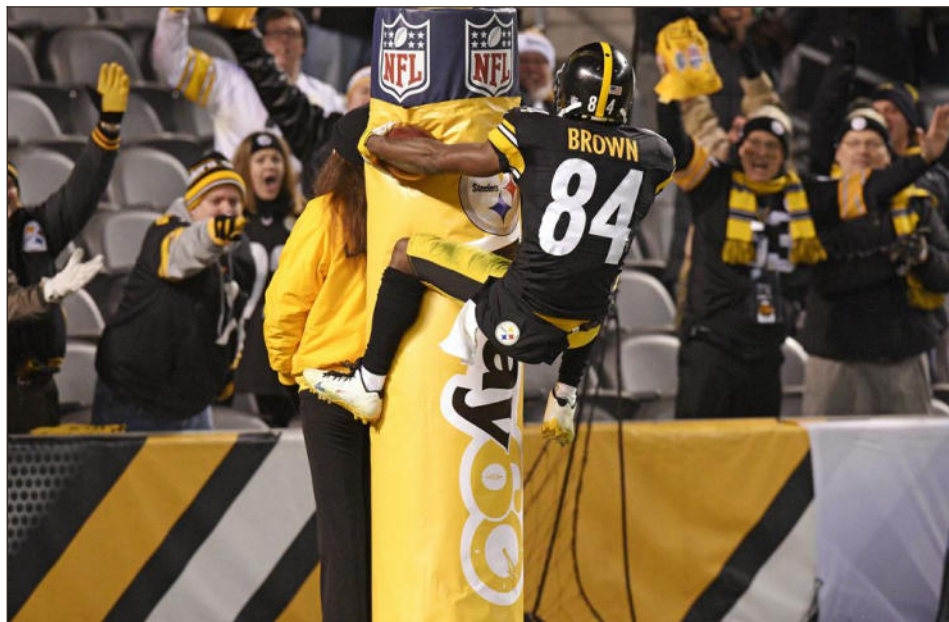
that would have you question your understanding of the game itself, which is why I retired to the nearest library to consult some ancient texts, that and because, you know, free parking.

“Receivers can be brash,” it said in one such tome, “The Complete Idiot’s Guide to Understanding Football,” listing such brash luminaries as Terrell Owens, Randy Moss and Michael Irvin. And then it said, “It should be noted, though, that not every receiver is a showman. A receiver can be the vocal leader of a team, the veteran other players look up to, the quiet lead-by-example type, and the model for which the organization hopes all other players will strive to be.”

HAHAHAHAHAHAHA!  
I wish I could have read that one to Mike Tomlin as he walked into probably the most intense news conference of his career Wednesday, because to me the head coach seemed nervous, almost contrite, an odd vibe even if the normally reserved media was barking at him like he was Trump heading for a helicopter.

“There were a couple of availability things going on, significant availability things — the Antonio discussion was not one that was transpiring in a vacuum,” Tomlin said in reference to the pregame health of the kicker, the starting free safety and the returning running back James Conner. “More than anything, if I could describe it, there was a lack of communication and I was an active participant in that to be quite honest with you because I was singularly focused on those who were preparing to play the game.”

Brown was not preparing for the game, but in hindsight, Tomlin was inviting



Associated Press

Remember this night against Indianapolis in 2015? Fraternalism with a goal post cost Antonio Brown \$12,000 in a fine from the league.

you to blame him for not being more singularly focused on Brown, even though he had plenty of concurrent headaches to adjudicate.

“When we're talking about our darkest hour, about playing to win a game and needing other dominos to fall for us to be in the tournament, and a guy not communicating, that is a real element of discussion, certainly,” Tomlin said. “You can describe it any way you want to describe it. The bottom line is that we're playing a significant game and he didn't do a good enough job of communicating and being available in the hours leading up to that performance. Obviously there are some things within that that you can infer [including that Brown quit on his team].”

“I accept responsibility [because] I foster and develop every aspect of our culture. That's this game. That's leadership. You embrace that. When I talk about taking a

step back and wallowing in it, I'm not only talking about those that play.”

This might be the most essential dynamic of entire week. Tomlin, aside from being among the approximately eight percent of the population that knows how to use “infer,” takes responsibility for everything and always has. Ben Roethlisberger, who was in some way involved in the slight that set Brown off in the first place, takes responsibility readily but mostly to the extent that he feels it's the right thing to say. He's not above stating publicly that Brown ran a bad route in Denver, for example. Brown takes responsibility for next to nothing including himself. In Oakland, he skulked off the field while JuJu Smith-Schuster was scoring a touchdown.

Fortunately, the situation as winter digs in at 3400 South Wallow Street is that nothing needs to be done

overnight. The best course, it says here, is to look at the head coach-quarterback-wideout dynamic, as Brown might say, “in the big grand of schemes.”

I used to root for Antonio Brown because he had beaten hellish odds in Miami's Liberty City. He was homeless at 16 in a cityscape more identifiable with “Grand Theft Auto” than with generating success stories. I once sat with him at a table in the Steelers cafeteria where he explained that “in the midst of negativity, a positive sight can be blurred.”

He was 22, acted 30. Now he's 30, acts 2.

“He had me with that smile,” Jackie Mansfield, a South Beach hotel owner who had befriended Brown, told me for that column eight years ago. “He's just a humble, sincere, great, great kid. I have three boys. They're so taken with him. They all wear the 84 shirts when we

watch the games now.”

I tried to contact Jackie this week, with 84 in a bit of a pickle. Didn't hear back.

Of course, Jackie Mansfield was something like 50 million A.B. dollars ago, and while ex-teammate Ryan Clark's observation that the Steelers were creating a monster by paying Brown all that money sounds brilliant, that argument would stand up a lot better if the majority of the players in the NFL weren't also swimming in more money they ever imagined.

Brown's problem is a strain of galloping narcissism not all that uncommon and it's up to the Steelers to figure out where they want the remainder of his professional pathology to play out. They are not going to constrain it (Google the singing hippopotamus), but they retain, I would estimate, a 20 percent chance at withstanding it for the remainder of Roethlisberger's diminishing excellence.

Discipline doesn't work in Brown's case, neither from the Steelers nor the league. He has been fined from one end of his nine-year career to the other, \$24,000 for an end zone celebration, \$10,000 for running backwards into the end zone, \$8,000 for kicking an opponent in the face while trying to vault the Browns punter, \$12,000 for humping the goal post, \$9,000 for twerking — it's a darned good thing that Brown, as he likes to point out, isn't one to call attention to himself.

But in the week Tomlin took a mudslide of criticism for not disciplining Brown, Tomlin had just finished disciplining Brown by holding him out of the final game against Cincinnati. Had Tomlin not disciplined Brown last weekend, or had Cleveland won at Baltimore and the Steelers lost to the Bengals due in large part to Tomlin's discipline, the public chorus would have been identical: Fire Tomlin.

The Steelers have won 22 of their past 34 and 17 of their previous 24 on the road. Yes they spun out at the end of 2018, losing four of six, but the spin out included a long-awaited vanquishing of New England and an episode in

New Orleans where they nearly beat what is probably the best team in football. That's not exactly the profile of a laughingstock.

Odds posted this week listed Hue Jackson as the likely successor to Marvin Lewis in Cincinnati. Hue Jackson's record as coach of the Browns was 3-36-1. Cincinnati — that's a laughingstock.

Odds also went up this week for Antonio Brown's likely football address in 2019 — San Francisco, Indianapolis, Oakland, glorious North Jersey (the Jets) — but Pittsburgh remained the favorite.

In my view Brown's made it perfectly obvious he would like to be someone else's headache, for which I'd be only too happy to accommodate him, but I have no stake in this. It's a little different in the offices at 3400 South Wallow, where the subtraction of Brown will not only close the Steelers' metaphorical window, it will slam that thing shut on everybody's fingers but Brown's.

If Brown disappears, 28 percent of the club's touchdowns vanish as well. JuJu will immediately draw A.B.-type defensive coverage, the result of which you got a pre-view Sunday when the Steelers managed one touchdown against the league's worst defense. Roethlisberger will not be as good as he was in 2018, when he threw 16 interceptions. The offense in general won't be nearly as well equipped to outplay the still-suspect defense that occupies the same sideline.

The Steelers, as noted above, are in the winning business. They have always identified generational talents like Brown and Roethlisberger and held on to them toward that very purpose, regardless of damage to the brand, real or imagined.

Just as they did not terribly long ago when Roethlisberger embarrassed them with his, um, active lifestyle, they'll do everything they can to smooth this over. They've got 9½ weeks until the trading period, 9½ weeks to convince Brown that some things are more important than his ego.

I know; might not be enough.

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NFL calendar: Key dates

- Feb. 3 — Super Bowl, Atlanta.
- Feb. 26-March 4 — NFL combine, Indianapolis.
- March 13 — League year and free agency begin. It is also the first day that trades are permitted in 2019.
- March 24-27 — Annual owners meeting, Phoenix.
- April 25-27 — NFL draft, Nashville, Tenn.

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Where the Steelers will pick in the first round of the 2019 draft. Technically, they are the last team to pick that did not make the playoffs. Arizona will pick No. 1.



Hines Ward  
No. 1 across the board

The Antonio Brown impact

Major franchise receiving lists and where Antonio Brown sits (source: pro-football-reference.com).

| Receptions         |       | Yards              |        | Touchdowns         |     |
|--------------------|-------|--------------------|--------|--------------------|-----|
| Player             | No.   | Player             | No.    | Player             | No. |
| 1. Hines Ward      | 1,000 | 1. Hines Ward      | 12,083 | 1. Hines Ward      | 85  |
| 2. Antonio Brown   | 837   | 2. Antonio Brown   | 11,207 | 2. Antonio Brown   | 79  |
| 3. Heath Miller    | 592   | 3. John Stallworth | 8,723  | 3. John Stallworth | 63  |
| 4. John Stallworth | 537   | 4. Heath Miller    | 6,569  | 4. Lynn Swann      | 51  |
| 5. Louis Lipps     | 358   | 5. Louis Lipps     | 6,018  | 5. Heath Miller    | 45  |

## Hockey

## Penguins notebook

# Defenseman Schultz back on his skates

Returns to ice after ankle was broken in Oct.

By Matt Vensel  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Friday morning, Penguins coach Mike Sullivan was asked when standout defenseman Justin Schultz, who has been out of the lineup for nearly three months now, might get back on the ice and start skating again.

That step, which he called the next big one in Schultz's recovery, had not happened yet, he replied, "but we do anticipate it happening soon."

Less than 24 hours later, as his teammates laced up their skates in the locker room at UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex in preparation for a noon practice, Schultz skated for the first time since his left ankle was fractured Oct. 13.

Wearing a black track suit and a white helmet, Schultz leisurely skated around the rink and fiddled with a puck a little bit. His skate lasted no more than a half-hour. When a Zamboni started rumbling, Schultz headed back to the Penguins locker room and watched his teammates take the ice.

"He's had an amazing attitude the whole time," Sidney Crosby said. "He comes in here and works hard. I can tell he's happy to be around the guys. It's tough when you're hurt and not really practicing with [the team], traveling and stuff like that. Just to be around it a little bit more has been good."

Schultz had four points in three-plus games before he went down with his gruesome injury in a loss to Montreal. In the previous two seasons, the skilled right-shooting defenseman scored 16 goals, put up 78 points and had an impressive plus-49 rating, tops on the team over that span.

After Schultz had surgery in the days after his injury, the Penguins said the expectation was that he would be out for four months. The team has since given no indication that anything has changed with that time line. That would put him on track to return sometime in February.

## Make-A-Wish signings

The Penguins Saturday signed three youngsters to contracts.

In a morning news conference at UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex, general manager Jim Rutherford welcomed Wyatt, Kenneth and Jonathan — young fans from Make-A-Wish Foundation chapters in Nebraska, Colorado and Ontario, Canada — to the organization with ceremonial one-day contracts.

"We're really honored to have you guys here today. I know this is a big day for you to sign with the Penguins. But it's a big day for us, too," Rutherford told them. "We look forward to getting you signed here as our prospects."

## Western power Calgary overcomes errors to defeat Philadelphia

By The Associated Press

The Calgary Flames just needed to get out of their own way.

TJ Brodie scored 1 minute, 59 seconds into overtime after Matthew Tkachuk tied it with 4:17 left in regulation to lead Calgary to a 3-2 victory Saturday against the Philadelphia Flyers.

Tkachuk assisted on the winner in the 3-on-3 extra

## Streking

Longest winning streaks in the NHL this season:

| Team, dates                | No. |
|----------------------------|-----|
| Buffalo, Nov. 8-27         | 10* |
| Penguins, Dec. 19-         | 8   |
| Tampa Bay, Nov. 29-Dec. 13 | 8   |
| Tampa Bay, Dec. 18-        | 7   |
| Washington, Nov. 16-30     | 7   |
| Colorado, Nov. 18-28       | 6   |

\*Sabres won seven of the 10 games in overtime or a shootout

The GM then showed each youngster where to sign on the dotted line.

It was all part of a fun weekend for the boys, who spent Saturday at their Cranberry facility, where they had breakfast in the locker room, interacted with Sidney Crosby and others, then joined a few players on the ice.

"It's great. It's cool that they can come here and see the facility," Crosby said after they made their debuts.

The boys were tired after an early morning but seemed to have a blast.

"I'm glad to be a Pittsburgh Penguin," said Kenneth, 14, of Colorado. "For me, it's a really, really good feeling because I actually love this team."

Added Jonathan, a 12-year-old from Ontario, who, like Kenneth, plays sled hockey: "You probably know how I feel because I'm speechless."

## So, what turned it around?

When the Penguins were stuck in their November slump, Patric Hornqvist, perhaps the most vocal of team leaders, repeatedly told reporters that it would only take one game or even one shift for them to turn things around.

So, now that the Penguins have, when exactly was that turning point?

"I don't know exactly which game it was," the winger said Friday.

A reporter suggested it occurred when Hornqvist scored a third-period hat trick, the fastest one in franchise history, to beat Colorado Dec. 4.

"I don't know about that," he replied. "Obviously, it was a good third-period win for us. But I think it started a little earlier than that."

Crosby was asked if he thought Hornqvist might have sparked them.

"It was such a swing of momentum, to string together three goals like that," Crosby said. "So that's a big boost. Late in the game like that, when you're able to turn around pretty quickly, you can build off of that."

## 2009 Cup team honored

With Chris Kunitz and the Chicago Blackhawks in town Sunday, the Penguins will honor their 2008-09 championship squad at PPG Paints Arena.

The Penguins under Crosby's leadership have since won two more Stanley Cup titles. But he said winning his first at 21 will always be "special."

Current Penguins Evgeni Malkin and Kris Letang were also on that team.

## NHL notebook

session. Philadelphia's Jordan Weal turned the puck over in the Flyers zone to set up a 2-on-1 break. Tkachuk sent a cross-ice pass to Brodie, who beat goalie Carter Hart to lift the Pacific Division leaders to the win.

"Not every game is going to be pretty and these are the games that make a difference at the end of the year,"



**UNMASKED** Penguins goaltender Matt Murray played several moments without his mask Friday night in a 4-0 shutout of Winnipeg. Murray is 7-0 with a 1.27 goals-against average since returning from injury.

# Pettersson valuable addition to Penguins defense corps

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shrugged. His mother, Catrine, is about 5-11, too.

Growing up, he played soccer during summer, hockey in winter. Early in his teenage years, Pettersson was forced to choose. He loved soccer, too, but given his size and his father's history, he said, "It was pretty obvious that I'd take the hockey path."

"The club in my hometown, they started to really pull for guys who wanted to be pros to work out a lot and practice a lot. So they gave us an option to play hockey or soccer," Pettersson said. "If I wanted to be any good at hockey, I just needed to focus on that."

It turned out to be a pretty good decision. Pettersson starred for the Skellefteå hockey club, held his own against grown men in the SHL for a few seasons and represented Sweden in international play, including the 2016 World Junior Championships.

The Anaheim Ducks, who drafted him with the 38th overall pick in 2014, brought him to California in 2017, when he debuted with the San Diego Gulls of the AHL.

He admits he didn't know much about California then, other than its warm weather.

"You kind of don't believe it," he said. "But at the same time, I love it here, too."

He made his NHL debut in February 2018 and scored his first and only NHL goal a couple of weeks later. He appeared in four playoff games with the Ducks last spring, too.

Pettersson was seemingly off to a good start this season, with six assists and a plus-4 rating in 27 games in Anaheim. But the Ducks, tantalized by the goal-scoring potential of Daniel Sprong, traded Pettersson



Peter Diana/Post-Gazette photos

Marcus Pettersson has grown into one of the Penguins most reliable defensemen since being acquired Dec. 3.

to the Penguins in exchange for the winger.

While he was disappointed to be dealt away, he had nothing but praise for the Ducks.

"I loved my time there," he said. "I'm super grateful for everything they did for me. I got drafted there. I got to play in the NHL, play playoffs with them. And I'm just really grateful for them essentially giving me an opportunity to play here in Pittsburgh, with the history here and the players that are here."

All these wins probably help — and Pettersson's presence has been a factor.

Pettersson was immediately paired with Jack Johnson, the veteran they signed last summer. They hit it off, allowing the Penguins to finally settle into a pretty consistent defensive lineup. In their 16 games since the trade, the team has allowed 33 goals.

Pettersson is a plus-7 over that span. In one game, a 2-1 loss in Ottawa last month, the Senators did not put a single puck on net while Pettersson was on at even strength.

"I've clicked with Jack very well," he said. "I think I've started right, just not trying to do too much, just trying to play my game, play solid defense and let

the rest come itself."

While Johnson's growing comfort level in the Penguins system and much-improved goaltending behind him shouldn't be ignored when analyzing Johnson's turnaround, Pettersson's presence looms large. Johnson has posted a plus-8 rating alongside Pettersson after being a minus-13 prior to their pairing.

"He's just a really reliable guy to play with. I trust him in every situation, which is huge," Johnson said. "He handles the puck well. He's smart. He gets us out of trouble."

Plus, the Penguins feel Pettersson has an untapped offensive game as well. He has three assists in Pittsburgh and has time on their second power-play unit.

"He sees the ice really well. He makes good plays. He passes the puck well. He has good poise, both on the breakouts coming out of our end but also along the offensive blue line," coach Mike Sullivan said.

Pettersson just got a place Downtown, and while the city is bigger and the buildings are taller and Pittsburghers have strange accents, the Steel City certainly feels like Skellefteå.

"The community really comes together around their sports teams," he said.

## Penguins report

### Scouting report

**Who:** Penguins vs. Chicago Blackhawks.

**When, where:** 8 p.m. Sunday, PPG Paints Arena.

**Look, listen:** NBCSN; WXDX-FM (105.9), PittsburghPenguins.com.

**Noteworthy:** The Penguins lost, 6-3, to the Blackhawks in Chicago in December despite a hat trick from Bryan Rust. ... G Collin Delia, 24, is 3-0-1 with a .952 save percentage since veteran Blackhawks starter Corey Crawford was lost to another concussion. ... Penguins LW Zach Aston-Reese has a point in four consecutive games, a career-high. ... Patrick Kane leads the Blackhawks with 23 goals and 28 assists. ... Penguins C Sidney Crosby had his five-game multi-point streak snapped at five games Friday in a 4-0 victory vs. the Winnipeg Jets. ... The Blackhawks are 5-3-2 in their past 10 games.

**Did you know?** With their win against Winnipeg, the Penguins now are 13-3-1 against the Western Conference this season.

### Statistics

| NO. PLAYER     | GP | G  | A  | PTS | +/  | MIN |
|----------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| 87 Crosby      | 38 | 19 | 32 | 51  | 19  | 10  |
| 81 Kessel      | 41 | 17 | 29 | 46  | -4  | 18  |
| 71 Malkin      | 41 | 13 | 30 | 43  | -12 | 42  |
| 59 Guentzel    | 41 | 17 | 20 | 37  | 10  | 10  |
| 58 Letang      | 39 | 10 | 26 | 36  | 14  | 26  |
| 72 Hornqvist   | 32 | 14 | 10 | 24  | 1   | 2   |
| 17 Rust        | 40 | 9  | 9  | 18  | 5   | 12  |
| 12 Simon       | 33 | 6  | 10 | 16  | 5   | 10  |
| 19 Brassard    | 32 | 6  | 6  | 12  | -3  | 14  |
| 46 Aston-Reese | 28 | 6  | 5  | 11  | 8   | 9   |
| 8 Dumoulin     | 41 | 1  | 10 | 11  | 26  | 12  |
| 3 Maatta       | 40 | 1  | 10 | 11  | 5   | 8   |
| 6 Oleskiak     | 33 | 4  | 7  | 11  | 4   | 35  |
| 7 Cullen       | 30 | 4  | 6  | 10  | 4   | 6   |
| 73 Johnson     | 41 | 1  | 9  | 10  | -5  | 14  |
| 14 Pearson     | 25 | 5  | 4  | 9   | -3  | 0   |
| 15 Sheahan     | 40 | 5  | 2  | 7   | -2  | 11  |
| 38 Grant       | 22 | 2  | 3  | 5   | 2   | 4   |
| 4 Schultz      | 4  | 0  | 4  | 4   | 1   | 0   |
| 11 Sprong      | 16 | 0  | 4  | 4   | -7  | 0   |
| 62 Hagelin     | 16 | 1  | 2  | 3   | 2   | 12  |
| 28 Pettersson  | 16 | 0  | 3  | 3   | 7   | 8   |
| 50 Riikola     | 21 | 1  | 1  | 2   | -2  | 10  |
| 10 Wilson      | 14 | 0  | 2  | 2   | 3   | 4   |
| 39 Dea         | 3  | 1  | 0  | 1   | 1   | 2   |
| 2 Ruhwedel     | 11 | 0  | 0  | 0   | 8   | 2   |

| NO. GOALIES | GP | MINS | GAA  | W  | L | OT |
|-------------|----|------|------|----|---|----|
| 1 DeSmith   | 25 | 1350 | 2.40 | 12 | 6 | 4  |
| 30 Murray   | 18 | 997  | 2.89 | 11 | 5 | 1  |
| 35 Jarry    | 2  | 121  | 3.50 | 0  | 1 | 1  |

### The schedule

| Date | Opponent | Time  | TV   |
|------|----------|-------|------|
| 1/8  | Panthers | 7     | AT&T |
| 1/11 | Ducks    | 10    | AT&T |
| 1/12 | Kings    | 10:30 | AT&T |
| 1/15 | Sharks   | 10    | AT&T |
| 1/18 | Coyotes  | 9     | AT&T |

Home games in bold

### Calendar

Jan. 25 — All-Star Skills Competition, San Jose, Calif.  
Jan. 26 — All-Star Game, San Jose, Calif.

## Hockey / Baseball

# SUNDAY SPOTLIGHT

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It's not that the Penguins have a bias for college players when they're evaluating prospects to draft.

Their philosophy, expressed succinctly by assistant general manager Bill Guerin, is to take "the best players. It doesn't matter where you're from."

Still, there are some benefits to selecting college players, most notably that NHL teams retain their rights for four years, twice as long as those of a junior player.

That extra time gives the prospect more of a chance to develop, and the organization more time to assess his potential.

"We [draft] the best player, but the advantage for a player who's in college is time," Guerin said. "If you're a junior player, we have to make a decision on signing that player quicker."

"The college route, with time, is beneficial to us and the player. Some kids are ready to come out of junior and begin a pro career right away. Others can probably use another couple of years at a development level before they make that big jump."

Coincidentally or otherwise, two of the Penguins' three best prospects are honing their games in college hockey.

This is the final installment in our annual look at the top 10 prospects in the Penguins system. Players in their first season of North American pro hockey and those still competing in college, junior or Europe were eligible for inclusion:

**3 Nikita Pavlychev**  
Age: 21.  
How acquired: Seventh-round draft choice, 2015.  
Position: Center.  
Height: 6 feet 7.  
Weight: 225 pounds.  
Team: Penn State (Big Ten Conference).

**Guerin's assessment:** "He's really come a long way. He truly works at his game. He loves it, and wants to be a player. He's got a lot of drive. For such a big guy, he's a very good skater. [Nittany Lions coach] Guy Gadowsky has done an amazing job with him. He gets better every single year. He gains more responsibility every single year and he's producing a ton. His size and his drive make him a very good prospect for us."

**2 Calen Addison**  
Age: 18.  
How acquired: Second-round draft choice, 2018.  
Position: Defense.  
Height: 5 feet 10.  
Weight: 180 pounds.  
Team: Lethbridge (Western Hockey League).  
Stats: Seven goals, 36 assists in 34 games.  
**Guerin's assessment:** "He's kind of that new defen-



Peter Diana/Post-Gazette

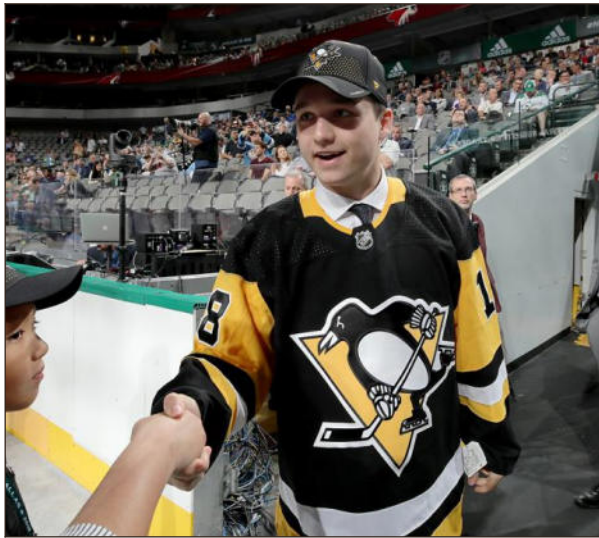
Kasper Bjorkqvist: Best of the bunch that is on its way up.

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The ol' college try is more than an expression for the Penguins player development arm

seman that everybody wants. He's not the biggest guy, but he skates real well, he has good mobility and he moves the puck. He's a power-play guy. He had a very good training camp with us. Like all young, undersized defensemen, defending is going to be the biggest adjustment when he turns pro, going against bigger, stronger guys in the NHL. But he has good hockey sense, and he really competes hard."

**1 Kasper Bjorkqvist**  
Age: 21.  
How acquired: Second-round draft choice, 2016.  
Position: Right wing.  
Height: 6 feet 1.  
Weight: 207 pounds.  
Team: Providence College (Hockey East).  
Stats: Nine goals, nine assists in 18 games.  
**Guerin's assessment:** "He's a very well-rounded player. I think he's going to be one of these guys who's able to go up and down your lineup. He's going to be able to



Bruce Bennett/Getty Images

Calen Addison: Seven months ago on draft day in Dallas.

play on your power play, play on your penalty kill. He's a big, strong kid. He's always top of his class in fitness testing at development camp, things like that. He has a unique, infectious personality, as well. There are a lot of leadership qualities with him, too. If any-

thing, there are times when we would like him to think a little more offensively. He has that capability, but he's so responsible [defensively] that sometimes he impacts his offensive game, just to make sure things on the defensive side are good."

## Baseball notebook

# Tulowitzki is Yankees SS to start season

Veteran will hold down spot until Gregorius returns

From local and wire dispatches



Troy Tulowitzki Signed for major league minimum salary

The New York Yankees view Troy Tulowitzki as their starting shortstop until Didi Gregorius returns from Tommy John surgery this summer.

Still, general manager Brian Cashman won't rule out trying to sign Manny Machado, one of the top free agents on the market.

And, in his first question-and-answer session of the year, Cashman revealed he has dragged talks to trade Sonny Gray until the Yankees know CC Sabathia will be ready to pitch after surgery to implant a stent in an artery from his heart.

Tulowitzki, a five-time All-Star absent from the major leagues since July 2017, finalized his one-year contract for the major league minimum \$555,000 Friday after passing a physical.

"It doesn't mean we're going to get vintage Troy Tulowitzki from the Colorado Rockies years when he was there," Cashman said.

"But it's exciting to dream on what he might be capable of when his health is there on a consistent basis because he was quite the player for quite a long time," Cashman added.

Tulowitzki missed last season because of bone spurs in his right and left heels.

Gregorius had right elbow surgery Oct. 17 and Cashman expects him back in July or August.

## More Yankees

Zach Britton is staying in New York, agreeing to a \$39 million, three-year contract, a deal that could be worth \$53 million over four seasons. Britton gets \$13 million in each of the next three seasons. The Yankees have a \$14 million option for 2022 and must decide on it after the 2020 season.

## Pirates

The Pirates announced spring-training invitations to Will Craig, Ke'Bryan Hayes and Bryan Reynolds, among others. Craig, a first-round pick in 2016, was Class AA Altoona's MVP this year. He also made the Arizona Fall League's all-AFL team after hitting .304 with six homers. Hayes, a 2015 supplemental first-rounder, played in the Futures Game this year. He hit .293/.375/.444 in Altoona last season. Reynolds joined the Pirates in the Andrew McCutchen trade. After recovering from hamate sur-

gery, he hit .302/.381/.438 at Altoona with seven home runs. Also invited was Blake Weiman, who had quite the 2018 season. He struck out 77 in 67 innings and moved from low-A to Altoona. The former eighth-rounder also played in the fall league. Tyler Eppler, Elvis Escobar, Geoff Hartlieb, Alex McRae, Eduardo Vera, Brandon Waddell, Jason Delay, Christian Kelley and Arden Pabst also received invites.

## Mets

New York acquired outfielder Keon Broxton from Milwaukee giving them a center field option in addition to Juan Lagares. The Mets sent reliever Bobby Wahl to the Brewers along with two minor leaguers, right-handed reliever Adam Hill and infielder Felix Valerio. Broxton had four home runs, 11 RBIs and a .179 batting average in 51 games for Milwaukee last season. Mets general manager Brodie Van Wagenen called Broxton, 28, a "dynamic athlete with the ability to impact the game in the outfield, on the bases and with his bat."

## Brewers

Infielder Cory Spangenberg and Milwaukee finalized a one-year contract that pays \$1.2 million in the major leagues and \$250,000 in the minors. Spangenberg was released by San Diego in November after refusing a minor league assignment.

## Giants

San Francisco acquired switch-hitting infielder and outfielder Breyvic Valera from the Baltimore Orioles for cash, adding another former Dodgers player. Valera batted .234 with eight RBIs while playing in 32 games between the Dodgers and Orioles in 2018 while also playing for both clubs' Class AAA affiliates.

## Rays

Tampa Bay is trimming capacity of Tropicana Field by more than 5,000 seats as part of renovations and capital improvements to the domed stadium for the upcoming season. The team announced Friday that the entire upper deck will be closed, trimming seating to an estimated 25,000-26,000. That's down from 31,042, which already was the smallest capacity in the major leagues.

## World junior championships

# Finland defeats U.S. for fifth gold medal

By The Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Kaapo Kakko scored with 1:26 remaining to give Finland its fifth world junior hockey title, 3-2, over the United States on Saturday night.

Kakko broke a tie after the U.S. rallied on goals by Alexander Chmelevski and Josh Norris in a 1:46 span in the third period.

Jesse Ylonen opened the scoring for the Finns on a power play in the second and Otto Latvala made it 2-0 in the third — 61 seconds before the U.S. began the unsuccessful rally.

Finland won titles in 1987, 1998, 2014 and 2016. The U.S. won a fourth title in 2017.

Chmelevski opened the U.S. scoring with an assist

from Jack Hughes, his fourth in four games. Chmelevski then fed Josh Norris to tie with 10:40 left.

Cayden Primeau stopped 28 shots for the U.S. and Ukko-Pekka Luukkonen made 26 for Finland, earning all-star honors as the tournament's top goalie.

Other all-Worlds selections were defensemen Alexander Romanov of Russia and Erik Brannstrom of Sweden, plus forwards Grigori Denisenko (Russia) Philipp Kurashev (Switzerland) and Ryan Poehling (U.S.), who was also voted MVP.

In the consolation game, Kirill Slepets had a hat trick and Russia beat Switzerland, 5-2. Klim Kostin and Nikita Shashkov also scored for Russia and Pyotr Kochetkov stopped 34 shots.

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## College Basketball

## Tar Heels rout Panthers, 85-60

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score was a jolting reminder of some of the work that remains in the rebuild and some of what has to be endured during that process.

"We have to go a long way," Pitt coach Jeff Capel said. "That's pretty obvious."

The Panthers (10-4, 0-1 ACC) shot just 30.6 percent and missed 17 of their 19 3-point shots, a stark contrast from the Tar Heels (11-3, 1-0), who were 41.7 percent from beyond the arc. Only seven of Pitt's 19 made field goals were assisted, as the team was never able to establish any kind of offensive rhythm or consistency against North Carolina's zone defense.

Those struggles were most evident in a 10-minute stretch that determined the outcome.

Behind a spirited home crowd, albeit one interspersed with a fair amount of Carolina blue, Pitt hung with the Tar Heels early, with a tip-in from freshman Au'Diese Toney getting the Panthers within one, 15-14, eight minutes in.

Over the ensuing 10:26, however, they were held without a made field goal, a time in which North Carolina capitalized as well as it could have. In that stretch, the Tar Heels outscored Pitt, 26-3, turning what had been a one-point advantage into a commanding 24-point lead. The Panthers would not recover.

In that time, Pitt had 21 possessions without a made shot, with seven of those possessions ending with a turnover and five others with a missed 3-pointer.

"I thought in that moment, we pressed," Capel said. "Instead of us doing it together — and it was coming from a good place — we tried to do it like 'I have to make a play' or 'I have to make something happen.' That's where we have to grow as a team."

"When we missed shots, they hit us in the mouth and we never fought back," junior Malik Ellison added.

Even before the opening tip, the Tar Heels presented a difficult matchup, not only because of their talent, but the way they play.

Of the seven players who played at least 16 minutes Saturday for North Carolina, five of them are at least 6 feet 6, giving a superior team a real size advantage.

While Pitt excelled in non-conference play by speeding up inferior opponents and making them uncomfortable, the Tar Heels thrive at that pace, much more so than even Pitt, as they are sixth among Division I teams in tempo at more than 77 possessions per game (the Panthers average about seven fewer).

That speed took its toll. As excited as his team was by the atmosphere of a sold-out arena, Capel believes his players burned too much of that energy early and grew tired as the game wore on and their fortunes waned. Freshman Trey McGowens, who had a team-high 17

## Around the ACC

| Team          | Conference |   |      | Overall |   |      |
|---------------|------------|---|------|---------|---|------|
|               | W          | L | Pct. | W       | L | Pct. |
| Virginia Tech | 2          | 0 | 1.00 | 13      | 1 | .929 |
| Virginia      | 1          | 0 | 1.00 | 13      | 0 | 1.00 |
| N.C. State    | 1          | 0 | 1.00 | 13      | 1 | .929 |
| Duke          | 1          | 0 | 1.00 | 12      | 1 | .923 |
| N. Carolina   | 1          | 0 | .000 | 11      | 3 | .786 |
| Syracuse      | 1          | 0 | 1.00 | 10      | 4 | .714 |
| Georgia Tech  | 1          | 0 | 1.00 | 9       | 5 | .643 |
| Louisville    | 0          | 0 | .000 | 9       | 4 | .692 |
| Florida State | 0          | 1 | .000 | 12      | 2 | .857 |
| Pitt          | 0          | 1 | .000 | 10      | 4 | .714 |
| Clemson       | 0          | 1 | .000 | 10      | 4 | .714 |
| Boston Coll.  | 0          | 1 | .000 | 9       | 4 | .692 |
| Miami         | 0          | 1 | .000 | 8       | 5 | .615 |
| Wake Forest   | 0          | 1 | .000 | 7       | 6 | .538 |
| Notre Dame    | 0          | 2 | .000 | 10      | 5 | .667 |

**Next:** Pitt (10-4, 0-1 ACC) vs. Louisville (9-4, 0-0), 8 p.m. Wednesday, Petersen Events Center. TV: None. Radio: KDKA-FM (93.7).

points, said he was jittery early in the game, not truly settling down until late in the first half.

That sense of anxiousness went far beyond him.

"I know what that's like as a freshman and I know that can be overwhelming," Capel said. "I don't think we were afraid. I think that we got off to a really good start, we were confident. Then we just hit that spurt right there and that confidence just went away and we looked a little overwhelmed."

With the benefit of hindsight, a 25-point loss, unsightly as it was at times, wasn't particularly surprising given the combination of factors the game provided, namely a team with three freshmen starters opening up conference play against one of the sport's most recognizable brands and preeminent powers, all in an energized environment, no less.

For that reason and others, some don't see Pitt's setback as anything overly concerning.

"Jeff's club is going to be fine," North Carolina coach Roy Williams said. "They're very, very, very young. I did not sleep very well last night, I can tell you that, thinking about trying to stop [freshman point guard Xavier] Johnson taking the ball to the basket."

The game, in a very basic sense, can conjure memories of last season, when a young Panthers team regularly lost by 20 or more while suffering the kind of offensive slumps that cost it so dearly Saturday.

For those close to the team, it's a connection as flimsy as it is specious. This season, they believe, is a new start to a new era and nothing, not even a lopsided loss to kick off the ACC schedule, can change that.

"I'm pretty sure there will be stuff written, 'Same old Pitt,'" Capel said. "It could be all that stuff right now. It's what people can think or whatever, but it's not the same old Pitt. We're going to continue to fight. We're going to continue to get better."

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North Carolina's Brandon Robinson takes a rebound away from Pitt's Trey McGowens in the second half of the ACC opener for both teams Saturday at Petersen Events Center.

## Grad transfer Johnson scores points, jeers in energetic return

By Brian Batko  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Cameron Johnson made the rounds courtside at Petersen Events Center like old times, except they weren't.

He took a photo with a member of Pitt's media relations team, bumped fists at the scorer's table, then embraced and chatted with former Panthers star turned broadcaster Curtis Aiken.

"It was a little different," Johnson said, smiling.

"I had to reorient myself a couple times to go in [the right] tunnel. But it was nice to be back. I can't say that enough, just to be in these halls and play a game in here in front of the fans."

Of course it was nice for Johnson, No. 15-ranked North Carolina's top scorer. In his second year after graduating and transferring from Pitt, Johnson's Heels did as expected, blowing out his old team, 85-60, Saturday in the gym where he got his college basketball start. Johnson had 15 points, 9 rebounds, 4 assists and 0 turnovers on 6-of-12 shooting, hitting 3 of 6 from beyond the arc.

As he was announced in Carolina's starting lineup, the second guy through the handshake line, "a 6-9 graduate student from Moon Township, No. 13" got an ovation from the throng of more than two-dozen family and friends behind his bench and an equally rousing jeer from most Pitt fans in attendance.

He flashed a grin. So did his teammates, knowing full well what he would be in for.

"I know I got a couple boos," Johnson said, "but I understand."

He drilled a 3-pointer about a minute in and even got knocked down by the defender closing out on him. The former Our Lady of the Sacred Heart standout hit another six minutes later but made no gesture to the crowd, nothing resembling a celebration.

Johnson faced Pitt last season, scoring 14 in Chapel Hill, N.C., and noted that his last game here happened to be almost two years ago against his Tar Heels (Feb. 25, 2017).

On one hand, Johnson left his hometown program as it neared rock-bottom — between Year 1 and Year 2 of the Kevin Stallings immolation



Cameron Johnson pulls down one of his nine rebounds Saturday against his former team.

— and joined a powerhouse in the same conference. He was lightly recruited in high school but the coach who took a chance on him, Jamie Dixon, had made his own move out of town, and Johnson showed enough promise in three years in the ACC that suitors came calling. So he earned his degree ahead of schedule and transferred just as many Pitt faithful were transferring their own fandom, even if it was controversial that he was eligible to play immediately.

"If you're a fan of the school and one player leaves that school to go to a different school that you will play [against], I can understand that," Johnson said of his Pitt welcome, or lack thereof. "The student section, I think, was the heaviest with the boos, from what I could hear. I loved playing for the [Oakland] Zoo when I was in a Pitt uniform, and I loved the energy they brought to the arena. ... No hard feelings."

The Zoo even passed out flyers featuring Johnson's face and instructions. The notes read "SILENT TREATMENT: Every time Cameron Johnson (UNC #13) has the ball, make the Zoo dead silent. During intros, don't acknowledge Cam. ... Why? Cameron Johnson used to play at Pitt (2014-2017)

then transferred to play at UNC. Traitor."

Johnson, who entered averaging a team-high 16.4 points, plus 5.2 rebounds per game, got a short and simple message from coach Roy Williams before his return: "Don't worry about anything else going on. Just be Cam."

These days, Cam — who was nicknamed "Slim" by his former Pitt teammates — is holding off a five-star McDonald's All-American freshman from the starting lineup. He's continuing his personal climb in production, one that started with 4.5 points per game as a freshman at Pitt, bumped to 4.8 in his first full season, followed by 11.9 his final year with the Panthers. Johnson's 48.6 percent from long range this season is a career best, as is his .525 field-goal percentage.

Pitt coach Jeff Capel said Thursday he wouldn't mind if Johnson was a bit intimidated but didn't expect it. Williams said he wasn't worried at all, and thought his primary small forward handled it all well.

"I noticed there was a little booing, but people like the young man," Williams said. "He was here and gave them good minutes and good play and good citizenship. He's a good student. I didn't think it would be bad for him. I think

he made his first three shots. That sort of tells everybody, 'Just leave me alone. If you keep booing, I may make 33 in a row.' I just think he's the kind of kid people appreciate what he did here. The feelings they have for him and his family are all positive."

Johnson said Capel is "doing a really good job" and has his alma mater "heading in the right direction," so he enjoyed winning in front of a lively, sell-out crowd. He never played with any current Panthers, so there was no familiarity there, but after more than a successful individual day at the old office — and a lopsided team victory — Johnson's face lit up when asked about seeing so many familiar faces before and after the game.

"It was like a little blast from the past," he said. "It was awesome, because those people have been so good to me for the past four years, and for me to come back here and for them to receive me this warmly, that's what really means something to me. Those boos, they're OK, but when I see people I haven't seen in a couple years — people in the crowd, administrators, media people — it's really nice."

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Matt Freed/Post-Gazette

A member of the Oakland Zoo gets creative in sending a message to the referees Saturday.

## College / Pro Basketball

## Notebook

## Virginia cruises to remain unbeaten

Kyle Guy, No. 4 Cavaliers trounce No. 9 Florida State, spoiling hot start

By The Associated Press

Kyle Guy scored 21 points, including his first five 3-point attempts for a school-record 11 3-pointers in a row across two games, as fourth-ranked Virginia beat ninth-ranked Florida State Saturday, 66-52.

The win makes an 11th consecutive ACC-opening win and a 13-0 start for the Cavaliers. Coach Tony Bennett played walk-ons as the buzzer neared and the Seminoles scored the last 10 points off turnovers on an 18-2 run.

Looking to extend a school-record start to the year, Florida State (12-2, 0-1), shot 34 percent and matched the Cavaliers halftime total of 42 points with less than a minute to play.

"That's the best team we've played," Florida State coach Leonard Hamilton said. "It's not even close."

## Nevada

The season started with 353 undefeated teams, but after New Mexico thumped No. 6 Nevada, 85-58, only Michigan, Virginia and

Houston remain. The Wolf Pack's unblemished record withered visiting The Pit for the first time since rallying out of a 25-point second-half hole while visiting in January 2017. Nevada allowed another big deficit but never looked capable of a comeback. Nevada (14-1, 1-1 Mountain West) will only tie the best start to a season in school history with the 1951-52 team.

## Kansas

Playing without junior center Udoka Azubuike, the No. 5 Jayhawks turned the ball over 24 times in a 77-60 loss to Iowa State at Hilton Coliseum. Azubuike hurt his wrist at practice Friday after previ-

ously missing four in a row this season for a sprained ankle. Marial Shayok scored 24 to lead Iowa State (12-2, 2-0 Big 12) as Kansas fell to 1-1 in conference for the second year in a row and the third time in 16 years under Bill Self.

## Kentucky

The No. 14 Wildcats were handed a 77-75 loss by Alabama to open SEC play and fumble a three-game win streak. The loss also ends a 10-game streak against Alabama, with the previous loss to the Tide coming in Tuscaloosa in January 2013.

## Villanova

Phil Booth scored 23 points, including Vil-

lanova's only points in the last 8½ minutes, as the Wildcats beat Providence, 65-59. Trailing 60-40, Providence had a 16-0 run as Villanova missed six shots in a row and committed seven turnovers before Booth stopped the drought, sealing the win.

## Coppin State

Dejuan Clayton scored 23 points to lead Coppin State to a 73-67 win over Savannah State and end a 21-game losing streak dating to last season. Lamar Morgan added 15 points for the Eagles (1-15, 1-0 MEAC). Savannah State tied it at 64-64 with 1:35 left, but four free throws by Clayton kept the Eagles on top.



2018-19 SEASON

Selection Sunday is 10 weeks away. A look at the stats, facts and story lines you might have missed this past week on the way to March Madness.

## Sunday



The Pac-12 Conference finishes December with a 39-36 record in

non-conference games (.520 winning percentage). According to ESPN, it is the worst month by any of the power five conferences (plus the Big East) in 20 years.

## Monday

Standard-dragger for the Pac-12, UCLA fires coach Steve Alford on the heels of a 73-58 loss to Liberty — yes, Liberty — two days earlier. It is the first time in 100 years that the once gold standard of college basketball fires a coach in midseason.

Muffet McGraw earns her 900th career win as women's No. 2 Notre Dame defeats Lehigh, 88-41. McGraw (900-272) is the ninth NCAA Division I women's coach to reach 900 wins.



## Tuesday

The new year arrives with four undefeated men's teams in Division I — Houston (13-0), Virginia (11-0), Michigan (13-0) and Nevada (13-0).

On the flip side of perfection, Coppin State of the MEAC reaches Jan. 1 riding a 21-game losing streak dating to last season. Among its 15 losses this season: Wisconsin, Houston, Notre Dame and Virginia.

Says Winthrop coach Pat Kelsey of No. 9 Florida State after losing to the Seminoles, 87-76: "They're Noah's Ark. They got two of everything."

## Wednesday

Bucknell trails Army at halftime, 37-13 — and wins. After shooting just 15 percent in the first half (4 for 27), the Bison shoots 60 percent in the second and rallies for a 64-63 win in the Patriot League.

## Thursday

Antoine Davis scores 48 points to lead Detroit Mercy to 79-58 victory vs. Wright State — the third-highest scoring game in Division I this season. The top games:

| Player, school                | Pts |
|-------------------------------|-----|
| Jordan Lyon, Furman           | 54  |
| vs. North Greenville, Nov. 15 |     |
| Josh Williams, Robert Morris  | 49  |
| vs. Mount Aloysius, Nov. 14   |     |
| Antoine Davis, Detroit Mercy  | 48  |
| vs. Wright State, Jan. 3      |     |
| Markus Howard, Marquette      | 45  |
| vs. Buffalo Dec. 21           |     |
| Markus Howard, Marquette      | 45  |
| vs. Kansas State Dec. 1       |     |
| Chris Clemons, Campbell       | 45  |
| vs. Georgetown Nov. 24        |     |

UCLA (8-6) defeats Stanford, 92-70, in its first game after replacing Steve Alford with Murry Bartow. Freshman Moses Brown has 17 points and 10 rebounds.

UCLA legend Bill Walton works the UCLA game for ESPN. TV partner Dave Pasch asks Walton who should be the next Bruins coach. "Barack Obama," Walton replies. Pasch points out that the former president isn't going to coach. "His brother-in-law coached," Walton replies, referring to former Oregon State coach Craig Robinson. "I'm sticking with Barack Obama until he says no."

## Saturday

Old Big East rivals St. John's and Georgetown — along with old Big East legends-turned-coaches Chris Mullin and Patrick Ewing — square off in Washington. St. John's celebrates not only a 97-94 win in OT, but its first win at Georgetown since Jan. 18, 2003.

RMU 62, MOUNT. ST. MARY'S 59

## Williams wards off comeback

Colonials star starts slow, closes strong for victory

By Sarah K. Spencer  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Josh Williams is used to scoring whenever he wants, he said Saturday after Robert Morris' 62-59 win against Mount St. Mary's.

But Williams, a senior guard who entered Saturday averaging a team-high 15.6 points, shot poorly until the Colonials blew a 14-point lead and the game came down to the wire in the final minute.

After shooting 3 for 14, Williams drove for a layup and hit two free throws in the final 15 seconds to seal the Colonials' second Northeastern Conference win, their third win in a row.

"It's tough," Williams said. "... But when you've got good guys like [freshman guard Cameron Wilbon] coming in and giving you a lift, and then you've got coaches and teammates telling you to keep working hard, keep attacking, keep being aggressive, 'You worked so hard for this,' it just sticks with me mentally," Williams said. "If they're going to have faith in me, then I should have faith in myself."

Robert Morris (7-8, 2-0) led by 14 points before Mount St. Mary's forward Omar Habwe hit a late 3-pointer to make it 30-19 at half. The Mountaineers (3-12, 0-2), however, shot far better in the second half (53.8 percent) than in the first (32 percent) to threaten the Colonials, who shot 40 percent overall.

Mount St. Mary's shot 5 of 7 to open up the second half and cut Robert Morris' lead to 36-31 with 15:25 remaining. A jumper and 3-pointer by guard Vado Morse, who led all scorers with 19 points, later brought the Mountaineers within four points.

"We are extremely fortunate to have gotten out of there with a win," Robert Morris coach Andy Toole said. "Credit The Mount and their second-half performance, they certainly dictated the entire tempo of the second half on both ends of

the floor. I didn't think we did a good job of continuing to maintain our effort, starting probably the last couple minutes of that first half, and the obviously all the way through the second half, where they just really attacked us."

Two free throws by Mount St. Mary's forward Collin Nnamene tied the score at 45-45 at 8:18 and Robert Morris gave up the lead, 51-50, when a pass by Williams was intercepted by Nnamene, who finished with a layup.

With two minutes left, two free throws by senior forward Malik Petteway, who had 11 points and 10 rebounds, tied it at 58-58. He missed two free throws and Morse made one to give Mount St. Mary's a single-point lead with less than a minute to go. Cameron Wilbon missed two free throws with 45 seconds to play (Robert Morris shot 9 of 17 from the free-throw line).

That's when Williams did his thing.

His layup gave the Colonials another lead with 13.4 seconds left and Wilbon, who had 10 points and seven rebounds, pulled down a defensive board on the Mountaineers' next possession. Williams was fouled and made two more free throws, giving Robert Morris a 62-59 lead with 1.3 seconds left.

"We knew they were a team that came back from deficits, we knew they were going to fight," Williams said. "When they took the lead, it was just stick to what we do, stick to what we know. Obviously, we struggled with that when they went on their run to take the lead. But once they took it, we kind of gathered ourselves and tried to calm each other down and just do what we do."

Mount St. Mary's, which started five underclassmen, couldn't get a 3-pointer off before the buzzer.

In total, four Colonials finished with double-digit points, with senior guard Matty McConnell adding 11 points. Robert Morris continues NEC play at 9 p.m. Thursday at St. Francis Brooklyn.

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**SUMMIT MEETING** Michigan State's Kenny Goins, right, blocks a shot from Ohio State's Kaleb Wesson in the second half of a Big Ten Top 25 showdown Saturday in Columbus, Ohio. No. 8 Michigan State defeated No. 14 Ohio State, 86-77.

## District roundup

## Dukes battle to end, but fall to Davidson

Close game features 10 ties, 18 lead changes in Atlantic 10 opener

From local and wire dispatches

10 ties and 18 lead changes.

## More men

**Texas 61, West Virginia 54:** Bench players Derek Culver scored 17 and James Bolden added 13, but the Mountaineers (8-6, 0-2 Big 12) could not close the gap at the end because host Texas (10-4, 2-0) made its foul shots to seal the game. Starter Esa Ahmad scored 10 points for the Mountaineers in the loss. Matt Coleman scored 17 points and Dylan Osetkowski added 14 for the Longhorns in the win.

**Robert Morris 70, Mount St. Mary's 58:** Robert Morris began its quest for a third consecutive Northeast Conference (NEC) regular-season title with a triumph against visiting Mount St. Mary's. Robert Morris (4-8, 1-0 NEC) moves to 14-1 in its past 15 league openers. Mount St. Mary's (6-6, 0-1 NEC) entered the afternoon with the conference's top record and ranked second in the NEC in field goal percentage (.421).

**Women**

**Duquesne 60, St. Bonaventure 54:** Duquesne outscored host St. Bonaven-

ture, 17-6, in the 3rd quarter en route to a victory in their Atlantic 10 opener. Amanda Kalin scored 12 points and tied her career-high with eight rebounds. Julijana Vojinovic scored 13 off the bench. Kadri-Ann Lass and Angela Staffileno added nine points for the Dukes (7-7, 1-0). Deja Francis scored a game-high 20 for the Bonnies (3-11, 0-1).

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## Knicks' Kanter to stay home fearing assassination attempts by Turkey

By The Associated Press

Center Enes Kanter will not travel to London for the New York Knicks' upcoming international game because he believes he could be assassinated for his opposition to Turkish president Recep Tayyip Erdogan.

The Knicks later said Kanter also won't make the

## NBA notebook

trip because of a visa issue.

Kanter will stay in New York while the Knicks travel to face Washington Jan. 17 at The O2 arena in London. He says he can't travel anywhere except the United States and Canada because "there's a chance I could get killed out there."

Kanter has been a vocal critic of Erdogan for years, once referring to him as "the Hitler of our century." Kanter's Turkish passport was revoked in 2017, and a warrant for his arrest was issued by Turkey.

Kanter is a follower of a U.S.-based Turkish cleric accused by Turkey's government of masterminding a

failed military coup in 2016.

Kanter said it would be "easy" for an attempt on his life to be made in London. "They've got a lot of spies there," he added. "I think I can get killed there easy."

## 76ers

Coach Brett Brown denied a report that Jimmy Butler was disrespectful

while questioning his role in the 76ers offense. Brown dismissed the report. "I didn't feel like any of that crossed the line," Brown said. "He's vocal. He's all in and he has opinions, but it's instigated by me. None of this should surprise anybody. He's got opinions. He wants to be heard. And he should be heard."

## College Football



## Looking ahead

**Game:** No. 1 Alabama (14-0) vs. No. 2 Clemson (14-0) for the national championship, Levi's Stadium, Santa Clara, Calif.

**When:** 8 p.m. Monday.  
**TV:** ESPN.

**Favored:** Alabama by 5½.

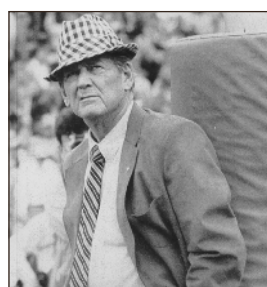
**The skinny:** The winner will become the first team to finish a season 15-0 at the top level of college football since Penn in 1897. ... Clemson again will be without star DE Dexter Lawrence, who was one of three players suspended before the Tigers semifinal vs. Notre Dame. ... Clemson RB Travis Etienne is fifth in FBS in rushing (1,572 yards). ... Alabama QB Tua Tagovailoa's 41 touchdown passes put him third in FBS and his 205.2 passer rating is No. 1.

## Conference records

Records for the 2018-19 bowl season:

| Conference        | W | L | Pct. |
|-------------------|---|---|------|
| Conference USA    | 4 | 2 | .667 |
| Independents      | 2 | 1 | .667 |
| Mountain West     | 3 | 2 | .600 |
| Sun Belt          | 3 | 2 | .600 |
| Big 12            | 4 | 3 | .571 |
| Big Ten           | 5 | 4 | .556 |
| Southeastern      | 6 | 5 | .545 |
| Atlantic Coast    | 5 | 5 | .500 |
| Pac-12            | 3 | 4 | .429 |
| American Athletic | 2 | 5 | .286 |
| Mid-American      | 1 | 5 | .167 |

## News &amp; notes



**WITH AN** Alabama victory, Nick Saban would earn his seventh national championship and break a tie with Bear Bryant (6), pictured, for most all time. Woody Hayes, Bernie Bierman and Howard Jones are next on the list with five apiece.

**ALABAMA** won its games by an average of 31.4 points this season. Clemson won its games by an average of 30.6. Utah State was a distant third at 22.3.

**SO YOU THINK** Alabama and Clemson have a great/boring thing going when it comes to their run of four consecutive meetings in either the national championship or national semifinals? It's nothing compared with Mount Union and Wisconsin-Whitewater. At one point, those two schools met for the NCAA Division III title in seven consecutive seasons (2005-11).

**IMAGINE DRAGONS** will headline the halftime show, albeit from Treasure Island in San Francisco Bay. The band's song "Natural" was used by ESPN as the theme for much of the network's college football coverage and promotions this season.

## The all-timers

According to the NCAA, 186 national champions have been crowned since the first was awarded in 1869. Those 186 titles have been won by 44 schools. The leaders:

| School                 | No. | Last |
|------------------------|-----|------|
| 1. Yale                | 18  | 1927 |
| 2. Alabama             | 15  | 2017 |
| 2. Princeton           | 15  | 1922 |
| 4. Notre Dame          | 13  | 1988 |
| 5. Michigan            | 9   | 1997 |
| 5. Southern California | 9   | 2004 |



Thearon W. Henderson/Getty Images

Nick Saban can achieve Monday night something no college coach has before — a seventh national championship.

## National championship: Commentary

# Win would cement Saban's college legacy, but only that

By Michael Cunningham  
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

If Alabama beats Clemson in the national championship Monday night, as it is favored to do, it will be coach Nick Saban's seventh college football title.

That would be one more than Bear Bryant.

That would be one more reason that many will consider Saban the greatest coach of all time.

If the Crimson Tide wins, I won't be among them.

Saban is obviously an all-time great college coach. That is not the same as being a great coach, period.

The best coaches win in the NFL, where Saban couldn't hack it.

It was 12 years ago Thursday that Saban quit his Dolphins gig after two seasons in Miami, tucking tail back to college football. Doubtlessly, he's owned it since. Saban has won 88 percent of his games at Alabama with six Southeastern Conference championships and five national titles. He won a Bowl Championship Series national title and two SEC titles at LSU.

In two seasons with the Dolphins, Saban lost more than he won (15-17) and didn't go to the playoffs. Saban couldn't win when he didn't enjoy advantages in resources over 99 percent of his opponents.

The NFL is about competitive balance and coaching becomes a lot harder when the field is leveled.

Saban didn't like the NFL dynamic, as he acknowledged in a CBS interview a couple of years ago via AL.com.

Saban took the Dolphins job in 2005, after he'd won as head coach at Michigan State and LSU. In the 1990s, he was

Bill Belichick's defensive coordinator in Cleveland. But Saban said he realized the NFL no longer was for him during "the first press conference" in Miami.

The NFL was different, Saban said. There was free agency and "the media had infiltrated sorta everything that was happening." The next year, Drew Brees was ready to sign with the Dolphins, but doctors didn't like his surgically repaired shoulder. Brees went to New Orleans. The Dolphins acquired Daunte Culpepper instead.

"When that happened, I said, 'I can't control my destiny here,'" Saban said.

So, there you have it. Saban could have coached up the players he had, but that's harder than stacking his roster with as many good players as he wants. In the NFL, there were too many reporters nosing around in his team's business. Too much scrutiny, too few advantages.

That's how it goes in the big leagues. Saban faced a challenge that most great college coaches never do and couldn't handle it. If Saban had never gone to the NFL, he would be Urban Meyer instead of Steve Spurrier, Tom Osborne instead of Dennis Erickson.

Well, not exactly, because Saban has been more successful in the college ranks than any of those coaches. And I don't fault Saban for going back to Class AAA if that's where he's most comfortable. I'm just saying that his NFL flop puts a hard ceiling on any assessment of his coaching legacy.

The NFL is the Big Show. It's where Xs and Os get tested every week. You can't just do the same things and depend on better players to win the day. Game plans

change from week to week, sometimes dramatically. NFL coaches don't face too many inferior coaches, or any good ones with less resources. Saban lost games to NFL teams coached by Belichick, Jon Gruden, Dick Vermeil and Bill Cowher (he beat Belichick once when the Patriots rested their regulars). But Saban also lost games to teams coached by Mike Mularkey, Dick Jauron and Eric Mangini.

The thin margins between winning and losing in the NFL makes it hard for head coaches to win enough to keep their jobs for long. They answer to billionaire owners (Green Bay excepted), not feckless administrators with less power than the coach. In Miami, Saban worked for a non-dysfunctional owner and a decent GM, so he had it better than most.

But Saban couldn't pick some opponents with no chance to beat the Dolphins. At Alabama, he can.

Year after year after year. He went from playing 16 tough games each season to being favored to win every week over several years.

Managing NFL players is harder, too. Saban couldn't rule over players, many of whom were more valuable than he was and were paid like it. It's easier to coach players with no salaries and less control of their careers.

Certainly, Saban faces challenges at Alabama that he didn't in the NFL. There's NCAA rules compliance, academic standards and booster behind-kissing. It takes a certain kind of personality and administrative ability to deal with all that.

But those challenges are, frankly, overstated. Every major program has an army of aides to deal with compli-

ance, and the NCAA's investigative and enforcement mechanisms are mostly toothless, anyway.

There are departments dedicated to keeping athletes academically eligible, the window dressing that gives cover to the NCAA's "amateur" model. As for boosters, well, the name says it all. Win big like Saban, and they are sycophants. Win for long enough and they'll even buy your house.

NFL coaches outside of New England don't have fiefdoms. Even Belichick's kingdom has started showing cracks. Saban has total control at Alabama, just the way he likes it. He's getting paid more than most every NFL coach without the scrutiny, pressure and risk of losing games to good coaches with just as many good players.

The Browns had a solid defense during Saban's four seasons as coordinator, including the No. 1 scoring unit in 1994. The Dolphins were good on defense before Saban became head coach and stayed good. That provides evidence that Saban is a good NFL defensive coach, but it's a lot harder to be a good NFL head coach.

Maybe Saban would have become one if he'd stayed in Miami. His old boss Belichick got fired in Cleveland (way to go, Browns) before resurfacing as New England head coach five years after that. Now Belichick is probably the best coach of all time, period. Of course, it helps that Belichick had the kind of quarterbacks that Saban didn't.

Saban chose a different route. Now, he's a legendary college football coach. That's a great professional legacy, even if it comes with that NFL asterisk.

## Notebook

## Georgia backup Fields to transfer

### Freshman QB picks Ohio State

By The Associated Press

Quarterback Justin Fields confirmed Friday he is transferring to Ohio State, giving Ohio State coach Ryan Day a new dual-threat passer if Dwayne Haskins Jr. goes to the NFL.

The 6-foot-3, 220-pound Fields was relegated to backing up Jake Fromm for the Bulldogs this season and completed 27 of 39 passes for 328 yards with four touchdowns, running for 266 yards and four more scores.

Day took over Wednesday after Urban Meyer's retirement. Fields was the No. 2 national prospect in the 2018 recruiting class. NCAA rules would require he sit out next year, though Fields could request a waiver for immediate eligibility.

## West Virginia

The Mountaineers hired Troy's Neal Brown as coach, the school announced Saturday. Brown, 38, is getting a six-year, \$19.05 million contract. A disciple of Air Raid offenses, Brown has a 35-16 record in four seasons at Troy, three bowl wins in a row and the 2017 Sun Belt Conference title. The move follows former Mountaineers coach Dana Holgorsen officially being hired at Houston.

## California

Golden Bears defensive back Bryce Turner, a redshirt sophomore, died, an official from the program said. Turner, 19, endured an undisclosed "medical emergency" in a non-team workout a week ago and had since been hospitalized near his Lakewood home in Los Angeles County, according to a team statement. The cause of death is unknown.

## Notre Dame

All-America cornerback Julian Love and tight end Alize Mack are leaving the Irish to enter the draft, they said Friday on Twitter. Love, a junior, broke up 36 passes the past two seasons, with a record 20 in 2017. Mack is a senior but had another season of eligibility. He caught a career-high 36 passes for 360 yards and three touchdowns this season.

## Oklahoma

Oklahoma hired Ohio State's Alex Grinch as defensive coordinator. He spent three years in that role at Washington State under Mike Leach, turning a 99th-ranked unit into one that ranked 16th overall and ninth in pass defense in 2017. That year, he was a Broyles Award semifinalist, an honor for the nation's top assistant. He has been nominated three times.

## FCS championship

Easton Stick ran for three scores and threw two to Darrius Shepherd as North Dakota State claimed a record seventh FCS title with a 38-24 win over Eastern Washington in Frisco, Texas. Stick threw for 198 yards and ran for 121 in his 49th win to become the winningest FCS quarterback, adding to school records for total yards (11,216), passing yards (8,693) and total touchdowns (129). It also was goodbye to head coach Chris Klieman, who joins Kansas State after going 69-6 with a record-matching four FCS titles in five years at North Dakota State.

## Tagovailoa says ankle improving before title matchup

By The Associated Press

Alabama quarterback and Heisman Trophy runner-up Tua Tagovailoa said his sprained ankle is improving before the Crimson Tide play Clemson Monday night for the national title.

"I can only say we're continuing to get better," Tagovailoa said at media day Saturday in San Jose.

Tagovailoa had surgery on his ankle after he injured it against Georgia in the Southeastern Conference title game. He has been receiving treatment since.

Offensive coordinator

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Mike Locksley said Tagovailoa, who also dealt with a knee injury this season, was as healthy as he has been in months.

## Tide QB situation

Backup Jalen Hurts is ready to do whatever he can to help the Tide, but not to talk about his future.

A junior who started his first two seasons, Hurts has stayed prepared and engaged on the bench, coming in most notably in the SEC championship a month ago against Georgia after

Tagovailoa hurt his ankle.

When asked at media day whether he'll remain at Alabama for his senior season, transfer or try for the NFL, Hurts turned and left.

Tagovailoa is expected to continue as quarterback after Hurts took Alabama to the national title game in his first two seasons.

## Alabama LB out

Alabama linebacker Christian Miller is questionable for Monday because of a pulled hamstring. Miller, second on the team with 8½ sacks, plays outside linebacker and would be replaced by senior James

Mosley and freshman Eyabi Anoma.

## Tigers earn their stripes

Before heading to California for a date with Alabama, Clemson coach Dabo Swinney awarded scholarships to walk-ons Carter Groomes, Regan Upshaw and Austin Jackson. Groomes said he'll "never forget that moment" and praised his coach for being "willing to offer that opportunity to walk-ons." Clemson's most famous walk-on is receiver Hunter Renfro, who caught the winning touchdown pass in the title game two years ago.

## SCOREBOARD

## PRO FOOTBALL

## NFL PLAYOFF SUMMARY

| COLTS 21, TEXANS 7 | INDIANAPOLIS | 14 | 7 | 0 | 0   | - 21 |
|--------------------|--------------|----|---|---|-----|------|
| HOUSTON            | 0            | 0  | 0 | 7 | - 7 |      |

**First Quarter**  
Ind—Ebron 6 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 10:32.  
Ind—Mack 2 run (Vinatieri kick), 4:03.

**Second Quarter**  
Ind—Inman 18 pass from Luck (Vinatieri kick), 6:24.

**Fourth Quarter**  
Hou—Coutee 6 pass from Watson (Fairbairn kick), 10:57.  
A—71,798.

|                    | Ind     | Hou     |
|--------------------|---------|---------|
| First downs        | 26      | 20      |
| Total Net Yards    | 422     | 322     |
| Rushes-yards       | 35-200  | 16-105  |
| Passing            | 222     | 217     |
| Punt Returns       | 2-20    | 0-0     |
| Kickoff Returns    | 0-0     | 1-26    |
| Interceptions Ret. | 1-10    | 1-0     |
| Comp-Att-Int       | 19-32-1 | 29-49-1 |
| Sacked-Yards Lost  | 0-0     | 3-18    |
| Punts              | 4-37.0  | 5-46.8  |
| Fumbles-Lost       | 0-0     | 0-0     |
| Penalties-Yards    | 2-10    | 8-67    |
| Time of Possession | 31:14   | 28:46   |

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
RUSHING—Indianapolis, Mack 24-148, Luck 8-29, Pascal 1-14, Wilkins 2-9. Houston, Watson 8-76, Miller 5-18, Blue 2-8, Foreman 1-3. PASSING—Indianapolis, Luck 19-32-1-222. Houston, Watson 29-49-1-235. RECEIVING—Indianapolis, Hilton 5-85, Inman 4-53, Rogers 4-46, Ebron 3-26, Mack 2-6, Pascal 1-6. Houston, Coutee 11-110, Miller 8-63, Hopkins 5-37, Blue 2-11, Akins 2-8, Griffin 1-6. MISSED FIELD GOALS—None.

## PRO HOCKEY

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**ATLANTIC DIVISION**

|           | GP | W  | L  | OT | PTS | GF  | GA  |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Tampa Bay | 41 | 32 | 7  | 2  | 66  | 174 | 119 |
| Toronto   | 41 | 27 | 12 | 2  | 56  | 152 | 113 |
| Boston    | 42 | 24 | 14 | 4  | 52  | 122 | 110 |
| Buffalo   | 42 | 22 | 14 | 6  | 50  | 120 | 120 |
| Montreal  | 42 | 22 | 15 | 5  | 49  | 131 | 132 |
| Florida   | 40 | 17 | 16 | 7  | 41  | 130 | 142 |
| Detroit   | 43 | 16 | 20 | 7  | 39  | 122 | 148 |
| Ottawa    | 42 | 15 | 22 | 5  | 35  | 132 | 167 |

**METROPOLITAN DIVISION**

|                | GP | W  | L  | OT | PTS | GF  | GA  |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Washington     | 40 | 24 | 12 | 4  | 52  | 141 | 119 |
| Pittsburgh     | 41 | 23 | 12 | 6  | 52  | 144 | 117 |
| Columbus       | 41 | 24 | 14 | 3  | 51  | 135 | 126 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 40 | 23 | 13 | 4  | 50  | 121 | 107 |
| Carolina       | 40 | 18 | 17 | 5  | 41  | 103 | 114 |
| N.Y. Rangers   | 40 | 17 | 16 | 7  | 41  | 114 | 136 |
| New Jersey     | 40 | 16 | 17 | 7  | 39  | 120 | 134 |
| Philadelphia   | 41 | 15 | 20 | 6  | 36  | 116 | 148 |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**CENTRAL DIVISION**

|           | GP | W  | L  | OT | PTS | GF  | GA  |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Nashville | 43 | 25 | 13 | 5  | 53  | 131 | 109 |
| Winnipeg  | 40 | 25 | 13 | 2  | 52  | 134 | 115 |
| Dallas    | 42 | 22 | 16 | 4  | 48  | 115 | 111 |
| Colorado  | 42 | 20 | 14 | 8  | 48  | 144 | 129 |
| Minnesota | 40 | 20 | 17 | 3  | 43  | 118 | 114 |
| Chicago   | 43 | 15 | 21 | 7  | 37  | 123 | 156 |
| St. Louis | 39 | 16 | 19 | 4  | 36  | 110 | 129 |

**PACIFIC DIVISION**

|             | GP | W  | L  | OT | PTS | GF  | GA  |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Calgary     | 43 | 26 | 13 | 4  | 56  | 153 | 123 |
| Vegas       | 44 | 25 | 15 | 4  | 54  | 133 | 117 |
| San Jose    | 42 | 22 | 13 | 7  | 51  | 145 | 133 |
| Anaheim     | 42 | 19 | 16 | 7  | 45  | 104 | 123 |
| Vancouver   | 45 | 20 | 21 | 4  | 44  | 128 | 143 |
| Edmonton    | 40 | 19 | 18 | 3  | 41  | 114 | 127 |
| Arizona     | 41 | 17 | 21 | 3  | 37  | 103 | 118 |
| Los Angeles | 42 | 16 | 23 | 3  | 35  | 94  | 127 |

2 points for win, 1 point for overtime loss.  
Top 3 teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

**Friday's Games**  
Pittsburgh 4, Winnipeg 0  
Carolina 4, Columbus 2  
Detroit 1, Nashville 3, OT  
Dallas 2, Washington 1, OT  
Colorado 6, N.Y. Rangers 1  
New Jersey 3, Arizona 2, SO  
Vegas 3, Anaheim 2  
**Saturday's Games**  
Calgary 3, Philadelphia 2, OT  
Minnesota 4, Ottawa 3  
Columbus 4, Florida 3, OT  
Toronto 5, Vancouver 0  
Nashville 4, Montreal 1  
Boston 2, Buffalo 1  
N.Y. Islanders 4, St. Louis 3  
Edmonton at Los Angeles, late  
Tampa Bay at San Jose, late

**Today's Games**  
Carolina at Ottawa, 1 p.m.  
N.Y. Rangers at Arizona, 4 p.m.  
New Jersey at Vegas, 4 p.m.  
Washington at Detroit, 5 p.m.  
Dallas at Winnipeg, 5 p.m.  
Edmonton at Anaheim, 8 p.m.  
Chicago at Pittsburgh, 8 p.m.

**FLAMES 3, FLYERS 2, OT**  
**CALGARY** 0 1 1 1 - 3  
**PHILADELPHIA** 1 0 1 0 - 2  
First Period—1, Philadelphia, Sanheim 4 (Weal, Provorov), 12:10 (pp). Penalties—Hathaway, CGY, (tripping), 10:59; Ryan, CGY, (delay of game), 15:20.  
Second Period—2, Calgary, Gaudreau 24 (Hanifin, Monahan), 8:51. Penalties—Calgary bench, served by Tkachuk (too many men on the ice), 0:50; Provorov, PHI, (interference), 7:51; Neal, CGY, (slashing), 7:51; Calgary bench, served by Tkachuk (too many men on the ice), 11:40; Gudus, PHI, (tripping), 20:00.  
Third Period—3, Philadelphia, Konecny 10, 5:57, 4, Calgary, Tkachuk 19 (Bennett, Hanifin), 15:43. Penalties—Provorov, PHI, (hooking), 6:48.  
Overtime—5, Calgary, Brodie 5 (Tkachuk), 1:59. Penalties—None.  
Shots on Goal—Calgary 11-10-10-1-32.  
Philadelphia 13-12-9-3-4.  
Power plays—Calgary 0 of 2; Philadelphia 1 of 4.  
Goalsies—Calgary, Ritchie 14-4-3 (34 shots-32 saves), Philadelphia, Hart 2-3-1 (32-29).  
A—19,236 (19,543). T—2:31.  
Referees—Dan O'Halloran, Dan O'Rourke. Linesmen—Ryan Galloway, Libor Suchanek.

**WILD 4, SENATORS 3**  
**MINNESOTA** 0 3 1 - 4  
**OTTAWA** 1 1 1 - 3  
First Period—1, Ottawa, Duchene 17 (Smith), 19:06. Penalties—Duchene, OTT, (hooking), 16:57.  
Second Period—2, Minnesota, Spurgeon 6 (Kunin, Parise), 0:41, 3, Ottawa, Dzingel 16 (Ryan, DeMelo), 8:08, 4, Minnesota, Greenway 7 (Granlund, Staal), 14:10, 5, Minnesota, Spurgeon 7 (Parise, Coyle), 16:31. Penalties—Lajoie, OTT, (tripping), 1:31; Minnesota bench, served by Greenway (too many men on the ice), 3:47; Ryan, OTT, (holding stick), 5:45.  
Third Period—6, Minnesota, Parise 19 (Coyle, Kunin), 6:07, 7, Ottawa, Stone 20 (Ceci, Wolanin), 10:10. Penalties—Koivu, MIN, (tripping), 19:33.  
Shots on Goal—Minnesota 8-13-5-26. Ottawa 15-4-8-27.  
Power plays—Minnesota 0 of 3; Ottawa 0 of 2.  
Goalsies—Minnesota, Dubnyk 15-14-3 (27 shots-24 saves), Ottawa, Nilsson 3-9-1 (26-22).  
A—14,124 (18,572). T—2:31.  
Referees—Tim Peel, Justin St. Pierre. Linesmen—Jonny Murray, Derek Nansen.

**MAPLE LEAFS 5, CANUCKS 0**  
**VANCOUVER** 0 0 0 - 0  
**TORONTO** 2 0 3 - 5  
First Period—1, Toronto, Moore 2 (Rielly, Brown), 8:54, 2, Toronto, Tavarez 1 (Ozhiganov), 14:30. Penalties—Johnson, TOR, (interference), 19:35.  
Second Period—None. Penalties—Gardiner, TOR, (tripping), 16:02.  
Third Period—3, Toronto, Matthews 20 (Johnson), 4:45, 4, Toronto, Johnson 9 (Matthews), 11:55, 5, Toronto, Ozhiganov 2 (Dermott, Matthews), 14:49. Penalties—Gardiner, TOR, (tripping), 15:50.

Shots on Goal—Vancouver 11-8-9-28. Toronto 12-10-10-34.  
Power plays—Vancouver 0 of 3; Toronto 0 of 0.  
Goalsies—Vancouver, Markstrom 17-12-3 (34 shots-29 saves), Toronto, Hutchinson 2-2-2 (28-28).  
A—19,388 (18,819). T—2:23.  
Referees—Eric Furlatt, T Luxmore. Linesmen—Devin Berg, Brian Murphy.

**BRUINS 2, SABRES 1**  
**BUFFALO** 0 0 1 - 1  
**BOSTON** 1 1 0 - 2  
First Period—1, Boston, Wagner 5 (Acciari), 10:10. Penalties—Elie, BUF, (interference), 6:32.  
Second Period—2, Boston, Backes 4, 2:00. Penalties—None.  
Third Period—3, Buffalo, Ristolainen 5, 17:22. Penalties—Grzelczyk, BOS, (hooking), 7:42; McCabe, BUF, (tripping), 12:39.  
Shots on Goal—Buffalo 10-10-12-32. Boston 13-15-13-41.  
Power plays—Buffalo 0 of 1; Boston 0 of 2.  
Goalsies—Buffalo, Ullmark 9-2-3 (41 shots-39 saves), Boston, Rask 11-8-2 (32-31).  
A—17,565 (17,565). T—2:32.  
Referees—Brad Meier, Brian Pochmara. Linesmen—Steve Barton, Tim Nowak.

**BLUE JACKETS 4, PANTHERS 3, OT**  
**COLUMBUS** 1 1 1 1 - 4  
**FLORIDA** 2 0 1 0 - 3  
First Period—1, Columbus, Duclair 9 (Wennergren), 1:37, 2, Florida, Huberdeau 11 (Barkov, Yandle), 13:19, 3, Florida, Hoffman 20, 18:09. Penalties—Wideman, FLA, (delay of game), 3:27.  
Second Period—4, Columbus, Anderson 15 (Murray, Jenner), 17:04. Penalties—Hoffman, FLA, (slashing), 2:15; Jones, CBJ, (interference), 18:11.  
Third Period—5, Columbus, Dubinsky 4, 6:58, 6, Florida, Ekblom 8 (McCann, Yandle), 17:47. Penalties—Anderson, CBJ, (roughing), 6:40; Haley, FLA, (roughing), 6:40.  
Overtime—7, Columbus, Jones 7 (Panarin, Dubois), 0:18. Penalties—None.  
Shots on Goal—Columbus 14-11-9-1-35. Florida 10-7-13-30.  
Power plays—Columbus 0 of 2; Florida 0 of 1.  
Goalsies—Columbus, Bobrovsky 18-12-1 (30 shots-27 saves), Florida, Reimer 8-7-4 (35-31).  
A—15,213 (19,250). T—2:27.  
Referees—Jean Hebert, Pierre Lambert. Linesmen—Ryan Daisly, Darren Gibbs.

**PREDATORS 3, CANADIENS 1**  
**NASHVILLE** 2 1 1 - 4  
**MONTREAL** 0 1 0 - 1  
First Period—1, Nashville, Smith 13 (Subban, Ekholm), 10:44, 2, Nashville, Ekholm 4 (Grimaldi, Jankro), 19:24. Penalties—None.  
Second Period—3, Montreal, Weber 6 (Kotkaniemi), 12:47, 4, Nashville, Smith 14 (Subban, Fiala), 13:05. Penalties—Chaput, MTL, (interference), 6:42; Nashville bench, served by Grimaldi (too many men on the ice), 15:06.  
Third Period—5, Nashville, Arvidsson 12, 19:15. Penalties—Byron, MTL, (tripping), 3:53.  
Shots on Goal—Nashville 16-11-5-32. Montreal 11-9-8-28.  
Power plays—Nashville 0 of 2; Montreal 0 of 1.  
Goalsies—Nashville, Saros 10-5-1 (28 shots-27 saves), Montreal, Price 16-11-4 (31-28).  
A—21,302 (21,288). T—2:29.  
Referees—Tom Chmielewski, Marc Joannette. Linesmen—Michel Cormier, Steve Miller.

**ISLANDERS 4, BLUES 3**  
**N.Y. ISLANDERS** 0 1 3 - 4  
**ST. LOUIS** 2 0 1 - 3  
First Period—1, St. Louis, Schenn 8 (Schwartz, Boomeester), 4:11, 2, St. Louis, Sanford 5 (Bozak, Dunn), 16:37. Penalties—Ho-Sang, NYI, (hooking), 5:08; Fabbri, STL, (hooking), 19:16.  
Second Period—3, N.Y. Islanders, Martin 5 (Cizikas, Clutterbuck), 2:25. Penalties—Fabbri, STL, (hooking), 10:01; Pulock, NYI, (hooking), 12:12.  
Third Period—4, N.Y. Islanders, Eberle 8 (Lee, Pelch), 8:27, 5, N.Y. Islanders, Boychuk 3 (Cizikas), 8:38, 6, N.Y. Islanders, Lee 15 (Toews, Mayfield), 15:04, 7, St. Louis, O'Reilly 16 (Perron, Tarsenko), 18:27. Penalties—Lee, NYI, (high sticking), 3:44; Mayfield, NYI, (tripping), 11:14; Pulock, NYI, (holding), 19:40.  
Shots on Goal—N.Y. Islanders 6-2-6-14. St. Louis 10-8-14-32.  
Power plays—Islanders 0 of 2; St. Louis 0 of 5.  
Goalsies—N.Y. Islanders, Lehner 11-6-3 (32 shots-29 saves), St. Louis, Allen 14-13-4 (14-10).  
A—16,801 (19,150). T—2:30.  
Referees—Scott Dwyer, Peter MacDougall. Linesmen—Gord Chesley, Mark Sheuchyk.

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**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**ATLANTIC DIVISION**

|              | W  | L  | PCT  | GB |
|--------------|----|----|------|----|
| Toronto      | 29 | 12 | .707 | -  |
| Philadelphia | 26 | 14 | .650 | 2½ |
| Boston       | 23 | 15 | .605 | 4½ |
| Brooklyn     | 19 | 21 | .475 | 9½ |
| New York     | 10 | 29 | .256 | 18 |

**SOUTHEAST DIVISION**

|            | W  | L  | PCT  | GB |
|------------|----|----|------|----|
| Miami      | 19 | 18 | .514 | -  |
| Charlotte  | 18 | 20 | .474 | 1½ |
| Orlando    | 17 | 21 | .447 | 2½ |
| Washington | 15 | 24 | .385 | 5  |
| Atlanta    | 11 | 27 | .289 | 8½ |

**CENTRAL DIVISION**

|           | W  | L  | PCT  | GB  |
|-----------|----|----|------|-----|
| Milwaukee | 27 | 11 | .711 | -   |
| Indiana   | 26 | 12 | .684 | 1   |
| Detroit   | 17 | 20 | .459 | 9½  |
| Chicago   | 10 | 29 | .256 | 17½ |
| Cleveland | 8  | 32 | .200 | 20  |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**SOUTHWEST DIVISION**

|             | W  | L  | PCT  | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|----|
| Houston     | 22 | 15 | .595 | -  |
| San Antonio | 23 | 17 | .575 | ½  |
| Memphis     | 18 | 21 | .462 | 5  |
| Dallas      | 18 | 21 | .462 | 5  |
| New Orleans | 18 | 22 | .450 | 5½ |

**NORTHWEST DIVISION**

|               | W  | L  | PCT  | GB |
|---------------|----|----|------|----|
| Denver        | 26 | 11 | .703 | -  |
| Oklahoma City | 25 | 13 | .659 | 1½ |
| Portland      | 22 | 17 | .564 | 5  |
| Utah          | 20 | 20 | .500 | 7½ |
| Minnesota     | 18 | 21 | .462 | 9  |

**PACIFIC DIVISION**

|               | W  | L  | PCT  | GB  |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Golden State  | 25 | 14 | .641 | -   |
| L.A. Clippers | 22 | 16 | .579 | 2½  |
| L.A. Lakers   | 21 | 18 | .538 | 4   |
| Sacramento    | 19 | 19 | .500 | 5½  |
| Phoenix       | 9  | 31 | .225 | 16½ |

**Friday's Games**  
Utah 117, Cleveland 91  
Boston 114, Dallas 93  
Brooklyn 109, Memphis 100  
Indiana 119, Chicago 116, OT  
Miami 115, Washington 107  
Minnesota 120, Orlando 103  
Milwaukee 144, Atlanta 112  
L.A. Clippers 121, Phoenix 111  
New York 119, L.A. Lakers 112  
Oklahoma City 111, Portland 109  
**Saturday's Games**  
Denver 123, Charlotte 110  
Utah 110, Detroit 105  
Philadelphia 106, Dallas 100  
New Orleans 133, Cleveland 98  
San Antonio 108, Memphis 88  
Toronto 123, Milwaukee 116  
Golden State at Sacramento, late  
Houston at Portland, late  
**Today's Games**  
Brooklyn at Chicago, 3:30 p.m.  
L.A. Lakers at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.  
Orlando at L.A. Clippers, 3:30 p.m.  
Miami at Atlanta, 6 p.m.  
Washington at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.  
Indiana at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.  
Charlotte at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

**NUGGETS 123, HORNETS 110**  
**CHARLOTTE** (110)  
Batum 4-0-0-11, Williams 6-15-1-2-16, Biyombo 7-10-2-3-16, Walker 6-17-7-9-20, Graham 3-9-2-10, Bridges 1-1-0-0-2, Kidd-Gleitch 2-4-3-7, W.Horngomez 3-7-4-4-10, Monk 6-11-2-2-16, Parker 1-2-0-0-2. Totals 39-82-25-32-110.  
**DENVER** (123)  
J.Hernandez 0-3-0-0-0, Jokic 16-29-4-5-39, Plumlee 4-5-0-0-8, Murray 3-13-0-0-8, Craig 4-7-2-4-12, Millsap 7-14-3-4-18, Lydon 0-0-0-0-0

0, Lyles 2-5-4-4-9, Morris 2-7-2-2-8, Goodwin 0-0-0-0-0, Harris 7-15-0-1-17, Beasley 2-4-0-0-4. Totals 47-102-15-20-123.  
**CHARLOTTE** 26 30 28 26 - 110  
**DENVER** 31 27 31 34 - 123  
3-Point Goals—Charlotte 11-29 (Batum 3-5, Williams 3-8, Monk 2-5, Graham 2-5, Walker 1-6), Denver 14-39 (Harris 3-8, Jokic 3-9, Morris 2-3, Murray 2-4, Craig 2-4, Millsap 1-3, Lyles 1-3, Beasley 0-2, J.Hernandez 0-3).  
Rebounds—Charlotte 47 (Biyombo 12), Denver 46 (Jokic 12). Assists—Charlotte 22 (Graham 8), Denver 30 (Murray 7). Total Fouls—Charlotte 18, Denver 19. A—19,861 (19,520).

**JAZZ 110, PISTONS 105**  
**UTAH** (110)  
Ingles 6-11-2-3-16, Favors 3-8-6-7-13, Gobert 4-7-1-4-9, Rubio 6-13-5-18, Mitchell 10-21-5-6-26, Crowder 1-8-2-3-4, O'Neale 0-0-0-0-0, Sefolosa 2-4-2-2-6, Udoh 1-2-0-0-2, Neto 2-3-0-0-4, Exum 1-1-2-2-4, Korver 3-4-0-0-8. Totals 39-82-25-32-110.  
**DETROIT** (105)  
Bullock 7-14-0-19, Griffin 13-21-5-6-34, Drummond 7-10-1-15, Jackson 4-10-2-2-12, Brown 3-7-6-12, Johnson 1-5-2-2-4, Leuer 0-3-0-0-0, Galloway 0-1-0-0-0, Calderon 3-6-0-0-7, Kennard 1-5-0-0-2. Totals 39-82-16-20-105.

**UTAH** 13 35 28 34 - 110  
**DETROIT** 31 22 25 27 - 105  
3-Point Goals—Utah 7-21 (Korver 2-3, Ingles 2-4, Favors 1-2, Mitchell 1-3, Rubio 1-4, Sefolosa 0-1, Crowder 0-4), Detroit 11-25 (Bullock 5-8, Griffin 3-7, Jackson 2-4, Calderon 1-1, Kennard 0-1, Brown 0-1, Johnson 0-3).  
Rebounds—Utah 42 (Gobert 11), Detroit 44 (Drummond 18). Assists—Utah 24 (Mitchell, Exum 5), Detroit 18 (Brown 7). Total Fouls—Utah 23, Detroit 23. Technicals—Utah coach Jazz (Def. three second). A—17,255 (20,491).

**76ERS 106, MAVERICKS 100**  
**DALLAS** (100)  
Matthews 7-11-0-18, Barnes 2-9-3-17, Jordan 4-5-0-0-8, Smith Jr. 1-5-0-0-2, Donic 4-16-5-10-14, Finney-Smith 2-8-0-0-4, Kleber 3-6-0-0-6, Powell 5-6-3-5-13, Brunson 4-14-4-13, Brookhoff 6-8-0-1-5. Totals 38-88-15-23-100.  
**PHILADELPHIA** (106)  
Korkmaz 2-8-2-2-7, Bolden 4-8-3-6-11, Embiid 7-17-10-11-25, Simmons 9-17-2-6-20, Redick 8-14-2-3-20, Butler 0-0-0-0-0, Muscala 2-5-0-0-4, Chandler 0-0-0-0-0, Shabazz 3-6-0-0-7, McConnell 2-5-2-4-6, Milton 2-4-1-1-6. Totals 39-84-22-33-106.

**DALLAS** 26 25 19 30 - 100  
**PHILADELPHIA** 31 28 28 19 - 106  
3-Point Goals—Dallas 9-31 (Matthews 4-7, Brookhoff 3-5, Brunson 1-3, Donic 1-8, Smith Jr. 0-1, Kleber 0-1, Finney-Smith 0-3, Barnes 0-3), Philadelphia 6-26 (Redick 2-6, Milton 1-2, Embiid 1-3, Shamet 1-4, Korkmaz 1-6, Bolden 0-2, Muscala 0-3).  
Rebounds—Dallas 49 (Brunson 11), Philadelphia 50 (Simmons 14). Assists—Dallas 27 (Brunson 8), Philadelphia 31 (Simmons 11). Total Fouls—Dallas 23, Philadelphia 20. A—20,656 (20,478).

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# High Schools / College Hockey

## HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS, SCHEDULE



Ken Wunderley/Tri-State Sports & News Service

**HISTORY IN ACTION** Franklin Regional's Colton Camacho gets the advantage on Derry's Tyler Cymmerman in the 126-pound final of the Westmoreland County Coaches Association Tournament at Norwin High School. With a 13-3 win, Camacho became the 13th wrestler in the 66-year history of the tournament to win four titles.

### SATURDAY

#### Boys Basketball CANCER RESEARCH CLASSIC

At WesBanco Arena, Wheeling, W.Va.  
Butler 84, Wheeling C.C. 65  
Butler 15 20 25 24 - 84  
Wheeling C.C. 23 14 12 16 - 65  
High scorers: (B) Ethan Morton 29, Devin Carney 21, Luke Patten 14. (WCC) Not reported.

#### CHUCKIE MAHONEY CLASSIC

At Burgettstown  
Weir, W.Va. 59, Burgettstown 56  
Weir 11 11 18 19 - 59  
Burgettstown 8 20 14 14 - 56  
High scorers: (W) Reed Reitter 20, Luka Haught 14. (B) Robby Kozares 16, Dylan Poirier 13.

#### Cornell 68, Chartiers-Houston 53

Cornell 19 12 18 17 - 66  
Chartiers-Houston 15 10 5 23 - 53  
High scorers: (C) Zaier Harrison 16, Isaiah Langston 12, Je'Avonte King-Walden 12, Kaden DeVito 10. (CH) Anthony Tomassetti 14, Austin Arnold 11.

#### Trinity 57, McGuffey 34

Trinity 6 11 6 11 - 34  
McGuffey 16 19 12 10 - 57  
High scorers: (M) C.J. Cole 12, Colin Walters 10. (T) Michael Koroly 18, Jake Hanchey 11.

#### Canon-McMillan 65, Washington 47

Washington 11 5 18 13 - 47  
Canon-McMillan 13 17 18 17 - 65  
High scorers: (W) Tayshawn Levy 11, (CM) Ethan Beachy 13, Tom Samosky 13, Luke Palma 10, Elliott Waller 10.

#### DON GRAHAM CLASSIC

At North Catholic  
North Catholic 87, O.L. Sacred Heart 81  
O.L. Sacred Heart 15 21 24 21 - 81  
North Catholic 25 16 23 23 - 87  
High scorers: (OLSH) Austin Wigley 26, Dante Spadafora 22, Dimichele 16, Tate 10. (NC) Isaac Degregorio 35, Jackson Paschall 12, Isaiah Jackson 11, Ryan Feczko 11.

#### JAMFEST AT PENN HILLS

Serra Catholic 82, Highlands 70  
Serra Catholic 14 17 26 25 - 82  
Highlands 17 19 11 23 - 70  
High scorers: (SC) Khalil Smith 22, Bernard Lawson 18, Jimmy Moon 16, Ryan Andrekanic 15. (H) Luke Cochran 44, Johnny Crise 17.

#### Penn Hills 90, Jeannette 46

Jeannette 11 11 15 9 - 46  
Penn Hills 28 19 22 21 - 90  
High scorers: (J) Marcus Barnes 15, Zach Crutchman 10. (PH) Tyree Spencer 32, Wes Kropp 16, Marshall McArthur 11.

#### McKeesport 70, Central Catholic 65

Score by quarters and high scorers not reported.  
Mt. Lebanon 60, McDowell 58 (OT)  
McDowell 16 12 19 11 0 - 58  
Mt. Lebanon 16 11 19 12 2 - 60  
High scorers: (M) William Jeffress 16, Mason Beck 15, Jackson Hower 11. (ML) Blaine Gartley 18, Sean Loughran 15.

#### NON-SECTION

Trinity Christian 65, Beaver Co. Christian 43  
Trinity Christian 15 18 18 14 - 65  
Beaver Co. Christian 16 11 7 9 - 43  
High scorers: (TC) Jacob Riviere 15, Gavin Welsh 12, Zechary Wu 11. (BCC) James Condon 16, Herda 14.

#### Bethel Park 88, North Hills 73

North Hills 17 14 21 21 - 73  
Bethel Park 30 25 20 13 - 88  
High scorers: (NH) Jordan Albright 25, Jacob Stuckert 16. (BP) Alex Mullen 28, Ryan Meis 26, Tommy DiRienzo 19.

#### Elwood City 51, Mohawk 43

Mohawk 8 10 17 10 - 45  
Elwood City 12 15 12 12 - 51  
High scorers: (M) Nick Wheeler 16, Joey Hervatine 10. (EC) Steve Antuono 21, Rick Pitrelli 11.

#### Cannonsville 68, Laurel Highlands 49

Laurel Highlands 16 8 10 15 - 49  
Cannonsville 17 16 18 17 - 68  
High scorers: (LH) Demetrius King 11, Tyvaughn Long 10. (C) Josh Waher 24, Jalen Rogers 21.

#### Knock 70, Deer Lakes 62

Deer Lakes 12 20 10 18 - 70  
Knock 11 15 17 19 - 62  
High scorers: (K) Scott Fraser 28, Adam Bajuzik 14, Jake Scheidt 10, Julian Sanks 10. (DL) Brad Perrotte 24, Jared Fulton 11.

#### West Allegheny 71, Keystone Oaks 49

Keystone Oaks 12 18 13 6 - 49  
West Allegheny 22 13 22 14 - 71  
High scorers: (KO) Frank Stumpo 20. (WA) Jackson Faulk 23, Scott Bilovus 14.

#### Aliquippa 80, Hopewell 39

Hopewell 8 9 11 11 - 39  
Aliquippa 29 15 26 10 - 80  
High scorers: (H) Enzo Palumbo 9. (A) M.J. Devoshire 23, Michael Dawkins 10, Zuriyah Fisher 10.

#### Erie 65, Shady Side Academy 59

Score by quarters and high scorers not reported.  
Harvest Baptist 59, Cheswick Christian 31  
Harvest Baptist 17 9 21 12 - 59  
Cheswick Christian 13 4 4 10 - 31  
High scorers: (HB) Gabe Pryor 18, Titus Fuller 16. (CC) Jerry Vargo 7.

#### Girls Basketball CHUCKIE MAHONEY CLASSIC

At Burgettstown  
Weir, W.Va. 49, Burgettstown 35  
Weir 4 14 21 10 - 49  
Burgettstown 4 13 5 13 - 35  
High scorers: (W) Sophia Mikula 21. (B) Avery Havelka 7.

#### Avella 45, Chartiers-Houston 38

Avella 11 13 13 8 - 45  
Chartiers-Houston 10 11 8 9 - 38  
High scorers: (A) Zamierah Edwards 10. (CH) Briana Jenkins 11.

#### South Side Beaver 51, McGuffey 43

McGuffey 11 5 14 13 - 43  
South Side Beaver 10 14 23 4 - 51  
High scorers: (M) Cassie Darrall 14. (SSB) Sydney Payne 17, Lex Konopko 13, Alexis Chiccarello 11.

#### O.L. Sacred Heart 56, Washington 41

O.L. Sacred Heart 12 14 8 22 - 56  
Washington 10 12 14 5 - 41  
High scorers: (OLSH) Ashley Norling 25, Maddie Hoff 12. (W) Randi Thomas 11.

#### DON GRAHAM CLASSIC

At North Catholic  
North Catholic 54, Keystone Oaks 46  
Keystone Oaks 8 22 10 6 - 46  
North Catholic 24 14 9 7 - 54

High scorers: (KO) Gillian Piccolino 23. (NC) Kylee Lewandowski 18, Dani Short 14.

#### JAMFEST AT PENN HILLS

Penn Hills 38, Ambridge 37 (3 OT)  
Ambridge 0 11 6 7 4 4 5 - 37  
Penn Hills 7 6 2 9 4 4 6 - 38  
High scorers: (A) Aniya Walker 20. (PH) Tayonna Robertson 13, Adia Brisker 10.

#### NON-SECTION

Riverside 60, Valley 26  
Valley 4 7 4 11 - 26  
Riverside 16 14 17 13 - 60  
High scorers: (V) Auveonna Perkins 7. (R) Marley Wolf 22, Brielle Chesko 13, Lauren Bettencourt 11.

#### Southmoreland 55, Serra Catholic 36

Southmoreland 14 12 17 12 - 55  
Serra Catholic 6 9 15 6 - 36  
High scorers: (S) Charity Henderson 15, Maggie Moore 15. (SC) Chloe Pordash 13.

#### Chartiers Valley 74, South Park 33

South Park 7 9 8 9 - 33  
Chartiers Valley 20 28 20 6 - 74  
High scorers: (SP) Maura Huwalt 13. (CV) Aislin Malcolm 19, Perri Page 13, Megan McConnell 11, Mackenzie Wagner 11, Halie Cowan 10.

#### Moon 46, Shaler 37

Shaler 5 12 11 9 - 37  
Moon 9 7 22 8 - 46  
High scorers: (S) Meghan Lacey 14, Emily Cavacini 12. (M) Reilly Sunday 19.

#### Connellsville 71, Laurel Highlands 54

Laurel Highlands 10 9 8 27 - 54  
Connellsville 18 17 18 18 - 71  
High scorers: (LH) Taylor Smith 27, Aareanna Griffith 13. (C) Baileigh Bishop 20, Heather Ansell 14, Sara Aumer 14, Zoe Youdeil 12.

#### Holidaysburg 49, Obama Academy 36

Holidaysburg 12 21 10 6 - 49  
Obama Academy 9 8 6 13 - 36  
High scorers: (H) Allison Heilman 18, Janessa Goins 10, Alyssa Bell 10. (OA) Sam-aree Perkins 11, Kennedy Jetter 10.

#### Greensburg C.C. 54, Farrell 35

Farrell 4 8 13 10 - 35  
Greensburg C.C. 13 17 14 10 - 54  
High scorers: (F) Pierra Parker 10. (GCC) Melina Maeitta 19, Bella Skatell 11.

#### Shenango 58, Cornell 18

Cornell 4 0 4 10 - 18  
Shenango 14 14 19 11 - 58  
High scorers: (C) Neveah Lee 6. (S) Addie George 17, Brianna DeSalvo 12.

#### Brashear 57, Northgate 56 (OT)

Brashear 10 16 13 12 6 - 57  
Northgate 10 14 9 18 5 - 56  
High scorers: (B) Jaelin Woodall 20, Ashley Watts 13, Sara Volker 10. (N) Ciera Mason 36.

#### Quigley Catholic 75, Beaver Falls 58

Beaver Falls 23 16 14 22 - 75  
Quigley Catholic 22 12 6 18 - 58  
High scorers: (BF) McKyla Collins 20, Nevaeh Harris 15, Lauren Council 12. (QC) Taylor Kirschner 27, Hailey Druarsky 25, Clara Stephenson 10.

#### Wrestling

##### TRI-COUNTY TOURNAMENT

At Trinity  
Team  
1. Canon-McMillan 247.5, 2. Waynesburg 206, 3. Trinity 157, 4. Peters Township 154, 5. Burgettstown 142.

##### Individual

106 - Jacob Houpt, Canon-McMillan pinned Tairen Bundy, Ringgold, 3:20.  
113 - Jimmy Baxter, Canon-McMillan pinned Nate Yagle, McGuffey, 1:42.  
120 - Cole Homet, Waynesburg dec. Jacob Gardner, Canon-McMillan, 8-5.  
126 - Kenny Hayman, Canon-McMillan dec. Jett Pattison, McGuffey, 3-1.  
132 - Austin Ryan, Burgettstown pinned Danny Boardley, Trinity, 1:34.  
138 - Nate Stephenson, Waynesburg dec. Todd Fisher, Beth-Center, 10-5.  
145 - Trey Howard, Waynesburg dec. Jacob Duncan, Ringgold, 8-4.  
152 - Luca Augustine, Waynesburg dec. Donovan McMillon, Peters Township, 5-3.  
160 - Colby Morris, Waynesburg dec. Coltin Jezioro, Peters Township, 5-2.  
170 - Christian Clutter, McGuffey dec. Jeff Markert, Peters Township, 4-2.  
182 - Gerrit Nijenhuis, Canon-McMillan major dec. Brandon Matthews, Peters Township, 13-3.  
195 - Cole Whitmer, Trinity dec. John Vargo, Bentworth, 5-3.  
220 - Jacob Baker, Beth-Center pinned Alec Hendal, Canon-McMillan, 0:24.  
285 - Gerald Comedy, Washington dec. Riley Kemper, Burgettstown, 8-2.

##### WESTMORELAND COUNTY TOURNAMENT

At Norwin  
Team  
1. Kiski Area 233, 2. Hempfield 213, 3. Norwin 169.5, 4. Burrell 142, 5. Franklin Regional 131.5.

##### Individual

106 - Carter Dibert, Franklin Regional tech. fall Luke Geibig, Mount Pleasant, 16-1.  
113 - Kyle Burkholder, Hempfield dec. Finn Solomon, Franklin Regional, 3-1 OT.  
120 - Ian Oswalt, Burrell dec. Kurtis Phipps, Norwin, 2-1.  
126 - Colton Camacho, Franklin Regional major dec. Tyler Cymmerman, Derry, 13-3.  
132 - Darren Miller, Kiski Area dec. Gabe Willochell, Latrobe, 7-2.  
138 - Ty Linsenbiger, Hempfield major dec. Mason Spears, Franklin Regional, 18-8.  
145 - Nick Coy, Penn Trafford dec. Enzo Morlacci, Kiski Area, 1-0.  
152 - Cam Connor, Kiski Area pinned Ian Ewing, Greensburg Salem, 3:04.  
160 - Jack Blumer, Kiski Area dec. Austin Mele, Burrell, 3-1.  
170 - Nick Delp, Kiski Area dec. John Bachar, Penn Trafford, 4-0.  
182 - Scott Joll, Belle Vernon pinned Dayton Pitzer, Mount Pleasant, 2:58.  
195 - Brayden Roscosky, Kiski Area dec. Justin Cramer, Hempfield, 4-2.  
220 - Dominic DeLuca, Derry pinned Ryan Weizen, Norwin, 2:14.  
285 - Isaiah Vance, Hempfield dec. Dave Schuffert, Valley, 3-2.

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### High school wrestling

# Franklin Regional senior earns fourth WCCA crown

## Camacho is 13th wrestler to win four titles in 66 years of tournament

By Ken Wunderley  
Tri-state Sports & News Service

The No. 13 was lucky for Colton Camacho at the Westmoreland County Coaches Association Tournament at Norwin High School. With a 13-3 win, Camacho became the 13th wrestler in the 66-year history of the tournament to win four titles.

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"It's pretty awesome to join such an elite group of wrestlers," Camacho said. "It's pretty hard to do it in this county. It's one of the strongest counties in the country for wrestling. It's great to be a four-time champ."

The others four-time county champs are Greensburg Salem's Vertus Jones (1992-95), Vince Pellis (1992-95), Greg Jones (1997-2000) and Donnie Jones (2002-05); Coaches Association tournament, which concluded Saturday at Norwin High School.

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"It's been tough facing

Gabe every year," said Miller, who became the 54th wrestler to win three or more county titles. "We've wrestled so many times that I know what he does, and he knows what I do. You just have to find a way to win."

Hempfield's Kyle Burkholder, Belle Vernon's Scott Joll and Derry's Dominic DeLuca won a second county title. Burkholder recorded a 3-1 overtime victory over Franklin Regional's Finn Solomon in the 113-pound final. Burkholder scored the deciding takedown with 11 seconds left in the sudden victory period.

Joll recorded four pins to claim the 182-pound final, including a fall at 2:58 of Mount Pleasant's Dayton Pitzer in the title match.

DeLuca defended his title at 220 by pinning Norwin's Ryan Weizen at 2:14 in the title match. It was DeLuca's third pin.

Norwin's Kurtis Phipps and Valley's Dave Schuffert also were returning champs, but both were upset in the finals.

Phipps dropped a 2-1 decision to Burrell's Ian Oswalt in the 120-pound final. Hempfield's Isaiah Vance upset Schuffert, 3-2, in the 285-pound final.

Kiski Area claimed its fourth consecutive team title and 12th overall.

### Tri-County tournament

McGuffey's Christian Clutter and Canon-McMillan's Gerrit Nijenhuis hit the trifecta at the Tri-County tournament at Trinity as both won a third consecutive title.

Clutter posted a 4-2 win over Peters Township's Jeff Markert in the 170-pound final. Nijenhuis followed with a 13-3 win over Peters Township's Brandon Matthews at 182 pounds.

Canon-McMillan won team title.

### College hockey | Three Rivers Classic



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Robert Morris forward Aidan Spellacy, right, battles St. Cloud State's Jack Poehling for the puck in the consolation of the Three Rivers Classic Saturday at PPG Paints Arena.

# RMU falls to St. Cloud, 5-2

By Nubyjas Wilborn  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Robert Morris hockey coach Derek Schooley had a simple message heading into his team's game against No. 1-ranked St. Cloud in the consolation Saturday of the Three Rivers Classic.

"I wasn't happy with our effort [Friday] and told the team we needed 60 full minutes today," Schooley said in reference to a 7-4 loss to Brown University. "The effort had to be better."

The Colonials responded by holding the Huskies to two goals until the 13:26 mark in the third period.

"We were much better [Saturday]," Schooley said. "We had a 60-minute effort and hung with a team that is the Alabama football and Duke basketball of college hockey. They're a great team and we were right there."

Huskies left winger Robby Jackson scored the goal that broke a 2-2 tie and followed it with another goal to make the score 4-2. Jackson's two goals guided the Huskies to a 5-2 victory against the Colonials in the consolation of the Classic at PPG Paints Arena.

"We were relying on our skill, and give those guys credit, they wouldn't allow us to do that," Jackson said of the Colonials effort. "They have a bunch of big guys over 6-foot and they play hard. We had to fight to beat them."

## Colonials held top-ranked Huskies in check into 3rd period of consolation



Peter Diana/Post-Gazette

Robert Morris' Geoff Lawson, left, battles St. Cloud's Nick Poehling Saturday night.

Huskies right winger Patrick Newell flicked in a wrist shot from the middle of the right faceoff circle to give his team a 1-0 lead with 12:43 left in the first period.

Colonials left winger Nick Prkusic followed with a goal 31 seconds later.

"It was big to get that goal so quickly after they scored," Prkusic said. "We wanted to play hard today and keep it close. We fought hard tonight and now we have to carry that into the

rest of our season."

The score remained tied until 2:21 left in the second period. Robert Morris goalie Francis Marotte stopped two shots on goal. The third shot by Huskies center Kevin Fitzgerald dribbled into the net between the legs of defender Alex Robert.

"That was a tough one," Schooley said. "So unlucky. They fire the puck in and our defender makes an incredible diving play. Then Marotte makes two saves.

Then their guy collected a rebound and put it back in."

Colonials right winger Nick Lalonde tied the score two minutes into the third period. For another five minutes, the Colonials stood tied with the top-ranked hockey team in the NCAA.

"I'm pleased with our effort today. When you play like that you'll be rewarded more often than not," Schooley said. "We can take a lot from this game and this weekend. We're a young team but we learned that we can play with anybody if our effort level is where it needs to be."

The loss gives Robert Morris an 8-11-1 record. St. Cloud pushed its record to 14-2-2. Bentley College visits the Colonials Friday and Saturday for an Atlantic Hockey Conference series.

"We have a goal of winning our conference and making the [NCAA] tournament," Schooley said. "If we accomplish that goal these are the types of teams we'll see. This tournament is a great way to get ready for those big games."

### Championship

Brown followed Friday's victory against the Colonials with a 6-3 win in the championship against 14th-ranked Union College. The Bears entered the tournament 3-7-3 before scoring 13 goals in two days. Bears left winger Tommy Marcin scored twice Saturday.



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Retirees David and Clara Rivera in their West Mifflin home. The Riveras' long-term care insurance provider Genworth Financial raised their premium by 20 percent.

## Under siege in the U.S., toy stores find new life in China

By Bruce Einhorn and Daniela Wei  
Philly.com

Toys R Us outlets are closed in the United States, but the brand's stores are still a popular destination for Shanghai resident Pan Wei.

A 35-year-old manager for an entertainment company, Mr. Pan does most of his shopping online but prefers physical shops when buying toys for his daughter.

"When it comes to products for kids, we want to make sure it's safe, so we prefer going to toy stores," he said.

More than a year after the New Jersey-based chain filed for bankruptcy, forcing the closure of hundreds of stores and layoffs of 33,000 workers in the U.S., Toys R Us Asia is very much alive. In November, a group of Toys R Us creditors reached a deal with the retailer's Asian partner, Hong Kong-based Fung Retailing Ltd., to share control of the company's stores in China, Japan and Southeast Asia.

Other international brands are also betting that Chinese consumers are willing to go to physical stores with their children or grandchildren. Favorites like Lego Group and FAO Schwarz are among those targeting the Chinese toy-and-game market, which will be the world's largest by 2022, according to Bloomberg Intelligence.

The toy sellers are counting on changes in Chinese politics and society to help them gain a foothold in the world's most populous country. President Xi Jinping's government ended the one-child policy in 2016 and is taking steps to encourage women to have more children. Also, China's product-safety scandals and notoriety for counterfeit goods have made parents more willing to spend on Western brands they perceive as safer.

Toys R Us Asia plans to add as many as 50 new stores in 2019 in China. It's a big vote of confidence

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## A market in collapse

Long-term care insurance policyholders face tough choices as premiums skyrocket

By Kris B. Mamula  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A 20 percent rate increase in his long-term care insurance premiums in October was bad enough, David Rivera said.

But the clincher came in the letter he received about the new rate: His insurance carrier, Genworth Life Insurance Co., planned to seek at least 150 percent more in premium increases over the next six to eight years for coverage that Mr. Rivera bought nearly 20 years ago for long-term care for his wife, Clara, 67, and himself.

"The letter is really meant to scare people," said Mr. Rivera, who is 73 years old and lives in West Mifflin. "A lot of people want to do the right thing and not be a burden to their families. I was try-

ing to be responsible about our care."

Long-term care policyholders faced with painful rate hikes are in a bind. Canceling coverage because of rising premiums could mean forfeiting money that was paid over the years to the carrier or accepting skimpier benefits. Keeping the coverage means swallowing rates that keep rising.

But the only wonder may be why Mr. Rivera's rate hike wasn't higher.

In its third-quarter report to shareholders, the Richmond, Va.-based Genworth — which recorded a loss of \$34 million from long-term insurance — said it had received approval from state agencies for average rate increases of 53 percent for the three months ending Sept. 30.

And more rate increases are on the horizon. In the fourth quarter, Genworth planned another 53 rate hike filings with state agencies, affecting \$335 million in premiums, according to a report accompanying the financial results.

All together, Genworth has lost \$3.1 billion on long-term care insurance business. "We continue to lose money on these older policies each year — losses we will never recover," spokeswoman Julie Westermann said in a statement. "We continue to file for premium rate increases to bring these older policies closer to break-even."

For policyholders who don't want to pay the premiums anymore, the company provides a paid-up policy equal in value to what has already been paid, so the consumer has some coverage for

long-term care expenses, she said.

Pennsylvanians are feeling the sting of those rising rates. Genworth is the biggest long-term care insurer operating in the Keystone state, with more than 49,500 members here.

Behind the rate hikes is a market that's collapsing. Genworth is among a decreasing number of companies selling insurance to cover medical care provided outside the hospital.

Last year, for example, long-term care insurer Penn Treaty of Allentown was forced into liquidation by state regulators because its assets no longer covered its liabilities, Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner Jessica Altman said.

## Oakland startup helps kids play with artificial intelligence

By Courtney Linder  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Christine Nguyen has led robotics competitions for a decade. As director of STEM education for the Boys & Girls Club of Western Pennsylvania, she knows these competitions are grueling and typically require tons of preparation.

So when Ms. Nguyen found out last year that she had two weeks to help a group of young children — most in elementary school — prepare for a robotics event, she was floored. "... I was like, are you kid-



ReadyAI

Students at Montour School District compete in the World Artificial Intelligence Competition for Youth hosted by Oakland-based ReadyAI.

ding? We have to get these kids ready, who haven't done coding, in two weeks?"

The competition was put on by ReadyAI, an Oakland-based startup creating science, technology, engineering and math curriculum. ReadyAI's approach to STEM is to introduce as many young children to artificial intelli-

gence as early as possible.

If kids are constantly asking Alexa, Amazon's voice assistant, for help with math problems or to tell them a joke, anyway — the thinking goes — why not help them understand the underlying technology at work?

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## A way to show recruits you've got a top workplace

By Teresa F. Lindeman  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Employers looking to hire would prefer interviewing three people and happening upon the next Sidney Crosby of — fill in the blank — salespeople, engineers, plumbers, teachers or hospice workers.

Convincing future stars to take the job can be more challenging than beating the Chicago Blackhawks. And keeping those already on the team isn't easy either in a tight job market with unemployment sitting at around 4 percent.

For the past eight years, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette has been running a program called Top Workplaces — sort of a way to let employers have a third-party poll their workers (for free) on how

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| Alcoa                  | 28.34  | 2.10   | Kennametal             | 33.34  | 1.67   |
| American Eagle         | 19.17  | 0.07   | Key Bank               | 15.58  | 0.51   |
| Ansys                  | 143.66 | 6.02   | Koppers                | 19.64  | 1.75   |
| AmeriServe             | 4.10   | 0.07   | Kraft Heinz            | 44.49  | 1.18   |
| Ampco                  | 4.24   | 0.04   | Limbach                | 5.00   | 0.53   |
| Arconic                | 18.96  | 0.53   | Lithia                 | 82.10  | 3.21   |
| Allegheny Technologies | 22.61  | 1.18   | Matthews International | 41.60  | 1.35   |
| Black Box              | 1.09   | -0.01  | MSA Safety             | 95.79  | 3.44   |
| BNY Mellon             | 47.91  | 1.35   | Mylan                  | 28.84  | 1.61   |
| Citizens Financial     | 31.62  | 1.25   | NiSource               | 25.54  | 0.44   |
| Comcast                | 35.81  | 1.17   | Northwest              | 17.34  | 0.21   |
| CNX Resources          | 12.08  | 0.60   | Philips                | 34.27  | 1.23   |
| Dominion Resources     | 72.21  | 1.37   | PNC                    | 121.23 | 2.96   |
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| First Commonwealth     | 12.75  | 0.57   | Tristate               | 20.10  | 0.23   |
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## How to avoid a cash crunch at tax time

By Joyce M. Rosenberg  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — While many business owners know they'll owe the government less money or perhaps get refunds under the new tax law, others are still unsure about what they might have to pay while they file their returns. They need to be sure they have some extra cash, or access to financing, in case they're facing sizable tax bills.

The owners with some of the greatest uncertainty are those who are sole proprietors, partners and shareholders in S corporations; they are the ones hoping to claim a 20 percent deduction for their qualified business income. Their returns and tax payments are due April 15.

The problem for these owners is that the deduction is based on their taxable income and therefore includes other income that they

have, even if it's not from the business. And if they're married, their spouses' income is included in the calculations. Another factor is whether they have employees.

But owners have time to accumulate cash, and they may discover that it's easy to find ways to free up money in their companies.

Small-business advisers suggest first that owners stay on top of invoicing and payments. Getting invoices out promptly is a start. And if some customers are slow payers, it may be necessary to negotiate different terms or give them incentives to pay faster.

Another way to bring in more money is to raise prices where possible. That may be easier in the first couple of months of the year.

Lowering expenses also helps. Owners should take a hard look at everything they spend and see if they can order fewer goods and sup-

plies or negotiate discounts with vendors. They should encourage employees to save energy by turning off lights and putting electronic devices into sleep mode. Owners might consider crowdfunding, giving people who donate money merchandise or other rewards.

Some owners who get an unpleasant surprise at filing time might consider not filing their returns, something they should just not do — they'll end up paying hefty late filing penalties as well as late payment penalties and interest.

The advice from the IRS is file and pay what you can. Owners must do this whether they file their returns or get an automatic extension of the filing deadline. They can seek an installment payment agreement with the IRS. The agency's Publication 4849, Can't Pay the Tax You Owe, can be accessed at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

## Startup sees global market for AI education

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As AI becomes more mainstream, it offers countless opportunities for students to learn skills that they may take to the workforce. It also offers an incentive for more companies to move into the K-12 STEM education space to both meet a need and reap a profit.

Except, there isn't much AI curriculum in STEM education.

Carnegie Mellon University research professor Dave Touretzky said artificial intelligence in the STEM education space is practically nonexistent in the U.S., while countries like China have been at it for years.

"There is no AI in STEM ... almost none," he said. "People are just now starting to wake up."

## A global market opportunity

Artificial intelligence, at its core, is a field of computer science that uses codified rules — called algorithms — to help machines complete tasks that typically must be done by a human.

While AI's roots reach back to the 1950s, it's only recently become pervasive in the culture as voice assistants creep into more U.S. homes each year and as smartphones get smarter.

To keep up with the pace of innovation, children must be acquainted with the technology at a young age, said Andrew Chen, president of ReadyAI.

The point is not necessarily to teach them to code and create their own artificial intelligence program, as that's still pretty ambitious, but rather to inspire curiosity.

"As current K-12 kids grow up ... we don't know how AI and humankind will interact," Mr. Chen said. "That really is the biggest driving force. We really want as many young kids as possible to know about AI ... rather than being afraid."

The market for artificial intelligence education in the classroom is expected to grow significantly by 2024,

when analysts believe it will be worth \$6 billion, according to 2018 research from Global Market Insights, a Selbyville, Del.-based market research firm.

Of that growth, about 20 percent — or \$1.2 billion — is expected to come from applications in K-12 education.

In 2017, the entire market for artificial intelligence education, including corporate training and higher education, was about \$400 million.

ReadyAI, which was established in January 2018, is wholly owned by WholeRen, another Oakland-based company where Mr. Chen serves as chief learning officer. He did not disclose specific financials for ReadyAI.

Despite the growing market opportunity, Mr. Chen said his goal isn't to make a bunch of money. At least, not in the U.S.

Instead, he thinks there's more room to profit from the other two market segments ReadyAI is carving out.

In Europe and the Middle East, he said, the goal is to help kids get on board with artificial intelligence so that they don't fall behind their U.S. counterparts. Mr. Chen foresees opportunities for both business and government to come up with AI education solutions.

And in China, many ambitious companies want "to use AI as a springboard to surpass the U.S. in the next couple of years." Mr. Chen said ReadyAI is being careful as it moves into the China market, but added that there are plenty of wealthy parents in the big cities willing to pay for private tutors or after-school programs.

"The Chinese are ahead of us, they're already starting to publish K-12 textbooks for AI," Mr. Touretzky agreed. "I'm not aware of any of those [in the U.S]."

## Robotics for second-graders

ReadyAI, which has four full-time staff members, is piloting its "AI-In-A-Box" kit with local school districts and organizations that offer after-school programs, like

the Boys & Girls Club of Western Pennsylvania.

Each set contains three Cozmo robots, created by Anki, a San Francisco-based startup launched by graduates of CMU's Robotics Institute. The palm-sized bots have animated, happy eyes that emote as you interact with them.

Also included in the kit are three game controllers, three laptops and three Amazon Fire tablets, plus all the necessary software. The listed retail price for one kit is \$2,999 and it should serve six to 15 students. The Boys & Girls Club is using the kit at no cost.

Through software created by Mr. Touretzky of CMU, called Calypso, students can learn how the Cozmo robots recognize their faces and older kids can write basic programs to make them perform actions.

"What I was trying to do is make Ph.D. level robotics available to 8-year-olds," he said.

Younger kids, on the other hand, do more of the imagining and they complete creative exercises.

In both cases, students learn the basics of six different aspects of AI: visual recognition, object manipulation, facial recognition, speech generation, speech recognition and landmark-based navigation.

It's not a perfect solution just yet, said Ms. Nguyen at the Boys & Girls Club. The order in which certain concepts are laid out in the kits don't always make intuitive sense to the kids and sometimes confuse them.

Still, she's glad students at the after-school program who come from financially strapped school districts will have a more equal playing field.

"We have kids with very limited exposure to a lot of STEM right now, which seems ridiculous," Ms. Nguyen said. "It is a very low cost ... in order to start understanding what robotics and AI looks like."

That competition last year ended up being differ-

ent from her previous experiences with robotics programs. Targeted to younger children, it didn't dive deeply into building and programming, but allowed them to experiment with creative ideas for the robot.

## AI curriculum for all

While under the direction of Andrew Moore, former dean of the School of Computer Science, CMU — known for its artificial intelligence and robotics research — had set a goal of introducing AI concepts to K-12 students.

A group of scientists, including Mr. Touretzky, was interested, Mr. Chen explained, but the university didn't have an effective way to deliver the content. That's not the age group it specializes in. CMU does not have a program to train future teachers, either, Mr. Touretzky noted.

So Mr. Chen paired up with Mr. Touretzky to license his software for the AI-In-A-Box kit. A self-proclaimed "bad businessman," Mr. Touretzky also offers the Calypso software on his company's website for just \$14.99.

Assuming a household already has a Cozmo, which can be bought at Target for \$180 each, a set of both the robot and computer program costs just under \$200. You would also need a laptop and a tablet to create your own kit for one child.

That appears to be a less expensive option, so why purchase a ReadyAI kit?

Mr. Touretzky said schools typically prefer to purchase all equipment necessary for a given kit or module from one vendor, so they only have to cut one check — it makes the approvals process easier. Plus the kit includes the curriculum.

ReadyAI is still just a pilot and not widely used. And Mr. Touretzky said he isn't aware of many other companies developing "legitimate" artificial intelligence educational tools, nor many schools teaching the concepts yet.

He's leading an effort in conjunction with the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence and the Computer Science Teachers Association to develop national guidelines for teachers that will help them create AI-based curriculum.

Mr. Touretzky said the working group will release its recommendations this summer.

He expects to see more AI curriculum popping up over the next two years.

When computers were first invented, he said, they were ridiculously expensive, complex and usually used by Ph.D. students and researchers.

"There was a time when schools thought they couldn't afford computers, but now you can't have a school without computers," Mr. Touretzky said. "We're going to see the same thing happen with robotics and artificial intelligence."

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The Toys R Us store along Cheryl Drive near Ross Park Mall closed in 2018.

## Toy sellers find Chinese consumers receptive to brick-and-mortar stores

TOYS, FROM C-1

in brick-and-mortar retailing at a time when the growing popularity of e-commerce competitors contributed to the parent's failure in the U.S.

"We are different than the rest of the Toys R Us world," said Andre Javes, president and chief executive officer of the Asian business.

Net sales for China and Southeast Asia were \$375 million for the year ended Jan. 28, 2017, up about 3 percent from a year earlier, based on the company's last available regulatory filing. Sales fell 3 percent in the U.S. over that period.

Many Chinese families in big cities, who often live in relatively small apartments, still look forward to going on trips to shopping malls.

FAO Schwarz, the New York toy store where Tom Hanks danced on a floor piano keyboard in the 1988 Penny Marshall movie "Big," plans its Chinese debut in the new year. After shutting its Fifth Avenue flagship in 2015, FAO Schwarz returned to New York in November with a shop in Rockefeller Center. Owner ThreeSixty Group Ltd. plans on opening a Beijing store near the capital's third ring road that will be larger than the Manhattan location.

ThreeSixty is partners with Hong Kong-listed Kidsland International Holdings Ltd. on the Beijing store, targeting China as part of a strategy to leverage FAO Schwarz's reputation as an interactive destination for tourists and shoppers alike.

"Chinese consumers and especially millennials are looking for more than just buying an item off the shelf," ThreeSixty chief operating officer Jan-Eric Kloth said in a statement. "They want to be engaged and entertained."

## Plastic bricks

The Danish toymaker Lego is taking a similar approach with outlets where Chinese children can play with the plastic bricks rather than just look at them in the box. The company has 55

stores in China, including a flagship that opened in September in central Shanghai. Lego plans on adding 80 more in 2019, according to spokesperson George Yang.

Lego's revenue fell in its established markets in North America and Europe in 2017 but rose high double digits in China.

Still, a famous Western name isn't a guarantee of fast growth in the Chinese toy market.

C.banner International Holdings Ltd., a shoe company based in the central Chinese city of Nanjing, agreed to pay 100 million pounds (\$126 million) in 2015 for Hamleys, the British toy retailer. Three years later, the company operates more than 120 stores worldwide but only three stores in China.

A high-profile flop for the industry came in 2011, when Mattel Inc. closed a 37,700-square-foot Barbie store in Shanghai, just two years after the six-story shop opened. The company's international net sales fell 18 percent in the third quarter, driven largely by weakness in China. Chief financial officer Joseph Euteneuer said in an October call with analysts that Mattel had a "self-inflicted" inventory surplus resulting from a misreading of Chinese demand.

"Mattel's experience in China illustrates the difficulty Western-branded toy companies have still had in attempting to penetrate the world's second-largest toy market," BMO Capital Markets researchers led by analyst Gerrick Johnson wrote in an Oct. 29 report.

Toys R Us Asia is hopeful about the Chinese market, where its stores are typically smaller than the ones that were operated by its parent in the U.S. Instead of big-box stores of about 45,000 square feet, the chain's Chinese locations average 10,000 square feet and are in shopping malls, according to Mr. Javes.

In China and other parts of Asia, "people go to malls for entertainment, food, socializing," he said. "That makes us convenient for people because we are where they're going."



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### People on the move

#### Accounting

Brunner, Blackstone & Associates PC hired **Dylan Nock** as a tax associate in its department of taxation.

#### Engineering

Allen & Shariff Engineering LLC promoted **Diane Bookwalter** to vice president and hired **Angela Bickford** as a mechanical designer.

#### Health

**Dr. Naudia Jonassaint**, M.D., M.H.S., assistant professor of medicine at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, was appointed as the Department of Medicine's first vice chair for diversity and inclusion. Ms. Jonassaint, who also is the medical director of clinical hepatology at UPMC Presbyterian, will work to develop programs to enhance diversity and inclusion across the department.



**Nock** — Accounting



**Bookwalter** — Engineering



**Bickford** — Engineering



**Jonassaint** — Health



**Hoguet-Singer** — Insurance



**Kelly** — Law

#### Insurance

Henderson Brothers hired **Noelle Hoguet-Singer** as an account analyst in its commercial lines department.

#### Law

Sherrard, German & Kelly PC announced the addition of **Richard W. Kelly Jr.** as a member of its Real Estate, Litigation and Construction Services Groups.

**Christine Boronyak Bowers** joined Eckert Seamans. She has a broad tax practice covering domestic and international tax planning for businesses and individuals, employee benefit plan counseling and nonprofit organizations.

Pollock Begg Komar Glasser & Vertz LLC has named **Stephanie L. Jablon**

and **Heather Trostle Smith** as partners. Ms. Jablon holds certifications in both mediation and collaborative law and is an executive committee member of the Collaborative Law Association of Southwest Pennsylvania. Ms. Trostle Smith is focusing her practice on high net worth individuals and complex financial cases.

#### Nonprofit

**Susan Manzi**, M.D., M.P.H., was named chair of the Lupus Foundation of America's national board of directors. Dr. Manzi is a board-certified rheumatologist and co-founder of the Allegheny Health Network Lupus Center of Excellence at the Allegheny Health Network Autoimmunity Institute.

Pittsburgh Opera announces four new members

to its board: **Bill Hillgrove**, **Thomas James III**, M.D., **Brian Binkley** and **Cindy Kerr**. Mr. Hillgrove is a sportscaster who has served as WTAE-TV's Steelers Insider since 1994. Dr. James is senior medical director of medical management and quality at Highmark Inc., providing clinical oversight to Highmark's Quality and Wellness departments. Mr. Binkley is a founding partner and managing partner of The Binkley Kanavy Group LLC ("BKG"), a CPA firm. Ms. Kerr is a strategic leader committed to communications.

#### Business notes

**Maher Duessel**, a regional accounting firm specializing in services to governments and nonprofits, was certified as a Women's Business Enter-

prise by the Women's Business Enterprise Council PA-DE-sNJ (WBEC). The WBEC is a regional certifying partner of the Women's Business Enterprise National Council. The certification was awarded in November. The process is designed to confirm the business is at least 51 percent owned, operated and controlled by a woman or women.

#### Awards and Honors

**Susan Fullerton**, assistant professor of chemical and petroleum engineering at the University of Pittsburgh's Swanson School of Engineering, is tackling a challenge to develop next-generation electronics based on all two-dimensional materials. These "all 2D" materials are similar to a sheet of paper — if the paper were only a single molecule thick. Her research into these super-thin materials was recognized by the National Science Foundation with a \$540,000 CAREER award.

**Elizabeth DeChurch Strenkowski**, director of admissions at CCAC Boyce Campus, was named the Pennsylvania School Counselor Advocate of the Year by the Penn-

sylvania School Counselors Association (PSCA). She was honored at the Recognition Banquet of the 63rd Annual PSCA Conference, held in Hershey, Pa., on Nov. 29.

**Alice Sacks Johnston**, chair of the Product Liability practice group for Schnader Harrison Segal & Lewis LLP, was selected to join the Fellows of the Litigation Counsel of America, an invitation-only trial lawyer honorary society, recognizing excellence among American litigation and trial counsel and promoting superior advocacy and ethical standards in the practice of law.

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# Long-term care insurance in turmoil

CARE, FROM C-1

"Many of the assumptions that were used, which were believed to be accurate, weren't accurate," Ms. Altman said. "The products need to be higher priced in order to cover the cost of long-term care."

The problems hit from many sides, including years of low interest rates that cratered insurance companies' investment earnings and overly optimistic assumptions figured into calculations about the cost of long-term care.

Some brokers have been advising clients to skip long-term care insurance in favor of fixed annuities with long-term care features or new life insurance plans that can be used to pay out-of-hospital medical expenses in retirement.

In response to the market squeeze, some long-term coverage carriers are seeking sharply higher rates, like Genworth, while others are simply dropping out.

"It's terrible," said Ed Auble, principal at Paoli, Pa.-based Auble Financial, who

has sold long-term care insurance for three decades. "Now, I feel like I might as well be talking about buggy whips. This is the worst I've seen it."

About 100 companies nationwide sold stand-alone long-term care insurance in 2002, according to the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

Now, there are only 17, which includes 10 companies selling policies in Pennsylvania.

Depressing the market are assumptions about long-term care that were made long ago when many policies were written.

For one thing, more claims were filed than were projected because members are living longer than anticipated. In addition, fewer people than expected dropped the coverage before receiving benefits, experts say.

Also, a decade of low interest rates eroded investment earnings that are used to pay claims.

"The overall financial performance of our long-term care insurance business depends primarily on the accuracy of our pricing

Some brokers have been advising clients to skip long-term care insurance in favor of fixed annuities with long-term care features or new life insurance plans that can be used to pay out-of-hospital medical expenses in retirement.

assumptions, including for morbidity and mortality experience, persistency and investment yield," Genworth wrote in its 2017 annual report.

"Financial performance on older policies issued without the full benefit of this experience has been worse than initially assumed in pricing of those blocks." The company's strategy is to "pursue significant premium rate increases" in the future.

Genworth and other carriers are just now seeing the results of actuarial errors made years ago, said Richard Sabo, principal of Gibsonia-based RPS Financial Solutions.

"The industry has been imploding because they sold a ton of policies and they mispriced them," Mr. Sabo said. "They have a financial mess."

In Mr. Rivera's case, Genworth offered four options to soften the premium increase, including trimming benefits and paying a higher premium to keep rates flat through 2028, an option that he wound up choosing.

His monthly premiums have risen 123 percent since he took out the policy 16 years ago, from about \$900 to \$2,014, and he's miffed over what he sees as the company's failure to take responsibility for its miscalculations.

"If the numbers were actuarially wrong, it's not the customer's fault," he said. "It's the company's fault."

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Evan Vucci/Associated Press

On Dec. 22, 2017, President Donald Trump signs into law a \$1.5 trillion tax overhaul package in the Oval Office. New rules floated by the Trump administration lay out what kinds of businesses can take a 20 percent deduction against income taxes under the new tax law.

## Small businesses must be on top of these 3 things

By Joyce M. Rosenberg  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Now that the new year is here, small-business owners may find themselves trying to understand changes brought about by federal and state laws. Here are three things owners need to know for 2019:

#### • Tax filing season.

Business owners will learn what impact the new tax law is having on their finances. Many owners who are sole proprietors, partners and shareholders in S corporations will be trying to figure out if they can claim the 20 percent deduction for qualified business income. The computations for the deduction can be complex, and depend on an owner's income, and a spouse's income as well, and how much they pay their employees. There are other big changes — for example, companies like manufacturers that can now use the cash accounting method instead of the previously required accrual method will be reconfiguring their ledgers.

Owners who didn't do year-end tax planning may want to consider getting an extension of the filing deadline for their returns to give themselves breathing room. You can learn more about the new tax law and how to get an extension on the IRS website, [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

#### • Internet sales tax.

The majority of states have enacted laws requiring retail-

ers who sell in their states to collect sales tax even if they have no physical location like a store or distribution within the state. Most of the laws exempt retailers who have \$100,000 or less in revenue and 200 or fewer transactions in a given state. Some of the laws are already in effect, while others go into effect during 2019. Some states have not acted yet.

Retailers can use software or services to help them collect tax, submit it to state tax authorities and compile required returns. The software is likely compatible with a retailer's e-commerce system. Search online for more information.

• **California's Consumer Privacy Protection Act.** The law, which potentially affects thousands of companies located outside of California, requires businesses to disclose what they do with consumers' personal information, and gives consumers more control over what happens to that data. Consumers have the right to have the information deleted from companies' computer systems.

The law takes effect Jan. 1, 2020, but companies must be in compliance with some of its provisions before the end of 2019. However, the law is expected to be amended because of several contradictions and other issues. You can search online for more information; some law firms have written primers to help explain the law.

# 10 things we've learned about workplaces

TOP, FROM C-1

they perceive their jobs and the organization's operations.

The process takes a few months and generates rankings of the Pittsburgh region's Top Workplaces.

Last year, more than 23,000 employees at southwestern Pennsylvania organizations responded anonymously to the Post-Gazette's survey.

Energage, the research partner for the project, conducts Top Workplaces surveys for 50 major metro newspapers and reports that it surveyed 3 million employees at more than 7,000 organizations in 2018.

As the nomination process opens for 2019, it's a good moment to dip into what has been learned since the Post-Gazette's program launched in 2011.

**1. A tech company bonanza:** Either tech recruiters have discovered it helps to be named a Top Workplace as they deal with a highly competitive field or there are just more tech companies in the Pittsburgh region than there used to be. Or both. In 2011, five companies in the rankings could arguably be included in that category. By 2017, 14 had a tech connection — although really any company these days is looking for IT skills.

**2. Bank mergers have been a big thing, Part I:** For several years, ESB Bank, based in Ellwood City, was a reliable Top Workplace. ESB in 2014

was acquired by Wheeling, W. Va.-based WesBanco, meaning it wasn't on the 2015 list. In 2018, WesBanco was named a Top Workplace.

**3. Bank mergers have been a big thing, Part II:** First National Bank, a Mercer County financial institution, showed up in the first list in 2011 and has been there every year even as the bank, through its FNB Corp. parent, has swallowed up local names such as Parkvale Financial Corp. and farther-flung organizations such as Annapolis Bancorp. It also moved its headquarters to Pittsburgh.

**4. Employees like being asked what they think, 2018 Anonymous Comment Part I:** "I have worked at Pitt Ohio for under 6 months and right away my manager has given me constant feedback. Positive in most cases. That is key because you don't want to be left in the dark about how you are performing. It also makes me feel less stressed because I want to do well..."

**5. Pittsburgh Public Schools might want to consider participating:** A Dec. 29 story noted the city school district is expecting a wave of retirements and plans to do some hiring. Since 2011, educational organizations that have been named Top Workplaces include Shady Side Academy, North Allegheny School District, West Mifflin Area School District, City Charter High School, Robert Morris

University, Slippery Rock University, Yough School District, Montour School District and Pittsburgh Technical College.

**6. Employees like being asked what they think, 2018 Anonymous Comment Part II:** "My manager provides me the freedom to manage my own schedule and work/life balance. He enables me to perform at my highest every day and allows for personal growth that will benefit Williams' long-term."

**7. Auto dealerships find it useful to have a reputation as a good place to work:** In 2011, there were two on the list — #1 Cochran and Jim Shorkey Family Auto Group. The category had grown to include six dealerships by 2014 — including Day Automotive, Kenny Ross Automotive, Diehl Automotive Group Inc., CarSense and Tom Henry Chevrolet. Recent years have seen a slight pullback as a wave of mergers and acquisitions hit the industry.

**8. Sometimes you skip a year and then come back:** Re/Max Select Realty has been named a Top Workplace every year except one — 2014.

**9. Employees like being asked what they think, 2018 Anonymous Comment Part III:** "I am not Micro Managed. Given the responsibility and allowed to get the job done. Evaluated on performance."

**10. Everybody has to**

**deal with hiring at some point:** The range of Pittsburgh-area organizations that have participated at various times over the years includes — in no particular order — MSA Safety, Turner Dairy Farms, Google Pittsburgh, Giant Eagle, Chevron Appalachia, Don's Appliances, Bridges Hospice, Edgar Snyder & Associates, Tudi Mechanical Systems, McCandless Township Sanitary Authority, Pittsburgh Airport Marriott, Alcoa Corp. and FedEx Ground.

Here's how to be a part of this:

Anyone can nominate a public, private, nonprofit or government organization with 50 or more employees in the Greater Pittsburgh area. Nominations can be done online or by calling 412-428-8020.

It's free. The deadline is Feb. 15, 2019.

Once nominated, workplaces that participate are evaluated by their employees using a 24-question survey administered from January through March.

Every organization that participates gets feedback, even if the organization doesn't make the Top Workplaces rankings.

In August, the Post-Gazette will host a celebratory event and publish the rankings of the region's Top Workplaces so future potential employees can check them out.

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# For some, technology is the road to personal ruin

12-step meetings helping those with tech addictions

By Martha Irvine  
Associated Press

BELLEVUE, Wash. — The young men sit in chairs in a circle in a small meeting room in suburban Seattle and introduce themselves before they speak. It is much like any other 12-step meeting — but with a twist.

“Hi, my name is,” each begins. Then something like, “and I’m an internet and tech addict.”

The eight who’ve gathered here are beset by a level of tech obsession that’s different than it is for those of us who like to say we’re addicted to our phones or an app or some show on a streaming video service.

For them, tech gets in the way of daily functioning and self-care. We’re talking flunk-your-classes, can’t-find-a-job, live-in-a-dark-hole kinds of problems, with depression, anxiety and sometimes suicidal thoughts part of the mix.

There’s Christian, a 20-year-old college student from Wyoming who has a traumatic brain injury. His mom urged him to seek help because he was “medicating” his depression with video games and marijuana.

Seth, a 28-year-old from Minnesota, used video games and any number of things to try to numb his shame after a car he was driving crashed, seriously injuring his brother.

Wes, 21, a college student from Michigan, played video games 80 hours a week, only stopping to eat every two to three days. He lost 25 pounds and failed his classes.

Across town there is another young man who attended this meeting, before his work schedule changed — and his work places him squarely at risk of temptation.

He does cloud maintenance for a suburban Seattle tech company. For a self-described tech addict, this is like working in the lion’s den, laboring for the very industry that peddles the games, videos and other online content that long has been his vice.

“I’m like an alcoholic working at a bar,” the 27-year-old laments.

“The drugs of old are now repackaged. We have a new foe,” Cosette Rae says of the barrage of tech. A former developer in the tech world, she heads a Seattle area rehab center called reSTART Life, one of the few residential programs in the nation specializing in tech addiction.

Use of that word — addiction — when it comes to devices, online content and the like, is debated in the mental health world. But many practitioners agree that tech use is increasingly intertwined with the problems of those seeking help.

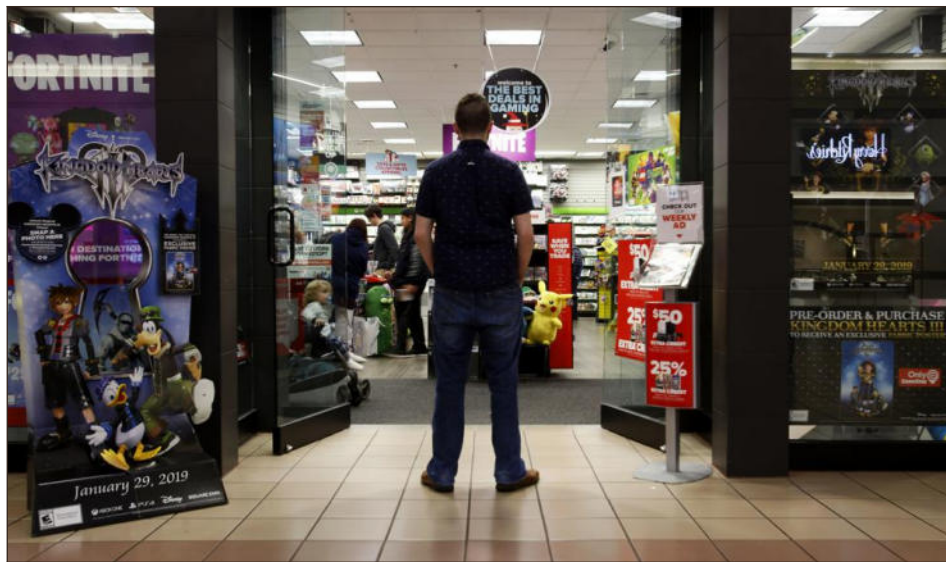
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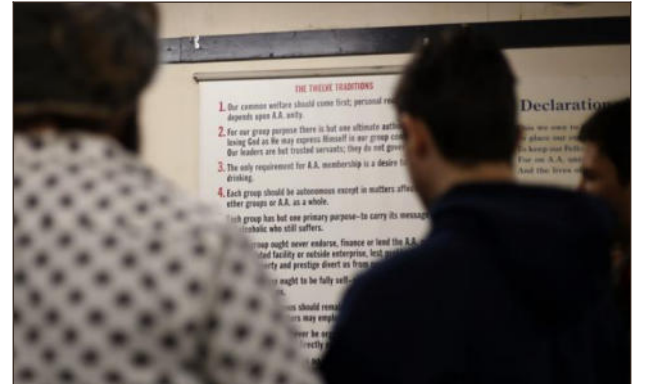
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Robel, an 18-year-old tech addict from California, leaves a barn after helping feed animals at the Rise Up Ranch outside rural Carnation, Wash., in December. The ranch is a starting point for clients like Robel who come to reSTART Life, a residential program for adolescents and adults who have serious issues with excessive tech use, including video games.



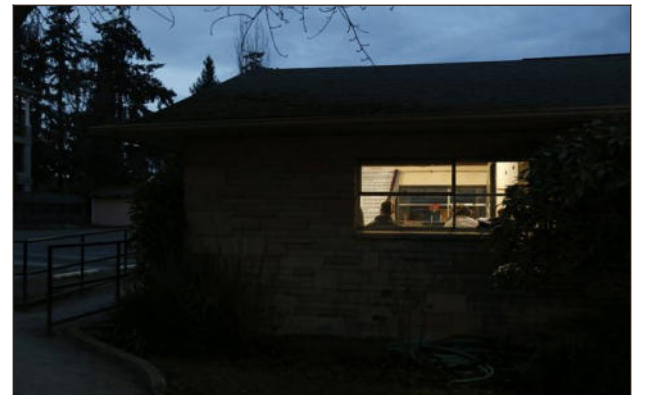
Robel left, helps Hilarie Cash load hay to feed the horses at the Rise Up Ranch. Ms. Cash is a psychologist, chief clinical officer and a co-founder at reSTART Life.



A 27-year-old self-described tech addict stands in front of a video game store at a mall in Everett, Wash. He asked to remain anonymous because he works in the tech industry and fears that speaking out about the negatives of excessive tech use could hurt his career.



The Internet & Tech Addiction Anonymous meeting in Bellevue, Wash., is run much like other 12-step meetings for addicts, but the focus is video games, devices and internet content that has become a life-harming distraction. The Seattle area has become a hub for treatment of extreme tech use.



Young men gather to talk after the 12-step meeting in Bellevue, Wash.

worldwide research found that excessive use of video games alone is a serious problem for as many as 9 percent of young people. This summer, the World Health Organization also added “gaming disorder” to its list of afflictions.

It can be a taboo subject in an industry that frequently faces criticism for using “persuasive design,” intentionally harnessing psychological concepts to make tech all the more enticing. That’s why the 27-year-old who works at the tech company spoke on condition that his identity not be revealed. He fears that speaking out could hurt his career.

“I stay in the tech industry because I truly believe that technology can help other people,” the young man says. He wants to do good.

But as his co-workers huddle nearby, talking excitedly about their latest video game exploits, he puts on his headphones, hoping to block the frequent topic of conversation in this tech-centric part of the world.

The demons are not easy to wrestle for this young man, who was born in 1991, the very year the World Wide Web went public.

As a toddler, he sat on his dad’s lap as they played simple video games on a Mac Classic II computer. Together in their Seattle area home, they browsed the internet on what was then a ground-breaking service called Prodigy.

By early elementary school, he got his first Super Nintendo system and fell in love with “Yoshi’s Story,” a game where the main character searched for “lucky fruit.”

As he grew, so did one of the world’s major tech hubs. Led by Microsoft, it rose from the nondescript suburban landscape and farm fields, just a short drive from the home he still shares with his mom, who split from her husband when their only child was 11.

The boy dreamt of being part of this tech boom and, in eighth grade, wrote a note to himself. “I want to be a computer engineer,” it read.

Very bright and with a head full of facts and figures, he usually did well in school. He took an interest in music and acting but recalls how playing games increasingly became a way to escape life — the pain he felt, for instance, when his

parents divorced or when his first serious girlfriend broke his heart at age 14. That relationship still ranks as his longest.

“Hey, do you wanna go out?” friends would ask.

“No, man, I got plans. I can’t do it this weekend. Sorry,” was his typical response, if he answered at all.

“And then I’d just go play video games,” he says of his adolescent “dark days,” exacerbated by attention deficit disorder, depression and major social anxiety.

He’d been seeing a therapist since his parents’ divorce. But attending college out of state allowed more freedom and less structure, so he spent even more time online. His grades plummeted, forcing him to change majors, from engineering to business.

Eventually, he graduated in 2016 and moved home. Each day, he’d go to a nearby restaurant or the library to use the Wi-Fi, claiming he was looking for a job but having no luck.

Instead, he was spending hours on Reddit, an online forum where people share news and comments, or viewing YouTube videos. Sometimes, he watched online porn.

# Researchers say bigger profits hurt more than help in U.S.

By Christopher Ingraham  
The Washington Post

In 2016, U.S. companies’ pursuit of bigger profits through higher prices transferred three percentage points of national income from the pockets of low-income and middle-class families to the wealthy, according to recent research on market concentration and inequality.

The study, forthcoming in the Oxford Review of Economic Policy, examines how growing corporate power, particularly in industries dominated by shrinking numbers of huge companies, effectively “transfer[s] resources from low-income families to high-income families.”

In the latter part of the 20th century, the share of

U.S. households owning some form of stock rose dramatically, from 32 percent in 1989 to 52 percent in 2001. That shift was driven largely by a decline in defined-benefit pension plans and the rise of the 401(k) retirement account.

As a result, the traditional line between shareholders and consumers has become blurrier than ever. That’s led a number of economists to declare that what’s good for shareholders is, by definition, good for the middle class.

“In a world where individuals or households can be both consumers and shareholders, the impact of market power on inequality depends in part on the relative distribution of consumption and corporate equity ownership across individuals or

households,” according to the team of researchers behind the new study, which includes a member of the Australian parliament with a Ph.D. in economics.

At the risk of oversimplifying, take the example of a family with a diabetic member who must pay for insulin on a regular basis. The family also happens to own stock in the three powerful pharmaceutical companies that manufacture insulin in the United States. Those companies have drastically increased the prices of insulin in recent years, in part because of their dominance of the domestic insulin market. Those price increases have resulted in higher profits for company executives and their shareholders.

Whether those price hikes ultimately harm or benefit

the family depends on two factors: how much they spend on insulin and how much of a stake in the insulin companies they own through the stock market.

To answer this, the researchers use data from the federal Survey of Consumer Finances and the Consumer Expenditure Survey to calculate the distribution of corporate equity (e.g., stocks and business equity) and of total consumer expenditures. They find that corporate equity is much more unequally distributed than expenditures.

The top 20 percent of U.S. households own nearly 90 percent of the country’s total equity, according to their calculations. But those households account for a hair under 40 percent of total consumer spending. Look-

ing at things from the perspective of the poor and middle class, the bottom 80 percent of the country owns just 10 percent of the equity but spends 60 percent of the money.

On net, that means it’s nearly impossible for the typical U.S. family to make up for higher prices via the performance of their stock portfolio. When prices rise, low- and middle-class families pay. Wealthy families profit.

The researchers take this analysis a step further by calculating exactly how much household income is transferred from the poor and middle class to the wealthy solely because of powerful companies’ profit-maximizing price hikes.

They find that monopolistic pricing takes a bite out of

every income group’s share of national income, with the notable exception of the top 20 percent, whose incomes rise.

In effect, companies are using their market power to extract wealth from poor and middle-class households and deposit it in the pockets of the wealthy, to the tune of about 3 percent of national household income in 2016.

The implication of these findings is that antitrust enforcement has the potential to be a tool in the fight against rising inequality by reducing the ability of large companies to set high prices that primarily benefit the wealthy. Conversely, the findings suggest that a recent lapse in that enforcement is contributing to the growing gap between the rich and poor.

## News Obituaries

WILLIAM EDDY 'BILL' BURROUGHS JR. | July 24, 1939 - Dec. 30, 2018

## Longtime commercial Realtor exuded hard work and integrity

By Janice Crompton  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Bill Burroughs was like a human GPS when it came to the City of Pittsburgh, such was his knowledge of every street, alley and property in the city.

"He was really good at what he did, and he knew more about the city's real estate than anybody," said his friend Dan Grealish of Upper St. Clair. "He didn't just know what buildings were for sale. He knew what was going to be happening in the next five years, too. He knew the market better than anybody."

A commercial and industrial Realtor for more than five decades, Mr. Burroughs served as president and owner of Scott & McCune Co. and was the retired vice president of development for the nonprofit RIDC of Southwestern Pennsylvania.

Mr. Burroughs, 79, of Mount Washington, died Dec. 30, 2018, several months after being diagnosed with lung cancer.

A 1957 graduate of Central Catholic High School, Mr. Burroughs followed in the

footsteps of his late father, commercial realtor William Eddy Burroughs Sr., and went to work for Beynon & Co. in 1962.

In 1977, he became president of Scott & McCune Co., a real estate development company which he later purchased, said his sister Ellen Kelley. He continued leading the company until his death.

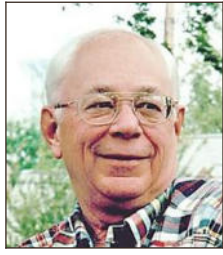
"He loved his job. From day one, he just liked going to work," said Ms. Kelley, of Gibsonia. "He eventually bought the company."

In 2004, Mr. Burroughs joined the Regional Industrial Development Corporation, where he led efforts to purchase and redevelop brownfield properties throughout the region.

In an online statement, RIDC President Donald Smith said the organization would mourn his passing.

"Bill was an important figure in Pittsburgh area commercial real estate for decades," Mr. Smith said. "RIDC and I were very lucky to benefit from his knowledge, his guidance and his friendship."

Retired RIDC President



William 'Bill' Burroughs Jr.

Bob Stevenson knew Mr. Burroughs for more than 40 years.

"We were both brokers in the industrial and commercial real estate business, then we became really good friends," said Mr. Stevenson of Naples, Fla.

Mr. Burroughs was admired for his vast knowledge about real estate, especially in Pittsburgh, Mr. Stevenson remembered.

"Everybody who knew him in the business liked him," he said. "He was known as a very good industrial and commercial Realtor who was very knowledgeable. He did a lot of testifying on tax assessment appeals."

Mr. Burroughs helped Mr. Grealish find a building

on Fort Duquesne Boulevard for Henderson Brothers Inc., where he serves as company chairman.

"Any time I was going to look at real estate, Bill was the guy to go to," Mr. Grealish said.

But Mr. Burroughs wasn't a braggart, his friends said.

"He was a gentle, quiet individual," Mr. Stevenson said.

"He had great sense of humor. He was an honest, hardworking guy," Mr. Grealish recalled. "He was old school, too — his integrity, his work ethic were both important to him."

Mr. Burroughs often hosted friends and family at his house on Lake Erie in Van Buren Bay, N.Y., where they would often be treated to gourmet meals and Mr. Burroughs' specialty — homemade bread.

"We played golf together and spent many summers at the lake house," Mr. Stevenson said. "He was just a great friend. I'm looking forward to meeting him in heaven and having a drink with him. I miss him dearly."

"He was a great cook,"

said Mr. Grealish, who recalled a trip during which Mr. Burroughs cooked and baked for a house full of friends, earning him the nickname "Skillet."

"His bread was outstanding," Mr. Grealish said. "He was really good at it."

"He loved being at the lake," Ms. Kelley said of her brother. "Our father would take us up there on summer vacations as children."

His daughter, Anne Burroughs, said her father was always first in line to volunteer for school bake sales.

"We always knew he would show up with his bread and it would sell out," said Ms. Burroughs, of Greenfield.

Every year, the family would converge to make a meal for local firefighters on Sept. 11 as a way to show their gratitude, Ms. Burroughs said.

"My dad would get so excited that everybody was pitching in," she said.

This year was the lone exception.

Mr. Burroughs was too ill to make the meal and was still heartbroken over the loss of his wife of 53 years,

Margaret Burroughs, who died in June after being struck by a vehicle as she crossed a street in Oakland.

Her father was always a font of wisdom with sage advice, Ms. Burroughs said.

"Among all the times I screwed up, and all of the mistakes I made, he always said it's not time wasted if you learned something," she said.

"He taught me that life is a learning experience. He just didn't give up — he never gave up on people."

Along with his daughter and sister, Mr. Burroughs is survived by daughters Sarah E. Burroughs of Boston and Kathleen A. Trehy of Green Tree; sister Martha A. Burroughs of Van Buren Bay, N.Y.; brother Paul F. Burroughs of Erie; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Saturday.

Memorials may be made to The Early Learning Institute at <http://telipa.org> or Gallagher Hospice, 1370 Washington Pike, Suite 401B, Bridgeville Pa. 15017.

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HAROLD BROWN | Sept. 19, 1927 - Jan. 4, 2019

## Defense secretary who oversaw failed hostage-rescue raid in Iran

By John Otis  
The Washington Post

Harold Brown, the defense secretary in the Carter administration who was mandated to cut military spending but instead laid some of the groundwork for the U.S. arms buildup of the 1980s and who helped oversee a disastrous military raid to rescue U.S. hostages in Iran, died Jan. 4. He was 91.

His death was announced by the Rand Corp., where he was a longtime member of the board of trustees. The cause and other details were not immediately available.

A onetime physics prodigy who earned a doctorate at 21,

Mr. Brown became the first scientist to head the Pentagon. His predecessors had been business, political or military leaders accustomed to the ways of massive bureaucracies. In 2015, President Barack Obama named a second scientist, Ashton B. Carter, also a physicist, to run the department.

Mr. Brown built his initial reputation as a nuclear weapons designer at what is now the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California. He went on to direct the laboratory, replacing his mentor Edward Teller, the Hungarian-born physicist widely recognized as the "father" of the hydrogen bomb. That po-

sition and others later held by Mr. Brown made him a central figure in the U.S. defense establishment during the Cold War era.

In 1961, he became one of Defense Secretary Robert McNamara's team of bright young "whiz kids." At 33, he was director of defense research and engineering, the third-ranking civilian at the Pentagon. From 1965 to 1969, he was secretary of the Air Force.

Over the decades, he was regarded by colleagues as brilliant, quick to understand a broad spectrum of difficult political and military issues, and supremely confident in his analysis when making

hard decisions that likely would cost him friends. In a memoir, former President Jimmy Carter

praised his "technical competence" and called him one of his finest Cabinet officers.

Mr. Brown could also seem arrogant and distant. Gen. Colin Powell, who served as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and then as secretary of state, had worked for Mr. Brown as a younger officer.



Harold Brown in 1977.

"I always had the impression that Brown would be just as happy if we slipped his paperwork under the door and left him alone to pore over it," Mr. Powell wrote in his autobiography "My American Journey."

In the turbulent years of growing conflict in Vietnam, Mr. Brown defied easy categorization as a hawk or a dove. He earned the nickname "Dr. No" for his role in helping scrap the B-70 strategic bomber and the Skybolt air-to-surface missile. As the civilian leader of the Air Force, he appeared to recommend the intensification of aerial bombing of North Vietnam, one of the most contro-

versial policies of the war.

He left the Pentagon in 1969 to lead the California Institute of Technology after Richard Nixon's election as president. Mr. Brown returned to the Defense Department when Mr. Carter, a Democrat, entered the White House in 1977.

Mr. Brown spent most of his four-year tenure mediating between Mr. Carter, who in the wake of the Vietnam War fiasco promised to eliminate Pentagon waste and reduce defense spending by 5 percent, and a military establishment that demanded more firepower to counter threats coming from the Soviet Union and Middle East.

## 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

ALIBERTI, Vincent D. Jr., Murrysville

ALLEN, Mary S. Alchier, Parker, Butler County  
AMBROSIO, Frank J., Green Tree  
BEDDARD, Alice M., West Homestead  
BERSCHLING, Chester Martin, Chevy Chase, Md.  
BONCUK, Grace M. Hilliard, Lawrenceville, formerly Brookline  
BRISTON, Eugene L., Brighton Heights  
BRITAIN, Melva A. Huffman, Westwood, formerly North Side  
BUNCHE, Marian Rose  
CALLENDER, Earl R., Churchill  
CAMAIONI, Gladys E. Ball, Mt. Lebanon  
CHESKY, Madeline Mascio, Moon  
CONNAMACHER, Robert Henle, Indiana Township  
DELL, Richard E. Jr. "Giant," Forward, Allegheny County

DIERKEN, Phyllis Howell, Green Valley, Ariz., formerly Whitaker and Munhall  
DILLE, Ruth E. Hesse, Franklin Park, formerly McCandless and Spring Hill  
DOBBINS, Cynthia Horstman Kemp, formerly Mount Washington  
DOLAN, Thomas C., Green Tree  
DIPASQUALE, Feliciata L. "Philly," Sharpsburg  
ELSON, Michael J. Sr., Chicago Heights  
ENGEL, Ellen F. Hornickel, Castle Shannon  
FARLEY, James R., West Homestead  
FRAMIGLIO, John J., Zelienople, formerly Jefferson Hills and Pleasant Hills  
GERGERICH, Josephine P.  
GORMAN, Shirley Buchanan, West

Miffin  
HAKE, Donald R., Franklin Park  
HASTINGS, Eileen, Pittsburgh  
HENRY, Ellen M. "Sis" Sullivan, Canal Westminister, Ohio, formerly East Pittsburgh  
HEYL, Virginia Anne Rogers  
HOBART, Justin P. "Hobie," Penn Hills  
HUGHES, Charles E., Findlay  
JAMERSON, Gloria Lee  
JOYCE, Patricia Gryczuk, Pleasant Hills  
KIRBY, Margaret M.  
KOETT, Helen K., Bethel Park, formerly Castle Shannon  
KOZIAK, Michael Steven, Carnegie  
LIGHT, Lenore, Pittsburgh  
LITTAUER, Lorraine H., Glenshaw  
MAGULICK, Kimberly Ann, Brookline  
MacGREGOR, William Philip, Dormont

McFEELEY, Sheila Carol  
MEYER, Michael S., Grove City, Mercer County  
MILLER, Mary Patricia Kathleen Mulvaney, North Side, formerly Shadyside  
NELSON, Marjorie Dawn, Bethel Park, formerly Point Breeze  
NICKEL, Ronald R., Reserve  
NODVIK, Richard James, Mt. Lebanon  
O'CONNELL, John Patrick "Pat," Mt. Lebanon  
ORRIS-ZAMULE, Janet E.  
PENCE, Marlene E., Oakmont, formerly Verona  
POWELL, Pearl Lenora Morris, Castle Shannon  
RADAKOVICH, Daniel Ivan, Moon  
RICHARDSON, Thomas Wray, Sewickley  
RUSSO, Thelma Schoer

SCAPPE, Christy "Scapp," Coraopolis  
SCHATZ, David Leslie  
SCHREINGOST, Ethel E., Cranberry, formerly Upper St. Clair  
SHUDER, Robert Joseph, Yorktown, Va.  
STEELE, Joseph A. III, Plum  
STEVENS, Stella, North Fayette  
STEVIK, Helen M. Maciupa, North Huntingdon, formerly Forest Hills  
TIBONI, Fred, Munhall  
VICTOR, Patricia L., Hampton  
WAGNER, Adelaide Elizabeth, formerly Etna  
WAIN, Anamae Lin, McCandless  
WAYMAN, Patricia L., Ross  
WILSON, Mary Jo  
WISNIEWSKI, Paulette Joyce, formerly Greenfield  
ZACK, Ronald G., McCandless  
ZOTTOLA, Helen A., Allison Park

## Classified Obituaries



ALIBERTI  
VINCENT D., Jr.

Age 71, of Murrysville, on Sunday, December 30, 2018. Beloved husband of 49 years to Linda; loving father of Natalie (Laurel) Aliberti and Deanna (Eric) Harman; loving pappy of Jeremy and Jeffrey. He was a self-employed restaurateur. A Memorial Mass will be held Saturday, January 12, 11:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Joy Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Send condolences [post-gazette.com/gb](mailto:post-gazette.com/gb)



ALLEN  
MARY S. (ALCHIER)

Age 86, of Parker Township, passed away on Thursday, January 3, 2019. Born December 25, 1932 in Gibsonia, she was the

daughter of the late Nicholas and Anna (Lisak) Alchier and wife of the late James E. Allen. She is survived by her children, James (Barbara) Allen, Edward Allen and Linda (Kevin) McCann; grandchildren, Michael, Ehyrn and Abbey McCann; and her sister, Irene Cobb. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Mike Allen and siblings. Mary's family will welcome friends from 2 - 4 and 6 - 8 p.m., on Sunday, January 6, 2019 at KING FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, INC., 2841 Woodland Circle in Allison Park. A Funeral service will be held at 12:00 Noon on Monday, January 7, at the King Funeral Home. She will be laid to rest at West Union Cemetery in Gibsonia. Please visit: [www.kingfuneralhome.com](http://www.kingfuneralhome.com). Send condolences [post-gazette.com/gb](mailto:post-gazette.com/gb)



AMBROSIO  
FRANK J.

Age 53, unexpectedly in his Green Tree home, on Thursday, January 3, 2019. Beloved son of Frank and Tallie (Piluso) Ambrosio; loving brother of Michael. Preceded in death by grandparents, John and Antoinette (Redondo) Piluso and Antonio and

Saveria Ambrosio; special grandson of Lillian Piluso; and great-nephew of Congetta Mongelluzzo. Sadly missed by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Frankie will always be remembered by all who knew him, and never forgotten. Visitation SUNDAY ONLY 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the SCHEPNER - MCDERMOTT FUNERAL HOME, INC., 165 Noble Ave., Crafton. Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 a.m., Monday in St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, Green Tree. [www.shepnermcdermott.com](http://www.shepnermcdermott.com) Send condolences [post-gazette.com/gb](mailto:post-gazette.com/gb)

## BEDDARD

ALICE M.

Of West Homestead, on January 3, 2019, age 67. Beloved daughter of the late Edward, Sr. and Mary Agnes (Furlong) Beddard; sister of Mary Agnes McMullen, Ann (William) Wiley, Patricia (William) Linn, Rosemary (Allen) Kracun, Edward, Jr. (Patricia) Beddard, Charles (Rosalyne) Beddard and the late Michael (wife, Sandra survives) Beddard; also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. There will be no visitation. A Funeral Mass will be Monday, 10 a.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, Homestead. Everyone please meet at church. Arrangements entrusted to SAVOLSKIS-WASIK-GLENN FUNERAL HOME, INC. [www.swgfuneralhome.com](http://www.swgfuneralhome.com) Send condolences [post-gazette.com/gb](mailto:post-gazette.com/gb)

## BERSCHLING

DR. CHESTER MARTIN

Saturday, December 29, 2018. Dr. Chester Martin Berschling of Chevy Chase, MD. He leaves behind his beloved, Rosalind Stern; his daughter, Heather Levitt and her husband, Lance; son, Jeffrey Berschling and his wife, Debbie; daughter, Jenny Berschling and her partner, Harry Strand. He was a devoted and proud "Pop Pop" to grandchildren, Conner, Maeve, Evan and Eli; and uncle to Charlie Hons. He is predeceased by his sister, Muriel Hons and her husband, John. Born in New York City, NY, Dr. Berschling, "Chet" was in the first graduating class of Albert Einstein School of Medicine. After medical school he moved to Pittsburgh and completed residencies in Psychiatry and Child Psychiatry at Western Psychiatric Institute. Following residency, he established a well-respected private practice that lasted 55 years. During his years in Pittsburgh, he built a home with his wife of 33 years, Ruth Avalon (deceased), and their three children. Recently, he was honored by the Pittsburgh Psychiatric Society with a Lifetime Achievement Award for a Residents' Night program he established that has thrived and grown beyond Pennsylvania. Chet loved adventures. He took his family house boating in Canada, spent winters skiing in western Pennsylvania, and enjoyed whitewater rafting, especially down the Colorado River. At the age of 62 he

became certified in scuba diving - completing over 200 dives in his lifetime. An avid traveler, he visited Brazil and biked in Europe and California. More recently, he climbed Machu Picchu and traveled to Buenos Aires, Argentina. Chet felt a deep connection to Israel, visiting several times. In his words, he had "too much joy left to feel." Memorial contributions can be made to: Coral Restoration Foundation - Bonaire <http://crfbonaire.org/> or Jewish Social Services Agency <https://www.jssa.org/>. Services entrusted to SAGEL BLOOMFIELD DANZANSKY GOLDBERG FUNERAL CARE. Send condolences [post-gazette.com/gb](mailto:post-gazette.com/gb)

## BONCUK

GRACE M. (HILLIARD)

Age 102, of Lawrenceville, unexpectedly and peacefully, on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Joseph M. Boncuk; loving mother of Richard (Kathy) Boncuk, Marion (Pat) Temple, Helen Grace Blazanin, Eileen Fisher, and Irene (Michael) Tegrar; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren; sister of the late Patricia Davis, Charles, Eugene, and Gerald Hilliard; sister-in-law of Jean Dzialowski; also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Elizabeth Seaton Center Senior Division, 1900 Pioneer Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15226. Family and friends are welcomed at the WALTER J. ZALEWSKI FUNERAL HOME, 216 44th Street, Lawrenceville,

Saturday and Sunday, 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Funeral Mass at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, St. Augustine Church on Monday at 9 a.m. In Grace's honor, everyone is asked to wear something in her favorite color of red. Send condolences [post-gazette.com/gb](mailto:post-gazette.com/gb)



BRISTON  
EUGENE L.

On Wednesday, January 2, 2019, age 71, of Pittsburgh (Brighton Heights), PA, formerly of the Braddock area. Husband of Elnora Briston; father of Jermaine Briston, Jason Smith, and Starr Smith; stepfather of Michael Thomas; brother of Maurice Briston, LaVerne Carter, Ricardo Briston, Michelle Briston, Shawn Briston, Todd Smith, Robert Briston, Jr., Laraun Josey, and Kim Brown; also survived by 15 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; other family and friends. Visitation Monday, 4-8 p.m. on January 7, 2019 at Unity Baptist Church, 420 Fifth Street, Braddock, PA, where the funeral will be Tuesday, 11 a.m. on January 8, 2019, Interment Allegheny County Memorial Park. Services of comfort entrusted to WATTS

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## BRITTAI

**MELVA A. (HUFFMAN)**  
 Age 98, of Westwood, formerly of Northside, on January 2, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Joseph E. Brittain III; loving mother of Joseph E. (Leah) Brittain IV, Becky (John) Rice, William Brittain, Jan (Dan) Hrach and Dave (Debbie) Brittain; loving grandmother of Elizabeth, Victoria, Alexandra, Joseph and Catherine Brittain; Blake Rice; D.J., Ashley, and Brittany Hrach; David, Christopher, Brandon, Alexander, Katie and Zach Brittain; sister of the late Harry Huffman, Jr., Wilburt "Red" Huffman, Gladys McClymonds, Merv Huffman, Carl Huffman and Janice Gregg. A special thanks to Evan, Ed, Rob and Carrie. A veteran of WWII, serving as a nurse in the U.S. Navy and a member of the Carnegie American Legion, Post #82. Friends received Sunday 7-9 p.m. and Monday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., at the **WARCHOL FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 3060 Washington Pike, Bridgeville (412-221-3333), where a service will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. Special thanks to the hospice caregivers, and in lieu of flowers, memorials to Kindred Hospice, 190 Bilmor Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15205 or Mary Washington Hospice, 2217 Princess Anne St., Fredericksburg, VA 22401. View and add condolences at: warcholfuneralhome.com

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## BUNCHER

**MARIAN ROSE**  
 On Saturday, January 5, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Albert L. Buncher; loving mother of her children, Dr. Leslie Buncher, Dr. Martin Buncher, and Dr. Linda Buncher (Barney) Welsh; sister of the late Helen Winsten and Samuel Bachner; adored grandmother of Elizabeth Buncher, Brooks Buncher, Sven Buncher, Jan Buncher, Alicia (Paul) Wagner, Amanda Welsh, and Adam Welsh; cherished great-grandmother of Megan Buncher, David Buncher, Julia Wagner, Kyle Wagner, Harlow Greenwald, Rennie Greenwald, Caleb Greenwald, Benjamin Welsh, and Ethan Welsh; adored aunt and great-aunt to the Lynne and David Frevert family, Alexis and Carl Mancuso family, and Bernita Buncher Rubinoff family. For service day and time, please call **RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC.**, (412) 621-8282. Contributions in her name may be sent to the scholarship fund at Scottsdale Artist's School, 3720 North Marshall Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85251, info@scottsdaleartschool.org. www.schugar.com

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## CALLENDER

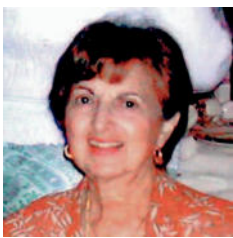
**EARL R.**  
 Age 83, unexpectedly, on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, of Churchill. Beloved husband of Mary Catallo Callender for 60 years; loving father of Linda (Jeffrey) Glace, Earl S. (Kristine) Callender, and Lisa (Joseph) Strittmatter; treasured Pappap to Patrick and Sydney Glace, Michael, Nicholas, and Madison Callender, and Robert, Gabriella, Halle, and Noah Mitchell; great-grandfather to Eli Glace; brother of Raymond Callender and the late Jack and Donald Callender. Earl graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in electrical engineering and an Executive MBA. Earl's successful 47 year career at Union Switch and Signal allowed him to travel six continents and develop multiple patents. He will be remembered as a skilled card player, gracious host, and for his great wit. Family and friends received at **WOLFE MEMORIAL, LLC**, Forest Hills Chapel, 3604 Greensburg Pike, Pittsburgh, PA 15221, on Sunday only 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. John Fisher Church, 33 Lewin Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15235, on Monday at 10 a.m.

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## CAMAIONI

**GLADYS E. (BALL)**  
 Of Mt. Lebanon, on Thursday, January 3, 2019, age 91, beloved wife of the late John; loving mother of Denise (James) Boustead and Michele Camaioni-Leffler; daughter of the late Thomas and Anna (Mechtel) Ball; favorite sister of Ken and the late Thomas Ball; cherished grandmother of Bekki (Glenn) Coleman, Jamie (Greg) Mincin, James (Wendy) Boustead IV, Jonathan (Mikhaila) Leffler and Miranda (Shane) Britton; proud great-grandmother of Cory (Kaitlynn) Boustead, Danielle Cain, Nicole Cain, Gregory Mincin, Madison Mincin and Owen Leffler; also several nieces and one nephew. A memorial service will be Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., in Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2040 Washington Rd., Pgh., PA 15241. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Church Youth Group or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, www2.jdrf.org. Arrangements

entrusted to **DAVID J. HENNEY FUNERAL HOME, Library.**  
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## CHESKY

**MADELINE (MASCIO)**  
 Age 93, of Moon Township, passed away peacefully on January 3, 2019. She was the daughter of Liberata and Hugo Mascio and was preceded in the journey by her beloved husband, Edward and cherished son, Ed. She is survived by her devoted brother, George (Kay) Mascio; her loving children, Susan (Brian) Coppola, Robert (Terry) and Jan (Mark) Scholl; also, Patty (Bob) Dames. Also by grandchildren, Joanna Papa, Erin Scholl, Jenna Haberlein, Nathan Chesky, Laura Daniel, Andrew Chesky, Jon Scholl, Rebekah Coppola, Matthew Coppola, Daniel Chesky, Nick Coppola, Sarah Chesky, and Catherine Cantella. Also, Mary Beth Joy, Theresa Sirianni and Ben Dames. In addition, 15 cherished great-grandchildren. Friends will be received on Sunday from 2-8 p.m., at **COPELAND'S** Moon Township, 981 Brodhead Rd., where prayers will be recited on Monday at 9:15 a.m., followed by Mass at 10 a.m., at St. Joseph Church. Burial will follow in Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Villa St. Joseph, Baden or Felician Sisters.

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## CONNAMACHER

**ROBERT HENLE**  
 On Wednesday, November 28, 2018, of Indiana Township, Pennsylvania, passed away at the age of 84. Robert was born on December 20, 1933, in Newark, New Jersey, to Harold Connamacher and Carye-Belle Henle. Robert served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1959, and he loved to tell stories about using his furlough and Army transports to circumnavigate the globe. Following his honorable discharge, Robert returned to school and received his Doctoral degree from George Washington University in 1966. He was on the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine from 1966 until 2016, where he researched how bacteria are attacked by and defend against medicine, including bacterial drug resistance. Robert was devoted to his students and especially to underrepresented minorities. For many years, Robert ran University of Pittsburgh's Medical Explorers program, he was the faculty advisor for the Pre-Medical Organization for Minority Students, and he was active with the Student National Medical Association. In his spare time, he tutored math and science at Westinghouse High School. Robert was a peace and social justice activist, a member of both the American Friends Service Committee and the Pennsylvania Prison Society. He served his community as the emergency management coordinator for Indiana Township, dealing with everything from flood rescue and recovery to capturing a runaway lion, and as a volunteer fireman for almost 30 years. Robert was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Patricia Charache; and his son, Demetrius. He is survived by his sons, William, Harold (Celeste), and Richard; his granddaughters, Nadine and Charlotte; his sister, Jane Pier; several nieces and nephews, grandnieces and nephews, and great-grandnieces and nephews; and his longtime friend, Shirley Wheaton. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 12, 2019, at the Pittsburgh Friends Meeting House, 4836 Ellsworth Avenue. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages contributions to the Student National Medical Association. Arrangements were entrusted to **ANTHONY M. MUSMANNO FUNERAL HOME, INC.**

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## DELL

**RICHARD E. "GIANT", JR.**  
 On Friday, January 4, 2019, age 65, of Forward Twp. Beloved husband of Frances M. Wright; loving father of Kristy Torgent, Rachel (Brandon) Hale, Richard (Nicole) Dell III, Jason (Holly) Wright, Joshua (Donna) Blake and Paul Dell; 19 grandchildren; brother of Shawn R. Dell; also nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. Friends received in the **PAUL E. BEKAVAC FUNERAL HOME**, 221 North Second Avenue, Elizabeth on Sunday, January 6, 2019 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Monday, January 7 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Funeral service Tuesday at 12 p.m., in the funeral home chapel. Memorial contributions to PA Patriot Guard Riders, 789 Washington Pike, Avella, PA 15312. Offer condolences at: bekavacfuneralhome.com.

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## DIERKEN

**PHYLLIS (HOWELL)**  
 Age 95, passed away peacefully at her home in Green Valley, AZ on Monday, December 17th. Phyllis was born in Whitaker, PA and grew up in Whitaker and Munhall, PA. She graduated from Munhall High School in 1941

and attended Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA. After school, Phyllis worked in the metallurgy department of US Steel in Homestead, PA. Phyllis and her late husband, Robert, retired to Green Valley, AZ in 1981. She is survived by her son, Tom Dierken (Lois) of Green Valley; and her daughter, Kathleen Wickey (Philip) of Glen Ellyn, IL; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held for Phyllis in Green Valley in January. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in Phyllis's name be made to The Friends of Madera Canyon, Arizona at friendsofmaderacanyon.org/donate or Whitaker United Methodist Church, 124 Arkansas Avenue, Whitaker, PA 15120.

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**THOMAS C.**  
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# CLASSIFIED OBITUARIES

## DIPASQUALE

**FELICIA L. "PHILLY"**  
 Age 85, of Sharpsburg, died on Thursday, January 3, 2019, after a short illness. She was born on October 19, 1933 in Franklin, PA. Philly proudly taught primary education for over 35 years. She enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, traveling, fishing and rooting for the Pittsburgh home teams. She was preceded in death by her parents, Quirino and Mary DiPasquale; her sisters, Marie Brueck, Ezeline Tierney, Theresa Boyd, Agnes Annett; and her brothers, John and Quinn. She is survived by 14 nieces and nephews and two generations of grandnieces and nephews. Philly will be fondly remembered as a loving aunt and friend. Per her request there will be no viewing or service. Donations may be made in her memory to the Sharpsburg Community Library. Arrangements by: **BALL FUNERAL CHAPEL, INC.**

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## DILLE

**RUTH E. (HESSE)**  
 Age 97 of Franklin Park, formerly of McCandless Township and Spring Hill, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 3, 2019. Beloved wife of 69 years of the late Harold C. "Hut" Dille; loving mother of David Dille (Mary Anne), Thomas Dille and Barbara Marcellus (Robert); proud grandmother of Bryan, Jacquelyn (Gregor), Erin (Andrew), Rachel, Amanda, Marcie (Ben), Lisa, and Emily; great-grandmother of Donovan, Dayton, Sabine, Chayenne, Paisley, Jack, Lachlan and Beatrix; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Friends will be received on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., at the **H.P. BRANDT FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 1032 Perry Highway, Ross Township, (412-364-4444). Funeral service will be held Monday at 12 noon in Ascension Lutheran Church, 8225 Peebles Rd., Pgh., PA 15237. Burial will follow in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. Ruth's family would like to thank Concordia of Franklin Park and Good Samaritan Hospice for their loving care. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial donations to Ruth's church, Concordia Lutheran Ministries or Good Samaritan Hospice. Condolences may be shared at: www.brandtfuneralhome.com.

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## ENGEL

**ELLEN F. (HORNICKEL)**  
 Of Castle Shannon, peacefully, surrounded by her family, on Saturday, January 5, 2019. Wife of the late Raymond A. Engel, Jr.; mother of Ellen Bobick (Robert S.), Lisa Engel, and the late Kirk Engel (Mary Ann); grandmother of Joseph and John Hegedus, Bethany Winans, and Kirk J. Engel; great-grandmother of Melanie and Jackson Hegedus, Kai Winans, Bret, Elin, and Nora Engel; sister of Marian A. Feldmeier. A graduate of St. Francis Academy, Ellen was very active with the Castle Shannon Library, L.A.O.H. Division 21 and St. Anne Church. Family and friends will be received at **LAUGHLIN CREMATION & FUNERAL TRIBUTES**, 1008 Castle Shannon Blvd., on Monday, January 7, 4-8 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered in St. Anne Church on Tuesday, January 8 at 9:30 a.m. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Little Sisters of The Poor, Castle Shannon Library, or St. Anne Church.

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## GERGERICH

**JOSEPHINE P.**  
 Age 93, on January 1, 2019, died peacefully. Caring wife of 69 years of the late Edward J. Gergerich; loving mother of Edward T. Gergerich (the late Suzan), Shirley Franck (Ronald) and Thomas Gergerich (Lori); amazing Grandma of Melanie, Kevin, the late Gretchen Franck and Janelle Slawson; Anna and Maura Gergerich; and Hallie Gergerich; and proud Great-Grandma of Tyler and Trevor Slawson; Nola and Greta Franck. She was the devoted daughter of the late Peter and Apolonia Rutkowski. Josephine was the last remaining sibling of her brothers and sisters, Peter Rutkowski, Jr., Helen Zolnowski, Regina Szerszynski, Sabina McQuillan, Isabelle Steigerwald, Theodor Rutkowski and Richard Rutkowski. She was a member of the Cherry City Ladies Auxiliary and the Northern Chapter of AARP. She enjoyed cooking and baking and tending to her cactus collection. Those that knew her often gifted her angel figurines because of her kindness and caring manner. She will be dearly missed. Friends received at **WALTER J. ZALEWSKI FUNERAL HOME**, 216 44th Street, Lawrenceville, on Saturday, January 5, 2019, from 6-8 p.m. and Sunday, January 6, 2019, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Saint Athanasius on 7 Chalfonte Avenue in West View on Monday, January 7, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, family requests that memorial donations be made to the charity of your choice in her honor.

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## FARLEY

**JAMES R.**  
 Of West Homestead, PA, passed away on January 4, 2019. The son of the late Regis H. and Jean Gill Farley, Jim was born January 12, 1945, in Pittsburgh, PA. A 1962 graduate of Homestead High School, Jim also graduated from The College of Stuebenville in 1966 and Duquesne University School of Law in 1969. Although he longed to be an attorney from a young age, he didn't practice law after graduation, but instead joined the FBI as a Special Agent, where he remained for four years. Making another sharp career move after the FBI, he became a business law professor at Penn State. Jim then decided to give his law career due diligence. His first position was as Chief Counsel for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Insurance Commission. He left that position to become Executive Deputy Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania where his main responsibility was as "the Lawyer for the Governor of Pennsylvania." Jim eventually left state government for private practice with Rothman Gordon in Pittsburgh. It was private practice where his accomplishments grew exponentially. He had a very successful law career for several years, being named to The Best Lawyers in America for multiple years. He was an active member of the Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County, the Allegheny County Bar Association, and

the Pennsylvania Bar Association. He was an avid golfer and an excellent skier. He retired from his law career in 1995 due to health reasons. Surviving is his wife of 30 years, Marlene; and his two daughters, both of whom followed him into law. Meghan is an attorney in Philadelphia and Caitlin is an immigration paralegal in Pittsburgh. Survivors also include brothers, Timothy (Bic) of Peters Twp. and Terry (John) of Bentleyville; sister-in-law, Darla (Pat) Walther of Tampa, FL; brother-in-law, David (Wendy) Trogolo of Fredrick, MD; and several nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday, January 8, 2019, 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in **R.V. ANDERSON FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 315 E. 10th Ave., Homestead, PA. Mass of Christian Burial Wednesday 10 a.m. St Therese Church.

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## GORMAN

**SHIRLEY BUCHANAN**  
 Shirley Buchanan Gorman, age 89, of West Mifflin, passed away surrounded by her loving family on Saturday, January 5, 2019. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Clinton; her dear son, John; and siblings, Audrey Chase and Hugh Buchanan. Shirley is survived by her loving children, Pamela G. Vislay and Douglas (Melanie) Gorman of Port St. Lucie, FL; cherished Nana of Douglas Gorman, Clint Vislay, Katie (Brian) Ricciardi, Ken (Jennifer) Vislay, and Keith

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## HAKE

**DONALD R.**  
 Age 87, formerly of Franklin Park, on Friday, January 4, 2019. Beloved husband for 67 years of Sally DeNunzio Hake; loving father of Karen Gardner, Denise Taylor, Donna De La Fuente, Dennis Hake and Brian Hake; also survived by 16 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. Services were private. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Assoc., 1(800) 272-3900 or www.alz.org. Arrangements with **GEORGE A. THOMA FUNERAL HOME, INC.**

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## HASTINGS

**EILEEN**  
 Was born in Leeds, England in 1938 and died in Pittsburgh on December 23, 2018. Her parents, William and Mary Sleight, had two other children, Malcolm and Peter. After schooling in England and Scotland, and jobs in London and Paris, she first came to the US in 1962, initially working in Boston. She married Stuart Hastings in 1964 and they raised their two daughters, Jill and Rachel, in Buffalo NY. Sadly, Jill died at age 18 in 1987. Shortly after that Rachel left for college, while Eileen and Stuart moved to Pittsburgh. There Eileen was very active in the First Unitarian Church. She became ill in 2016. Survivors include Stuart, Peter, Rachel, her partner, Paul and their children, Rebecca and Arlo; Stuart's sister, Eleanor Karro and her husband, David; and nieces, nephews, and in-laws in England and the US. A memorial service will be held at the First Unitarian Church, Shadyside, on March 30, 2019. Professional Services by **D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY LTD.**, Lawrenceville. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Save the Children. A longer obituary can be found at memorial.yourtribute.com/Eileen-Hastings/.

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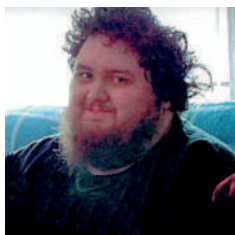
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## HENRY

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passed in peace. Ginny's two sons, Brian and Daniel, remember her as a caring mother who displayed valued maternal wisdom, providing supportive direction, always wanting the best for her family. She expressed patience and gentleness in all her actions, keeping her focus always on others. In 1995, Ginny married Bob, together always a team living their lives full of happiness. They loved to travel, deciding to move to the country in upstate New York to live among beautiful wilderness scenery and wildlife. Later, in planning their retirement years, they moved back to Pittsburgh and happily watched their family grow. Ginny's passion was to be there for her grandkids. She never missed any of their school or sports activities and insisted on arriving early to get the best seats at each grandchild's band and orchestra programs every year. She very proudly attended her oldest grandson's high school graduation, and watched as he began college. Grandma Ginny has left lasting memories with her grandkids of cookie baking, tree decorating, flower planting, and playing Uno. Ginny was loved by family and friends from near and far, who were impacted by her thoughtful and selfless approach to life. She was kind, patient, generous, a good listener, and had the biggest of hearts despite her petite stature. She enjoyed the outdoors, visiting parks, and crafting. Mother, wife, and grandma, she will be dearly missed. Friends received Saturday, January 19, 2019 at the **LAWRENCE T. MILLER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 460 Lincoln Avenue, Bellevue, for a memorial visitation from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m., concluding with a prayer service. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to be sent to the Parkinson Foundation of Western PA, 575 Lincoln Avenue, Pgh., PA 15202, to help researchers learn more to discover a cure, in memory of Ginny, who fought this debilitating disease for over 23 years with a positive spirit and such incredible inner strength.

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**HOBRA**

**JUSTIN P. "HOBIE"**  
Age 28, of Penn Hills, suddenly passed away Thursday, January 3, 2019. Beloved son of Robert and Gina (Amato) Hobarat; grandson of the late Samuel and Carole Amato and the late Thomas and Cornelia Hobarat; nephew of Lisa (Butch) Lang, Scott (Mary Jo) Miller, Peter (the late Jan) and Martin Germanowski, and the late Marsha (surviving Bob) Streit; also survived by numerous cousins. Hobie will be dearly missed especially for his true heart. Justin will also be missed by his two dachshunds, Milo and Ottis. Service and interment private. Arrangements by **WILLIAM F. GROSS FUNERAL HOME LTD.**

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**HUGHES**

**CHARLES E.**  
Age 86 of Findlay Twp., Imperial, PA on Wednesday evening, January 2, 2019. Beloved husband of 65 years to the late Dolores "Dee" Hughes who passed on March 8, 2018. Brother of Ken (Ruth Ann) Bolind, Gene (Judy) Bolind, Frank (Harriet) Bolind and the late Rita Anderson and her husband, Robert who survives; also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Family to receive friends at the **HERRICK COMPASSIONATE FUNERAL SERVICE, PC.**, Edward M. Herrick Supervisor/Owner, 951 Cliff Mine Rd., N. Fayette Twp., Imperial, PA 724-695-7332 on Sunday, January 6, 2019 between the hours of 4-8 p.m., where a Funeral Service will take place on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 10 a.m., followed by interment at St. Columbkille R.C. Cemetery. It is respectfully requested, memorial donations be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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**JAMERSON**

**GLORIA LEE**  
Age 74, quietly on December 30, 2018. Beloved mother of Jovon (Christopher) Rue; daughter of the late Edward Winston and Vernita Stokes; sister of Rev. Marsha (Norwood) Copeland, Yvette Bonner; niece of Lovell W. (Hazel) Golden; and her beloved companion, Mario the poodle; three grandchildren; and a host of relatives. Services Private.

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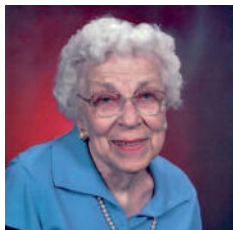
**PATRICIA (GRYCZUK)**  
Age 76, on Saturday, January 5, 2019, of Pleasant Hills. Wife of the late James Joyce; mother of Mary Beth Perko of Whitehall, Sharon Joyce of Scott Twp., Martin (Leslie) Joyce of Hampton Twp., Jamie O'Neill (Jarrod) of South Fayette Twp., grandmother of Shane, Jacob, Colin, Samantha, Bridget, Julianna, Ryan, and Madelyn; sister of Stanley Richard Gryczuk of Coburn, PA; also survived by nieces and nephews. Patty graduated from Mercy School of Nursing in 1963 and retired in 2005 after a long and dedicated career. Friends will be received at the **JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, (412) 881-4100, 4201 Brownsville Road, Brentwood, 15227, Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Funeral Prayer on Wednesday morning at 9:15. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church at 10 a.m. If desired, family suggests contributions to University of Pittsburgh Alzheimer's Disease Research Center - Pittsburgh, Attn: Leslie Dunn, MPH, ADCRC Administrator, University of Pittsburgh, UPMC Montefiore, Four West, 200 Lothrop St., Pgh., PA 15213. Please send condolences to [www.johnfslater.com](http://www.johnfslater.com).

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**KIRBY**

**MARGARET M.**  
On Saturday, January 5, 2019. Beloved wife of the late John Joseph Kirby; mother of John (Carol), Michael (Christine), and Paul (Caryn); grandmother of Kaitlyn and Sean Kirby; daughter of the late Frederick and Elizabeth Zapf; sister of the late Michael Zapf. Friends received 2-8 p.m. Monday at the **THOMAS P. KUNSAK FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 3552 California Ave. at Davis Ave. A Funeral Mass will be held in Risen Lord Church Tuesday at 10 a.m.

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**KOETT**

**HELEN K.**  
Age 101, on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, in Bethel Park, formerly of Castle Shannon. Wife of the late George Koett; mother of Carol Sauter of Jefferson Hills, David (Cathy) Koett of Bethel Park, Dale Koett of Baldwin and Paul (Rene) Koett of USC; daughter of the late Mary and Harry Eicker; sister of the late Erma Sammel; also survived by nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and 13 1/2 great - great - grandchildren. Helen was a long-time employee of Dudd's and Dave's Terrace Bakery. Friends will be received at the **JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 412-881-4100, 4201 Brownsville Road, Brentwood 15227, Tuesday, January 8, 2019, from 2-8 p.m. Funeral Prayer on Wednesday morning at 9:30. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Anne Church at 10:30 a.m. The Koett's would like to thank the staff at Paramount Bethel Park for their excellent and compassionate care. If desired, family suggests contributions to a charity of your choice. Please send condolences to [www.johnfslater.com](http://www.johnfslater.com).

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**KOZIAK**

**MICHAEL STEVEN**  
Suddenly on Monday, December 31, 2018. Age 70 of Carnegie, went to be with his son, Kevin. Beloved husband of Maryanne (Nowicki) Koziak; loving father of Christine (Kevin) Super, Michael C. Koziak and the late Kevin J. Koziak; cherished grandfather of Ava Super, Mikell, Camden and Chad Koziak; brother of the late Patricia Mockus; also survived by several cousins. Friends received Sunday 2-4, 6-8 p.m., at the **SZAFRANSKI-EBERLEIN F.H. INC.**, 101 Third Street, Carnegie. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Margaret of Scotland Church on Monday at 11:30 a.m. Burial with full military honors in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. Michael was employed by the USPS and a proud Vietnam war veteran.

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**LENORE**  
On January 3, 2019 in Pittsburgh, PA. Dedicated wife of late Harvey F. Light; beloved mother of Dina Ranade of Beach Haven, NJ, David H. (Mara) Light of Pittsburgh, PA, and Debra Light of Los Angeles, CA; devoted grandma of Evonna, Indya, and Devan Ranade and Livia Light; daughter of late Morris and Dora Leon; sister of late Steven Leon; also survived by many loving cousins, family members, and loyal friends. Lenore was an energetic matriarch who found her greatest joy in being together with her dear family. From the beginning, after graduating from Taylor Allderderice High School in 1954, she put her family first. She helped raise her younger brother in the face of her mother's untimely death and learned how to care for others while fostering a lifelong positive outlook. Lenore was certified in baby holding and massage for young and distressed infants. She used this healing gift with her children, grandchildren, friends, strangers and even school project robot babies. She was a proud graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Class of 1972 from the College of General Studies. Sharing her giving nature with others, she made homemade soup and managed The Yogurt Experience on Fifth and Meyran for 11 years. Lenore was the epitome of someone who lived her life with meaning, touching many other lives with her kind, accepting presence along the way. She will forever be loved, missed, and treasured. Services at Temple Sinai, 5505 Forbes Avenue, Squirrel Hill, on Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 2 p.m. Visitation one hour prior to services at Temple Sinai (1 - 2 p.m.). Interment West View Cemetery of Rodef Shalom Congregation. Contributions may be made to The Children's Home of Pittsburgh and Lemieux Family Center, 5324 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15224. Arrangements entrusted to **RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC.**, family owned and operated. [www.schugar.com](http://www.schugar.com)

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**LITTAUER**

**LORRAINE H.**  
Of Glenshaw, PA, on Monday, November 12, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Carl Littauer; she was preceded in death by her sisters and brothers, Irene Warenski, Walter Jordan, Jay Jordan, and Margaret Jordan; she is survived by nieces and nephews. A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Augustine, Our Lady of the Angels, 225 37th St., Lawrenceville, on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 11 a.m.

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**MAGULICK**

**KIMBERLY ANN**  
Age 56, of Brookline, on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Daughter of G. Dolores and the late Michael Magulick, Jr.; sister of Michael L. (Maryanne) Magulick, Dennis J. Magulick, Maureen (Peter) Lynch, Edward F. (Kathleen) Magulick, and Concetta (Stephen) Hovya; also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, whom she dearly loved; and her best friend, Moss Zimmer; and her loving pets and constant companions, Precious and Chas. Kim had a long and successful career as a beautician. She will be missed by all who loved her. There will be no visitation. A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at St. Thomas More Church, 126 Fort Couch Road, Bethel Park, at 10 a.m. Interment will be private in lieu of flowers, family suggests contributions to Animal Friends, 562 Camp Horne Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. Arrangements entrusted to the **LEO J. HENNEY FUNERAL HOME, Carnegie.** [www.leohenneyfuneralhome.com](http://www.leohenneyfuneralhome.com)

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**MEYER**

**MICHAEL S.**  
Age 57, of Grove City passed away peacefully on January 3, 2019. Michael and his partner, Terry Flanigan, had many happy years together. Michael was the son of Donald and the late Rosemary Meyer. He was preceded in death by his brother, Brian (Kelly) Meyer. He was uncle to Tyler and Cassie Meyer. Michael was loved and will be missed by all who knew him. Funeral arrangements have been

entrusted to the **SAMUEL TEOLIS FUNERAL HOME, INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES.**

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**MILLER**

**MARY PATRICIA KATHLEEN (MULVANEY)**

On Thursday, January 3, 2019, aged 89, of the North Side of Pittsburgh, formerly of Shadyside. Beloved wife of sixty-five years to Joseph H. Miller; loving mother of Mary Jo Miller (Joseph E. Devine), Joseph W. Miller (Bonnie) and Gretchen Hammond (Jeffrey); adored grandmother of John Padden Devine, Mary Catherine Devine, Matthew J. Miller, Christina M. Miller (Laura Meng), Jennifer L. Miller, Theresa Miller-Sporrer (Shane Gilligan), Elizabeth Dexter (Patrick), Phillip J. Sporrer and Owen F. Sporrer; great-grandmother of Eleanor Gilligan, also survived by nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her beloved parents, Owen and Catherine Mulvaney; sister, Kathleen Ealing; and brother, William Mulvaney. Born on January 9, 1929 to Catherine and Owen Mulvaney, Mary Patricia enjoyed a magical childhood full of summers in Brentwood with her cherished maiden aunts. She graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Education and served as a teacher in the Pittsburgh Public Schools. In 1950, she met the love of her life in a sandbox in West Park and they married on June 27, 1953. Over the course of the next 65 years Mary Patricia and Joe enjoyed raising their children, grandchildren, and dogs. Summers were spent on Fenwick Island and upon retirement, Fenwick Island was supplanted by trips to Ireland and London and adventures with her sister Kathleen. Over time, the travel slowed but Mary Patricia did not. Good coffee and good food were joys to her, though only the former would be found in her own kitchen. Alzheimer's took much of Mary Patricia before it took all of her, but it did not steal her love of food, family, and fashion. Until the end, when offered the choice between a Hermes scarf and anything else, she invariably selected the Hermes. Likewise, in the end she did not recognize Joe, but she told all of us how cute he was, and how he made her laugh. She too made us laugh until the end. We will miss her acerbic wit and unwavering heart every bit as much as we will not miss her microwaved eggs. A Memorial Visitation will be held at **MCCABE BROS., INC. FUNERAL HOME**, 6214 Walnut Street, Shadyside on Sunday, 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held in St. Stanislaus Church, Strip District, on Monday at 10 a.m. Those wishing to attend, please gather at the Church. Interment to follow at Calvary Cemetery. Condolences may be left at:

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**NELSON**

**MARJORIE DAWN**  
Age 95, on Saturday, December 22, 2018, of Bethel Park. Raised in Point Breeze, Marjorie recently lived at Paramount Senior Living in Bethel Park. She was the daughter of the late Amelia Keefer and Roberts Nelson; and the sister of the late Betty Mullett, formerly of South Park, and Roberta McLaughlin. Marjorie is remembered with love by nieces, Ellen McLaughlin of Chicago, IL and Sara Saine, of South Park; and nephew, John Mullett of Washington. Her great-nieces are Jennifer Saine, Melissa Norton and Mackenzie Cimala. Colin and Cameron Cimala are her great-nephews. Marjorie was also a cousin of Mary Nelson; and aunt of the late Robert Nelson Mullett. She was cherished by family and friends because she was a good listener and trusted confidante. A graduate of Peabody High School, Marjorie was an executive secretary at US Steel for many years. Friends are invited to a service at 11 a.m., on Saturday, February 2, 2019, at the **JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL**, 4201 Brownsville Road Pittsburgh PA 15227.

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**MacGREGOR**

**WILLIAM PHILIP**  
Phil MacGregor, of Dormont, PA, passed away peacefully on December 7, 2018, at the age of 91, in Albany, OR. Known by his friends as "Mac," he was a graduate of Dormont High, Dormont, PA, and lived most of his life in the same home he was born to. Phil enlisted in the Navy during the Korean conflict as an electronics specialist where he was primarily stationed in the Philippines. Following his service discharge, working for military defense contractors such as Westinghouse Electric, advancement in civilian life required frequent moves. First, to Air Force Station Yaak, MT. Phil was a radar technician watching our skies for Russian planes. Married in Montana, the family soon relocated to Louisville, KY, then Newfoundland, Canada, then Rome, NY, and finally Houston, TX. Phil, now employed by Philco-Ford, developer of the computer consoles for NASA, occupied an important seat in Mission Control, Johnson Space Center from 1965 through 1970. This period was during the storied years of the Gemini and Apollo space launches. Astronauts had two cars: a Corvette for them and a Volkswagen Bus for the family. What started as frequent and necessary repairs on his own family-hauler, Phil was often wrenching on friends' and coworkers' cars. In fact, he became so skilled and specialized, that following his retirement from Philco-Ford, Mac returned to his childhood home in Dormont, PA and opened MacGregor's Volkswagen Repair. If you had a VW in any of the surrounding Boroughs, he probably worked on it.

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Several years later, and after closing his shop, Phil rejoined Westinghouse to pursue his passion of computers and the electronics industry. Phil consulted in the computer industry for several more years before moving to Albany, OR for health reasons. Phil was preceded in death by stepson, Benjamin Thede of Bend, OR; daughter, Heather Quinn of Brookline, PA. Phil is survived by a sister, Ginger of Spring Mills, PA; stepdaughter, Kathleen Nessen of Albany, OR, whose family welcomed Phil into their home and selflessly cared for him during his battle with Diabetes; son, Keith MacGregor of Nipomo, CA; stepson, Ian of Lynden, WA; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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**McFEELEY**

**SHEILA CAROL**  
It is with great sadness that the family of Sheila Carol McFeeley announces her passing on January 2, 2019, at the age of 82, peacefully at her Florida home after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. Sheila was born November 29, 1936, in Meriden, CT, to the late Lawrence and Shirley DelGrego. She attended Iliion High School and St. Elizabeth College of Nursing. An RN throughout her career, she worked primarily with children with terminal illness and was known for her deep compassion and boundless energy. Sheila will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 56 years, Robert; and their children, Lauren (Derek) and Rob; grandchildren, Maxwell and Isabel; siblings, Lawrence (Elizabeth) and Sherry; sister-in-law, Jessie (Albert) Anderman; and by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends. She was predeceased by daughter, Robin. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, January 10, 2019, at noon, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 3880 Pleasant Hill Rd., Kissimmee, FL. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ([giftfunds.stjude.org](http://giftfunds.stjude.org)) or Catholic Charities of Central Florida ([cflcc.org](http://cflcc.org)).

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**NICKEL**

**RONALD R.**  
Age 84, of Reserve Township, on Thursday, January 3, 2019. Beloved father of Douglas (Beth) Nickel, David (Tammy) Nickel, and Brian Nickel; brother of Marion Ebner, William Nickel, Paul Nickel, and the late Joseph Nickel and Francis Bauer; grandfather of Brandon, Dana, Jessie, Lisa, Micki, Sara, Lindsey, Haylee, Cameron, and the late Ronnie; step-grandfather of Brandon, Brett, Billy, and Kara; also survived by eight great-grandchildren. Family will welcome friends on Sunday and Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., at **SCHALLHAAS FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, (West View). Mass of Christian Burial will be held in St. Aloysius Church on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Ronald was an avid sports fan. He enjoyed golf, bowling and going to camp. Please offer condolences at [www.schellhaasfh.com](http://www.schellhaasfh.com).

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**NODVIK**

**RICHARD JAMES**  
Age 84, of Mt. Lebanon, on Saturday, January 5, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Marion C. (Daley) Nodvik; son of the late Adolph and Victoria Nodvik; loving father of Christopher E. Nodvik. Friends welcome 2-4, 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, **WILLIAM SLATER II FUNERAL SERVICE**, (412) 563-2800, 1650 Greentree Rd., Scott Twp., 15220. Blessing Service 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. Burial will follow in Queen of Heaven Cemetery. [www.slaterfuneral.com](http://www.slaterfuneral.com)

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**O'CONNELL**

**JOHN PATRICK "PAT"**  
Age 78, of Mt. Lebanon, died with family by his side after battling cancer. Pat is survived by his children, Trish, Patrick (Jen), and Chris O'Connell; grandchildren, Madeline and Matthew; nephews; sisters-in-law, Mary Jo Lutz, Marilyn Grant; and preceded in death by his brother-in-law, John F. Lutz. Pat was a proud graduate of St. Francis University in Loretto, PA, and retired as a Compliance Supervisor with the National Labor and Relations Board. He was especially fond of his Irish heritage. In retirement, he enjoyed traveling, playing tennis, and spending time with close friends. Family and friends received on Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 a.m. at the **WARCHOL FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 3060 Washington Pike, Bridgeville (412) 221-3333. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated immediately following at 11 a.m. at Our Lady of Grace Church, Scott Twp. Donations may be made to St. Anthony's School for Exceptional Children, 2000 Corporate Drive, Suite 580, Wexford, PA 15090. View and share condolences at [www.warcholfuneralhome.com](http://www.warcholfuneralhome.com)

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**ORRIS-ZAMULE**

**JANET E.**  
Age 80, passed away peacefully, January 2, 2019. Born in Mount Pleasant, PA to the late John T. and Mildred (Wilson) Mosch, she spent most of her life in Pittsburgh. She earned a bachelors degree from Penn State University and worked at Columbia Gas for many years. Janet was a proud, 26 year survivor of a kidney transplant given by her sister, and urges everyone to please be organ donors. She was also an avid bowler, even appearing on tv several times. She is survived by her son, Mark (Jill) Orris; stepchildren, John and Paul Zamule and Carol (Dale) Polanosky; granddaughters, Wendy, Lauren and Alexandria; brother, John Mosch, Jr.; and sisters, Alice Floyd and Johanna Slone. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Albert; and sister-in-law, Teresa. The family will receive friends on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Akron, OH 44333 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., with a memorial service at 11:00 a.m., Pastor Jean Hansen officiating. If desired, memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the PKD Foundation at [www.PKDcure.org/tribute-donation](http://www.PKDcure.org/tribute-donation). To view the online obituary, share thoughts and condolences on her tribute wall or obtain directions, please visit: [www.eckardbaldwin.com](http://www.eckardbaldwin.com)

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**PENCE**

**MARLENE E.**  
Age 74 of Oakmont (formerly of Verona) passed away on Thursday, January 3, 2019. Beloved Daughter of the late Clifford and Ethel (Holman) Pence; fiancée of the late William Miller. Marlene is survived by five cousins. She was employed as a secretary for Rockwell International. Marlene was a member of Verona Presbyterian Church and a volunteer at Presbyterian Senior Care in Oakmont. Friends and relatives are invited to a chapel service at the Mt. Hope Cemetery, 12707 Frankstown Road, Penn Hills on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 10 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to Presbyterian Senior Care, 1215 Hulton Road, Oakmont, PA 15139. Arrangements by **BURKET-TRUBY FUNERAL HOME CREMATION & ALTERNATIVE SERVICES INC.** Oakmont.

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**POWELL**

**PEARL LENORA (MORRIS)**  
Of Castle Shannon, age 94, went home to Jesus on January 4, 2019. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph Anthony Powell, Jr. Pearl was the beloved mother of Joseph Anthony (Sandy) Powell III, Denise Ann (Frank) Machi, and William Michael Powell; beloved grandmother of Katherine (Doug), Stephen (Kim), Joseph IV, Brian (Christina), Tony, Christina (Faith), and Frank; great-grandmother to Frankie, Michaela, Vinnie, Gabrielle, Deborah, Lincoln, Mila and Milo; sister of the late Harry L. (Gitty) Morris, Lloyd (Marie) Morris, and Marcia (Don) Mackey; also survived by her brothers-in-law, Donald Powell and John (Pat) Powell; sister-in-law, Janet Smith; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Family and friends will be received

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Sunday, January 6, 2019, 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. at the **JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 301 Curry Hollow Road, Pittsburgh 15236. A Blessing Service will be held Monday, January 7, 2019, 10 a.m. in the funeral home chapel. Interment will follow at Jefferson Memorial Park. Donations may be made to the Castle Shannon Meals on Wheels in her honor. Condolences may be left at [www.jeffersonmemorial.biz](http://www.jeffersonmemorial.biz).



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**RADAKOVICH DANIEL IVAN**

Age 60, of Moon Township, passed on Friday, January 4, 2019. Born September 27, 1958, beloved son of Daniel L. and Nancy (Fluck) Radakovich; brother of Lisa (Peter) Holsberg of New York, NY, Leslie (Neil) Olshey of Portland, OR, and Lori Radakovich of Wooster, OH; uncle of Sarah and Lukas Holsberg, Connor and James Olshey, and Katerina and Elianna Vojtkosky. He was a member of St. Catherine's Church, Crescent, and the Knights of Columbus Council #2555. Daniel was a historian, author, and actor, very involved with local theater and the arts, and active in local democratic politics and a member of MENSA. Viewing at **COPELAND'S**, Moon Township, 981 Brodhead Rd. on Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. Wednesday Prayers of Transfer 9:20 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at St. Catherine of Siena Church, Crescent at 10:00 a.m., followed by interment in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Hopewell Twp. Send condolences [post-gazette.com/gb](http://post-gazette.com/gb)



**RICHARDSON THOMAS WRAY**

Of Sewickley, age 82, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Only son of the late Thomas "Tommy" and Armita Richardson of Washington, PA, who were the owners of Richardson's Antiques on 127 East Chestnut Street. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Claudette Duplechin Richardson (who she affectionately called "Wray"); and son, Todd Wray Richardson; brother-in-law of Helena G. Hughes and the late John W. Hughes; uncle to Pamela Hughes, Charlie Sims, Kenneth Sims, and Niece Lauren Sims. Thomas graduated from Washington High School in June of 1955, then went on to serve four years in the U.S. Navy from 1955 to 1959 as an Aviation Machinist. After a Honorable Discharge from the U.S. Navy, he enrolled in the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics on February 2, 1960, and graduated September 12, 1961. Allegheny Airlines hired Thomas as an Aviation Mechanic on May 4, 1964 and he retired from UsAirways on September 1, 2002, giving him almost a 39-year career with the same company. He was a retired member of the International Association of Machinists and Aerospace Workers Potomac Air Lodge 1976 in Coraopolis, Pennsylvania. Family and friends are welcome for viewing at **RICHARD D. COLE FUNERAL HOME**, 328 Beaver Street, Sewickley, PA 15143 on Wednesday, January 9 from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Funeral burial service is 11:30 a.m. Thursday, January 10 at **CHRIST CHURCH AT GROVE FARM**, 249 Duff Road, Sewickley, PA. Interment to follow in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies with military honors. Send condolences [post-gazette.com/gb](http://post-gazette.com/gb)



**RUSSO THELMA (SCHOER)**

Age 87, passed away on December 17, 2018. She was the beloved wife of the late Morris Russo. She now rests in peace at Mount Hebron Cemetery, Flushing, NYC. She leaves her legacy with her children, Audrey, Steve (Irene Ableman) of Boca Raton, Florida; Ira (Donna Silvia) of Long Island; and her grandchildren, Mollie, Allison and Amanda. She is also survived by a sister-in-law and brother-in-law; as well as nieces and nephews from both the Russo and Schoer families. She moved to Pittsburgh in 2015 and spent these last years at Weinberg Terrace, where she was embraced with love and new friendships, after residing in Boynton Beach, Florida and New York. She was born in East New York, NYC, as a first generation American as her parents exiled from Odessa, Russia. She was always a stunning, witty, bold force including spending her time as an accomplished golfer and

tennis player and hospital volunteer, who loved the sun, her family, her lifelong friends, an avid animal lover and fashion. She knew no strangers. The family requests that memorial contributions go to the Jewish Association on Aging, 200 JHF, Pgh., PA 15217 in appreciation of their support over the past years. Send condolences [post-gazette.com/gb](http://post-gazette.com/gb)

**SCAPPE CHRISTY "SCAPP"**

On Friday, January 4, 2019, age 76, of Coraopolis, passed away surrounded by his loving family at Allegheny General Hospital. Son of the late Joseph and Mary (Bondi) Scappe; beloved husband of the late Joanne Scappe; loving father of Michael (Tiffany Pucci) Scappe and Elesia (Ray) McCutcheon; proud grandfather of Lauren, Rebekah, Ryan, and Nikole; and great-grandfather of Tanner and Leo; brother of Eugene (Judy) Scappe and the late Edward Scappe and Joseph Scappe, Jr. Christy was a lifelong member of St. Joseph Catholic Church. He was employed as an auto mechanic with Talarico Ford for 42 years. Friends received Monday and Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in **SANVITO FUNERAL HOME**, 1316 Fourth Ave., Coraopolis. Prayers in the funeral home Wednesday, 9:30 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Joseph Church, 10 a.m. Interment in Resurrection Cemetery. Send condolences [post-gazette.com/gb](http://post-gazette.com/gb)



**SCHATZ DAVID LESLIE**

Passed away peacefully on January 4, 2019. He was born September 16, 1956 in Hartford Connecticut to the late Bertha (Silberman) and Morris Schatz. He was the youngest of three children, Sandra Schatz Miller (deceased) and Allan Schatz from Connecticut. He is survived by his best friend, Phyllis Schatz; four nephews; one niece; several cousins, Brenda Massa, who was like a sister to him; and his two lifetime friends, Neil Manus and Jeff Butler. After moving to Pittsburgh in 1975, David worked for Prudential Insurance and Forsight Optical. He worked as a paramedic and firefighter for the Elmfield Fire Department before being employed by CORE. In 1994, he moved to Aventura, Florida to work for the University of Miami Medical Center and returned to Pittsburgh in 2011 to work for UPMC as an Organ Procurement Specialist. David loved his cats, boating, the casino and cruises. He battled cancer his entire life, with Hodgkins Disease in 1978 and liver cancer in 2017. Friends will be received in the **ELOISE B. KYPER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 2702 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw, PA., on Sunday, January 6, from 6 to 9 p.m. Private Entombment will be at Mount Royal Cemetery, Glenshaw, PA., on Monday. Donations in his name may be made to Animal Friends or Family Hospice. Send condolences [post-gazette.com/gb](http://post-gazette.com/gb)

**SCHRECEGOST ETHEL E.**

Age 96, of Cranberry Twp., formerly of Upper St. Clair, and New Port Richey, Florida, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 4, 2019 while under the care of Sherwood Oaks Retirement Community, where she was a resident. She was born on August 25, 1922 in Pittsburgh to the late Finley Burns and Margaret Fulton Burns. Ethel was the wife of the late Robert Schrecengost; mother of Joyce Dickman of Cranberry Twp., the late Robert D. (Karen) Schrecengost, and the late David (Eileen) Schrecengost; grandmother of six and great-grandmother of eight; and sister of Carol Stylsinger of Gaithersburg, Maryland; and five brothers and sisters who preceded her in death. Ethel loved to read, crochet, and volunteer at the Cranberry Public Library. In accordance with her wishes, there will be no viewing or service. She will be laid to rest at Jefferson Memorial Park in Pleasant Hills, Pennsylvania. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made in her honor to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 15829, Arlington, VA 22215. Cremation arrangements were entrusted to the **BOYLAN - GLENN - KILDOO FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SVCS., INC.**, 130 Wisconsin Ave., Cranberry Twp., PA 16066. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at [boylanfuneralservices.com](http://boylanfuneralservices.com). Send condolences [post-gazette.com/gb](http://post-gazette.com/gb)



**SHUDER ROBERT JOSEPH**

Yorktown, Virginia. The angels welcomed our husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Robert Joseph Shuder on December

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29, 2018. Robert, "Bob," was born May 5, 1927 to Rose and Anthony Shuder of Finleyville, Pennsylvania, where he lived until joining the United States Marine Corps in 1945. He proudly served his country and instilled that love of country into his family. After military service, Bob was employed by United States Steel Corporation, rising steadily through the ranks to the position of General Supervisor. His life was enriched through his sixty-eight year marriage with his wife Elizabeth "Betty" Frank on September 2, 1950 and they welcomed three children who adored him, Jayne Stephens of Durham, NC, Todd Shuder and Anny Szeto of Carlsbad, CA and Steve and Joann Shuder of Poquoson, VA. In time seven grandchildren blessed the family, who also treasured their time with him: Adam and Lauren Stephens of New Orleans, LA, Chelsey and Brent Zwicker of Chandler, AZ, Zachary Shuder of Chandler, AZ, Allyson Stephens and Richard Estrada of Durham, NC and Stephanie, Renee and Eric Shuder of Poquoson, VA. He was generous with his praise and encouragement and always had a warm smile assuring his unconditional love. His five great-grandchildren brought numerous smiles to his face as he enjoyed their antics; Wyatt, Pippa and Zoe Zwicker and Emily and James Stephens. Born and living in suburban Pittsburgh, PA for nearly eighty years, he and Betty, resided in Yorktown VA for the past 12 years, enjoying the rich historical and military environment, but holding dear to their Pittsburgh roots - especially with loyalty toward their sports teams. He was preceded in death by parents, Rose and Anthony Shuder; and siblings, Leonard and wife, Helen, Ruth and husband, Stanley and Gary, as well as a nephew, Clay Shuder; and a niece, Laurel Rehonic. He is mourned and will be greatly missed by his wife, children, grandchildren, his beloved sister- and brother-in-law, Virginia and David Speer of Deer Lakes, PA along with many nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren and great-nieces and nephews. Visitation will be from 12 noon to 1 p.m., Saturday, January 5, 2019 followed by a funeral mass at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Church, 3800 Big Bethel Road, Yorktown, VA 23693. A reception will follow the service at the church. The family wishes to express special thanks to At Home Hospice "Nurse Amy" and "Aide Hope," Sentara Careplex Hospital, Dr. Carl J. Lindemann and David Colwell for their compassionate and dedicated care. Please do not send flowers. Donations may be made to the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation ([www.mcsf.org](http://www.mcsf.org)) or Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Church in Robert's memory. Send condolences [post-gazette.com/gb](http://post-gazette.com/gb)



**STEELE JOSEPH A. III**

Age 62, passed away peacefully at his childhood home in Plum Borough, on December 27, 2018. He is survived by his loving parents, Joseph A. Steele, Jr. and Dolores Steele; also survived by his brother, Gary (Debbie) Steele; sister, Penny Steele-Youhon; daughter, Johnette Steele; one niece, five nephews, and four great-nieces and nephews. Per Joe's wishes, he will be cremated with no viewing. Arrangements entrusted to **JOBE FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, INC.** (MONROEVILLE/PLUM CHAPEL), corner of Beatty Rd. and 48 North, Monroeville (412) 856-4747. [www.jobefuneralhome.com](http://www.jobefuneralhome.com). Send condolences [post-gazette.com/gb](http://post-gazette.com/gb)



**STEVENS STELLA**

Age 87, of Oakdale, North Fayette Twp., died Thursday, January 3, 2019, in St. Clair Hospital. She was born August 17, 1931, in Imperial, a daughter of the late Angelo and Jenny Easton Spino. Mrs. Stevens was previously employed as a housekeeper at Kane Regional Hospital. She loved to play hook and bingo, going to the casino, and dancing-especially the polka. Surviving are her children, Nancy Jean Stevens, Mary Susan Ventresca, Raymond Anthony Stevens, Betty Ann Falconer, Evelyn Marie Fulmer, Virginia Lee Gracey, Ernest Russell Stevens, Shelly Rae Pennington. She is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur S. Stevens; son, Arthur Sanford Stevens, Jr.; brothers, Tony and Louie Spino; sister, Annie Czamecki; and one great-grandchild. Friends will be

received Tuesday 2-6 p.m., the time of service in the **THOMAS-LITTLE FUNERAL SERVICE, INC.**, 305 Main Street, Imperial (724-695-2800). Interment will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 300 Penn Center Blvd. Suite 602, Pittsburgh, PA 15235. Please sign the guestbook at: [thomas-littlefuneralservice.com](http://thomas-littlefuneralservice.com). Send condolences [post-gazette.com/gb](http://post-gazette.com/gb)



**STEVICK HELEN M. (MACIUPA)**

Of North Huntingdon, formerly of Forest Hills, age 94, on Saturday, January 5, 2019. Beloved wife of the late William E. Stevick, Sr.; loving mother of William E. (Diane) Stevick, Jr. of North Huntingdon and Debra Ann Tambellini of CA; dear grandmother of Peter James (Carolina) Tambellini, Samantha Stevick, and Alexandria (Adam) Bicknell; great-grandmother of Vincent Tambellini, and twins, Jordan and Riley Bicknell; sister of Mary Karlson of KS. Helen was preceded in death by her siblings, Marge Blotzer, Ann Durick, Judy Herch, John, and Michael Maciupa. Helen's favorite pastime was playing cards and teaching others how to play various card games. Friends are welcome on Monday from 2-8 p.m. at **PATRICK T. LANIGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, INC.**, 700 Linden Ave. at Cable, East Pittsburgh, PA 15112, (412) 824-8800, where a Blessing Service will be held on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. Helen will be laid to rest in Good Shepherd Cemetery. Send condolences [post-gazette.com/gb](http://post-gazette.com/gb)



**TIBONI FRED**

On January 2, 2019 age 76 of Munhall. Son of the late Frederick Sr. and Margaret (Daern) Tiboni; beloved husband of 51 years to Dorothy (Mortimer) Tiboni; loving father of Kerry Tiboni Schurman and Kevin (Erin) Tiboni; cherished grandfather of Maddy, Cole, Maura and Colin; brother of the late Patricia Kalb and Thomas Tiboni; uncle of Tim (Kathi) Kern and Pat (Tammy) Kern; great-uncle of Riley, McKenna, Cassidy, Delaney and Brendan. Proud veteran of the U.S. Marine Corp. "Semper Paratus", longtime employee of U.S. Steel, Owner of FT Electric, avid golfer and proud spectator at all his grandchildren's sporting events. Friends received on Saturday from 6-8 p.m. and Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., at the **GEORGE IRVIN GREEN FUNERAL HOME INC.**, 3511 Main St., Munhall 412-461-6394. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday at 10 a.m., in St. Therese R.C. Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Fred's name to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Pittsburgh 333 E. Carson St. # 441E Pgh., 15219. Send condolences [post-gazette.com/gb](http://post-gazette.com/gb)

**VICTOR PATRICIA L.**

Peacefully, at her son's home in Hartwell, GA, on Sunday, December 30, 2018, age 87, of Hampton Twp. Beloved wife for 40 years of the late Charles S. Victor; mother of Debbie Victor Hammer of Wexford and Guy Victor of GA; mother-in-law of Laury Gardner of GA; grandmother of Dylan, Katie, and Nathan Hammer and Garrett and Dawson Victor; step-grandmother of Riley Gardner; great-grandmother of Ryder Birmingham; aunt of Cindy Panyon; godmother of Beth Showlin. Friends received Saturday, January 12, 2019, from 10 a.m. until time of service at 12 noon at **SIMONS FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 7720 Perry Hwy., Pgh, PA 15237. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Assn. where a tribute page has been created for Patricia at <https://tinyurl.com/patriciavictor>. Send condolences [post-gazette.com/gb](http://post-gazette.com/gb)



**WAGNER ADELAIDE ELIZABETH**

Age 102, formerly of Etna, PA passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 26, 2018 in Erie. She was born on August 17, 1916 in Etna, the daughter of the late Harry and Elizabeth Volk Brode. Ade was preceded in death by her husband, Henry J. Wagner; and her son, Henry, in 1953. She was the loving mother of Jane (Scott) Lightner of Erie, and Susan (Joseph) Lambert of Davenport, IA; dear grandmother of Kelly (Nick) Francani, of Chadds

Ford, PA, Christopher (Sarah) Lightner, of Garnet Valley, PA, Travis Lightner of Erie, Erin Lambert of Davenport, IA, Morgan (Scott) Bellamy, of Downingtown, PA and Joseph Lambert, III, of Davenport, IA. Ade was a clerk for the U.S. Government during WWII, and an active member of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sharpsburg, and the Chalfant House Women's Club. Most of all, she was a loving mother and a friend to all. Her home was the center for all friends and families to gather and always feel welcome. Ade was always there to listen. She loved her children, grandchildren, singing and cooking, but most especially her family and friends. Ade was divinely blessed, and she blessed each and everyone of us. She had the ability to make everyone feel welcome and accepted, and in turn, everyone welcomed and accepted her. Our families wish to offer our sincere gratitude to Home Instead Care Givers of Erie. They all loved and cared for Mom beyond our expectations. Visitation Saturday, January 12, 2019 from 1:00 p.m., until the time of the Memorial Service at 3:00 p.m., at **NEELY FUNERAL HOME**, 2208 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw, PA 15116. Memorial contributions may be made to Great Lakes Hospice, 1700 Peach St., Ste. 244, Erie, PA 16501, or Sister Pascal Food Pantry, 130 E. 4th St., Erie, PA 16507, or Quad City Sled Hockey Assoc., 2236 E. 46th St., Davenport, IA 52807. The **DUSCKAS FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 2607 Buffalo Rd., Erie, PA 16510, handled initial arrangements. Please visit us at: [neelyfuneralhome.com](http://neelyfuneralhome.com). Send condolences [post-gazette.com/gb](http://post-gazette.com/gb)

**WAIN ANAMAE LIN**

On December 29, 2018, Anamae Lin Wain, 85, of McCandless Township, beloved wife of 50 years to the late Homer Charles Wain. Survived by her loving sons, Paul Homer Wain of McCandless Twp., Phillip Harrison Wain of Butler and Charles William Wain of Butler; grandmother of Bronwyn, Chelsea and Myriah, William, Samantha, Zarys and Xev Wain. Anamae was past Matron Loyalty #343 OES in 1956, member of North Hills #526 OES, past president of VFW 2754 Auxiliary 1969-1971. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Boy Scouts of America McCandless Troop 329, 8800 Peebles Road, Allison Park, PA 15101. Arrangements entrusted to **SIMONS FUNERAL HOME, INC.** [simonsfuneralhome.com](http://simonsfuneralhome.com). Send condolences [post-gazette.com/gb](http://post-gazette.com/gb)

**WAYMAN PATRICIA L.**

Age 66, of Ross Twp., passed away on Thursday, December 27, 2018. Beloved daughter of Dorothy (Moody) and the late John Wayman; loving sister of Kathy (Tom) Sunday; proud aunt of Tim (Marnie) Frazier, Drew (Becky) Frazier, and Brianne (Paul) Flint; also survived by many great-nieces and nephews and friends. Pat was once called the "smartest woman in Pittsburgh" by a local radio station who could not stump her before the ability to look up answers online began. She obtained a Master's Degree in History from Duquesne University. She was an avid reader and could never learn enough. Her hobbies included knitting, photography, and music. She was loved very much by her family and will be greatly missed. A Mass of Christian Burial was held in St. Sebastian Church on Saturday, December 29, 2018. Memorial donations can be made to St. Vincent De Paul Society or St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Arrangements by **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME**. Send condolences [post-gazette.com/gb](http://post-gazette.com/gb)

**WILSON MARY JO**

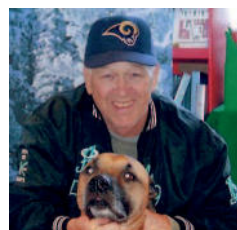
Mary Jo Wilson left family and friends on New Year's Day, 2019. She was born August 22, 1940, in Moundsville, West Virginia, to Ken and Hermina Wilson. She attended Charleroi High School in Pennsylvania and was part of the graduating class of '58. She is survived by her brother, Ken Wilson (Natalie); her sister, Louisa Zadecky (Lenny); her son, Charles Wilson, whom she proudly referred to as her "greatest achievement"; and by numerous nieces and nephews. Mary Jo built a long career as an able and devoted administrative assistant, first to the Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh, then to the Chairman of the URA and Port Authority, and, finally, as AA to the Director of Shady Lane School, the position from which she retired. Perhaps her most outstanding virtue was her loyalty - loyalty to her friends, her city, and her causes. A font of information on friends and family, she kept everyone abreast of their most recent doings, so that even those who had never met knew the latest challenges and achievements of the others. An unfailing Pittsburgh booster, from its sports teams to its universities, to its public celebrations, she loved her town and took personal pride in its growing reputation as a great place to live. And until physical impairment overtook her strength, Mary Jo was an impassioned champion and dedicated volunteer for the social and political causes she believed in. She is and will be missed. A Memorial Service

is being planned for the future. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. Professional services trusted to **D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, LTD.**, Lawrenceville. [www.dallesandroltd.com](http://www.dallesandroltd.com). Send condolences [post-gazette.com/gb](http://post-gazette.com/gb)



**WISNIEWSKI PAULETTE (JOYCE)**

Age 49, formerly of Greenfield, passed unexpectedly on Monday, January 1, 2019. Preceded in death by her beloved son, Codi "Geno" Preston Joyce. Survived by her loving children, Corey and Kaylee; and former husband, John Joyce; devoted partner of the late Randy Scafuri; also survived by her beloved parents, Alan and Joan "JoJo" Wisniewski; brother, Stephen J. Wisniewski; and nephew and niece, Stephen A. and Josie Wisniewski; Paulette is also survived by numerous family and friends. Friends will be received on Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the **EDWARD P. KANAI FUNERAL HOME**, 500 Greenfield Ave., 15207. Funeral Tuesday at 9:30 with Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Rosalia Church. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the family. Send condolences [post-gazette.com/gb](http://post-gazette.com/gb)



**ZACK RONALD G.**

Born April 20, 1942, of McCandless, passed away peacefully January 3, 2019, with his caring wife, Andrea, by his side. Loving father of Beth Ann and the late Mark Zack; beloved grandfather to Corey Kushik and Shane Isasky; cherished by step-children, James and Amanda Pschirer; devoted "Pap" to Jordyn Pschirer; preceded in death by parents, Alice (Morrissette) and Joseph R. Zack; sisters, Alice "Lal" Ferrari and Antoinette "Anta" (Robert) Patterson; brother, Richard S. (Barbara) Zack. Also dearly missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Family will receive friends Monday 6:00 p.m. until time of Blessing Service at 7:30 p.m. at **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 806 Perry Highway, North Hills. Send condolences [post-gazette.com/gb](http://post-gazette.com/gb)



**ZOTTOLA HELEN A.**

Age 91, of Allison Park, on Thursday, January 3, 2019. Beloved wife of Albert Zottola; mother of Anthony Zottola (Diane), Linda Boland (Richard), Raymond Zottola (Cynthia), Paul Zottola (Catherine), and Lisa Raines (Eleanor); also survived by 14 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren; sister of Tonia Tankersley (Chuck) and the late Catherine Donatelli (the late Louis). Friends received at **MCCABE BROS., INC. FUNERAL HOME**, 6214 Walnut Street, Shadyside on Sunday, 2-5 and 6-8 p.m., where Funeral will commence on Monday at 9 a.m., followed by Mass of Christian Burial in St. Raphael Church at 10 a.m. Condolences may be left at [www.mccabebrothers.com](http://www.mccabebrothers.com). Send condolences [post-gazette.com/gb](http://post-gazette.com/gb)

**In Memoriam**



**CWYNAR JENNIFER SUSAN**

2/20/1987 - 1/6/2010. An Angel In The Book of Life Wrote Down My Daughter's Birth. And Whispered As She Closed The Book, "Too Beautiful For Earth." Author Unknown **Love Mom, Dad and Nicole**



**P**erhaps you've had the experience of clicking a link to a video or a news story and taking a second to realize that what you're seeing is real life — life as we've known it over the past year or two: Boston Dynamics and its dancing robots, drones delivering vaccines to children in remote areas, MIT and its brain-controlled prosthetics for amputees. SpaceX nails the landing — holy smoke.

Perhaps you've had the experience of clicking a link to a video or a news story and taking a second to realize that what you're seeing is real life — life as we knew it over the past year or two: horrifying hunger in Yemen and South Sudan; police-state repression in Venezuela and North Korea; migrants in Libya captured like animals and sold as slaves; monarchies that still take themselves seriously.

It is astonishing that these things exist in the world; it is inexplicable that they exist in the same world. And it's a small world: If you want to see what conditions on the ground are like in Kazakhstan, it's only a click away. "How do people live like that?" we wonder, even as the hungry souls reaching out to embrace us from the other side of that observation see San Francisco or Miami and ask the same thing.

We know what Jane Jacobs, author of "The Death and Life of Great American Cities," thought about this: "To seek 'causes' of poverty ... is an intellectual dead end, because poverty has no causes. Only prosperity has causes."

What causes prosperity? It seems like a ridiculous question: If we know what causes prosperity, why is there any poverty? Who would choose poverty? Even the wealthiest people in poor societies, the ones who are never obliged to lift anything heavier than

champagne, still must live in poor societies and suffer the ugliness and stagnation of general poverty even if they escape the direst consequences of personal poverty.

There's a reason why all that residential real estate in New York City and London got bid up over the past couple decades, and it isn't that the people in Southern California finally discovered the unique charms of Staten Island. It's because even the wealthiest people — especially the wealthiest people — in the backward countries would rather live where there's a Whole Foods and reasonably clean sidewalks, and where they are not always living one economic downturn away from Red October. It's not like the oligarchs in China don't know the history of their own country.

#### Credit the division of labor

In the 1990s, we came to believe, if only for a couple of years, that "the laws of nature and of nature's God" had been replaced by Moore's

Law, the observation that the computing power practically available doubles roughly every two years. Everything that Moore's Law touched got better and cheaper every year — and it continues to do so. This has produced radical changes in how we live: Twelve years ago, there was no such thing as a smartphone, much less was there the omnipresence of handheld screens that distinguishes (and in part disfigures) life in the developed world now.

But Moore's Law is not a force of nature, and it is not the case that our items of technology and our manufactured goods must get better, less expensive and more widely available every year. They do, but they don't just.

The miracle of modern life — modern life itself, really — has one ultimate source: the division of labor. The division of labor is not just a term from a dusty undergraduate economics textbook — it is the secret sauce, the fuel in the rocket engine of capitalist development that has transformed our world. It took about 66 years to go from Kitty Hawk to Neil Armstrong landing on the moon — Jeff Goldblum is 66 years old. In the course of one Goldblum — one Goldblum so far — we went from standing on the Earth and wondering about the moon to standing on the moon and observing the Earth.

And nobody did that. An enormous number of people each did a little part.

Because of the division of labor, the people who are searching for a cure for HIV do not have to spend their days baking their own bread — or growing their own wheat, grinding it into flour, gathering the rest of the ingredients and then, finally, if they haven't starved to death in the interim, baking their

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## There is no true student-loan crisis

The crisis is that too few college students graduate so they cannot afford to repay their loans, explains Robert Morris University President **CHRIS HOWARD**

**C**ollege and university presidents increasingly find ourselves having to combat a number of negative misperceptions about higher education, but none has been quite so stubborn as the notion that our graduates are being crushed beneath a mountain of student-loan debt.

The issue is certainly front and center in the media. Recently I had the privilege to attend the annual Higher Education Media Dinner in New York City, which features 25 journalists and a dozen or so college and university presidents from across the country. All of it on the record, with our public relations people looking on apprehensively while the presidents bluntly answered question after question about how we could keep costs down and debt low.

The consensus among the institutions represented — which included large public flagships, private liberal arts schools and professionally focused institutions such as Robert Morris University — is that the United States does not have a student-loan crisis. Our nation does, however, have a college-completion crisis.

That may sound self-serving coming from a group of college presidents. But it's also the slowly emerging consensus among researchers who have carefully studied the issue, sifting through sensational headlines to examine the data underlying the economic fortunes of college graduates and college dropouts. It is the latter who should concern us most.

First, let's get the most important question out of the way: Is a college degree still a sound investment? The answer is clearly yes. College graduates can expect to earn at least \$1 million more during their lifetimes than those without a degree, according to the Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce.

Georgia State University President Mark Becker was quick to note during the media dinner that even at the height of the Great Recession, unemployment among

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There is a world of miracles out there, and a darker one, too, explains the National Review's

**KEVIN D. WILLIAMSON**

## We always can choose our future



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## Unfinished business from the Holocaust

As Holocaust survivors pass from the scene, we must redouble efforts to return to their families artworks stolen by the Nazis, urges diplomat **STUART E. EIZENSTAT**

**D**uring World War II, the Nazis looted some 600,000 paintings from Jews, at least 100,000 of which are still missing.

The looting was not only designed to enrich the Third Reich but also integral to the Holocaust's goal of eliminating all vestiges of Jewish identity and culture. The Allies warned neutral nations in the 1943 London Declaration against trafficking in Nazi-looted art. Art experts, the storied "Monuments Men," were embedded in the liberating U.S. Army. The looted wealth they preserved was returned to the countries where it had been stolen in the expectation that the original owners or their heirs would receive it. That hope was misplaced: Most items were sold or incorporated into public and private collections, lost to their rightful owners.

Decades later, in December 1998, we started to change that. Forty-four countries committed to the Washington Principles on Nazi-Confiscated Art that I negotiated for identifying, publishing and ultimately restoring the looted art through negotiation. To achieve a consensus, we had to permit nations to act within their

own laws, and appealed to their moral conscience to adopt a "just and fair solution." Many felt these nonbinding principles would be ineffectual. They were wrong, but the lack of legal requirement has created barriers we have yet to fully overcome.

The principles were an overdue, but vital first step. Philippe de Montebello, then head of New York's Metropolitan Museum, correctly forecast that after the Washington Principles "the art world would never be the same." During the past 20 years, galleries, dealers and museums began researching paintings that had passed through European hands between 1933 and 1945 to spot suspicious gaps in their provenance or chain of ownership. With the internet, suspected Nazi-looted art is increasingly being posted on websites. Almost 30,000 works from their collections have been posted by 179 members of the American Alliance of Museums on a portal, a single point of contact for potential claimants to find their Nazi-looted art.

Austria, France, Germany, the Netherlands and Britain have created advisory commissions to resolve disputed claims. Austria has

returned more than 30,000 artworks, books and cultural objects, and Germany has restituted more than 16,000 from its public museums and libraries. Christie's and Sotheby's maintain full-time staffs to implement the Washington Principles, and both auction houses decline to deal in art with suspicious Holocaust-era histories. Christie's has successfully resolved more than 200 claims in the past 20 years. In 2009, the principles were strengthened by the Terezin Declaration, when 46 countries, led by the United States, agreed to extend the Washington Principles to include "public and private institutions" and broaden the meaning of confiscated art to include "forced sales and sales under duress" for Jewish families desperately needing money to escape Nazi Germany.

There have been painful disappointments. Russia and a handful of other European nations that supported the Washington Principles have largely ignored or barely implemented them. Provenance research is a low priority in Europe's public museums and nonexistent in its private

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## Share in veterans' grief

It is our duty to listen to our warriors' stories and help to heal their pain, writes the Post-Gazette's **DIANA NELSON JONES**

**W**e met before dinner on a Thursday at St. Thomas Seminary near Hartford, Conn. Each smile and handshake acknowledged that we shared a commitment for the weekend. Most of us had read "War and the Soul."

After dinner, we filled chairs in a circle in conference room A, 24 of us — veterans, civilians and a support team of therapists. Over the next three days, veterans shared their grief with civilians who listened, rapt.

That retreat was in April. Four-day retreats are among several healing events held each year by Soldier's Heart, a nonprofit founded by psychotherapist Ed Tick and Kate Dahlstedt, a clinical psychologist, in the wake of Mr. Tick's 2005 book "War and the Soul." It is a must-read for anyone

who is interested in post-traumatic growth and the moral injuries that veterans suffer.

I was so moved and affected at the retreat that, when I returned to Pittsburgh, I began raising money for a similar retreat here for local veterans and civilians to attend without having to pay.

Thanks to scores of people, most of them my friends, who gave \$20, \$50, \$75, \$200, and The Pittsburgh Foundation, which covered most of the cost, a retreat will be held April 11-14 at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary.

Veterans from Western Pennsylvania will be given first preference. I encourage civilians to apply, too. The application period is open until Feb. 1. Apply at [www.soldiersheart.net/aprilretreat](http://www.soldiersheart.net/aprilretreat).

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## The new urban bullies

Tech companies need to learn public engagement

Tech companies might have some great ideas, but they should spend more time consulting with the people who lives are going to be affected by them.

The need for that kind of outreach is evident in Toronto, where residents are upset with a Google affiliate's plans to create a smart neighborhood; in Queens, where Amazon has faced backlash for deciding to locate half of its second headquarters in the New York City borough; and in Arizona, where Waymo's self-driving vans have been attacked nearly two dozen times over the past two years by residents wary of artificial intelligence.

The disregard for public opinion also was evident in Pittsburgh last year as Mayor Bill Peduto and Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald courted Amazon's HQ2 with a lavish package of giveaways and used various tricks to keep the details secret for as long as possible.

The government obsequiousness once reserved for professional sports teams has been extended to the tech sector as cities compete to lure the hippest companies, create the most jobs and cut the sexiest profiles. But people already living and working in a city shouldn't have life-changing technology or highly subsidized corporate tenants foisted on them without a chance to weigh in. They shouldn't be conscripted as guinea pigs, or their community made to serve as the beta proving ground, for the next

big thing.

That's what happened in Toronto. Google affiliate Sidewalk Labs won a contract to turn a 12-acre parcel into what PRI's The World called a "futuristic neighborhood" with autonomous shuttles, green buildings and data-driven operating systems. Objections have arisen to the way Sidewalk Labs won the contract, to the vast amounts of individual-level data that would be harnessed to make the smart city operate and to Sidewalk Labs' quasi-government role.

In discussing his search for a site, Sidewalk Labs CEO Daniel Doctoroff made have intended a compliment when he said "the single place that we thought was the best was Toronto." He may have chosen Toronto, but Torontonians didn't choose him or his Orwellian vision.

A similar angst underlies the incidents in the Phoenix suburb of Chandler, where people have thrown rocks at Waymo's vans, tried to run them off the road and screamed at the vehicles and their human back-up drivers. In Queens, the objections to Amazon's impending building project are more concrete; traffic congestion, a housing crunch and other changes will turn the neighborhood upside down.

Maybe because of the nature of their work, tech companies often lack a human touch. In Toronto, Queens, Chandler and, yes, Pittsburgh, it has cost their brands more than their apps can calculate.

## An incredible breakthrough

Cocktail of germs may cure childhood leukemia

To those parents waging war on dirt and germs: Set down the dustpan. Stow away the antibacterial wipes. And, that dirt under the little one's nails that you were hurrying to scrub away? No rush.

And while you absorb that information, take this in: The ear infections and runny noses that you were trying to avoid like the, umm, plague? No need.

If a medical scientist across The Pond is right:

Dirt is good.  
Infant illness is instructive.

And the cure for childhood leukemia could be a cocktail of germs mixed up in drinkable yogurt.

Many years of inquiry by Mel Greaves of London's Institute of Cancer Research has led him to these (simplified for common consumption) conclusions.

And for his work, he learned in December that he would receive knighthood this year.

It is an honor richly deserved. The professor has been on the trail of the sometimes-deadly childhood blood disorder for three decades.

While 90 percent of the cases are cured, current treatment protocols can be toxic. Mr. Greaves believes he is on the way to developing a less caustic — indeed, a potentially tasty — alternative.

But, first, how he got from there to here: 1.) A rising incident rate in his home country has been documented and the conclusion made that childhood leukemia is more of a problem in general within affluent societies. 2.) The disease begins in the womb with a genetic mutation which, later in the child's life, is triggered by another biological event that sends the child's immune system into overdrive, ultimately triggering another mutation — full-blown leukemia.

While Mr. Greaves doesn't know how to avoid to the underlying genetic mutation, he believes the trigger for its manifestation

can be avoided if a child's immune system is forced to battle infection in the first year of life. Essentially, that battle would "prime" the baby's immune system to work properly later. Hence, the concern that parents who "protect" their children from dirt, germs and infection actually may be undermining them.

He told The Guardian newspaper, "When such a baby (that has been insulated from germs and infection) is eventually exposed to common infections, his or her unprimed immune system reacts in a grossly abnormal way. It overreacts and triggers chronic inflammation." And that inflammation causes the release of chemicals that triggers the second mutation that manifests as leukemia.

He discerned how to block the chronic inflammation trigger, looking closely at the human gut, with all its bacteria, viruses and other microbes. He has found that people who live "cleaner" lives have fewer microbes. He's working now with mice to find out which "bugs" are best at stimulating rodent immune systems with an eye toward human experimentation in a couple of years. In essence, he's looking for a way to prime a child's immune system and he believes the answer is a just-right cocktail of microbes, mixed into a yogurt drink.

If it works out the way the professor expects, the microbe-laced yogurt could combat childhood leukemia as well as other conditions like diabetes and allergies.

There is a distance to travel. Mr. Greaves must complete his rodent experiments then duplicate them in humans. Then other scientists will have to replicate the results. In the meantime, his work offers hope for a major medical advancement — and perhaps some justification for a less-than-sanitized home and some tolerance for sick kids at the next Baby & Me get-together.



Senator Romney's High Horse

### Letters to the editor

## Returning the favor on Mitzvah Day

In most definitions, the Hebrew word "mitzvah" means "a good deed." Every Dec. 25, the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh sponsors Mitzvah Day. Its purpose is to give those who celebrate Christmas the opportunity to be with their families and loved ones. To accomplish this, hundreds of volunteers are mobilized to come together to provide services to organizations throughout the entire community.

Over 300 meals, donated and prepared by the William Penn catering staff, were served to the homeless, the hungry and the lonely by approximately 30 Salvation Army volunteers and 25 Mitzvah Day volunteers, among them my daughter, son-in-law, two grandsons and me.

While our purpose (and it was fulfilled), was to do the mitzvah — to make Christmas more meaningful and joyful and to bring relief and comfort to those who desperately need it — the over 300 hungry, appreciative and sensitive people ironically fulfilled the Mitzvah and literally did the good deed.

They recognized me as being Jewish, by my "Stronger Than Hate" (Jewish Star included) T-shirt and my yarmulke (skull cap); I was continuously greeted by those whom I was serving with all of the following:

"I am sorry for your loss" ... "Shalom" ... "May God be with you" ... "I am with you," in response to the Oct. 27 Tree of Life massacre.

This was the Christmas message of the over 300 hungry, lonely and homeless people. They expressed their concern and prayers for us, before they expressed their gratitude for the food they were receiving.

The irony: On Mitzvah Day, they performed the Mitzvah.

LARRY RUBIN  
Squirrel Hill

Finally, as all fees are to be distributed back to ratepayers and administrative costs are capped, the plan is revenue neutral, thus allaying fears of those who worry about increased regulation.

The Energy Innovation Act is a forward-thinking proposal that combines concern for science with protection of our National Interests. Rep. Mike Doyle and Sens. Bob Casey and Pat Toomey should support these measures when they are re-introduced in the new Congress.

ROB SCHWARTZ  
Highland Park

### Honor all religions

It is very disconcerting that just a few months after the Tree of Life attack, Ross Douthat produced the Dec. 30 Forum "The Return of Paganism," which was laced with sectarian arrogance.

Even though his own religion is struggling with a pedophilia scandal and internal dissension and controversy, he thought it a good idea to insult, ridicule and label Christian heretics, fellow Americans exercising their First Amendment rights.

As America has no state religion and everyone is free to follow his own conscience, it follows that there can be no heresy in America as all religious views and interpretations are equal before the law. Also, Mr. Douthat should know that our Constitution is like a contract; it can only work if everyone supports it, especially the Bill of Rights.

Mr. Douthat also needs to remember our own history as a nation. There was a time when certain religious and philosophical

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views were not acceptable: Catholicism, Judaism, Native American religions, agnosticism, atheism and even minor Protestant groups. Politicians even opposed immigration from Eastern and Southern Europe because they didn't want American culture "tainted" by Catholics and Jews.

Inquisitions and pogroms don't just appear out of thin air. They begin when people of influence — self-righteous religious leaders, "holier than thou" politicians and even snide columnists — choose to insult, ridicule and marginalize any who think differently than they do. That just stokes the glowing embers of bigotry and hatred.

LEO NAGORSKI  
Shaler

### Support energy act

Regarding climate change, it is certainly true that "A nation doesn't have to exempt itself from the laws of science to protect its interests," (Dec. 30 editorial "After Paris"). However, claiming that effective climate action requires sacrifices that will hurt our economy is not accurate. Carbon fee and dividend programs that pair fees placed on polluting emissions with dividends paid to consumers can fight climate change and encourage innovation that will lead to economic growth.

The bipartisan Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act (S.3791/H.R. 7173), introduced in November, includes measures that will strengthen our economy while reducing our reliance on fossil fuels. According to Citizen's Climate Lobby, a nonpartisan organization, the act is potentially effective, with reductions of emissions by 40 percent or more possible by 2030.

It is good for people, as most families will receive more in dividend than they are charged — including a "prebate" check to be distributed to payees before any fees are collected. It's good for the economy, with as many as 2.1 million new jobs anticipated. It is bipartisan, with Democratic and Republican supporters in both the House and the Senate.

## Patients are overpaying for health care



I read with interest the Jan. 3 article "Hospital Sticker Prices" about the area health systems listing their charges for various procedures. As a recent patient of one of our larger local health systems, I have become convinced that our health care system is very broken. Within a span of two weeks, I was diagnosed with cancer, sent for tests, met an oncologist and was scheduled for surgery. What a whirlwind and how completely overwhelming. Fortunately for me, I have a wonderful surgeon and the other care providers were excellent.

I cannot say my experience was the same from a business aspect. Despite having very good insurance coverage, I was forced to pay upfront for my surgery or be denied care. Of course, I paid for the surgery. I have spent the past two months trying to get my over-payment back from the hospital system.

It has billed the insurance company over \$65,000 for the

outpatient surgery and care so far. The insurance company has repriced it to just over \$23,000, including my share. Seems to me that a service is worth what a service is worth, regardless of how I am paying for it. The health care system is accepting the \$23,000 as payment in full and is still making millions. So why are they billing \$65,000? Does a plumber charge more to change your water heater depending on how or who is paying the bill? I think not.

How do our health care systems get away with this completely misleading and abusive practice? It has taken the power away from the patients to make care decisions for themselves. Health care has changed from a personal interaction to one of big business and the more confusing they can make it, the better for the health care giants.

MARY E. HOERSTER  
Carnegie

## Sunday Perspectives

### Against the current

KEITH C. BURRIS

# Promise keepers

*The idea of contract in politics*



Sen. Eugene McCarthy campaigning for president in New Haven, Conn., in 1968

In 1968, after a violent Democratic convention ignored his primary victories and standing in the polls and refused a peace platform on the Vietnam War, many of his supporters urged Sen. Eugene McCarthy to launch a third party run for president.

It was probably too late. There were too many ballot-access obstacles. But when McCarthy said “no,” the main reason he gave was contract. He’d promised not to do that. He’d run as a Democrat and he felt bound. Later, so that he would not be so bound, he said he would not seek re-election to the Senate. For he could, realistically, only do so as a Democrat.

And yet, when Richard Nixon asked him to become ambassador to the United Nations, McCarthy, who had two years to serve in his Senate term, had one condition — that the Republican governor appoint a Democrat to the seat. The people of Minnesota had elected a Democrat and he felt they should have one until the next election. (Interestingly, Mr. Nixon approved, it was the GOP governor who would not go along.)

All this may seem now, as it did to many then, rarefied scruples. And maybe Mr. McCarthy did take his idea of contract a bit to extremes.

But we have gotten far away from the notion that party platforms — the pledges candidates run on — and political promises not only matter, but are binding.

It’s an idea we should renew.

Imagine if every politician asked himself: What did I promise the people and how will I fulfill my promises?

The classic example of broken, and even reversed, promises is the 1964 presidential race: Lyndon Johnson promised deescalation of the war in Vietnam and Barry Goldwater pledged escalation. LBJ gave us what Barry promised.

In the matter of contract, keeping one’s promises, Donald Trump has been a breath of fresh air. He promised to “put America

first,” and he has. He promised an aggressive trade policy and more trade equity, including re-writing NAFTA, and he has done it. He promised originalist judges and he has delivered. He promised to end foreign entanglements and he is following through.

Indeed, Sen. Rand Paul says the establishment is “petrified” that Mr. Trump will be the first president in memory to end rather than start a war.

We can argue about the merit of these positions, either as absolutes and changes of direction, or as corrections along what will be, ultimately, a familiar course.

But, they are promises kept.

He promised a wall between the United States and Mexico.

This in contrast to President Barack Obama’s broken promise to close the Guantanamo Bay prison camp — a promise as symbolically important to him and his followers as the wall is to Mr. Trump.

Or Bill Clinton’s promise to rebuild the nation’s infrastructure in 1992.

Or George Herbert Walker Bush’s promise not to raise taxes, after we read his lips.

This does not mean that the president is honorable in all or most things. Or that his personal and petty attacks on people who

leave his administration are worthy of a president. This president fails to understand presidential norms. He fails to comprehend that, because he is head of state, restraint, dignity, good manners and uplift are expected of him. The White House chief of staff, or the head of the joint chiefs, can be an unapologetic SOB. The president cannot be.

But that is a different issue.

For a politician, especially a president, to seek to keep the promises he has made, and to be the person he ran as, is honorable and good for our democracy.

At the very least, a president ought to explain when he changes his mind.

The military did change this president’s mind on pulling troops out of various foreign entanglements precipitously. But not on getting out ultimately.

To my way of thinking, he is both right in principle and right to keep his promise. Should one more fine young American die in Afghanistan? Tell me why.

Contract ought to count in politics. Politicians should feel bound by their promises and to those to whom those promises were made.

Members of Congress should not be allowed to quit midterm and become lobbyists.

If a candidate for Congress

promised to vote against Nancy Pelosi as House speaker during his campaign, he should keep his word.

Ex-presidents ought not to be able to cash in on corporate and “rain-making” opportunities when they have, as a matter of contract, accepted a de facto salary and staffing from the public.

Mr. Trump’s presidency may fail because he does not fully understand the office and his role. In this he is like Bill Clinton and Richard Nixon, two extremely capable men who somehow could not be presidential. But he will not fail because he did not do what he said he would do.

I can think of two other politicians who have bolstered the idea of contract: One is Newt Gingrich and the other is Bernie Sanders. Mr. Gingrich gave us the “Contract With America.” Much of it was bad. But it laid out a platform, a path, and a promise to fulfill it.

Mr. Sanders was not quite as explicit in 2016. But he has always been a candidate running on a platform, not a personality. Who can doubt that as president he would have pursued single-payer health care with single-minded ferocity? I would not be surprised if he lays out a detailed contract for a 2020 campaign: Elect me and you get precisely this.

My own preference is for a politician who says he has “... nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears and sweat.” But we know that won’t fly.

Candidates should take care what they promise, as perhaps Mr. Trump did not. He is stuck with his wall now. Bernie should think twice about promising free college. It is not healthy and almost certainly not possible.

But Mr. Trump has changed the game for after Trump. In the future, American politicians may again be expected to keep the promises they make.

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# Dogs are bipartisan

*They don’t care about MAGA or the ‘resistance’*

I wanted to write this column about dogs. If you have read my work, you know that I like my dogs. I probably like your dogs, too. Because I just like dogs.

It’s a common sentiment. Dog ownership has been going up markedly for a while now. There are some who worry that dogs — and even cats — are replacing human children as the objects of our devotion.

There’s evidence to support the claim. Many young couples are more eager to have pets than kids. Expenditures on pet insurance have soared. One often sees dogs referred to as “furbabies” on social media. Two decades ago, my wife and I struggled to find hotels on long drives that would accommodate dogs (at least at a reasonable price). Now, many hotels compete for the attention of dog owners. Some businesses eager to hire skilled young workers have generous bring-your-dog-to-work policies. Some even provide “pawternity” care for new dog owners.

A survey by Sun Trust Bank found that 33 percent of first-time home-buying millennials said the desire for a better space for their dog was a factor in their decision. Only 25 percent said marriage was an issue, and just 19 percent said children were.

Psychologist Clay Routledge makes a persuasive case that dog ownership is a symptom of America’s loneliness crisis. As our society becomes more individualistic, Mr. Routledge observed in National Review, “pets may be appealing to some because they lack the agency of humans and thus require less compromise and sacrifice.”

And the problem will likely get worse because, as Mr. Routledge notes, young people report much more anxiety and isolation in the era of the smartphone, which is why anxious college students increasingly request the support of “companion animals.”

In his book “Them,” Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Neb., catalogs America’s loneliness crisis. We have fewer and fewer “non-virtual” friends. Americans entertain others in their homes half as much as they did 25 years ago. People don’t know — never mind socialize with — their neighbors the way they once did.

There’s much to ponder and debate here. But it seems obvious that Mr. Routledge is on to something.

Which brings me back to what I wanted to write about. I post a lot of videos and pictures of my dogs, Zoë and Pippa, on Twitter. I also follow many of the hugely popular dog-focused Twitter accounts (WeRateDogs, The Dogist, Thoughts of Dog, etc.).

Dogs — and animals generally — are among the few things that bridge the partisan divide. Tragedies are a partisan affair. If someone dies in a hurricane or shooting, there’s a mad rush to score political points. Last week, a lovely young woman, Bre Payton, died from a sudden illness, and a bunch of ghouls mocked or celebrated her demise because she was a conservative.

Even babies can be controversial, because babies can touch various nerves, from abortion politics to the apparent scourge of “misgendering” newborns.

But dogs are largely immune to political ugliness. The angriest complaints I get about my dog tweets — from people on both the left and right — are that I’m wasting apparently scarce resources on dogs when I could be expressing my anger about whatever outrage the complainers demand I be outraged about.

This is one of the reasons I love dogs. Because it is an occupational hazard in my line of work to be constantly drenched in the muck of politics, dogs are a safe harbor. They don’t care about political correctness. They don’t want to Make America Great Again or join the “resistance.” They just want to pursue doggie goodness as they see it.

All these things seem connected. The increasing nastiness of our politics is a byproduct of our social isolation. We look to politics to provide the sense of meaning and belonging once found in community and religion, which is why everything is politicized. The problem is that politics, particularly at the national level, is necessarily about disagreement, which is why it cannot provide the sense of unity people crave from it.

And that’s one reason dogs are so appealing. In an era when everything is a source of discord and politicization, it’s good to have something that stands — and sits and fetches — apart. Because they’re all good dogs.

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### My point

DAVID M. SHRIBMAN

# New Hampshire prepares for 2020

*Democrats start to flood the Granite State in hopes of ousting Trump from the White House*

HART’S LOCATION, N.H.  
*In our town, we like to know the facts about everybody.*

The words were Thornton Wilder’s, they were written more than three-quarters of a century ago, and they can be found in the lines of “Our Town,” the quintessential New Hampshire drama — quintessential, that is, unless you are talking about the drama that just now is unfolding in small North Country hamlets like this one or in the cities in the central and southern parts of the state.

Because what began taking form last week here in the site of the first primary of the 2020 presidential election has the makings of quite a drama. As many as 20 Democratic candidates. New faces, familiar faces, some very old faces. Lust for the White House after two years of Donald J. Trump as president.

This is where knowing all the facts about everyone comes in.

Hart’s Location, with a population of 41, is the smallest town in New Hampshire and one of a handful permitted to cast ballots at the very first moment of Election Day. Everyone knows all the facts about everyone in a place like this — and everyone knows the facts about all the candidates in a state like this.

“We’re just a teeny state, but we conduct this primary the way politics should be,” says Kassandra Ardinger, a Concord activist and former state Senate candidate. “It can only happen this way in a small state.”

Before long the state will be overrun by candidates. “If politicians show up in New Hampshire this season without skis,” says Manchester immigration lawyer Ron Abramson, “they’re running for president.”

Voters here get to scrutinize the candidates in multiple encounters. The presidential race in New Hampshire — a contest to choose



the commander in chief of the most powerful armed forces in the history of the world, the chief executive of a formidable economic power — has the character of a contest for town selectman.

Before the ball fell on the revelry at Times Square, Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts declared her candidacy. This week, Sen. Kamala Harris of California essentially will do the same as she conducts book unveilings in New York City and Washington, D.C.; a political figure widely mentioned as a presidential candidate doesn’t write a biography published the year before the election if her aspirations are merely to exchange her seat on the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee for one on Foreign Relations. After her, the deluge.

Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey? Certainly. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand of New York? Bet on it. Sens. Sherrod Brown of Ohio and Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota? Don’t be surprised; they just won big battles for their third terms. Sen. Bob Casey of Pennsylvania? Anything’s possible. Former Rep. Beto O’Rourke of Texas? Some of his supporters don’t know a thing about him. And that’s without mentioning those who have sat in governors’ chairs: Terry McAuliffe of Virginia and Steve Bullock of Montana. Never heard of them? Had you heard of Sen. Barack Obama in 2006 ... or Gov. Jimmy Carter in 1974?

The big questions involve two old guys, former Vice President Joseph R. Biden Jr. (78 on Inauguration Day) and Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont (79 on Inauguration Day). Both have run for president before, and both fell short. Both are symbols of opposition to Mr. Trump, and both have big dreams.

One thing unites the Democratic activists who are just now evaluating the field but soon will constitute the ground troops of New Hampshire presidential politics. “We need someone who has built a career on unification,” says the Concord lobbyist Jim Demers, who has been prominent in the state’s politics and who already has signed up with Mr. Booker. “People are tired of divide-and-conquer leadership.”

The problem is that the 2020 Democratic nomination struggle has all the characteristics of divide without the inevitability of conquer. With as many as 20 candidates, the vote here and in Iowa, which holds its caucuses eight days before New Hampshire’s primary, will be deeply divided.

It won’t be like the 2000 New Hampshire primary, when Vice President Al Gore and Sen. Bill Bradley of New Jersey accounted for 95 percent of the vote as the only major contestants. In 1976, Mr. Carter won with only 28.6 percent of the vote, and he was running against only four other candidates, one of them (R. Sargent Shriver) with the slimmest prospects.

A field of 20 or so almost certainly will result in a winner with a small margin of victory — and little momentum for succeeding contests in Nevada and South Carolina. There’s one way for Democrats to avoid that problem, and that would be for an early entry of

Mr. Biden and perhaps Mr. Sanders. “Sometimes, if the big names get in,” says Neil Levesque, who directs the New Hampshire Institute of Politics at St. Anselm College in Goffstown, “it might suck the oxygen, which is to say the money, out of the process.”

The key is the word “sometimes.” Though Mr. Sanders’ 2016 activists have distributed a poll saying 76 percent of his convention delegates remain loyal, some of the senator’s backers are peeling away, in part because of complaints of sexism.

“There was a window for being ideological and idealistic,” says Mr. Abramson, who was host for a Sanders event at his home and was on his 2016 steering committee here. “But right now, we just need to be practical.”

Being practical in the parlance of 2020 Democratic politics means finding a candidate who can topple Mr. Trump, who came within less than a percentage point of winning this state in the general election in 2016.

There’s more than one dimension to politics 2020 here. A year-end NPR/PBS NewsHour poll conducted by the respected Marist Institute for Public Opinion showed that seven in 10 Americans believe political rancor in Washington has grown since Mr. Trump’s ascendancy. (The press does not escape blame for this development.) Will the tone of Granite State politics simply intensify that rancor?

“There is nothing that a New Englander so nearly worships,” the famous cleric Henry Ward Beecher said in 1887, “as an argument.” His sister, in the famous but possibly apocryphal remark of Abraham Lincoln, “wrote the book that started this Great War.”

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## Forum

## We always can choose our future

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own bread. We like to say that “all work has dignity,” and that is true, and worth remembering. But it is a much more profound observation when understood in the context of human effort as a whole: The team that cures HIV will go to Stockholm to collect the Nobel prize, but the guy who delivered their late-night pizzas, the Uber driver, the police officer, the crew that fixed the potholes in the roads, the laborers who framed and roofed their houses and laboratory buildings — they all play a part. The work we do, no matter how seemingly unexceptional, is what makes the life we live together — this remarkable, wondrous life — possible.

For some people, that's a petty point about paying taxes. “You didn't build that!” as the teacup totalitarians like to say. “Government,” they say, is just the name we give to the things we do together, but, in reality, government is only a minor part of what we do together, and far from the most important. We always emphasize the competitive nature of capitalism, and that competition is important in that it provides the means by which capital is allocated to its most effective

uses. But that competition is not an end — it is the means to the much more significant project of enabling human cooperation on a scale that had been unimaginable until the day before yesterday.

Government is a small part of that, and politics is — in theory — only a small part of government.

Small, but not insignificant. The function of the state is to protect property. Another way of saying the same thing is that the function of the state is to secure the conditions under which the division of labor may take place. That means protecting the physical security of our possessions and persons, operating courts and other systems of dispute resolution that keep us from descending into mob rule and vendetta justice, and providing such other public goods as are necessary to keeping the peace domestically and would-be marauders at bay.

## Then there's the dark side

That isn't so much, really — but why is it that so few societies manage it? With the exception of the English-speaking countries and a few happy communes such as Switzerland, most of the world — including much of Europe — has been subjected to barbarism and despotism within living mem-

ory. Spain, Portugal, and Greece all have been in the grips of fascist dictatorships during my short lifetime. Those are normal countries, places where sun-seekers might go on vacation, not malarial hellholes in places we don't think about very much.

How is that possible? It is possible because, contra the good-natured delusions of President George W. Bush, it is not the case that the desire for freedom beats in every human heart. Some human hearts harbor darker stuff, and many of them are willing to pay a high price in the service of their dark appetites. It's not like the men who rule Venezuela and North Korea don't know why they're poor.

And it's not like we don't know what made us rich and blessed us with relative domestic tranquility. But we happy Americans are not immune from the darker desires. We have not been liberated from hatred, envy or resentment, and we are just dumb enough to act on those impulses, politically, every now and then.

There is a world of miracles out there: Global poverty has been plunging for decades, medical advances have come at a remarkable pace, and while we never got those flying cars, we have ro-

bots that are far more advanced than in the dreams of science fiction only a few decades ago. There's another world out there, too, one that is hungry and miserable, full of violence, vendetta societies organized not around human cooperation but instead dedicated to punishing and humiliating real and perceived enemies, even at great cost to the punishers and humiliators, who must of course punish and humiliate themselves along with their enemies.

How proud is Pakistan, really? I guess they showed those Hindus a thing or two, maybe, but nobody gets up in the morning thinking: “I wish my country were more like Pakistan!” Not Pakistanis, surely.

Ronald Reagan famously laid out the challenge: “You and I have a rendezvous with destiny. We will preserve for our children this, the last best hope of man on earth, or we will sentence them to take the first step into a thousand years of darkness.”

That speech was called “A Time for Choosing.” This, too, is a time for choosing. It always is.

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## My old cat lives a pampered life

Much like a decorative pillow on a Queen Anne chair, I have bestowed upon my cat a pampered life. Her outdoor excursions limited to sunning herself on the flagstone patio.

But on this particular morning, as we both unfold our daily routine, I spot her from the kitchen window hopping in a bed of pachysandra, alert to a gentle rustling of some rodent-like creature.

Perhaps she is listening to some intuitive message from her proud hunting ancestors on how to choose breakfast from a variety of small entrees, who by way of bad luck stumbled onto the pages of her menu.

Her playfulness reminded me of the day when I found her at the shelter, when we were both young and filled with the wide-eyed curiosity of youth.

Though my cat purrs, and I purr back, a small part of me wants to return her these years of captive atrophy.

To be the brave huntress, roaming all of nature, feared by mice from miles around.

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## Unfinished business from the Holocaust

ARTWORKS, FROM D-1

collections; looted art still trades in the European market with little hindrance. Deaccession laws prevent public museums from returning art under any circumstances.

Fortunately, the Washington Principles continue to exert a moral force. With bipartisan support, Congress in 2016 created a unique federal statute of limitations preempting other defenses related to the passage of time and providing six years to file a claim after a claimant has discovered the identity and location of the artwork. In 2018, Congress passed another law instructing the State Department to report on the restitution record of all 46 countries that endorsed the Terezin Declaration. And in late November, more than 1,000 representatives and stakeholders from more than 10 countries gathered in Berlin for three days to measure our progress after 20 years and chart a road map for next steps. The Trump administration sent Special Envoy for Holocaust Issues Thomas Yazdgerdi and me to recommit to the international effort to return these personal and cultural treasures to the families to which they belong. We know this is the work of more than any single administration, indeed, more than any single generation.

France has just given the



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French Culture minister Christine Albanel (center) shakes hands with Stuart Glyn, chairman of the British branch of Red Star of David, Israel's emergency medical service, after returning to him a painting by Henri Matisse stolen by Nazis during World War II from its Jewish owner. The 1898 painting is named “Le Mur rose, de l'hôpital d'Ajaccio” (“The pink wall, from Ajaccio's hospital”). At left is Alain Seban, head of the Pompidou art center in Paris, where the painting had been stored.

prime minister's office new authority to resolve claims and facilitate restitution. Cooperation has begun between major German and American museums. Germany has significantly increased funding for provenance research and set a goal to complete a comprehensive database of its federal museums by 2020. Germany will no longer permit its federal museums to block claims for restitution simply by refusing to participate in mediation. Ger-

many and France announced initiatives to review art taken from their former colonies, and the European Parliament is considering legislation to endorse the Washington Principles and develop rules for cultural objects stolen in future conflicts.

No self-respecting government, art dealer, private collector, museum or auction house should trade in or possess art stolen by the Nazis. We must all recommit to faithfully implementing the

Washington Principles before Holocaust survivors breathe their last breath. We owe it not only to those who lost so much in the Holocaust, but also to our own sense of moral justice.

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## There is no true student-loan crisis

CRISIS, FROM D-1

college graduates remained significantly lower than for the population as a whole. In 2009, the unemployment rate peaked at 9.9 percent, the highest since 1982, but unemployment among workers with a bachelor's degree or higher was 4.6 percent, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. (As of this writing, unemployment was 3.7 percent overall and 2.1 percent for college graduates.) That's cold comfort to those who dropped out of college and thus have limited employment prospects. There is a student-debt crisis for them because they don't have the income to pay back their loans.

Talking recently on CNBC, Arizona State University President Michael Crow, who hosted the New York City dinner, noted that half of the people who have enrolled in college since 1980 never graduated. Fewer than 60 percent of students who entered college since 2011 have completed a degree, according to the Na-

tional Student Clearinghouse Research Center, though completion rates have ticked up for students who entered in the fall of 2012.

The Urban Institute reports that half of all student debt is held by households in the top 20 percent of income distribution. But student-loan defaults are actually highest among people who borrow relatively small amounts, with the default rate for people without a college degree five times higher than for college graduates, according to the Center on Children and Families at the Brookings Institution.

None of this gets college presidents off the hook. We should be held accountable for the fate of all of our students, and we have a moral obligation to ensure that each one arrives and thrives and gets through to graduation and a career.

RMU has followed the lead of institutions such as Arizona State and Georgia State in using predictive data analytics to identify high-risk students, anticipate aca-

demic problems and help faculty and other advisers craft personalized interventions to put students back on track. It's a high-tech, high-touch approach that has raised our retention rate after only one year in use.

Making the transition from high school to college is particularly challenging for low-income and first-generation college students. My friend Wes Moore calls it “the myth of the 13th grade,” and he founded BridgeEdu to help underserved students succeed in making that transition. Part of RMU's efforts to combat the problem is the Black Male Leadership Development Institute, which, in partnership with the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh, brings 75 African-American male high school students to campus each summer. They spend a week living on campus, learning leadership skills and exploring career and education opportunities. They get a taste for what college will be like, and they get to picture themselves succeeding there.

RMU is not alone in trying

to open pipelines to higher education among underserved populations. Westminster College in New Wilmington recently announced a new program with the Manchester Craftsmen's Guild Youth and Arts programs to teach Westminster courses to high school juniors and seniors on site in Pittsburgh's Manchester neighborhood. Westminster and RMU are among 26 colleges and universities that offer additional scholarship dollars to Pittsburgh Promise students, bringing down the cost of college for graduates of Pittsburgh Public Schools.

It is certainly true that my fellow presidents and I wish to burnish the reputation of higher education, which is more than a bit blemished these days. But we're also committed to ensuring that our institutions remain engines of social mobility and not instruments of income inequality.

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## Civilians should share veterans' grief

GRIEF, FROM D-1

Mr. Tick has accompanied veterans back to Vietnam on healing journeys for many years. He lectures on the ways of tribal societies, how they esteem their returning warriors as elders who have a continuing role of service to their communities. Ms. Dahlstedt specializes in counseling female veterans and veterans' families.

The medical and social-service experts who intercept veterans when they come home apply professional standards that give the community no role. Veterans hold their stories in and often isolate themselves, sparing the community their grief. But the community should share their grief. We civilians should be our warriors' greatest source of strength.

During the Connecticut retreat, pain came out in spates, with long pauses. As long as the unheard energy was the veteran's next sentence, we abided for as long as we needed to.

One Iraq War veteran made it clear he was through with everything negative. But his resistance to talk, and his eyes, made it evident that he carried deep wounds inside.

What happened at our retreat stays at our retreat. I am sworn to safeguard details. But I can report that grimaces and furrows on faces that Thursday night were replaced the following Sunday by smiles and looks of relief. One of our warrior brothers reported later that he was sleeping well for the first time in 20 years.

That weekend now seems like a miracle. The quality of our days together was imbued with the hushed echoes of a seminary. We were essentially stuck there, but it was liberating. No cell phone service, no television, no news, no distractions from an intense purpose of connection.

We civilians were profoundly honored by our warriors' trust. We long for all of them to feel lighter. It is simply not fair for them to bear alone the anguish they suffer because they served our country.

Sallie Goetsch, in a review of Jonathan Shay's

“Achilles In Vietnam,” refers to the “communalization of grief, the need which those traumatized by combat have to tell their story to a compassionate and non-judgmental audience.”

One Vietnam veteran I spoke with recently had to remember only two things to choke up — the smell and the mud. Then he shut down. It was as if that memory pushed hard enough to buckle, ever so slightly, the clamped lid of an overstuffed suitcase.

We learned at the retreat that the shut down is fear — fear of losing control, fear of judgment, or both. Veterans at our retreat surely lost control. We all fell apart, pushing 10 boxes of tissues around the circle throughout the weekend. I wept more that weekend than I have wept in all my 43 years as an adult.

The civilian's role needs to be emphasized because the civilian's responsibility is rarely discussed. It is so obvious to me now, as it becomes to friends when I talk to them about it: “My gosh, I never thought about that before.”

I have abandoned the belief that humans could reach a state of wisdom and virtue that would make war rare. But I believe we can do a lot better with the homecomings.

By sending our warriors off with love — even when we oppose a war; this is an important point — and by letting them know they matter when they return home, we can better witness their suffering. Veterans say they can't open up to civilians because civilians can't possibly understand what they went through, but how can civilians understand if we are never trusted to hear their stories?

At the Connecticut retreat, I saw firsthand how quickly that trust can be built. The more our warriors' pain becomes our own, the more we can help them heal and, perhaps, the more persistent we might become at waging peace. We owe this effort to each other.

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## Books

## Portrait without a face

## Murakami's latest is eerie and philosophic

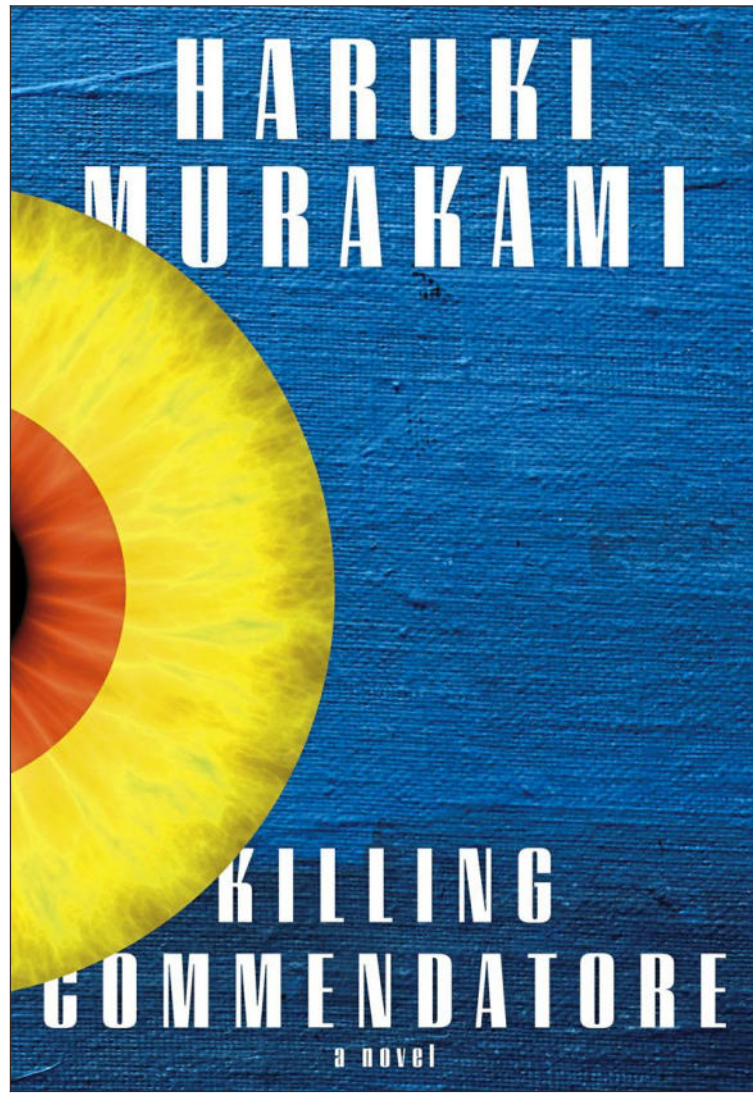
By Bill O'Driscoll

In painting, the technique of perspective provides the illusion of depth — just as, in a broader sense, scenes and characters rendered in two dimensions on a flat canvas can provoke deeper insights into the human condition.

Painting is a key metaphor in celebrated author Haruki Murakami's often fascinating if occasionally confounding new novel, "Killing Commendatore." The narrator is a 36-year-old professional portrait painter in Japan who after separating from his wife becomes the house-sitter in an isolated mountain abode that belongs to an elderly famed painter now in a nursing home.

The narrator — he never reveals his name — has given up commercial painting, but is mentally blocked from pursuing personal projects. Then he discovers in the attic a hidden work by the aged painter himself, depicting a scene from Mozart's "Don Giovanni" transplanted to medieval Japan, in which a minor character named Il Commendatore is bloodily slain with a sword. The find inspires the narrator artistically. But then he accepts a mysterious, outrageously remunerative portrait commission and meets his new patron: a wealthy and affable if rather reclusive neighbor whose surname, Menshiki, translates as "avoidance of color."

Menshiki is an odd duck with a hidden agenda, but Murakami aficionados will not be surprised to learn that the weirdness is just beginning. Drawing on Buddhist spiritualism, metaphysics and magical realism — not to mention Lewis Carroll — "Killing Commendatore" finds its narrator enmeshed in a singular philosophic



adventure involving ghosts of several kinds, a minatory man with no face, a fair amount of sex, and a series of paintings that reflect (or possibly summon) an alternate universe.

If that makes "Killing Commendatore" sound overstuffed, it doesn't feel that way. The novel actually develops rather slowly; at

one point, the titular painting vanishes from the narrative for 100 pages. And at nearly 700 pages total (in Japan, it was originally published in two volumes), "Killing Commendatore" can test a reader's patience.

But a remarkably dense web of subplots and themes keeps you reading in chapters where not



Haruki Murakami

much happens. The narrator's world is bound together not only by the gathering momentum of the story but also by a series of metaphorical associations between disparate characters and situations.

For instance, the novel is haunted by the narrator's memory of his sister, who died when both were young; two other key female characters remind him of her. A figure in the "Killing Commendatore" painting who comes to life (though we learn that he's really a disembodied "Idea" who's merely taken that handy form) starts echoing the narrator's suspicious benefactor/manipulator, Menshiki. And then there's "The Man in the White Subaru Forester," a real-life stranger whose vaguely demonic presence also looms over the entire story. The narrator tries to exorcise him by painting him from memory, but he is unable to complete the face.

Mr. Murakami's narrator is as passive as he is impassive. "I had no special thoughts on the matter" is a typical comment. He expresses everything, even deep feelings of hurt, matter-of-factly, and even his decisions feel less willed than things that simply happen to him. Meanwhile, he dwells almost annoyingly on such mundane details as painstaking accounts of other

## "KILLING COMMENDATORE"

By Haruki Murakami  
Alfred A. Knopf  
\$30

characters' clothing (understandable in a visual artist, but still). Overall, however, the language is lively, with similes like "Once Mariye made up her mind not to speak, trying to reach her was like laddling water onto a parched desert." (The translation is by Philip Gabriel and Ted Goossen.)

The world of "Killing Commendatore" is clearly ours; Mr. Murakami's cultural references include Sir George Solti and Bananarama, Lee Marvin and Bruce Springsteen's "The River" album. Yet somehow he sustains a sense that any character might disappear at any moment — even the narrator (which eventually happens, in a way). The chapters march forth in orderly procession — almost all of them are about 10 pages each — but this is an eerie book at times, even a terrifying one. (Claustrophics might wish to skip chapter 55.)

Mr. Murakami, who turns 70 this month, is among the world's most acclaimed novelists for a reason. Much of what fascinates about "Killing Commendatore" is beneath the surface, and its narrator is not entirely to be trusted when he summarizes one episode by merely sighing, "We all live our lives carrying secrets we cannot disclose." Or is "Killing Commendatore's" seeming depth, like that in a painting, an illusion? If nothing else, it's a lengthy if ultimately satisfying meditation on how a painted picture can seize hold of the imagination.

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## Life (and poetry) as a Saturday matinee

## Getting cinematic with poet Chuck Kinder

By Kristofer Collins

Chuck Kinder made his bones for many years as a writer of lyrical novels of bad behavior starting with a pair of Bildungsromans, "Snakehunter" (1973) and "The Silver Ghost" (1979).

Both are brimful with prose that revs like a souped-up hot rod ready to break for the back roads of West Virginia. Take these lines from "Snakehunter":

"Jimbo could feel Judy's breasts and thighs as she pressed tightly against him and they swayed slowly together to the song, their song, their summer-place song, on the car radio, their feet nearly motionless in the deep grass.

"In the headlights they were a movie couple, incandescent and romantic perfectly. And somewhere beyond the edges of shimmering light, somewhere out in the darkness where lightning bugs blinked like tiny flashbulbs, an ice cupid melted slowly blue-green."

That yearning, adolescent desire is a red thread purled into Mr. Kinder's work gifting his writing with a burning, braided edge.

In 2014, Mr. Kinder retired as the director of the creative writing program at the University of Pittsburgh, and that same year he made the move from novelist to published poet. His latest poetry collection, "Hot Jewels," finds him still camped out in his preferred hot-house: a structure held up by the twined lattice of memories and movies.

"Hot Jewels" raises its curtain with a wink, a disclaimer that "The motion picture contained in this DVD is protected under the Articles of Agreement of Old Babylon."



Chuck Kinder

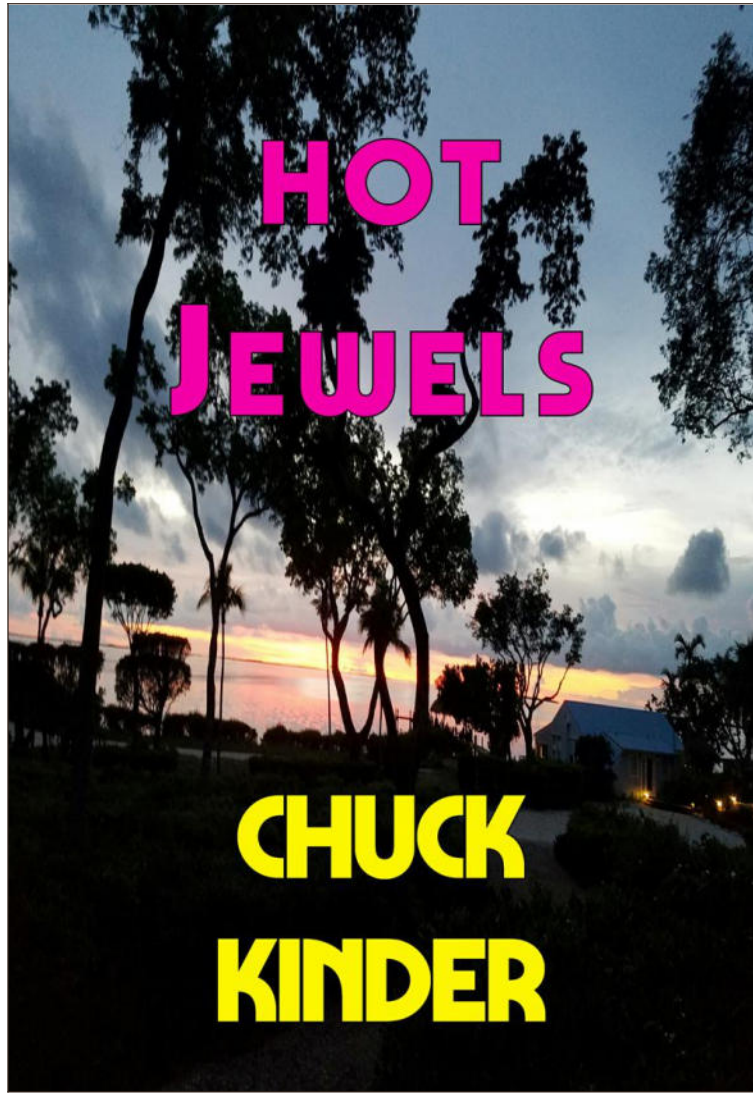
It's possible that Mr. Kinder is simply giving a postmodern tweak to the reader's nose, a little nudge to the ribs that reduces the perceived high art of poetry down to the level of a popcorn flick, and he is doing that, but he's also tipping his cap to Jack Kerouac, who wrote, "The world you see is just a movie in your mind."

Jack Kerouac takes a starring turn in the five-part poem "Jack Is Back in Town," dedicated to Mr. Kinder's running buddy and legendary short story writer Raymond Carver.

The poem is a paean to friendship wherein Mr. Kerouac and Neal Cassady function as stand-ins for Mr. Kinder and Mr. Carver, "Two young men brimming / With the fullness of fate / Their future fame stretching before them / Like white lines leading into forever / Adrift and journeying in America."

The quartet of writers are united in their quest for America, the idea of it as much as the country itself, but find themselves locked out and "Never quite a part of America."

Here's the plot to Mr. Kinder's movie: The artist pursues his art, an art that explores and questions the underpinning myths and the



cold reality of America that he perceives correctly will unite and comfort the audience.

However, this artist will in the end find herself estranged and stuck on the other side of the door unable to enter the shared comfort

of the art she created. The artist is John Wayne at the end of "The Searchers."

Art as Chuck Kinder sees it in his poem "Birds of Hammered Gold" or "A Great Gathering of Eunuch Poets in the Old Poet's

## "HOT JEWELS"

By Chuck Kinder  
Six Gallery Press  
\$10

Hometown of Pittsburgh," is a Saturday matinee that provides the audience with a mirror reflecting "Their exquisite torments and thrills / Their dramatic cinematic urgency / Captured live by the emotional pirouettes / Of the shape-shifting powers of their poems and dance."

The combustible emotions of youth provide the heat to Mr. Kinder's work.

The Beat Generation and the hippie counterculture of the '60s were Mr. Kinder's own milieu, and they continue to engage with younger generations, but the poet is an old man living his final act off the southern coast of Florida in Key Largo. Age and distance burnish his poems.

In the bittersweet "Return to the Garden City of the Northwest," Mr. Kinder observes: "Finally you have to accept / That there is no spot / In the Garden City / Of the Northwest / Safe from the pain of memory / Lost romance or old violence."

Once again I'm struck by the image of John Wayne exiled from the hearth, but here again Mr. Kinder's love of old movies offers the reader a more hopeful resolution to the exigencies of the Garden City.

I'm thinking about Humphrey Bogart now at the end of the movie "Key Largo" after dispatching a crew of gangsters, piloting a battered boat to a possible new home on shore with Lauren Bacall.

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## Best-sellers

**HARDCOVER FICTION**  
**1. There There**, Tommy Orange, Knopf, \$25.95  
**2. Fire & Blood**, George R.R. Martin, Doug Wheatley (illus.), Bantam, \$35  
**3. Unsheltered**, Barbara Kingsolver, Harper, \$29.99  
**4. The Reckoning**, John Grisham, Doubleday, \$29.95

**5. Nine Perfect Strangers**, Liane Moriarty, Flatiron Books, \$28.99  
**6. Where the Crawdads Sing**, Delia Owens, Putnam, \$26  
**7. Circe**, Madeline Miller, Little Brown, \$27  
**8. Kingdom of the Blind**, Louise Penny, Minotaur, \$28.99  
**9. Past Tense**, Lee Child, Delacorte Press, \$28.99

**10. The Witch Elm**, Tana French, Viking, \$28  
**HARDCOVER NONFICTION**  
**1. Becoming**, Michelle Obama, Crown, \$32.50  
**2. Educated**, Tara Westover, Random House, \$28  
**3. The Subtle Art of Not Giving a**

**F\*ck**, Mark Manson, Harper, \$24.99  
**4. Brief Answers to the Big Questions**, Stephen Hawking, Bantam, \$25  
**5. The Fifth Risk**, Michael Lewis, Norton, \$26.95  
**6. Girl, Wash Your Face**, Rachel Hollis, Thomas Nelson, \$22.99  
**7. The Point of It All**, Charles Krauthammer, Crown Forum, \$28

**8. Gmoring, Gnight!**, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Jonny Sun (illus.), Random House, \$22  
**9. The Library Book**, Susan Orlean, S&S, \$28  
**10. These Truths: A History of the United States**, Jill Lepore, Norton, \$39.99

— Indie Booksellers

# Friend of the devil

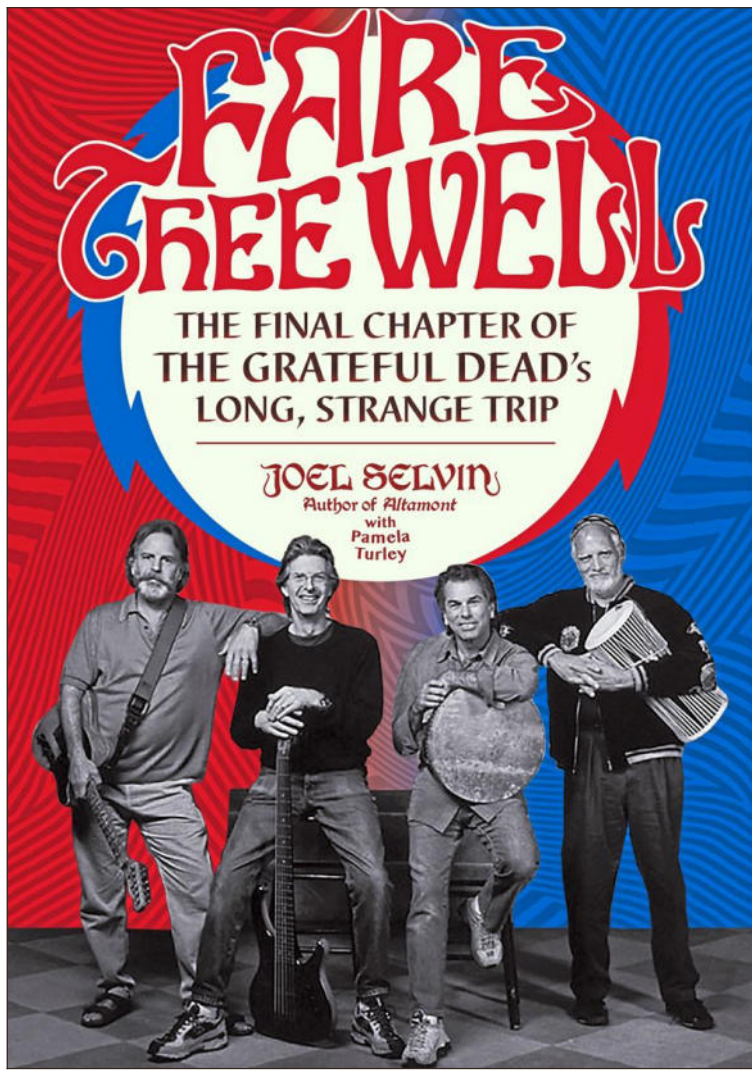
## A journalist's critical look at the Grateful Dead

By Ian Thomas

Joel Selvin and Pamela Turley's "Fare Thee Well: The Final Chapter of the Grateful Dead's Long, Strange Trip" opens on Jerry Garcia's death in August 1995.

That the story begins in the moment most people think of as the Grateful Dead's ending is exactly the point. Thanks to a vital subculture and a rabid following, the Grateful Dead was and is too culturally entrenched to ever really go away. Absent Mr. Garcia's spiritual guidance, though, the surviving members found themselves adrift. In the wake of his death, they had to plot their next steps in short order. In addition to protecting their place in the cultural canon, they also had a sprawling (and lucrative) organization to consider.

"The Grateful Dead operated like a minimum-wage worker living paycheck to paycheck, without preparation for the future, acting like things would never change," the authors write. In short, after 30 years, they had to think about the future. "Fare Thee Well" follows the surviving members through the tumult of the intervening years, out of Mr. Garcia's shadow and facing the light of day as individual artists. It chronicles their efforts to find artistic fulfillment, either by reimagining and reiterating the canon that made them famous, or distancing themselves from it entirely. It finds them at odds in boardrooms and in their



personal lives as often as it finds them in sync onstage.

"Fare Thee Well" offers a gossipy telling of the interpersonal and organizational workings of a

sprawling enterprise. It covers the years following Mr. Garcia's death and culminates with an account of the July 4, 2015, golden anniversary of the Grateful Dead in Chi-



**"FARE THEE WELL: THE FINAL CHAPTER OF THE GRATEFUL DEAD'S LONG, STRANGE TRIP"**

By Joel Selvin, above, with Pamela Turley Da Capo Press \$27

ago, from which the book takes its title. "Fare Thee Well" offers much for fans to parse. It does little to ingratiate its subjects to the uninitiated, though, portraying them, at turns, as passive-aggressive man-children, each working in his own interests to monetize the legacy and capitalize on the valued

Grateful Dead brand, their every half-conceived idea bolstered by enablers and go-betweens eager to play a part in the storied canon. As with any story about the Grateful Dead, the authors are not shy about name dropping the many celebrities in the fandom. Nancy Pelosi makes an appearance backstage. Bill Murray shows up at an afterparty. Much is made of President Barack Obama's anniversary tribute. They revel in the band's cultural cache and the records they break. They also take great pains to highlight the invisible line between the artists and their fervent fans' parking lot culture. "They largely averted their eyes from the grimy subculture beyond the gates," they write.

By his own admission, author Selvin is no Deadhead. For "Fare Thee Well," he draws from his expe-

rience covering the band in the pages of the San Francisco Chronicle. Ms. Turley, for her part, never saw the Grateful Dead but is well-versed in the myriad iterations that ensued in its wake. While they tell an engaging story, the two fail to find a consistent tone, vacillating wildly between cynicism and cloying deference, granting the 50th anniversary a weight that feels arbitrary. "It was a journey of self-knowledge; they not only had to learn who they were, they had to learn who the Grateful Dead was," they write.

The "'60s idealism" that the Grateful Dead has come to embody was but one facet of a counterculture that is too often misunderstood as monolithic. Inclusive is one way to describe the Grateful Dead experience, but another is apolitical. Their music pays tribute to individualism, and "Fare Thee Well" casts its members in full pursuit of their own self-interests.

Readers interested in placing the Grateful Dead into a more nuanced cultural context should look to Jesse Jarnow's excellent, exhaustive 2016 tome, "Heads." The Grateful Dead's influence can, of course, be heard in the many Dead-associated and adjacent bands that have toured tirelessly, turning the jam into its own bankable genre. But there are also artists such as Yo La Tengo, Earth, Lee Ranaldo, Wet Tuna, and One Eleven Heavy who honor and emulate the Grateful Dead's sonic exploration in subtler ways.

When it's all said and done, the Grateful Dead is a singular experience, so why not go directly to the source?

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## Last Word

### Bridge

PHILLIP ALDER / BIDDING TO THE BEST OF THREE SUIT FITS

In today's deal, North-South have one eight-card fit and two seven-card fits. In which one should they play?

The deal occurred during the 2017 Venice Cup women's world team championship. At the other table, the American pair played in six diamonds, their eight-card fit. The best play for only one diamond loser is to cash the ace first. Based on the write-up by Jian-Jian Wang of College Park, Md., I believe the declarer started with low to the

jack, which worked when East had the singleton 10, but would not have been so successful if East had had any other singleton.

In the given auction, Wen Fei Wang (North) and Qi Shen reached the best contract, avoiding diamonds by never bidding the suit naturally! One club showed 16-plus points, four diamonds was a control-bid, four no-trump was Roman Key Card Blackwood, five diamonds showed three key cards (two aces and the spade king), and

five no-trump asked for side-suit kings. When North jumped to show her solid suit, South did well to correct to seven spades.

Note that seven hearts after a club lead would have needed luck (and would have gotten it with spades 3-3). Seven spades required no such fortune.

This sequence won the Yeh Bros. Best Bid Deal of the Year award from the International Bridge Press Association.

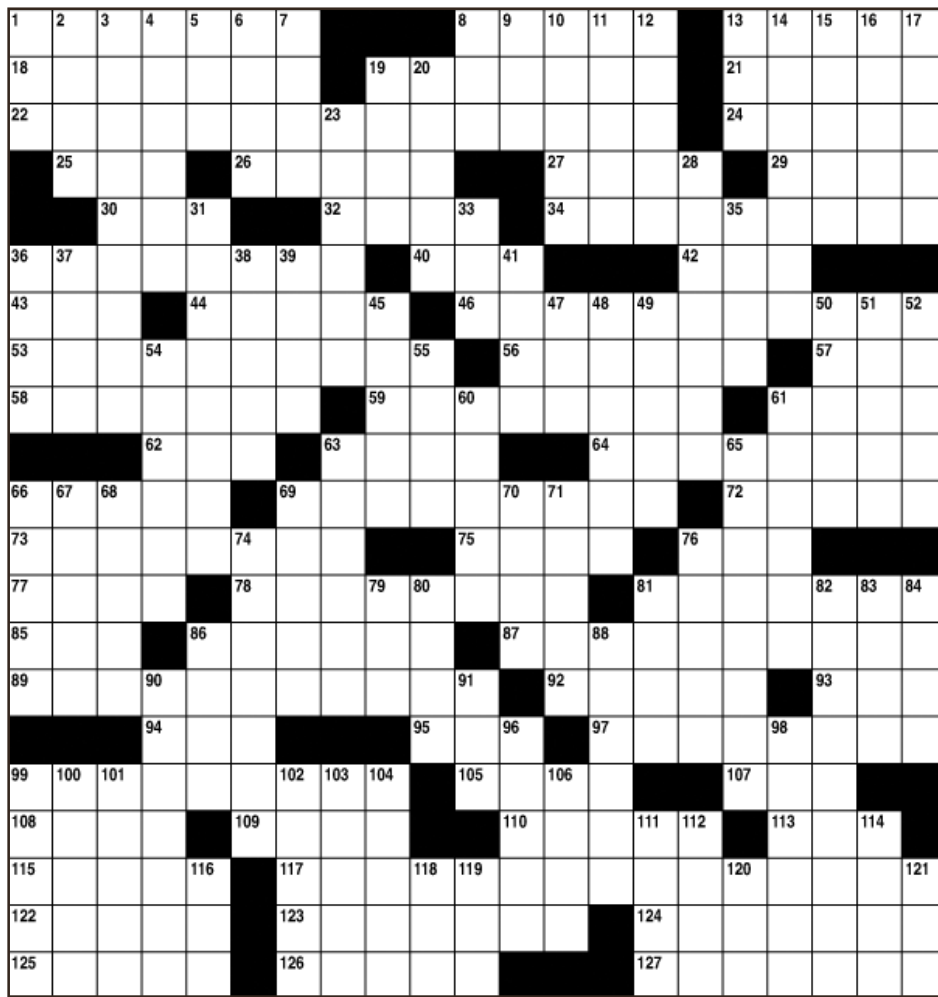
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| ♦ A J 5 3               |      |                |      |
| ♣ Q 5 3                 |      |                |      |
| West                    |      | East           |      |
| ♠ 7 6 4                 |      | ♠ 10 8 5       |      |
| ♥ 10 7 6                |      | ♥ 9 8 2        |      |
| ♦ K 8 7 4               |      | ♦ 10           |      |
| ♣ K J 2                 |      | ♣ 10 9 8 7 6 4 |      |
| South                   |      |                |      |
| ♠ A Q J 9 3 2           |      |                |      |
| ♥ 4 3                   |      |                |      |
| ♦ Q 9 6 2               |      |                |      |
| ♣ A                     |      |                |      |
| Dealer: North           |      |                |      |
| Vulnerable: North-South |      |                |      |
| South                   | West | North          | East |
| 1♣                      | Pass | 2♥             | Pass |
| 2♣                      | Pass | 2NT            | Pass |
| 3♣                      | Pass | 3♦             | Pass |
| 4NT                     | Pass | 5♦             | Pass |
| 5NT                     | Pass | 7♥             | Pass |
| 7♣                      | Pass | Pass           | Pass |
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## The New York Times Crossword

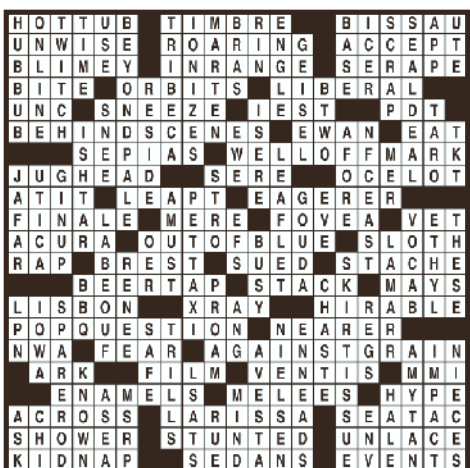
TODAY: BREAKING NEWS (0106)

- ACROSS**
- 1 19,000+foot Peruvian volcano
  - 8 Husband of Lara in "Doctor Zhivago"
  - 13 Quarters
  - 18 "That's way better than I can do"
  - 19 As we speak
  - 21 Moisturizer brand
  - 22 \*Stereotypical movie outcome
  - 24 Instigated, with "on"
  - 25 "The Matrix" character
  - 26 Wallops
  - 27 Thought-provoking
  - 29 Reveal
  - 30 [Poor, pitiful me!]
  - 32 "Contact" org.
  - 34 \*Startling disclosure
  - 36 Demands serious effort (of)
  - 40 Vacation spot offering a warm welcome?
  - 42 Fig. usually expressed as a percentage
  - 43 \_\_\_-Town (city nickname)
  - 44 Gave a
  - 46 \*Bringer of cold weather
  - 53 \*Law-enforcement target
  - 56 Grammy winner
  - 57 Morissette
  - 58 Constitutional Amendment
  - 59 Get soaked, say
  - 61 Duke and others
  - 62 One of eight in "Old MacDonald Had a Farm"
  - 63 Polish off
  - 64 \_\_\_ Valley
  - 66 Pilot follower, maybe
  - 69 According to
  - 72 \*Battery boost
  - 73 "\_\_\_ makes man wiser and clear-sighted": Vladimir Putin
  - 75 Fish dish that Nobu restaurants are noted for
  - 76 Ref. works that can run \$1,000+
  - 77 Bill Clinton or Barack Obama
  - 78 March \_\_\_
  - 79 Like priests
  - 81 Morning fix, slangly
  - 85 Like Benadryl: Abbr.
  - 86 Ticks off
  - 87 \*Moved closer to home?
  - 89 \*Help for users
  - 92 Plains tribe
  - 93 Ticked off
  - 94 Rain-\_\_\_ (bubble-gum brand)
  - 95 Continental trade grp., once
  - 97 Without principles
  - 99 \*Very soon
  - 105 Criticism
  - 107 \_\_\_-mo
  - 108 Cross
  - 109 Nirvana, e.g.
  - 110 Biblical son who was nearly sacrificed by his father
  - 113 Woman famously evicted from her home
  - 115 "No way!"
  - 117 Things used for dumping ... or a literal hint to the answers to the starred clues?
  - 122 Adorable sort
  - 123 Sun block?
  - 124 "In a perfect world ..."
  - 125 Sitting posture in yoga
  - 126 Enter again, as data
  - 127 Many East Asian World Heritage Sites

- 3 Big name in notebooks
- 4 Houses that may include tunnels
- 5 Sushi sauce
- 6 Triple-A jobs
- 7 Massive star
- 8 Stock holder?
- 9 Plus
- 10 Cutting
- 11 Mead ingredient
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- 13 Course rarity
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- 37 Prison weapon
- 38 \_\_\_ anchor (stay still, nautically)
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- 41 Sea whose Wikipedia article is written in the past tense
- 45 It's in your jeans
- 47 The Browns, on scoreboards
- 48 Increasingly outmoded circus roles
- 49 All thumbs
- 50 Rust, e.g.
- 51 Course halves
- 52 Hand-carved Polynesian statues



### Last week's answers



- DOWN**
- 1 Suffix of ordinals
  - 2 Bird with blood-
  - 27 red eyes
  - 28 Big name in notebooks
  - 29 Houses that may include tunnels
  - 30 Sushi sauce
  - 31 Triple-A jobs
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- 62 Empire once spanning three continents
- 63 Lopsided win
- 64 Range rovers
- 65 "I know the answer!"
- 66 "Gotcha"
- 67 One keeping a secret, metaphorically
- 68 Apollo 13 commander
- 69 Word-of-mouth
- 70 Drain feature
- 71 Up to it
- 72 Pitcher Hideo Nomo, e.g., by birth
- 73 Be a good designated driver
- 74 Flag thrower
- 75 Pitches' awards?
- 76 Certain keg attachment
- 77 Female friend: Lat.
- 78 100 Connection
- 79 101 Buttinsky
- 80 102 "Oyez! Oyez!" e.g.
- 81 Princess
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## Chasing the dream

Students in the MLK Jr. Writing Awards explore differences in identity

### “A sacrilegious seder” by Madeline Bain

How is this night different from all other nights?

On this night, it does not rain. It storms. It downpours outside my window, the same window that early this morning, my father told me not to look out of, told me to step away from, because bullets can break glass.

On this night, our country is aching. My neighborhood is aching.

Rose Mallinger’s house down the street is silent and empty,

her son sitting shiva next door.

As the sun sets on Saturday and Shabbat ends,

Orthodox Jews across the nation are turning on their televisions

and learning that their brothers and sisters are dead.

On all other nights, we welcome the feeling of our pillows on our cheeks.

On this night, the moon only solidifies reality, locks the massacre in history,

forces us to wake on Sunday morning and relearn the news,

double over in pain and feel the grief in entirety again.

On all other nights, we eat chameitz and matzah. Why on this night, only matzah?

On all other nights, we gather as a family and dine together.

On this night, we pull an ancient box left over from Passover out of the cellar pantry and try our best to eat.

On all other nights, we eat all vegetables. Why, on this night, maror?

On all other nights, we are not in the basement at 8:00 p.m. crying over matzah,

but are cooking in the warm kitchen, glasses steaming up over the pot of soup,

scents of dinner wafting through the house.

On this night, we eat no soup,

but instead taste the bitter herb of sadness and loss,

the devastation of tragedy and hate, the maror of our troubled country’s caloused inhumanity.

On all other nights, we don’t dip even once. Why on this night do we dip twice?

On all other nights, the only salt at the table is shaken atop our food.

On this night, it falls from our lashes and we dip twice, once for each teary eye.

On this night, we cry for everyone lost today and everyone gone before.

For not only Jews, but for Antwon Rose, the young black boy killed in East Pittsburgh,

cry for the Mexican children in concentration camps, the Muslims ripped from their families

and deported to a place they may not remember ever calling home.

We cry for death, for the profound disconnect between the shooter and self, even between neighbor and self.

We cry for how lonely it can feel to be human.

On all other nights, we eat either sitting upright or reclining. Why on this night do we all recline?

On this night, we recline with each wave of remembrance,

each renewal of reality. We recline in pain. We reel.

On this night, our elders recline, too, in their hospital beds,

in the morgue, on the cold, hard floor of their place of worship.

They will soon recline in their graves, coffin so dark

that the Stars of David around their necks can’t even catch the moonlight.

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Madeline Bain, 17, attends Pittsburgh Creative and Performing Arts 6-12. This tied for first place in high school poetry.

For 20 years, Carnegie Mellon University has sponsored the Martin Luther King Jr. Writing Awards for high school and college students in the Pittsburgh area. The contest invites students to submit poetry or prose “dealing with individual experience of racial or cultural difference or personal reflections on Dr. King’s legacy.” The winners will present their works on Jan. 21 at 4:30 p.m. in CMU’s Rangos Ballroom. The public is invited. Here are two of the winning entries.

### “To Forgive the Choice of Writing in These Very Words” by Xinyi (Joyce) Wang

“When one remembers in an adopted language, there is a dividing line in that remembrance. What came before could be someone else’s life; it might as well be fiction.”

—Yiyun Li

In the spring of 2018, I spent a week in a hospital. I was not allowed to use my phone, so conveniently I did not inform my family of the news. After a few days’ persuasion from my ward-mates, I decided to give my mother a call. A nurse took me to an office and gave me my phone. Cracked screen. Many unread messages. Already anxious, I initiated a voice call with my parents on WeChat. She picked up. “喂, 妈妈。” As soon as those words came out of my mouth, a shield was erected between me and the nurse watching over me, who was American and couldn’t understand what I was saying. This shield only protected me from one side. On the other side, I was left bare with my own voice speaking in my mother tongue. I heard myself telling my mom what I was supposed to tell: I was admitted to a hospital because of my mental condition. I was okay. The school officials knew. I was being smart about it and I would be out soon. Piecing these words together in Chinese and pushing them out of my throat gave me a visceral discomfort. In English, saying these words would be liberating. I might even feel proud of how under control I was doing it. It wouldn’t make sense to use English in this conversation. I must use Chinese to expose my ill, true self to my mother. I spoke like a nervous 15-year-old who made a shameful mistake.

I was 21 years old. I had been an exile of my own language for almost six years at that point.

When I was first learning English in elementary school in Beijing, my mother, who was working for a British firm at the time, told me that the mastery of a language is achieved once you can dream in it. For a long, long time, my goal was to be able to dream in English.

I was sensitive to power since a young age. In middle school, I decided that I wanted to go to America for high school. I am still curious what gave that child such ambition. Perhaps the competitive culture in the public education system in China. Perhaps all the signals I had been receiving insinuating that America was No. 1 — the most gold medals in the Olympics, the most atomic bombs and aircraft carriers, etc. Perhaps a legacy of colonialism. Who knows? But I do remember that desperate desire for power — whatever that meant to me at the time — and in response to that desire I decided I wanted to go to America.

I started studying English like crazy. Everything in English, I took it in. I watched all the American movies and TV shows I could pirate on the Chinese internet. I bought vocabulary books and tried to memorize every page. I even paid special attention to memes, not for fun but for the knowledge of humor. Later in life I would learn that humor comes hand in hand with social capital. But at the time, humor just seemed like another thing I had to learn to assimilate into the American culture.

I did make it out. I applied and got into an elite high school in America. The moment of enrollment felt like a moment of emancipation from a far-away, inferior Eastern country. I did not immediately arrive at a new home, however, and I was reminded of that in every aspect of life. From my first three years in America, among all the memories that stuck was the shame from asking the teacher how to say “two to the third” after precalc when every other student had left the room and the fear and loneliness of not understanding why everyone in the room was laughing at a joke that I didn’t realize I made. I did everything I could to force myself to feel at home. Finding a home in America meant studying the Western canon. It meant treating writing like a science before it became anything remotely expressive and cathartic. It meant using my English name so comfortably that my Chinese friends would call me by it too.

One time in junior year of high school, a friend told me that she didn’t even know I was from China until I told her — a statement I would hear many times over—and I took it as the greatest com-



pliment.

What seemed like emancipation at the time would turn out to be a strange kind of exile.

I spent my formative years in America reconstructing a new me in a new language. I developed the emotional and sophistication of an adult who speaks English. Since I so drastically switched my language of comfort, my ability to use Chinese language stopped developing at age 15. I matured and am maturing in the American way. Right now, I am able to think these thoughts, write these thoughts, only in English, not in Chinese. The shield of the American language keeps me protected as I write about my rage and depression. If I were to write these emotions in Chinese, I would not have the right words, and I am not sure if I can handle the brutality in such remembrance.

“The price of erasing the presence of the Chinese language during my formative years was the erasure of an identity.”

Xinyi (Joyce) Wang

Right after graduating from high school, per request of my counselor, my parents took me to a psychologist who was also a family friend. I guess they thought it was best to meet with someone they already knew well. The four of us went to a restaurant near where she lived. Lunch started with catching up and soon turned into an involuntary therapy session. I realized I could not explain what was “wrong.” When she asked me her questions, I simply cried. It frightened my father. Years later, I still wonder, have I forgotten how to be sad in Chinese?

During my hospital stay, I met a Chinese-American woman. She often spoke Chinese to me. She just had a baby and suffered from postpartum depression. Her husband admitted her to the hospital without her consent and she refused to take the drugs that her psychiatrist prescribed her. Perhaps she thought I was more comfortable speaking my mother tongue, so she told me about her life and expected me to tell her mine. She told me she supported herself through Yale Med-

ical School. She taught herself Chinese during college because her family didn’t speak it at all. She often spoke to the nurses on my behalf. She told me Western doctors tend to overmedicate. She warned me to never marry a white man. I ran from her. Her language made me feel naked. In the hospital I was trying with every bit of my will to build a shield and that shield was American. The Chinese language would erode it to the core so I ran away from her whenever she got close. I ran from the kindness — or the desperate gesture to connect — of a woman who thought she could bond with me because of our shared origin. What she didn’t know was that this origin, this distant, mythical place that she wanted to find, was a place that I abandoned and also abandoned me in return.






The price of erasing the presence of the Chinese language during my formative years was the erasure of an identity. Not sure since when, I don’t dream in either language. My body made the decision for me. It can’t make up its mind. I wonder who I am right now. I often have trouble choosing from the glorious terms one could use to describe one’s mixed background because I don’t see my background as a peaceful synthesis, but a brutal, forced replacement of one for another. Calling myself a hybrid of any sort feels inaccurate, reductionist, irresponsible and straight-up lazy. Hybrid sounds more like a superior existence than the different things that constitute it, but I feel more like a half-ass. My fluency in English is associated with the abandonment of my mother tongue. This association is something to blame and regret, but also something to forgive. Perhaps it is only through the forgiveness of self that I will ever be able to call my internal battles to a truce and see beauty instead of brutality in the co-existence of languages.

When one is in exile, all one wants is to go home. I think of James Baldwin’s famous quote: “Perhaps home is not a place but simply an irrevocable condition.” No matter how hard I tried to rip this condition off my skin, I cannot. But home is also generous and kind. It waits as I slowly crawl back.

My Taiwanese friend recently gave me a book, 《孽子》 by 白先勇. Every night, I read its words, right to left, top to bottom. Each character hides an attempt at redemption.

Xinyi (Joyce) Wang, 21, attends Carnegie Mellon University. This took second place for college prose.

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# 12 WOMEN TO MEET IN 2019

**A**t no time in Pittsburgh history have so many women overseen so many cultural, health and public service institutions — agencies that essentially bolster the livability of the region.

They run the Pittsburgh Public Theater, Allegheny Conference on Community Development, Allegheny County Airport Authority, Port Authority of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, Allegheny County Health Department, Pittsburgh Film Office, Kelly Strayhorn Theater, Jewish Healthcare Foundation, Friends of the Riverfront, Children's Museum of Pittsburgh, Allegheny Health Network, Allegheny County Parks Foundation and many other organizations.

Here are stories of 12 of those women, how they got where they are and what they hope to accomplish. They range from veterans such as Barbara Baker, who has overseen the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium for 28 years, to Joylette Portlock, who stepped into her role at Sustainable Pittsburgh just last month.

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## WOMEN TO MEET IN 2019



Joylette Portlock at Sustainable Pittsburgh, Downtown.

### Joylette Portlock

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** | Sustainable Pittsburgh

In a winning series of 34 short Communitopia climate-change videos titled “Don’t Just Sit There — Do Something!” Joylette Portlock stars as a scientist — you can tell by the white lab coat — and news anchor and wisecracking woman on the street. They’re just characters, but they’re also her.

The Delaware City, Del., native studied biology and anthropology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and earned her doctorate in genetics at Stanford, designing genetics programs for science museums.

But she warmed to climate change and to communicating its dangers and solutions. And she aims to

do so in practical and approachable ways.

That’ll be one part of her new job, which she started in mid-December, as executive director at Sustainable Pittsburgh. She comes from the Carnegie Museum of Natural History, where she was associate director of science and research, to fill the big shoes of Court Gould, who 20 years ago founded this nonprofit that promotes sustainability programs for businesses and collaboration on regional policy initiatives for sustainability.

Ms. Portlock also worked for Al Gore’s Climate Reality Project and has served as Western Pennsylvania outreach coordinator with PennFuture, a statewide en-

vironmental advocacy group where she worked with its members, elected officials and the public on energy, air, water, mining and transportation issues.

All of this is a natural fit for the girl who persuaded her parents to recycle and co-founded her high school Earth Club. Now the 40-year-old resident of Swissvale (where she founded the farmers market) has two children, ages 10 and 7, with whom she loves to spend every rare second of free time that competes with roles such as serving on the Allegheny County Board of Health.

Couldn’t she have picked something easier than, you know, saving the Earth?

She laughs a big laugh

and pauses for several seconds. “I’m not afraid of a challenge!” She takes another long pause and quotes Jonas Salk: “‘Are we being good ancestors?’ It’s important.”

When the magnitude of the challenges starts to get to her, she buoys herself by looking at all the gains that have been made, including existing programs and relationships of Sustainable Pittsburgh, and she’s confident that she can build on those to help communities make the world better together. Don’t be surprised if she does so with a joke.

“You have to figure out a way,” she says, “to meet people where they are.”

— Bob Batz Jr.,  
Post-Gazette



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Karla Boos discusses Quantum Theatre’s upcoming production at Carnegie Library in Homewood.

### Karla Boos

**FOUNDER AND ARTISTIC DIRECTOR** | Quantum Theatre

Karla Boos gravitates toward the unexplored.

“The right circumstances for making art, for me, involve making the unknown, going into the unknown and figuring out what’s right for me,” she says.

“And I would like to work with artists who have a similar outlook.”

Anyone familiar with Quantum Theatre can attest to that. Its founder, Ms. Boos, 57, of Forest Hills, goes for thought-provoking content every time. This season alone, she staged “Chatterton,” a sprawling, three-narrative play about the 18th-century British poet, amid the eaves and alcoves of Trinity Cathedral, Downtown.

Coming in March is “The Gun Show,” a one-man play by E.M. Lewis. In May, there’s “King Lear,” on the grounds of the Carrie Furnace in Swissvale. Past performances have taken place in the basement of the old Garden Theater, in a defunct car dealership showroom, all over Rodef Shalom Congregation and on a hillside in Mellon Park.

When it comes to works and their staging, Ms. Boos is renowned for thinking outside the (black) box.

In addition to the usual chaos of being artistic direc-

tor for Quantum Theatre’s season, Ms. Boos served as curator for the 2018 Pittsburgh International Festival of Firsts. In late November, she finally had time to take a breath.

“It’s on to new things,” she says. “Those were so big and so long in the making, both the play and the festival. But it’s always good in a way to move on, right? It’s bittersweet.”

“I’m amazed and excited now; I can think of new things I want to embark on.”

Quantum Theatre, which she started in 1990, is closing in on 100 productions. Its importance to the Pittsburgh cultural community remains strong, as is what Ms. Boos describes as “a climate that encourages innovative arts to develop and younger artists to pursue their own voices.”

It takes confidence to challenge an audience, something Ms. Boos says she developed over the years. She won’t reveal Quantum’s coming productions but did tease “loving to work with music as a language with theater.”

As traditional American musicals are not her thing, that could be a hint toward any number of paths — all, no doubt, adventurous.

— Maria Sciallo,  
Post-Gazette



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Barbara Baker holds a porcupine at Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium in Highland Park.

### Barbara Baker

**PRESIDENT AND CEO** | Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium

A room full of men does not intimidate Barbara Baker, president and CEO of the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium for 28 years. “I have no problem being the only woman in a room, and it’s because of the environment I grew up in,” she says.

Her self-confidence as well as her love of animals started early. “I grew up surrounded by cows, horses, pigs and other creatures on a farm in North Carolina — with three brothers.” She currently lives on a farm with her husband in Indiana Township.

“My parents, God bless them, treated us all the same,” she says. The siblings all worked in the fields of their tobacco farm as kids. “I did carpentry, one of my brothers did welding, car repair, tool-and-die kind of stuff so we each learned different skills [on the farm]. I think my management style is probably very similar to a man’s

because of it.”

At last count there were 22 women presidents/CEOs of zoos out of more than 300 zoos and aquariums in the U.S. It was another woman, Louise Brown, former director of Pittsburgh Parks and Recreation in 1990, who took a chance and hired the then-34-year-old veterinarian as director of the zoo.

“There are advantages to being a woman in this position. Ironically, being a woman opens many doors,” says Dr. Baker, who is 62. “It’s hard to say no to a woman because we can be very persistent,” she laughs.

“Our zoo is built around a very caring, nurturing environment, but you can be very passionate and intense about what you are doing,” she says.

Dr. Baker says zoos are incredibly important and will become even more so in the next decade because the wild is disappearing.

“We lose 96 elephants a day to poaching,” she says.

Her job entails being a preservationist, a conservationist, an educator and protector.

“Our zoo sponsors ranch dogs that protect the cattle of ranchers in Africa so the cheetahs don’t eat the cattle and the ranchers won’t kill the cheetahs.” They also sponsor mounted gazelles in Kenya so rangers can monitor poachers on horseback. The zoo also operates a 1,000-acre elephant breeding facility in Somerset County.

In her experience, one of the disadvantages of being a woman is age-old.

“If you are forceful, assertive and resourceful and a go-getter, you can be accused of being too aggressive, whereas with a man, it’s perfectly normal and it’s considered very commanding,” Dr. Baker says. “If a woman comes off very commanding they can be criticized for that, which I think is hilarious.”

— Patricia Sheridan,  
Post-Gazette



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Marya Sea Kaminski at the O’Reilly Theater, Downtown.

### Marya Sea Kaminski

**ARTISTIC DIRECTOR** | Pittsburgh Public Theater

The first question locals posed to Marya Sea Kaminski when she was named the Pittsburgh Public Theater’s artistic director was: “Where are you going to live?” Then they tried to persuade her to move to their neighborhoods.

She wound up renting an 1800s carriage house in Deutschtown on the North Side and is “basking in the character of that,” a choice also within walking distance of her job, which officially began Aug. 1.

Ms. Kaminski, 41, the Public’s first new AD in 18 years — following the tenure of Ted Pappas — arrived from Seattle having met with local theater artists and with her picks for the 2018-19 season in place, and having formed a tight leadership team with managing director Lou Castelli. She often points out that she looks to Mr. Castelli for guidance; he has been with the company for two decades.

Mr. Pappas, who led the

company for 18 years, enjoyed the spotlight and was part of the process of picking his successor. It’s now Ms. Kaminski who mingles in the lobby with pre-show audiences. She looks forward to her first directing gig here, her own all-female adaptation of “The Tempest.”

Hours before opening night of the Pulitzer Prize-winning “Sweat” and with the season-opening “Pride & Prejudice” under her belt, it was the first Pittsburgh snow that gave her a warm feeling of home.

“It had been a little while since my sweetheart and I had seen a real snow, so we just walked around the Allegheny Commons, got some food at the Park House ... maybe it was the fact that we were embarking into the Pittsburgh winter, but we both felt like it was the beginning of a new chapter,” she says.

Before arriving in Pittsburgh, when Ms. Kaminski served as associate AD of Se-

attle Rep, she worked with New York and Dallas companies to create Public Works Seattle, partnerships that produced an epic musical of “The Odyssey.” For “Sweat,” about blue-collar woes in Reading, Pa., the Public invited more than 150 steelworkers to a preview, and she led a postshow Q&A with United Steelworkers president Leo Gerard.

It was a moment reflective of her vision of the Public and its Downtown home, the O’Reilly Theater, as a hub of creative and activity.

“In my wildest dreams, I show up here, and in the afternoon, kids are doing homework in the lobby, and at night, we have education programs running all over the building and artists collaborating onstage,” Ms. Kaminski says.

But first, there’s a “Tempest” brewing at the Public, and “it’s going to be amazing,” she says.

— Sharon Eberson,  
Post-Gazette

## WOMEN TO MEET IN 2019

## Katharine Eagan Kelleman

CEO | Port Authority of Allegheny County

How does a city demonstrate that it's the most livable city in the country?

By working toward creating a more equitable transit system, for one. And that's what Katharine Eagan Kelleman, 45, is doing as she leads the Port Authority of Allegheny County as its CEO.

In this position since January 2018, Ms. Kelleman is used to rolling up her sleeves and getting to the heart of issues that need solving. "I believe that mass transit is a civil right and a human right," she says. "It opens doors and helps to build community."

Originally from Colorado, she has lived in many places; her father was in the military and her family moved five times during her childhood. "I looked at it as, 'Oh I get to make more new friends,'" she says.

That gregarious and outgoing nature served her well as she made her way through school, traveling 90 minutes each way to attend Angelo State University in Texas, where she received a full scholarship and her graduate degree in public administration.

After settling into a position as transportation planner for San Angelo, Texas, she spent the next seven years working for Dallas



Katharine Eagan Kelleman talks with a Port Authority employee as she waits for the T on the South Side. *Jessie Wardarski/Post-Gazette*

Area Rapid Transit before moving to Baltimore as a transit planner for a year. A recruiter connected her to Tampa, Fla., where she was for three years, directly reporting to the CEO of the city's transit authority. She worked as the chief of service development, eventually rising to COO before becoming interim CEO.

Then, Pittsburgh called. "There's only so many hurricanes you can take," she jokes.

Her husband, Chris, a

stay-at-home dad with their two boys, ages 5 and 6, had family outside of Harrisburg. The opportunity to be closer to them was another benefit.

"I try to have a work-breathing balance in my life," she says.

Her family has settled in Upper St. Clair, and she takes public transit regularly, connecting directly to her customers as well as the people she works with.

Does she consider herself a trailblazer in what some

might consider a male-dominated field?

"I think we all stand on shoulders, and then it is up to us to become the shoulders for those coming up to stand on," Ms. Kelleman says. "As CEO, I set the vision and strategy, but I know that success cannot be ephemeral. I want our public transit system to be part of what makes this region great for everyone, opening doors to success for all."

—Natalie Bencivenga, *Post-Gazette*



Jayne Miller in Highland Park. *Jessie Wardarski/Post-Gazette*

## Jayne Miller

CEO | Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

Jayne Miller grew up in New York's Adirondack Mountains, 45 miles southeast of Lake Placid.

Her father was a large- and small-animal veterinarian, and her family lived next door to the hospital where he worked. Ms. Miller spent a lot of time outdoors and encountered many stray animals. In the winter, her father flooded the yard to create a skating rink, and one year, they built a rope tow.

Now, Ms. Miller lives in a home that's a short walk from Highland Park with her partner, Diana Sepac. Articulate and focused, Ms. Miller, 60, is the new chief executive officer of the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy. Founded in 1996, the nonprofit manages 22 parks. The 40-member staff is working on 17 projects.

Ms. Miller and Ms. Sepac became friends while both worked in Ann Arbor, Mich., during the 1990s and have been together for nearly 20 years. The two women have visited many national parks, including the Badlands, Big Bend, Bryce, the Grand Canyon, the Grand Tetons, Mammoth Cave, Mount Rainier, Saguaro, Theodore Roosevelt, Voyageurs, Yellowstone and Zion.

In 2019, Ms. Miller will attend more than 40 scheduled community meetings to hear what people want most in the 22 urban parks. The large regional parks — Frick, Highland, Schenley

and Riverview — have improved dramatically during the past 20 years since her predecessor, Meg Cheever, helped found and lead the nonprofit parks conservancy as its CEO, but a monumental task remains.

As the steel industry declined during the 1980s, Pittsburgh stopped investing in its neighborhood parks, creating a mind-boggling backlog of deferred maintenance. During an interview in Highland Park in December, Ms. Miller estimates it will cost \$400 million to address all of the work that accumulated during the past 40 years.

"To take care of a public system, we really need more capital investment," Ms. Miller says.

Previously, Ms. Miller ran the Minneapolis parks, which was rated the nation's best city park system five years in a row by The Trust for Public Land. She was credited with persuading Minneapolis leaders to commit an additional \$250 million over 20 years for 160 neighborhood parks.

Well-tended public parks attract today's college graduates, Ms. Miller says, because they "go to cities where they want to live, then get a job." One of her main goals is to connect small and large parks in the region despite Pittsburgh's challenging topography.

—Marylyne Pitz, *Post-Gazette*

## Karen Hacker

DIRECTOR | Allegheny County Health Department

When Karen Hacker arrived in Pittsburgh more than five years ago, her task was overwhelming. As its new director, she faced the challenge of reorganizing and revitalizing the Allegheny County Health Department.

Coming from the Boston area, she replaced Pittsburgh native Bruce Dixon, the old-guard director for 20 years who sported a crew cut, a thin black tie and Hush Puppies shoes. He had the pragmatic ability to withstand the job's political and industrial winds and currents.

So Dr. Hacker drew from a graduate course she took in management that "spoke to the fact that a leader has enormous potential to shift the culture of the organization." Her initial goal was getting people on board through improved equity and respect that in turn encouraged stronger job performance and ethics.

Accountability is another quality Dr. Hacker

says she expects from the department. Shortly after her appointment, a citizen notified her about the lack of assistance from a health department employee in resolving an asbestos problem. Discussing the issue with the employee, Dr. Hacker says she made it clear: "We have to be better than that for our residents."

In her own terms, leadership should promote teamwork and competence. On that front, she says, she's adopted a policy of recruiting and retaining skilled employees whose efforts bring measurable improvements in public health programs. Much like Dr. Dixon, she also showed up regularly at public events to discuss issues and promote programs.

And, by any standard, Dr. Hacker, 63, of Highland Park has made notable changes and "dramatic improvements" in the Health Department and its culture of about 400 employees. One persistent challenge is the number



Karen Hacker in her office at the Allegheny County Health Department, Downtown. *Jessie Wardarski/Post-Gazette*

of department "silos" — programs specializing in air and water quality, disease prevention, food quality, immunization and her focus in reducing socioeconomic and racial inequities, most notable in eastern Allegheny County communities.

"You have to make a lot of decisions," says Dr. Hacker, who received her medical degree from Northwestern University and her master's in public health from Boston University. "Sometimes you have to concentrate on breaking the logjams — being Solomon — and giving others

the ability to find solutions and participate in decision-making."

She continues working to expand parochial interests into department-wide improvements. And over the past five years, she says, employees have become more aware that higher expectations can lead to benefits for them and the public.

"This morning we had a meeting, and afterward, an employee told me, 'This is a nice place to work now,'" Dr. Hacker says. "I felt good about that."

—David Templeton, *Post-Gazette*

## Janera Solomon

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | Kelly Strayhorn Theater

For Janera Solomon, a theater isn't just a place to see a pricey performance a few times a year. It should be a neighborhood hub for friends, family and fellowship that anyone can enjoy.

In her 10 years as executive director of the Kelly Strayhorn Theater, she has strived to transform the 104-year-old theater in East Liberty into a space where artists and audiences from all walks of life can come — and will want to come back again and again. In 2011, the historic theater merged with Dance Alloy in Friendship, where the Kelly Strayhorn holds artist residencies, dance classes and other programming.

"The first year I started this job I took a trip to New York and I went to the Apollo Theater," Ms. Solomon says. "While I was standing in line, a woman who I didn't know started to talk to me. She said, 'I live around the corner. This is my neighborhood theater.' ... That stuck with me from the very beginning. I wanted Kelly Strayhorn to be that kind of place."

A varied path — dotted with stints in music, teaching and museum work across the country — led Ms. Solomon, 43, of Shadyside to KST. Born in Guyana, her family moved to the U.S. in 1984 when she was 9. They lived in Oakland, where there were a lot of immigrant families at the time, she says. She attended the University of Pittsburgh and designed her own major: a mix of Africana studies, economics, a bit of history and philosophy of science.

She admits the role of executive director is one she has had to grow into.

"There were lots of people who just couldn't see how an arts organization outside of Downtown could really thrive," Ms. Solomon says. "I think that was also part of the challenge. What niche could we fill as an arts organization?"

During her tenure, the Kelly Strayhorn Theater and Alloy Studios have made queer and multiracial arts and social arts activism cornerstones of programming, along with dance, mu-



Janera Solomon at The Alloy Studios in Friendship. *Jessie Wardarski/Post-Gazette*

sic and theater works by Pittsburgh-based and national artists.

Her family life greatly impacts her work at the theater, she says. She has an 8-year-old daughter who regu-

larly accompanies her to events and isn't shy about sharing her ideas.

"She has a sense that she can make something happen, which is really what I want to give her," Ms. Solo-

mon says.

When life gets tricky, she looks to her parents and grandparents for inspiration.

"So many times when I'm having challenges, I think, well, if my parents could pick

up and move to another country with their four kids, I can make it," she says. "I try to bring that kind of energy to what we do here at KST."

—Sara Baukrecht, *Post-Gazette*

| SUNDAY  |   | MOVIES   | SPORTS  | KIDS   | NEWS   | TALK   |  |                      |
|---------|---|--|---|--|--|--|--|----------------------|
|         | 8   | 8:30   | 9   | 9:30   | 10   | 10:30  | 11   | 11:30                |
| 2 KDKA  | God Friended Me Ready Player Two. (N) (CC)  |  | NCIS: Los Angeles A terror threat is suspected. (N) |  | Madam Secretary Elizabeth battles a U.S. governor. (N) |  | News at Eleven (N)                                 | Cochran Sports       |
| 4 WTAE  | America's Funniest Home Videos (N) (CC)   |  | Shark Tank A cold brew coffee kit. (N)              |  | Shark Tank (10:01) Line of "manscaping" products.      |  | Action News 4 (N)                                  | Action News 4 (N)    |
| 6 WJAC  | The 76th Annual Golden Globe Awards Celebrating the best in TV and film. (N) (CC)     |  |   |  |  |  | News (N)   | Big Bang             |
| 7 WTRF  | God Friended Me (N)   |  | NCIS: Los Angeles (N)                               |  | Madam Secretary (N)                                    |  | News (N)   | NCIS: N.O.           |
| 8 WWCW  | Simpson (N)   | Burgers (N)                                      | Fam Guy (N)   | Rel Mom. (N)                                     | Fox 8 News   | Outdoors   | Last Man   | GameDay Pr.          |
| 9 WTOV  | The 76th Annual Golden Globe Awards Celebrating the best in TV and film. (N) (CC)     |  |   |  |  |  | News (N)   | Sports Sun.          |
| 10 WTAJ | God Friended Me (N)   |  | NCIS: Los Angeles (N)                               |  | Madam Secretary (N)                                    |  | News (N)   | Nittany Natio        |
| 11 WPXI | The 76th Annual Golden Globe Awards Celebrating the best in TV and film. (N) (L) (CC) |  |   |  |  |  | Channel 11 News at (N)                             | The Final Word       |
| 13 WOED | Victoria on Masterpiece Faith, Hope & Charity.  | Victoria on Masterpiece The King Over the Water. | Victoria on Masterpiece The King Over the Water.    | Victoria on Masterpiece The King Over the Water. | Victoria on Masterpiece The King Over the Water.       | Victoria on Masterpiece The King Over the Water. | Orchard House                                      |                      |
| 16 WINP | NCIS: Los Angeles (CC)  | Private Eyes (CC)                                |   |  | NCIS: Los Angeles Breach.                              |  | NCIS: Los Angeles (CC)                             |                      |
| 19 WPCW | Supergirl Nia has a dream about Agent Liberty. (CC)                                   | Charmed Macy receives a cryptic message. (CC)    |   |  | 10 O'Clock News (N)                                    | The Nightly Sports Call                          | Madam Secretary Elizabeth travels to Myanmar. (CC) |                      |
| 21 WFMJ | The 76th Annual Golden Globe Awards Celebrating the best in TV and film. (N) (CC)     |  |   |  |  |  | News (N)   | Edition (N)          |
| 22 WPNT | Marketplace Pittsburgh  | Seinfeld The Letter. (CC)                        | Seinfeld (CC)                                       | 3 Wide Life                                      | Ring of Honor Wrestling (CC)                           |  | Transform  | Back Pain Relief     |
| 27 WKBN | God Friended Me (N)   |  | NCIS: Los Angeles (N)                               |  | Madam Secretary (N)                                    |  | First News   | NCIS: N.O.           |
| 33 WYTV | Funnest Home Videos (N)   |  | Shark Tank (N)                                      |  | Shark Tank (10:01)                                     |  | News (N)   | Castle (CC)          |
| 40 WPCB | Jack Van Impe (N)   | Manna-Fest/Perry Stone                           | Phropic Connection                                  | Zola Levitt Presents                             | Prophecy Watchers                                      | Quick Study (CC)                                 | Billy Graham Classics                              | Global Ventures (CC) |
| 43 WUAB | Supergirl Bunker Hill.  |  | Charmed Kappa Spirit.                               |  | Cleveland Nws (N)                                      |  | Edition (N)  | Raw Travel           |
| 53 WPGH | The Simpsons (N)  | Bob's Burgers (N)                                | Family Guy (N)                                      | Rel Mom. (N)                                     | Channel 11 News on Fox 53 at 10 (N) (CC)               |  | The Big Bang Theory                                | NFL GameDay Prime    |
| 59 WEPA | Frasier   | Frasier  | Frasier   | Frasier  | The Office   | The Office                                       | The Office   | The Office           |

**PREMIUM CABLE**

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|----------|---|---|---|
| HBO      | "Clash of the Titans" (8:10) (2010) ★★ Sam Worthington, Liam Neeson, Ralph Fiennes. (CC)            | "Down a Dark Hall" (2018) AnnaSophia Robb, Uma Thurman. Premiere. (CC)  | "Fist Fight" (11:35) (2017)   |
| HBO/2    | The Sopranos (7:28)   | The Sopranos (8:24)   | The Sopranos (9:10) Pine Barrens. (CC)                                |
| HBO/FAM  | "Shrek 2" (7) (2004) (CC)   | "The LEGO Batman Movie" (8:35) (2017) ★★ Will Arnett, Michael Cera. (CC)  | "Mighty Joe Young" (10:22) (1998) ★★ Charlize Theron. (CC)            |
| HBO/SIG. | "It" (6:40) (2017) ★★ (CC)  | "Man on Fire" (2004) ★★ Denzel Washington, Dakota Fanning. A bodyguard takes revenge on a girl's kidnappers. (CC) | " Fargo" (1996) (CC)  |
| MAX      | "Arizona" (2018) Danny McBride. A disgruntled client kidnaps a real estate agent.                   | "The Warrior's Way" (9:25) (2010) ★★ Jang Dong Gun. (CC)  | "Cabin Fever" (11:05) (2002) ★★ (CC)                                  |
| SHO      | "Molly's Game" (6:40) (2017) ★★ (CC)  | Ray Donovan Mac faces a difficult decision. (N) (CC)  | Ray Donovan Mac faces a difficult decision. (CC)                      |
| STARZ    | Outlander Jamie and Claire keep secrets. (N) (CC)   | Counterpart Shadow Puppets. (N) (CC)  | Outlander Jamie and Claire keep secrets. (CC)                         |
| STARZ-E  | "Be Cool" (6:58) (2005) ★★ John Travolta.   | "Dream House" (9:01) (2011) ★ Daniel Craig, Naomi Watts. Premiere. (CC)   | "Tremors" (10:36) (1990) ★★ Kevin Bacon, Fred Ward, Finn Carter. (CC) |
| STZENC   | "Coal Miner's Daughter" (6:53) (1980) ★★  | "Escape From Alcatraz" (1979) ★★ Clint Eastwood, Patrick McGeehan, Jack Thibau. (CC)                              | "Gridiron Gang" (10:54) (2006) ★★ (CC)                                |
| STZ/ENCL | "Stand and Deliver" (7:14) ★★ Premiere.   | "Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me" (1999) ★★ Mike Myers.   | "Nighthawks" (10:37) (1981) ★★ Sylvester Stallone. (CC)               |
| STZ/ENCW | Lonesome Dove (7:15) Gus reunites with an old flame.  | Lonesome Dove (8:51) Return. Gus is injured during an Indian attack. (CC)   | "Lawman" (10:27) (1971) ★★ Burt Lancaster, Robert Ryan. (CC)          |
| STZ/ENSU | "Wall Street" (6:52) (1987) ★★ (CC)   | "Dying of the Light" (2014) ★ Nicolas Cage, Anton Yelchin. (CC)   | "The Black Dahlia" (10:37) (2006) ★★ Josh Hartnett. (CC)              |
| TMC      | "The Queen" (2006) ★★ Helen Mirren. Queen Elizabeth II and Tony Blair struggle over a tragedy. (CC) | "Marshall" (2017) ★★ Chadwick Boseman, Josh Gad, Kate Hudson. (CC)  |   |

**BASIC, EXPANDED AND DIGITAL CABLE**

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| A&E      | "The Mummy Returns" (2001) ★★ Brendan Fraser, Rachel Weisz, John Hannah. Two evil forces pursue the son of adventurer Rick O'Connell. (CC)   | "The Scorpion King" (11:04) (2002) ★★   |
| AMC      | "Jaws" (6) (1975) ★★ (CC)  | "Jaws 2" (1978) ★★ Roy Scheider, Lorraine Gary. Tourist town and police chief dread huge white shark at beach. (CC) |
| ANIM     | Crikey! It's the Irwins (N)  | How Do An   |
| ATTPS    | Wm. Basketball   | Bensinger   |
| BBC      | "Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery" (1997)   | "Austin Powers: International Man of Mystery" (1997)  |
| BET      | "Harlem Nights" (8:05) (1989) ★★ Eddie Murphy, Richard Pryor, Redd Foxx.   | Martin (CC)   |
| BRAVO    | The Real Housewives of Atlanta (N) (CC)  | Married to Medicine Damon defends himself. (N)  |
| CMT      | HappyGil   | "Billy Madison" (1995) ★ Adam Sandler. (CC)   |
| CNBC     | Shark Tank (CC)  | Deal or No Deal (CC)  |
| CNN      | CNN Newsroom (N) (CC)  | Anthony Bourdain Parts  |
| COM      | "The Interview" (7:25) (2014) ★★ James Franco.   | "Knocked Up" (2007) ★★ Seth Rogen. (CC)   |
| C-SPAN   | Q & A Keach Hagey. (N)   | Public Affairs Events (CC)  |
| DEST     | Epic Log Homes A home in Aniz. called the Log Mahal.   | Epic Log Homes (CC)   |
| DFC      | Lottery Changed My Life Doorman Millionaire. (CC)  | Lottery Changed My Life Wiccan Millionaire. (CC)  |
| DIS      | "A Cinderella Story: If the Shoe Fits" (2016) Sofia Carson, Jennifer Tilly. (CC)   | Coop & Cami   |
| DSC      | Alaska: The Last Frontier (N) (CC)   | Alaska: The Last Frontier Wind and a Prayer. (N)  |
| DSC/INV  | Evil Lives Here Bizarre behavior signals a warning.  | Evil Lives Here Let Her Rot. (N) (CC)   |
| EI       | Botched (CC)   | Botched (CC)  |
| ESPN     | NFL PrimeTime (N) (CC)   | SportsCenter (N) (CC)   |
| ESPN2    | Championship Drive (N) (L)   | Football (N)  |
| ESPN-C   | College Football From Oct. 29, 2011. (CC)  | College Football From Oct. 21, 2000. (CC)   |
| EWTN     | Sunday (N)   | Catholics   |
| FNC      | OBJECTified (N) (CC)   | The Next Revolution (N)   |
| FOOD     | Guy's Grocery Games  | Worst Cooks (N)   |
| FREE FRM | "Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (8:15) (1992) ★★ Macaulay Culkin, Joe Pesci. Kevin ends up in New York when he boards the wrong plane. (CC) | "Nanny McPhee" (10:55) (2005) ★★ (CC)   |
| FS1      | PBC Face   | PBC   |
| FX       | "Jurassic World" (2015) ★★ Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard. Man-made dinosaurs go on a rampage at an island resort. (CC)                    | "Jurassic World" (2015) ★★ Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard. (CC)   |
| FX       | "Nerve" (2016) ★★ Emma Roberts, Dave Franco, Juliette Lewis. Premiere. (CC)  | "Nerve" (2016) ★★ Emma Roberts. A teen must accept dares for an increasingly dangerous game. (CC)                   |
| GOLF     | PGA Golf   | Golf Central (N) (CC)   |
| GSN      | Family Feud  | Family Feud   |
| HALL     | "One Winter Weekend" (2018) Taylor Cole. (CC)  | "Love on the Sidelines" (2016) Emily Kinney. (CC)   |
| HGTV     | Beach (N)  | Beach (N)   |
| HIST     | Ancient Aliens: Declassified The Alien Hunters. (N)  | UFO Cover Ups: Secrets Revealed Potential dangers of revealing UFOs. (N) (CC)                                       |
| IFC      | "Zero Dark Thirty" (2012) ★★ Jessica Chastain, Jason Clarke, Joel Edgerton. Premiere. Elite operatives hunt Osama bin Laden. (CC)            | "Zero Dark Thirty" (CC)   |
| LIFE     | "His Perfect Obsession" (2018) Arianne Zucker. An accountant harbors a dangerous obsession for Allison.                                      | "Killer Vacation" (10:05) (2018) Alexa Havins. A pregnant woman's relaxing getaway turns menacing. (CC)             |
| MSNBC    | Kasie DC (N) (CC)  | The Speaker: Nancy Pelosi   |
| MTV      | Ridiculous. Ridiculous. Ridiculous. Ridiculous. Ridiculous. Ridiculous. Ridiculous.  | Ridiculous. Ridiculous. Ridiculous. Ridiculous. Ridiculous.   |
| NBCS     | NHL Hockey Chicago Blackhawks at Pittsburgh Penguins. (L)  | NHL Overtime (10:45) (N)  |
| NGEO     | Stonehenge Decoded   | Lost City of Machu Picchu   |
| NICK     | "Alvin and the Chipmunks" (2007) ★★ Jason Lee, David Cross, Cameron Richardson. (CC)   | The Office (CC)   |
| OWN      | Police Women of Maricopa County (CC)   | Police Women of Maricopa County (CC)  |
| OXYGEN   | In Ice Cold Blood (CC)   | In Ice Cold Blood (CC)  |
| PARMT    | "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994) ★★ Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman. (CC)   | Big (1988)  |
| PCNC     | PCNC 8PM   | PCNC 9PM  |
| SC       | Mysteries at the Museum (CC)   | Mysteries at the Museum (CC)  |
| SYFY     | "Iron Man 3" (2013) ★★ Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow. A powerful enemy tests Tony Stark's true mettle. (CC)                             | "Old School" (2003) ★★ Luke Wilson. Three men relive their wild past by starting a fraternity.                      |
| TBS      | "Step Brothers" (2008) ★★ Will Ferrell. Two spoiled men become rivals when their parents marry.  | "The Letter" (1940) ★★ Bette Davis, Herbert Marshall. An accused murderess is blackmailed. (CC)                     |
| TCM      | "A Letter to Three Wives" (1949) ★★ Jeanne Crain, Linda Darnell, Ann Sothern. (CC)   | Return to Amish Mary learns her fate. (N)   |
| TLC      | 90 Day Fiancé Tell All, Part 1. (N)  | "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1" (2014) ★★ Jennifer Lawrence.   |
| TNT      | "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1" (2014) ★★ Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth. (CC)   | "The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2" (2015) ★★ Jennifer Lawrence.   |
| TOON     | Rang. Smith  | H. Birdman  |
| TRAV     | My Haunted House (CC)  | Fear the Woods (N) (CC)   |
| TRUTV    | Imp. Jokers  | Imp. Jokers   |
| TVL      | Raymond  | Raymond   |
| USA      | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Terrorized.  | Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (CC)  |
| VH1      | Love & Hip Hop Miami   | Love & Hip Hop Triggers.  |
| WE       | Law & Order Castoff.   | Law & Order Grief. (CC)   |
| WGN-A    | Cops (CC)  | Cops (CC)   |



Vivian Zink/NBC

The cast of "Brooklyn Nine-Nine," which will now air on NBC on Thursdays.

**Pick of the week**

ROB OWEN

Post-Gazette TV writer Rob Owen offers a viewing tip for the coming week

**THURSDAY**

"Brooklyn Nine-Nine," 9 p.m., NBC.

How different will "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" be after its move from Fox to NBC? Well, we know the show will lose at least one cast member with Chelsea Paretti departing sometime during the upcoming season. Otherwise, expect the comedy to be largely unchanged.

"The mandate from NBC all along has been, 'We know this show. We love this show. That's why we picked up this show. Please keep making the same show,'" said executive producer Dan Goor at an August NBC press conference during the

summer 2018 Television Critics Association press tour. "There are no substantive changes in terms of our approach to the show."

But all TV series do tend to evolve somewhat over time. "Brooklyn Nine-Nine" has leaned more heavily into issues inspired by current topics and events.

"They're really hard to do, but we've been very happy with the way they've turned out," Mr. Goor said. "Our challenge is always to make them still feel really true to the show, feel funny, but at the same time, give weight to the issue and to really explore it in a fair way. And we definitely intend to continue doing that."

That will include continuing to explore Rosa (Stephanie Beatriz) and her journey coming out to her parents as bisexual.

"We are really interested in trying to do a #MeToo storyline," Mr. Goor added. "It's something that we're actively talking about in the writers' room."

**TV highlights**

**SUNDAY**

8 p.m. on WPXI  
**The 76th Annual Golden Globe Awards**  
 Andy Samberg ("Brooklyn Nine-Nine") and Sandra Oh ("Killing Eve") are the co-hosts as stars from both film and television gather at the Beverly Hilton in Beverly Hills, Calif., for this annual awards ceremony by the Hollywood Foreign Press Association. Beloved TV comedy star Carol Burnett will receive a new special achievement award that will bear her name and subsequently be presented to honorees who have made outstanding contributions to television either on- or off-screen.

**MONDAY**

8 p.m. on WTAE  
**The Bachelor**  
 Former NFL athlete Colton Underwood, this season's Bachelor, is hoping the third time's the charm as season 23 of this matchmaking reality series gets under way. Mr. Underwood previously appeared as a contestant on season 14 of "The Bachelorette," but was sent home disappointed at the end. A subsequent recent summer appearance on "Bachelor in Paradise" likewise failed to produce a true love match.

**TUESDAY**

8 p.m. on MTV  
**Lindsay Lohan's Beach Club**  
 This new unscripted series follows recovering problem child Lindsay Lohan as she expands her empire of business ventures with Lohan Beach House, a new club in Mykonos, Greece. Instead of the troubled former teen movie princess familiar to tabloid readers around the world, this new series purports to show Ms. Lohan in a new light, as a focused businesswoman capable of calling the shots among a hand-picked team of young and ambitious VIP hosts dedicated to enhancing her "brand."

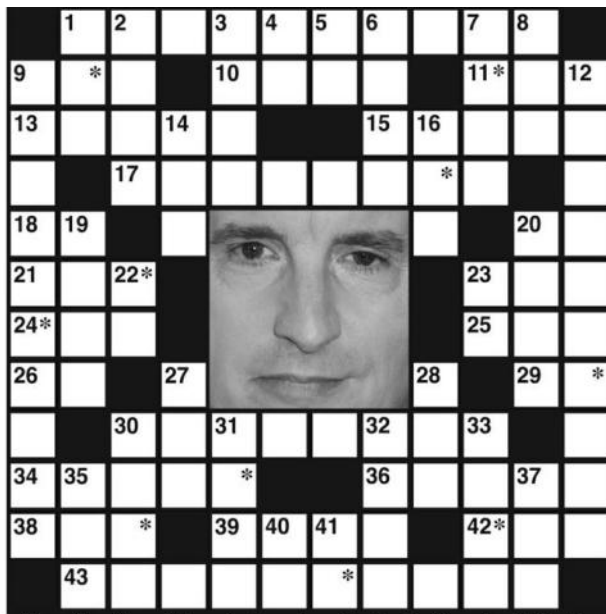
**WEDNESDAY**

8:31 p.m. on WTAE  
**Schooled**

Set at William Penn Academy in the 1990s, this spinoff of "The Goldbergs" revolves around members of the school staff including such familiar faces as Principal Glascott (Tim Meadows), Coach Mellor (Bryan Calen) and Barry Goldberg's old flame Lainey Lewis (AJ Michalka), the new music teacher.

**THURSDAY**

9 p.m. on WPXI  
**Brooklyn Nine-Nine**  
 Noise! Pulled back from the cancellation brink on Fox, the critically praised but ratings-challenged police comedy finds a new home on NBC as its sixth season opens with "Honeymoon," involving Jake and Amy (Andy Samberg, Melissa Fumero), who tied the knot in the season five finale.



The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

**ACROSS**

- Role on "Speechless" (2)
- Freddie the Freeloader, for one
- One of John-Boy's sisters
- Actress Joan Van
- Pong creator
- With 32 Down, former talk show hostess (2)
- Ellen Pompeo's role
- "On"; 2012-13 Matthew Perry sitcom
- Initials for Chachi Arcola's portrayer
- "Bloopers & Practical Jokes"
- "What I Like About"
- "I'm with"; (2003-04)
- Word with plugs or phones
- Series for Maura Tierney, once
- Initials for actor Graves
- Actor on "Splitting Up Together" (2)
- Role on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"
- Paquin & Faris
- Japan's dollar
- 3rd \_\_\_ from the Sun"
- Kildare & Quinn: abbr. (2)
- Role on "Chicago Med" (2)

**DOWN**

- \_\_\_ out; protrude
- Mosque leader
- Israel's Golda
- Period of time: abbr.
- William & Harry's mum
- Letters on the crucifix
- "Dawn I Die"; James Cagney film

- Mork's planet
- "The Big \_\_\_"
- Role on "Chicago P.D." (2)
- Harrison or Linn
- "Leah Remini: \_\_\_ All Relative"
- "One Flew \_\_\_ the Cuckoo's Nest"
- 1977-81 Katherine Helmond series
- "My Son, My Son, What Have \_\_\_ Done"; Willem Dafoe film
- Stewart or Serling
- One of John-Boy's brothers
- \_\_\_ fide; genuine
- Actress Theda
- See 15 Across
- Finishes
- "\_\_\_ Just Not That Into You"; Jennifer Aniston film
- "Who Do You Think You \_\_\_?"
- Actress Sandra
- Initials for Rob Reiner's dad

**Solution**



On a more pressing note, we'll also learn whether Capt. Ray Holt (Andre Braugher) has been named the new police commissioner.

**FRIDAY**

7 p.m. on DIS  
**Movie: Moana**  
 Disney animators dipped into the deep well of Polynesian mythology for this 2016 3-D computer-animated musical fantasy about the strong-willed young daughter of a Polynesian chief, who is chosen by the ocean itself to undertake a mission to save her island from a blight. To reverse that situation, Moana (voice of newcomer Auli'i Cravalho) must set sail and find Maui (voice of Dwayne Johnson), a shape-shifting demigod,

and reclaim a mystic stone believed to be a goddess.

**SATURDAY**

9 p.m. on TRAV  
**Ghost Adventures**  
 Concluding a two-part episode that began last week, the new "Mineral Springs Hotel" finds Zak, Aaron, Jay and Billy still in Alton, Ill., which is famous — or infamous, depending on your perspective — for being one of the most haunted towns in America. Their focus this time is on exploring a 1914 hotel where multiple deaths have occurred over the years. Zak suspects there's a demonic entity in residence there that's keep the souls lost in those assorted tragedies trapped in the building.

# Why did WPNT cancel Mark Madden's TV show?

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](http://post-gazette.com/tv). Here's a selection of recent queries.

**Q:** I was just wondering if you happen to know why local sports personality/radio host Mark Madden had his TV show canceled on Channel 22 The Point? The program aired from September 2015-July 2016, Monday-Friday nights. I'm just assuming that it had something to do with ratings, as the show was just an edited rebroadcast of his radio program on 105.9 The X. I've never gotten a straight answer when I have asked around about this, so I thought you might have heard something that I did not.

— CHAD VIA EMAIL

**Rob:** Shows are almost always canceled for financial reasons, often stemming from low ratings. In this case, there was also some executive turnover at WPNT with the guy who spearheaded an attempt to promote more local sports

programming departing. Host Madden says: "Boy, that's old news. 22 was unhappy with the ratings. I wasn't. But I had more reasonable expectations. A lot of the material was dated by the time it aired, especially re: hockey & baseball."

**Q:** The channel beIN SPORTS (was 268 on Comcast) was in a dispute with juggernaut Comcast about payments. Now that channel has been eliminated from the Comcast menu.

It covered national and international motorcycle road racing as well as soccer and other sports and their coverage was excellent.

Can you tell us any other ways to view the beIN channel?

— PAUL, ALLISON PARK

**Rob:** Not sure what is going on with this sports channel that is largely known for carrying soccer. In the past year beIN was dropped by Comcast, Verizon and DirecTV. It appears beIN is still available on DISH Network (Channel 392), but the beIN website is not particularly helpful in offering tips on how to get the channel.

**Q:** I visit on a daily basis various national TV forums on specific genres

— TV news, game shows, etc. — as well as specific genre channels on YouTube. How do we know the factual and historical information posted on YouTube channels and TV forums in the replies — by the same individuals time and time again regarding these genres — to be accurate, honest and truthful when they use aliases instead of their real names and do not provide biographical details about themselves in their profiles? Also, at times that are amusing and entertaining, these genre "experts" even correct each other as to misinformation and even believe it themselves as correct after repeating the same information over time.

— JIM, BROOKVILLE

**Rob:** Easy answer: You don't know that their information is accurate unless you can verify it with another source. It's the difference between gossip in the public square and credible, accountable (not anonymous) reporting.

Ask TV questions by emailing [rowen@post-gazette.com](mailto:rowen@post-gazette.com), including your first name and location, or submitting the form at [post-gazette.com/tv](http://post-gazette.com/tv).



Gretchen McKay/Post-Gazette

Let's eat  
GRETCHEN MCKAY

## SPANISH SPICE-CRUSTED PORK TENDERLOIN TAPAS

PG tested

This Basque dish of seared seasoned pork tenderloin — *pinchos morunos* in Spanish — dates back generations, with influences from Spain and North Africa. The classic preparation involves threading marinated chunks of meat onto skewers, but this dish comes together in a cast-iron skillet. It's usually served as a tapas, but combined with a starch and a green salad, it's perfect for a quick weeknight meal.

Be sure not to cut the pork too small, or it will cook too quickly.

**1½ teaspoons ground coriander**  
**1½ teaspoons ground cumin**  
**1½ teaspoons smoked paprika**  
**¼ teaspoon each kosher salt and coarsely ground black pepper**  
**1 pound pork tenderloin, trimmed into 1- to 1½-inch pieces**  
**1 tablespoon lemon juice, plus lemon wedges for serving**  
**1 tablespoon honey**  
**1 large garlic clove, finely grated**  
**2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided**  
**1 tablespoon chopped fresh oregano**  
**Combine** coriander, cumin, paprika, salt and pepper in medium bowl. Add pork and toss to coat evenly, massaging spices into meat until no dry rub remains. Let pork sit at

room temperature for 30 minutes to 1 hour.

**Combine** lemon juice, honey and garlic in another bowl. Set aside.

**Heat** 1 tablespoon oil until just smoking in large skillet over high heat. Add meat in single layer and cook without moving until deeply browned on one side, about 3 minutes. Using tongs, flip pork and cook, turning occasionally, until cooked through and browned all over, another 2-3 minutes.

**Remove** meat from heat, pour lemon juice-garlic mixture over it and toss to evenly coat. Transfer meat to serving platter, sprinkle on oregano and drizzle with remaining 1 tablespoon of oil. Serve with lemon wedges.

**Serves 4.**  
— "Christopher Kimball's Milk Street: The New Home Cooking" (Little, Brown & Co., \$40)

# Do the Golden Globes, Oscars, etc. still matter in 2019?

By Newsday staff  
Newsday

Glamour! Speeches! Envelopes! Yes, it's award show season again — starting with the Golden Globes at 8 p.m. Sunday on NBC (hosted this year by Andy Samberg and Sandra Oh). What better time for Newsday entertainment critics to weigh in on some burning questions about these glitzy events, starting with: Are these ceremonies still relevant in 2019?

## Do award shows still matter?

**Verne Gay** (Newsday's TV critic): The award shows matter because the awards matter. Awards remain the arbiters of artistic accomplishment, where otherwise commercial accomplishment (box office, ratings) would be the only benchmark. The awards shows are the framework within which they are presented, ipso facto, they matter. Of course, these shows can be insufferable — sometimes overstuffing, overlong turkeys. That's part of their fun, part of their aggravation (in equal measure). Viewers still care — they're just not chained to the shows like they once were.

**Rafer Guzman** (Newsday's film critic): They do for the movies — particularly the Golden Globes but, even more so, the Oscars. Over many decades, both shows have built up a reputation for prestige and credibility, driven primarily by star-power and an aura of glamour. Despite downward trends in viewership, that reputation hasn't gone away. The "Oscar bump," in which ticket sales rise for winning movies, is still in effect, and studios know that movie posters look more attractive when dotted with awards. What's more, the Oscar bestows a knight-like honor upon the receiver, whose name will forevermore be preceded by the title "Oscar winner."

**Glenn Gamboa** (Newsday's music critic): Now that streaming dominates music consumption, the Grammys arguably matter even more than they did in the past. With tens of thousands of albums released each year, the nominations offer artists a way to cut through the ever-crowded field, land much-needed attention and offer incentive for fans to sample some new releases since it doesn't cost anything extra to stream them. The Grammys moved to capitalize on that this year, expanding the top categories from five nominees to eight.

**Barbara Schuler** (Newsday's theater critic): Do the



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Amy Adams, left, as Lynne Cheney and Christian Bale as Dick Cheney in Adam McKay's "Vice," which leads the Golden Globes film categories with six nominations.

Tony Awards matter? Producers think so, judging from the annual April crush when shows fight to open before the award cutoff date. For musicals, especially, the June telecast is one giant commercial, with each of the nominated shows getting a spot to showcase its best number right before the summer tourist crush. How that translates to ticket sales is tough to quantify, but psychologist Russell T. Warne of Utah Valley University in Orem, Utah, tried with a recent study that showed, among other things, best musical winners were 3.1 to 3.6 times more likely to stay open.

## Who's watching?

**Mr. Guzman:** The Academy Awards have gained and lost viewers dramatically over the years. Conventional wisdom has it that ceremonies featuring well-known best picture contenders tend to draw bigger ratings, though that doesn't always hold true. The recent trend seems to be downward. In 2014, when Ellen DeGeneres hosted and "12 Years a Slave" won best picture, a healthy 43.7 million viewers tuned in, according to Deadline.com. Last year, when Jimmy Kimmel hosted and "The Shape of Water" won the top Oscar, viewership dropped to 26.5 million.

The Golden Globes, by

contrast, has always had a smaller viewership, but has slipped only slightly over the same period, beginning with 20 million viewers in 2014, when Tina Fey and Amy Poehler hosted, and ending with 19 million in 2018, when Seth Meyers did the honors.

As for the Grammys and Emmys, they've also seen a downward trend in viewers. The music awards have dropped to 19.8 million viewers in 2018, down from 28.5 million in 2014, according to reports from TVByTheNumbers. Oddly, the resurgence of television has coincided with a drop in Emmy Awards viewership: Only 10.1 million viewers watched the awards in 2018, compared with 15.6 million in 2014, according to trade magazine reports.

## How important is the host?

**Mr. Guzman:** The job of Oscar host is a thankless one. Because the Academy Awards ceremony is of grave importance to the industry, yet strives to entertain a general audience, the host is tasked with the impossible: Be funny yet respectful, stay loose but keep things moving, define the show but don't hog the spotlight. A rare few, like Bob Hope and Billy Crystal, were natural-born court jesters who became repeat hosts. More often, though, charismatic personalities

like David Letterman, Steve Martin, Ellen DeGeneres and Chris Rock have come off as merely passable or downright stiff, paralyzed by the show's potential land mines and glue-trap scripts.

At the free-wheeling Golden Globes, where stakes are lower and the drinks tend to flow, hosting looks rather fun. Ricky Gervais insulted all of Hollywood as a four-time host and arguably hit the peak of his fame: Ms. Fey and Ms. Poehler hosted three times and earned plaudits for their feminist jabs and saucy attitude.

**Mr. Gay:** Unfortunately, very important. The host is the most easily promotable part of any show, and the reason many viewers tune in for the opening part of these programs. As gatekeepers, hosts play to the TV audience, also to the room, while a good one can ease tension or improve mood simply by getting people to laugh. But in recent years, hosts have been beset by what might be called a Goldilocks syndrome — too hot or too cold. Ms. DeGeneres was the best Oscar host since the Billy Crystal heyday. But she doesn't want to do the Oscars or Emmys any longer. Lack of continuity among hosts has meant lack of consistency.

**Mr. Gamboa:** The Grammys, especially in these ratings-obsessed days, are all

about the performances — not the host. Maybe that's why CBS seems to be considering not having one this year, since James Corden, who has hosted the past two years, is too busy. However, in 2012, when Manhasset's LL Cool J led the awards show in prayer for Whitney Houston, who had died the night before, he was a shining example of how important a host can be in setting the tone for the evening.

## What have been some of the biggest disappointments? Upsets?

**Mr. Guzman:** Though awards are subjective, there have been a few instances where the groans from moviegoers were hard to ignore. "The Dark Knight" (2008), a film that treated superheroes with a new seriousness, didn't make the cut for best picture, a snobbish oversight that the Oscars are still trying to live down. "Shakespeare in Love" (1998), a period rom-com starring Gwyneth Paltrow and Joseph Fiennes, won Best Picture over "Saving Private Ryan" and is often cited as a wispy film bolstered by a strong Oscar campaign (spearheaded by a then-powerful Harvey Weinstein). As for Paul Haggis' race-relations drama "Crash" (2004), rightly or wrongly it has gone down as a quintessential example of

the Oscars choosing a safe bet over a riskier one, "Brokeback Mountain," for best picture.

**Mr. Gay:** You know you've had a good Emmys season (and awards ceremony) when there is no particularly egregious misstep. The 70th annual Emmys held in September, in fact, managed that not-inconsiderable feat. Sure, there were (and always are) quibbles with some winners. Should "The Americans" have won best drama? I think so, but "Game of Thrones" — the winner — was hardly a mistake. Same goes for each of the major categories. Thanks to rule (and eligibility) adjustments over the last several years, the Emmys (and voting body) have done a much better job of selecting the right nominees.

**Ms. Schuler:** To this day I remember the shock on the faces of the "Avenue Q" cast when the show won the 2004 best musical Tony, upsetting what seemed to be a sure win for "Wicked." No need to feel bad for either show, though. "Avenue Q" closed in 2009, but almost immediately moved to Off-Broadway where it will end its long run on April 28, 2019. "Wicked" is still going strong at the Gershwin Theatre — in 2018 it surpassed "A Chorus Line" to become the sixth-longest running show on Broadway.

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## WOMEN TO MEET IN 2019

## Christina Cassotis

CEO | Allegheny County Airport Authority

Christina Cassotis' father was a pilot for Pan American World Airways when she was growing up in New Hampshire. So as a child, she decided she, too, wanted a job that would allow her to fly around the world.

Only problem was, she had neither the aptitude for aeronautics nor the personality to be a flight attendant. She ended up studying English instead.

It wasn't until she went from a job in media relations at Massachusetts Port Authority to working with aviation consultants SH&E in Boston that the one-time magazine writer and editor realized her dream job lay in airport operations. The airports she worked with around the world were so complex, "and that fascinated me," she says.

In 2015, she brought her business and communication skills to Pittsburgh, after a headhunter called out of the blue to offer her the top job at Allegheny County Airport Authority, which oversees and maintains the Allegheny County airport system.

Initially, the 54-year-old didn't see a whole lot of opportunity here. After US Airways pulled its hub in 2004, Pittsburgh was left with an airport that was severely underused with a



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Christina Cassotis in her office at Pittsburgh International Airport.

poor reputation. But she loves a challenge.

In the three years since becoming CEO, the airport has witnessed record demand growth. The number of nonstop U.S. and international flights has gone from 37 markets to 65, and there are a lot more passengers — 9.6 million, or 21 percent more than in 2015.

Among new air service she brought here, one big coup was again persuading British Airways to offer service to London's Heathrow Airport. (There will be four weekly flights starting in April.) She also initiated

the myPittpass program that allows non-flyers airside access and brought more local food purveyors into the terminal, along with its first Starbucks.

Ms. Cassotis, who holds an MBA from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, also has been instrumental in getting a \$1.3 billion modernization program underway that when completed in 2023 will bring the Pittsburgh International Airport into the 21st century.

Married with a 16-year-old son, she lives in Bell Acres. She travels more

than 100,000 miles a year by plane and rides coach on domestic flights and business on international flights.

Aviation has long been a male-dominated industry, but Ms. Cassotis is proving that the sky's the limit for women who can problem-solve.

"I have walked into a lot of meetings where I've been totally underestimated, and I think, 'Wow. That was probably pretty miscalculating of you,'" she says with a laugh.

— Gretchen McKay, Post-Gazette

## Janis Burley Wilson

PRESIDENT AND CEO | August Wilson Cultural Center

If you judge how things are going by dollar signs, the August Wilson Cultural Center is ending the year with a surplus, reports Janis Burley Wilson, who took over as CEO and president of the center in July 2017.

"That's after a full year of so much programming that we're kind of, 'Phew!' We are all really looking forward to a holiday break," says the single mother of three. "But [the surplus] puts us in a good position going forward and is really exciting."

In her time at the helm, the center has developed a new strategic plan and a new name that will soon go up on the Liberty Avenue building that was on shaky financial ground since it opened as the August Wilson Center for African American Culture in 2009.

Ms. Burley Wilson (no relation to the playwright), 53, was chosen to lead the way after local foundations united to maintain the center as a cultural, educational and community hub. In 2018, the AWCC has added board members and staff in key positions — managing director Ronald Lee Newman and former Pittsburgh Cultural Trust colleague Jocelyn Malik as director of development.

The team is operating with a mandated vision "to



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Janis Burley Wilson with the "Flying Girls" exhibit by Peju Alatise at the August Wilson Cultural Center, Downtown.

become a leading presenter of the arts and expression of the African diaspora, and a home for dynamic exchange of ideas that transform how people think about themselves and the world." One goal is an exhibition to honor the

man whose name graces the building.

The late playwright's estate, scholars, visual artists and a tech firm are involved in creating an interactive display that will include August Wilson's writing desk and other ar-

tifacts. "I want that to be the kind of destination for anyone who is interested in August Wilson, so you have to see this exhibit, it's the coolest thing," she says.

She's also working with the African American Museum in Philadelphia to develop an artist residency program, and the center's kitchen is being expanded to give it a boost as rental space.

Ms. Burley Wilson of Churchill studied at the University of Pittsburgh, earned her master of education degree at Duquesne University and had additional graduate studies at American University. She signed onto the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust in 2002, where she was a prolific events programmer.

Among the many hats she has worn, she sold her own hat designs through Janis B. et Al Millinery, which she founded in 1995. There's quite enough to keep the AWCC leader busy these days, and she's excited about bringing on Ms. Malik, her former co-worker at the Trust.

"We share the same work ethic coming from the Trust, which is go-go," she says, "so that's my orientation to how you work in the arts."

— Sharon Ebersson, Post-Gazette

## Melia Tourangeau

PRESIDENT AND CEO | Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra

A conservatory-trained pianist, Melia Tourangeau, 47, doesn't have time to do much but noodle around on the keys on occasion. Her job as president and CEO of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra takes up the bulk of her time.

She realized early during her stint at the Oberlin Conservatory of Music that she didn't want to pursue a career as a performer or teacher. She discovered a passion for orchestral management during a spring break trip to meet the president and CEO of the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

After beginning her orchestral career in the education and operations departments of the Grand Rapids Symphony in Michigan, Ms. Tourangeau quickly rose through the ranks to become president before jumping to the Utah Symphony and then the PSO in May 2015. At 44, she was the youngest CEO in the orchestra's history.

She sold her childhood piano to help pay off student debt ("My husband wouldn't marry me until I was debt free," she says) and later purchased an inexpensive replacement to begin teaching her children, with just a cursory look at the instrument.

"I got my degree in piano performance and was running the largest performance organization in the inter-mountain west at the time, and I bought a piano with only 85 keys," she recalls, laughing. Standard pianos have 88 keys. Ms. Tourangeau has since upgraded instruments.

Her daily routine is anything but standard. She often begins with breakfast meetings with the orchestra's music director, Manfred Honeck, and board chair before meeting with various committees and sub-committees. She regularly

Jessie Wardarski/Post-Gazette  
Melia Tourangeau at Heinz Hall, Downtown.

meets with the orchestra's senior leadership team and often the musicians themselves to discuss news and changes.

Ms. Tourangeau attends symphony concerts, speaks at performances and fundraising events, and often attends after-show dinners with artists and donors. It isn't unusual for her day to run from 8 or 9 a.m. to 1 or 2 a.m. the next morning.

Ms. Tourangeau's husband is a stay-at-home dad to two children, ages 10 and 13. She says she struggles with a work-life balance but makes sure to attend all of the important moments in her kids' lives.

Even with the meetings, Ms. Tourangeau says she's naturally introverted and that "walking into a room where I don't know anyone is still intimidating. Like with the piano, practicing speaking with donors is key, but connecting my passion with theirs is the part of the job I love the most. I'm the face of the orchestra when the music director isn't around and the bridge builder for the outside community."

— Jeremy Reynolds, Post-Gazette



Jessie Wardarski/Post-Gazette

Cheryl Tracy stands in the Grasslands bird habitat at the National Aviary on the North Side.

## Cheryl Tracy

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | National Aviary

Cheryl Tracy, executive director at the National Aviary, says although her skill set turned out to be in finance and business, she's found the work that blends that experience with her passion for animals.

Ms. Tracy, 54, of South Park first came to the Aviary 12 years ago as chief financial officer after working for 25 years in the business world. "It was the job of a lifetime," she says. Then five years ago, she took on the top position at the nonprofit, with different responsibilities.

"My love of animals probably came from my dad," she says. "We had stray dogs we rescued ... we went to zoos, went on hikes in nature. I remember that was my most favorite place to be, with my dad and with animals."

"We have to keep the decisions we make in line with our business goals," she says. And they must line up with the Aviary's mission to inspire an appreciation of nature and an appreciation of birds.

"My younger self would be very happy and very proud," she says. Would she tell her younger self to do anything differently?

"I wouldn't change a thing. Every experience prepares you for the next one."

Standing in the Aviary's Grasslands exhibit, where smaller birds sing and swoop past, Ms. Tracy says, "It's hard to have a bad day at the National Aviary. Grasslands

is one of my favorites, it's serene, calming, peaceful."

The Wetlands habitat probably has more activity and sounds, and the Tropical Forest habitat is more immersive, with tropical plants and its growing variety of colorful birds flying freely and perching near the new waterfall.

The Aviary has more than 500 birds of more than 150 unique species from around the world. "Because of the movement, the variety in shapes and sizes and colors, people really do connect," she says. "People are enamored with birds."

There's a lot going on behind the scenes as well, Ms. Tracy says. In addition to the exhibits and educational programs, conservation activities include breeding programs for threatened species, such as the Guam rails and African penguins.

"Everyone who works at the Aviary is passionate about their work. It's a great thing." United by their common passion for birds and the environment, they're encouraged to work collaboratively.

One of the challenges at the Aviary is its growth over the past five years, doubling in size.

"It is important to keep everyone motivated," she says. "The resources are behind the demand and the growth has been so significant. ... We have to make every penny count."

— Jill Daly, Post-Gazette

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# Outdoors

By John Hayes  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

In the new year, deer are presented with a whole new world.

The closing of the rut in northern climates means the frantic, hormonally driven breeding season is over for all but a small number of does whose conceptions failed, and the bucks that will service them. Males are regrouping and gestating females remain protective of last year's fawns.

But during Pennsylvania's post-Christmas deer seasons, whitetail behavior is anything but back to normal.

"After the rut it's all about food," said Frank Addington Jr., a master of the recurve bow whose "aspirin busting" exhibition shooting will be on display at the Allegheny Outdoor, Sport and Travel Show at the Monroeville Convention Center in February. "Especially in winter, find where the best food is and you'll find the deer."

Even when temperatures are mild, winter is a difficult time for deer. During the early weeks of conception, nearly all does are eating for two. After spending four to six weeks in testosterone overdrive — so focused on rubbing, scraping, fighting, chasing females and copulating that they barely eat — bucks are physically exhausted and have lost as much as 30 percent of their body weight.

Just when deer need nutrition the most, abundant foliage is long gone and spring green-up is still months away. As they browse on year-round resources of twigs, bark, moss and lichen, whitetails are on the lookout for winter berries, nuts and tubers. To save strength, they're resting often and bedding among or very near to what they eat.

Late-season Pennsylvania archers and flintlock hunters (and slug gunners in Allegheny County) will do best to forget pre-rut morning and evening movement patterns. Focus, like the deer, on winter food.

Born in West Virginia, Mr. Addington was raised in the woods in a hunting family. He's proud to have killed three or four deer before the age of 12, and prouder still that his mom, now 75 and still hunting, recently took her 20th deer with a bow.

"The accuracy [of the exhibition shooting] pays tribute to the hours and hours and hours I put into it as a



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Late-season hunters often find more deer and bigger racks.

kid... but what I know about hunting came from my family," he said.

"Before the rut, bow hunting is always putting yourself between deer and their food, and during the rut you want to be where the bucks are marking and finding does. But in the winter their food choices are going to change. Finding a good food source is key."

Unlike cattle, which will graze all day on the same food item, deer browse on a variety of food sources.

"Find one nut tree and you might find deer," said Mr. Addington. "Find a cluster of nut trees by a patch of berries, and in the winter that's probably where they'll be."

Last week in a publication of Tufts University in Massachusetts, Chris Whittier, director of the master's program in conservation medicine, explained how whitetail deer alter their behavior to survive in winter.

"They are generally less

active, sometimes dropping their metabolism by half, which allows them to save energy and eat less," he wrote. "Usually deer can comfortably survive the winter by eating their usual diet of twigs, stems, grasses and other plants wherever they typically would find them, as well as by supplementing with higher-calorie foods such as nuts, fruits and even mushrooms."

Rotten apples and agricultural spillage are good sources of winter nutrition. Dead leaves are eaten but provide less energy, and deer will dig for any root near the ground surface. Most experienced hunters can identify acorn-producing oaks, and walnut trees and grapevines are easy to spot, but many don't know the shrubs and vines that deer eat during the late hunting seasons. In winter through much of the American Northeast, whitetails look for patches of Virginia creeper, multiflora rose, sur-

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mac, winterberry and poison ivy, a plentiful food source to which deer are conveniently immune.

Bow hunting is a close-range sport — a shot of more than 30 yards may not penetrate vital organs and is generally thought of as unethical. Pennsylvania's buck and doe flintlock season, overlapping the doe-only late archery season Dec. 26-Jan. 12, gives hunters an effective range of about 100 yards.

"After Christmas [the deer] are herding up again," said John Anderson, a flintlock traditionalist and owner of Delmont Sport Shop. "I've seen bigger bucks and more deer during the [late] season."

Hunting pressure, intense in some areas, ends abruptly during Pennsylvania's two-week pre-Christmas deer hunting ban. Mr. Anderson said the lull relaxes wary deer.

"Hunting strategies change," he said. "Other guys aren't pushing the deer around, so you can't sit. We usually drive, or when I'm by myself I walk."

Although weather is a key element during the late flintlock season, Mr. Anderson said it's his favorite time to hunt.

"You've got to keep your powder dry, as they say. Some [hunters] think putting more powder in the pan will compensate for damp weather, but it doesn't work like that," he said.

Mr. Anderson recommends changing pan powder frequently to ensure a clean flash, and says a balloon fit snugly over the muzzle keeps out rain and snow melt.

"When you're walking, dampness hits right where the barrel and wood meet on the rifle and [water] runs down in the pan," he said. "One thing you can do is put a rim of Vaseline on the bridge, make a wall so the water runs off."

Winter hunters should not forget about communicating with the deer via sound. Mr. Anderson said grunting and rattling can be effective, depending on the regional doe-to-buck ration.

"If you're hunting in an area with 100 does, why would a buck have trouble finding one?" he said. "If there are six or eight does, grunting and rattling are a bigger deal."

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## Electrocution by fences a rising threat to wildlife

By Rachel Nuwer  
The New York Times

South Africa is a country of ranches, farms, reserves and national parks, many surrounded by miles of electric fencing. The fencing keeps out unwanted animal and human intruders, and protects livestock and desirable wildlife.

But the fencing also has a deadly, unintended side effect: It frequently kills smaller animals, particularly birds and reptiles that scientists are eager to conserve. Trip wires are often to blame. Positioned about half a foot off the ground, the wires are meant to send a deterring zap to hungry lions and crop-raiding bush pigs.

But not all creatures respond by turning tail. Tortoises that hit a tripwire withdraw into their shells rather than retreat, while pangolins curl over the wire into a defensive ball. The animals stay put, shocked until their hearts give out.

"Farmers will walk along fences and find six to eight dead tortoises in the space of 100 meters," said Luke Arnot, a veterinary surgeon and lecturer at the University of Pretoria.

According to a 2008 study, some 21,000 reptiles in South



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Jarrid Barry has a double wire fence and electric fence at his Powder Ridge Deer Farm in Hollidaysburg. In other countries, electric fences and utility lines electrocute many small animals and birds.

Africa are killed each year after coming into contact with electric fences. Dr. Arnot has been trying to sound the alarm, by publishing articles in farming and ranching magazines that detail practical, inexpensive fixes and by devising wildlife-friendly guidelines for electric fence installation.

His remedies are simple: lifting trip wires higher off the ground, for example, or running the current only at night, when predators are around.

South Africa is not the only country struggling with the problem, and it's not just fences that kill. Power lines

are being strung haphazardly across poor countries; these, too, electrocute animals, and collisions alone often prove fatal for birds.

"There are studies from all over the world that have documented this as an issue," said Scott Loss, an ecologist at Oklahoma State University.

"Animals have caused outages, disruptions and damage to infrastructure amounting to billions of dollars," said Constant Hoogstad, a senior manager of industry partnerships at the Endangered Wildlife Trust, a nonprofit conservation organization in South Africa.

"We estimate that 60 percent of line faults and interruptions in South Africa are wildlife-related."

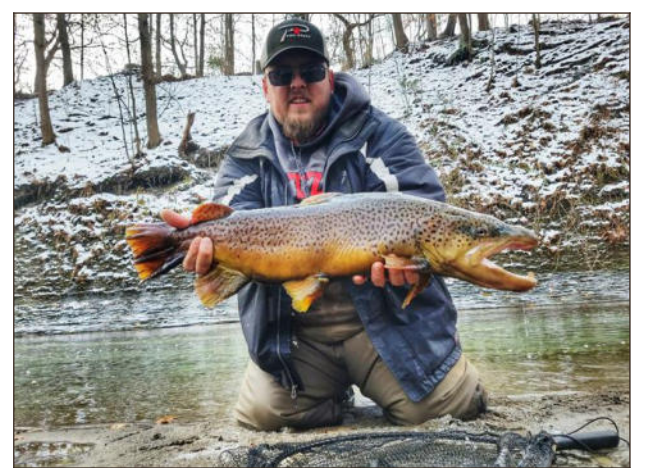
Electrocution affects a diverse variety of species; in some, it is so common that it jeopardizes the survival of species. In southern African countries, electrocution is considered a leading threat to endangered Cape vultures and critically endangered white-backed vultures.

In Central Asia, electrocution kills an estimated 4,000 endangered Saker falcons each year. In the United States, Dr. Loss and his colleagues have estimated that tens of millions of birds are killed by power lines each year.

Even large animals are threatened. More than 100 endangered Asian elephants were killed by electrocution in the state of Odisha, India, over 12 years, mostly by contact with power lines. Giraffes, African elephants, leopards, Cape buffalo and white rhinos have all been electrocuted in various countries.

Primates are especially frequent victims. At least 30 species and subspecies, half of which are threatened with extinction, are affected by electrocution in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

## ANGLING FOR STEELHEAD TROUT, HE CAUGHT SOME BIG BROWNS



Jim Kramer

James Swearingen of Windgap caught and released a hook-jawed brown trout recently while steelhead fishing at Elk and Walnut creeks in Erie County.

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# Women's magazines are dying — will we miss them?

By Lavanya Ramanathan  
The Washington Post

In late November, Glamour came to the same conclusion reached by so many other women's magazines these days: After 80 years in mailboxes and grocery store checkouts, it will stop publishing its glossy monthly, ending with the January issue. For Glamour, print is officially dead, the inexorable "pivot to digital" now complete.

Teen Vogue, a junior version of the fashion bible, was already there. Self, purveyor of 1,000 ways to say goodbye to your back fat, disappeared from the racks in 2017. Seventeen, once a lifestyle primer for high school girls everywhere, now will publish only special issues, and Redbook, one of the "seven sisters" of magazines for suburban housewives, is high-tailing it to the web as well.

The magazine industry as a whole has been belt-tightening for years thanks to a print advertising famine, eliminating costly paper copies while trying to establish a beachhead on the internet. Yet women's publications somehow feel much more endangered than the rest, especially now that even the woke online upstarts that once aimed to replace them — sites like the Hairpin, Rookie and the Toast — are themselves turning off the lights.

From Ladies' Home Journal (still hanging in there, but downgraded to a quarterly) to email-based Lenny Letter (extinguished this fall, after a wild three years), these publications helped mold tastes, define mainstream feminism (as well as femininity) and give talented female journalists a leg up into highly visible media careers. Their demise feels like a loss — but is it?

For generations, women's magazines filled a complex cultural niche, adopting the voice of a concerned big sister to chide women into keeping up with the current hemlines — but also the current headlines. One Sassy covered a piece explaining why Israelis and Palestinians would never achieve peace and another on why women really ought to pout more. Jane told women how to wear jeans to work without getting fired. You could read a somber article about abusive boyfriends, or kill time with a quiz about your flirting style.

The glossies were reliable, visually pleasing and useful all at once — a tactile, addictive habit.

"You could tear out the page and say, 'This is the haircut I'm going to bring to my hairdresser,'" says Lisa Pecot-Hebert, an associate professor of journalism at the University of Southern California's Annenberg School. "There was just something about a glossy, to read and engage with."

Even if you didn't subscribe, dog-eared copies of Marie Claire and Good Housekeeping and Seventeen found their way to you — at the doctor's office, at a friend's apartment, in a middle-school classroom. For every copy of a thick glossy that landed in a mailbox, there was usually not one but several readers.

It was the homemaking magazines, beginning with McCall's and the Ladies' Home Journal in the late 1800s, that spurred the craze for women's tips and advice. Glamour, initially a Hollywood gossip rag, followed in 1939. Seventeen, which offered the same formula for the not-quite-yet-a-woman set, dispatched its first issue in 1944. Cosmopolitan homed in on a female audience in 1965, when Helen Gurley Brown took the helm of the dusty literary magazine and unveiled a brand intertwined with sex and feminism; among the first stories she edited was one about the pill.

"At a time when mainstream media didn't pay attention to issues that mattered to women, they were a place that could bring attention to those things," says Harriet Brown, a Syracuse University magazine journalism professor whose own career took her, briefly, to Redbook.

In 1966, Glamour was the first fashion magazine to feature a black woman, Katiti



Courtesy of Seventeen

Following trends of other magazines that have ditched print, Seventeen is now publishing only special editions instead of monthly magazines. Murrysville native Maddie Ziegler graced its cover in August 2016.

Kironde, as the cover model, a gesture toward inclusion amid the civil rights movement. In 1976, dozens of editors of women's and teen magazines agreed to cover the Equal Rights Amendment, with stories that would reach their collective 60 million readers. In the 1990s, Self launched the now-ubiquitous pink ribbon campaign to raise awareness of breast cancer. And back when you could still clutch the miniature Teen Vogue in your hands, the magazine delivered one of the most talked-about op-eds of the 2016 election, entitled "Donald Trump Is Gaslighting America."

In their heyday, these publications also offered a pipeline for the nation's best women journalists. Joan Didion worked for Vogue in the 1960s. Susan Orlean and Gloria Steinem wrote for Glamour. Good Housekeeping published Betty Friedan, who used her word count to... not-so-subtly eviscerate women's magazines. These publications gave us iconic editors such as Ms. Brown and Anna Wintour, not to mention a sea of lesser-known ladybosses.

Thumb through old issues of women's magazines, says Katie Sanders, a freelance journalist who writes for several women's magazines, "and you see how a woman's role in history is not only changing, but how Glamour and some of the other women's magazines were driving that change."

Still, these magazines battled a sense that they were somehow lesser. "A lot of it was sexism, and people not taking them seriously because they were meant for women," says Andrea Bartz, a novelist who worked at five such magazines, all of which have folded their print editions. "But men's magazines — they were allowed to have a grooming section and a clothing section, and that was fine."

Plenty of the criticism leveled at the magazines came from women themselves. In 1990, Gloria Steinem announced that Ms. magazine would part company with all of its advertisers; she also took a swipe at what she saw as the cynical mission of other women's magazines: "to create a desire for products, teach how to use products, and make products a crucial part of gaining social approval, pleasing a husband, and performing as a homemaker."

On one 1959 cover, Glamour trumpeted that "9 out of 10 American women can be more beautiful." Cosmopolitan in 1966 offered its readers a "Poor Girl's Guide to America's Rich Young Men" and "New, Kooky (but Workable) Cures for Frigidity." But the rise of feminism in the '70s and the have-it-all aspirations of the '80s hardly changed a thing. A 2016 Marie Claire cover still hawked Brazilian secrets for better hair and Korean solutions for skin care.

Many critics believe women's magazines clung far too long to the problem-

atic formula Ms. Steinem described, pummeling readers with messages that their bodies were less than desirable and that their boyfriend's eyes probably wandered and that only products could fill the void.

They are much more diverse now, says Ms. Pecot-Hebert, but through the '80s and '90s, "You still had that Westernized, 'beautiful' person on the cover of the magazine. Whether that person was discussing recipes or that person was selling a bathing suit, there was that same kind of woman that I don't know if most women could identify with."

They also often felt the same. Most of the widest-read titles shared the same publishers — Condé Nast, Meredith and Hearst. Writers and editors, too, seemed to shuffle from one glossy to another, in a great big game of lady-media musical chairs.

The magazines' insistence on the status quo, even as womanhood changed dramatically, led them to irrelevance, Harriet Brown says. In an era of radical body acceptance and umpteenth-wave feminism, "I don't want to read 2,500 articles a year on how to lose 10 pounds or get rid of my love handles. It's reductive, and it's superficial."

Their formula is also everywhere these days.

What women's magazines once delivered to readers from New York to Topeka to Sacramento — the girlfriend-style advice, the gospels of orgasms and equal pay, the reminders to always be dieting — can now be found many places online, from the #fitspo posts on Instagram to junior-feminist sites like Jezebel, which has elbowed in on coverage of pop culture, #MeToo and the workplace. Makeup bloggers and YouTube influencers now dictate the Next Big Lipstick Color and how to get that no-makeup makeup look. Culinary sites like Food52 have cornered what the lady rags used to call "cooking," with none of the gendered notions about who does the cooking. And low-stakes, cheerfully unscientific personality quizzes? Now, there's BuzzFeed for that.

And, of course, some of stuff you once loved can be found online under the same old banners of yore, as legacy titles try to find new life as web products.

Cosmo's website lures more than 19 million unique visitors a month, according to comScore, and Glamour can attract more than 6 million. The old brands are drawing YouTube followers with original videos, and with the viral success of pieces like Teen Vogue's gaslighting essay, embracing anew the brisk women-focused political reporting that made them must-reads a couple decades ago. Their mystique certainly lives on: "The Bold Type," a TV dramedy inspired by the life of former Cosmo editor Joanna Coles, just taped its third season.

But some fear for what will be lost in the transition.

The old magazines "had



Tony Cenicola/The New York Times

A spread from "Rookie Yearbook Four," one of the anthologies born of Tavi Gevinson's digital magazine for teenage girls, in New York, on Dec. 11. To many of its young readers, word that Rookie is folding signified the dissolution of a meeting place of a particular kind of girl: smart, self-serious and inclined to dream in color.

fact-checkers on staff," says Ms. Bartz. "They had a team of people whose job was to verify every detail in the magazine. ... Everything those magazines were telling me about at the time — nutrition or sexual assault statistics or mental health — it was coming from legitimate sources, and it was verified by the staff there."

Even if they could still afford that level of rigor, the time when the glossies were one of the most influential resources in women's lives has come and gone.

"This whole industry is on a wild roller-coaster ride," says Harriet Brown. She's skeptical of the assumption that print magazines are doomed. But titles in the women's sector — a Better Homes and Gardens vs. a Good Housekeeping, say — have always struggled to differentiate from each other.

"I guess in the stock market they call it 'a correction,'" she says. "There's a lot of overlap. In a different media climate, maybe they could survive, but this one won't support it."



Tom Schirmacher

In 2016, Lane Bryant teamed with Glamour for a special edition of the magazine called Fashion for You, which featured fall fashions for sizes 12 and up.

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Candidates must have strong public information and journalism experience that includes development, editing, proofreading and dissemination of public information; must be a confident and strategic media professional with excellent communication, writing, and interpersonal skills; must be a highly talented editor with the ability to present information in an engaging format, have demonstrable journalism experience, and experience responding to the press and public on complex issues and in crisis situations; must have the ability and experience to direct a staff.

Requirements for this position include graduation from an accredited college or university with a Bachelor's degree in journalism, communications, or a related field; minimum of five years of progressive experience in journalism, public relations, or the media which includes writing of news and feature articles for various communication media. Candidates with considerable journalism experience and who have an understanding of Mt. Lebanon, the western Pennsylvania region, and of public sector governance are highly desired.

A full job description can be found on the Mt. Lebanon website: http://mtlebanon.org/86/Employment. Salary range starts at \$74k; the final salary is dependent on qualifications and experience and includes excellent benefits. Candidates should submit a cover letter and resume by January 28, 2019 to [bcross@mtlebanon.org](mailto:bcross@mtlebanon.org) or to the attention of HR Manager, Mt. Lebanon Municipality, 710 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA, 15228. Questions about this opportunity may be sent to Bonnie Cross at [bcross@mtlebanon.org](mailto:bcross@mtlebanon.org).

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Bachelor's degree (or foreign equivalent) in Computer Science or Computer Engineering plus 8 years of experience in the field of GRC (Risk Management, Compliance, Enterprise Management, Third Party, Business Continuity and planning) is required. Will accept three- or four-year degrees. Experience must include: (i) Security Risk & Control Matrix for processes identified through risk assessment; (ii) facilitated risk assessments and common reference data model identification for support of GRC solutions using RSA Archer; (iii) domain expertise to assist the business in identifying and maturing, particularly the GRC platform; (iv) policies and processes for operational risk management and ability to use tools, data and best practices to identify, assess and manage operational risk exposures; (v) providing analysis and recommendations on user requirements for software development architecture in RSA Archer to include complex eGRC Archer; (vi) providing strategic vision for implementing automated solutions needed for achieving target vision, enabled mainly using the RSA GRC Archer platform; (vii) RSA Archer and GRC domain with focus to a wide range of risk technologies & business initiatives; (viii) gathering detailed technical and functional requirements and configuring applications using Archer Architect, including design and implement of GRC solutions; (ix) upgrades and patching across testing and production environments of Archer platform, working towards maturing the GRC practice; (x) managing a collaborative vendor engagement model for defining needs, structuring engagements, maintaining services delivery and product quality, refining a shared vision, and maintaining a productive relationship; and (xi) leading project delivery teams across business groups, IT, infrastructure and vendor solutions teams to ensure business objectives are achieved with sufficient solution delivery transparency and oversight.

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**INVITATIONS FOR BIDS (IFB) FOR THE 2019 VALVE REPLACEMENT CONTRACT**  
PWSA PROJECT NO. 2018-325-105-0

Work under this contract includes the replacement and rehabilitation of PWSA valves within the public water system. All bids must be submitted in accordance with the solicitation that can be obtained by sending an e-mail to [procurement@pgh2o.com](mailto:procurement@pgh2o.com). There will be no charge for the solicitation, as it will be sent via e-mail. All questions relating to the solicitation itself shall be to Nicole Dickun, Procurement Manager, via e-mail: [ndickun@pgh2o.com](mailto:ndickun@pgh2o.com), no later than January 30, 2019. A Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting will be held on January 17, 2019, 10:00 a.m. prevailing Time in the Authority's conference room located at 1200 Penn Ave, Pittsburgh, PA. The purpose of this meeting is to give an overview of the contract requirements and to allow Bidders to ask questions. Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Bond in the amount of Ten Percent (10%) of the bid for the project under construction. Said Bond shall be duly and legally executed with a Surety or Trust Company which has complied with the City Ordinances/Resolutions relating thereto. A Performance Bond and Labor and Material Bond in the amount of 100% of the contract value for each awarded project will be required after award. The Contractor must assure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sexual preference, sex, or national origin. The bidders will be required to submit the package of certifications included with the contract documents relating to Equal Employment Opportunity. The Authority reserves the right to withhold the award of the Contract for a period of 60 days after the opening of the bids. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to waive any informality or minor irregularity in any bid or bids. The Authority also retains the right to investigate the qualifications of bidders prior to any award and to award contracts only to contractors who, in the sole judgment of the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, are qualified and equipped to properly execute the specified work.

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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 submittals will be due 11:00 AM on January 23, 2019 and will be read at 11:15 AM, the 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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No bidder may withdraw a submitted Proposal for a period of 75 days after the scheduled time for opening of the sealed bids. A Pre-Bid Conference will be held on each of the above items at 10:00am January 9, 2019 at Port Authority's Heinz location (345 Sixth Avenue, Third Floor, Pittsburgh, PA). Attendance at this meeting is not mandatory, but is strongly encouraged. Questions regarding any of the above bids will not be entertained by the Port Authority within five (5) business days of the scheduled bid opening. These contracts may be subject to a financial assistance contract between Port Authority of Allegheny County and the United States Department of Transportation. The Contractor will be required to comply with all applicable Equal Employment Opportunity laws and regulations. Contractor is responsible for expenses related to acquiring a performance bond and insurance where applicable. All items are to be FOB

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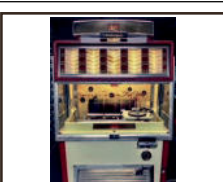
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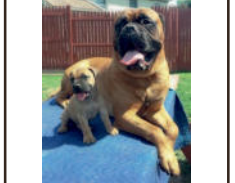
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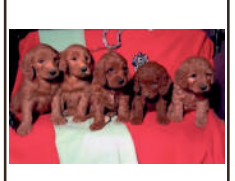
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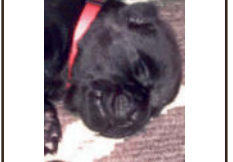
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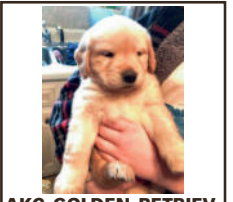
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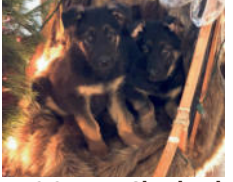


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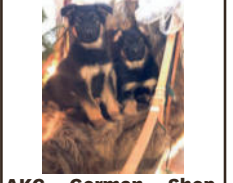


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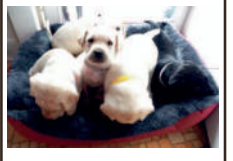
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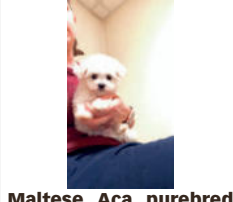
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# Grandma considers trading car for safety's sake

I'm a 67-year-old grandmother driving my dream car — a 2009 red Lexus IS 250 with only 52,000 miles on it. I love this car, but my husband is strongly urging me to get a new one. His rationale: Even though it is a great car and doesn't have a ton of miles, things are going to start going wrong.

I recently had to have the left side mirror replaced because something broke inside, so he may be right. He also wants me to have all the automatic braking and stuff because I am of a certain age. What do you think? Are there any sporty SUVs out there? — Janet

Hey, there's probably stuff going wrong with him, too, Janet, but you're not trading him in yet, are you? He's mostly right, actually. Economically speaking, it's certainly cheaper to keep your old car. But older cars, by definition, are not as reliable. And if it's not a reli-

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cial hardship for you, we agree with him completely on the new safety equipment. Since you bought your Lexus in 2009, all kinds of electronic-based safety systems have become common. And they're all great.

You can get city and highway speed automatic emergency braking — so if you're distracted for a moment and don't see a car or a pedestrian in front of you, the car will alert you and then brake itself if you don't respond. That's not just good for you, in that it helps you avoid an accident and questions about "whether it's time to take away Mom's keys." It's good for the pedestrian, who was texting his girlfriend while walking through traffic. He may live to LMAO again.

There's blind-spot moni-

toring, so you don't have to twist your head around and pray when changing lanes. There's a device to let you know when you're drifting out of your lane, and another to let you know if there's traffic coming down your street while you're backing out of your driveway. You can get all that stuff on many new cars now. And you should. It's particularly great for older drivers whose reflexes and neck flexibility are not what they once were.

If you've liked your Lexus and want to try a sporty-ish SUV, you can try something like the Lexus NX 300. If that doesn't suit you, there's the BMW X1, the Audi Q3, the Volvo XC40, the Acura RDX, the Lincoln MKC, the Cadillac XT4, or any number of others. As you can see, small crossovers are very popular right now, so there are a lot of options.

But do be careful when you make your purchase. Many manufacturers offer the safety stuff as optional

equipment. Or they'll offer some of it as standard equipment (like low-speed automatic emergency braking) and some of it only with high-priced option packages (high-speed emergency braking and blind-spot monitoring). So just be very specific about what you want, and make sure you get all of it.

I was born in 1947 and lived through the whole "Woodie" era. I knew people who had them, and they were considered special, like a Lexus or Land Rover might be today. But I have always wondered if that was real wood. Was it? — Ronald

Absolutely. In fact, if you walk up to a Woodie and look closely, you can see the bar code from Home Depot. For those too young to remember Woodies — which is most people now — they were cars that had side and rear panels made out of actual wood.

Early on, Woodies were kind of custom vehicles,

made either by do-it-yourselfers or by third-party customizers who would add wood panels to your car for a price. Then, in the 1930s, you started seeing a bunch of cars from the big American car companies that came from the factory with wood panels. The dealers couldn't sell you rustproofing you didn't need back then. But I wouldn't be surprised if they sold plenty of termite-protection packages.

Eventually, though, everybody realized that steel was a heck of a lot safer than wood in an accident. I mean, just the splinters alone could kill you. And it turned out steel was cheaper, too. You're probably not old enough to remember when some brands were advertising "all-steel construction" as a big competitive advantage.

Then, in the early '50s, Woodies kind of disappeared, and that was the end of real wood on car exteriors. Except for my brother's '67 Suburban, onto which he

glued the old wood paneling he'd ripped out of his den when he renovated. After that, it was all contact paper: vinyl stickers that boasted of "simulated wood grain" but looked only vaguely like wood from a distance of 40 paces. You probably remember the Chevy Caprice Wagon and the Ford Country Squire of 1960s with fake wood appliques on the sides.

By the time the last of those humongous American wagons, the Buick Roadmaster Estate, was retired in 1996, even the fake wood was gone. And these days, the only place you see real wood is inside luxury cars. Now, for a price, you can have a real wood accent next to your cup holder. And then you, too, can stare at it and wonder, "Is that real wood?"

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Revisit some of the things you have done and said in the past and evaluate situations that have yet to be resolved. Changes can be made this year but only for the right reasons. Let experience and loved ones' input guide you.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** A personal change will give you the boost and confidence you need to deal with big decisions. Don't let distress and anger take the reins when intelligence is required.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19):** If you reconnect with someone you haven't seen for a long time, you'll be offered information regarding a position, project or investment. Keep an open mind, make suggestions and consider the possibilities.

**PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20):** Congregate with like-minded people. Volunteer to help an organization you believe in or take part in a protest, but do so peacefully. How you conduct yourself will make a difference.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't start an argument or let someone pressure you into something you don't want to do. Exercise will help alleviate anxiety. Walk away from uncomfortable situations and do your own thing.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** If you get involved in events that interest you, you will discover something you enjoy doing. Sign up for a course, or travel to visit someone who inspires you. Romance is highlighted.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** A change will do you good, and helping others will give you a sense of pride. If you volunteer your services, you'll meet interesting people who share your concerns.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Put more time and energy into personal improvements and important relationships. A discussion about the future will lead to plans and new possibilities. Romance is encouraged.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Take better care of your health. Getting enough exercise and proper nutrition

should be high on your to-do list. Avoid stressful situations and critical people.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** You can bring about change by being aggressive or getting angry. Taking a positive stance and making intelligent suggestions will help you reach your objective. Personal improvement should be a priority.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23):** Slow down and rethink what's recently happened. Don't take action until you have all the facts and are in a position to make a difference. Bide your time.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22):** Live and learn. If you keep an open mind, you will be given information that will change your life. An unusual opportunity should not be ignored. Sign up and learn something new.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21):** Try something new and exciting. A change will do you good and spark ideas for future pursuits. Walk away from a bad situation and surround yourself with positive people.

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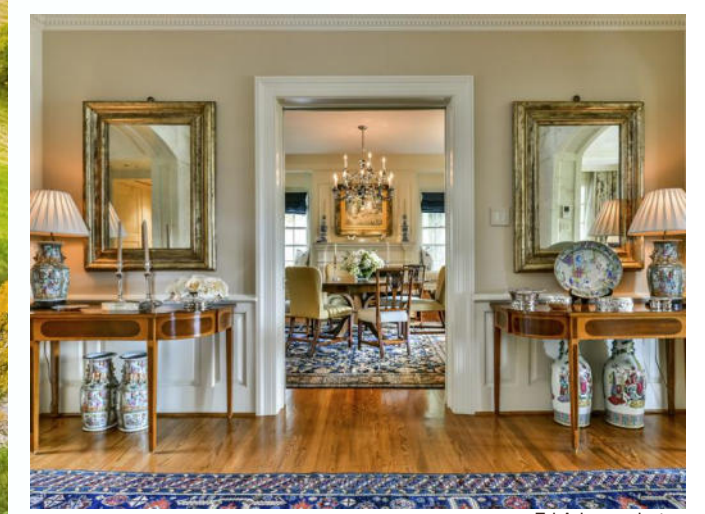
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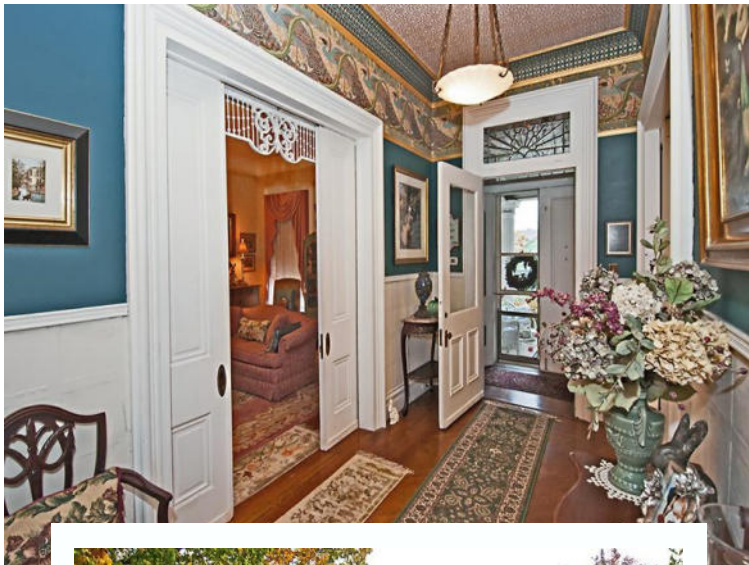


Ryan McIntyre

**Above:** Aerial view of the three-car garage, the main house and the entrance drive of Woodmere in Ligonier. **Top right:** A view from the entrance hall into the dining room. **Bottom right:** The atrium or sunroom on the north side of the home.

## THAT HOUSE SOLD FOR HOW MUCH?

From affordable homes to multimillion-dollar estates, see what sold and what is still up for grabs



Charles Schmitzer photos

**From top:** The entry way of 236 E. Pearl St., Butler. The exterior from street view. One bedroom features a fireplace.

By Rosa Colucci  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

**P**ittsburgh is still a hot real estate market. The average housing price was \$182,000 and sales were up 7 percent in the third quarter, according to the West Penn Multi-List. Year-end sales had not yet been totaled.

But what about the properties featured in Buying Here? Our annual roundup shows that some affordable homes sold quickly in 2018 while multimillion-dollar estates are still looking for buyers.

### Hunting bids

The high bid will take a nearly 200-acre estate in Ligonier's hunt country that was featured in early December. Originally listed for \$7.5 million, Woodmere will be sold in a no reserve auction on Thursday through Platinum Luxury Auctions.

The main house has five bedrooms, five bathrooms, one powder room and 9,310 square feet of living space. A video also shows the four-bedroom guest house, a three-bedroom staff house, a three-car garage and a chicken coop. Along with approximately 7 miles of walking trails, a stream and 10 ponds stocked with trout, bass and catfish, there is a shooting range for clay pigeons.

The no reserve auction will take place at the Four Seasons Hotel in Chicago. Real estate auctions are usually held at the property, but in this case the owner is also selling homes in Florida, New Mexico and Colorado.

Trayor Lesnock, a Pittsburgh native who is president of Platinum Luxury Auctions, said about half of the property auctions he handles have a reserve, which means it's not sold if bids don't meet or exceed the reserve price.

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Jesse Ries Meyer photos

**Top:** The view from the 19th floor of Gateway Towers.  
**Above:** Gateway Towers overlooks the Point and the Allegheny River, Downtown.

# What sold in 2018?

## SOLD, FROM G-1

Bidders can bid in person or by phone, but phone bidders must have a representative there and meet these conditions: By 5 p.m. Wednesday, submit a refundable deposit of \$100,000 via wire or a cashier's check and fill out a terms of sale agreement, found at [www.platinumluxuryauctions.com](http://www.platinumluxuryauctions.com).

"Bidders can also submit an opening bid. It is not required, but they will receive a 10 percent discount on any opening bid they provide," Mr. Lesnock said. "It is applied to your winning bid."

### Gateway Towers

A new owner is going to be enjoying spectacular wraparound views from the 19th floor of Gateway Towers, a Downtown property featured in October. Unit 19L, which has 1,400 square feet of living space, was listed for \$325,000. It is currently under agreement for an undisclosed amount.

### Historic Elizabeth

A little 1830s farmhouse in the Tanner Alley section of Elizabeth Borough was listed for \$64,900 in July. Despite its original beams, old floors and other woodwork, the house at 510 4th Ave. did not sell. Jamie Rossi of Howard Hanna Real Estate Services (412-337-8936 or [www.howardhanna.com](http://www.howardhanna.com)) is the listing agent.

### Butler Victorian

The Italianate-style house at 236 E. Pearl St., Butler, was built in 1879 and got rave reviews when it appeared in the newspaper in June. Decorator Suzanne Hulton and her late husband spared little expense in decorating the home with period wallpapers, light fixtures and period-appropriate upgrades.

Originally listed at \$265,900, the historic property sold for \$225,000.

### Creekside retreat

Maggie Hardy Magerko's Farmington hideaway lured lots of jealous anglers and other online lookers when the story ran in November. The bucolic home belonging to 84 Lumber's owner was priced at \$1.6 million and came with a Nemaconlin Woodlands membership. Bailey Sherrier, director of Marketing for Piatt Sotheby's International Realty, said the marketing campaign was a winner even though the property didn't sell.

"Maggie took the house off the market. ... She said she fell back in love with it. A bittersweet moment for us, but we are so happy that we were able to show how special this home is — even to its owner."

### White Oak bungalow

The oh-so-charming cottage at 1143 Fawcett Ave. in White Oak was built in 1924, listed in July for \$105,000 and sold in November for \$99,000. With three bedrooms, original stained-glass windows, hardwood floors and built-in cabinets, this home is making the new owner very happy.

### Handyman special

Brian DeVito and his wife



Piatt Sotheby's

Master bedroom at 400 Meadow Run Road, Farmington.

are on the move — buying, rehabbing and selling houses every two years. Last January, they listed 1301 Mississippi Ave. in Dormont for \$249,900. They had renovated the kitchen and bathrooms, reconfigured walls and played up original features such as 9-foot ceilings. The property sold in February for \$240,000 — a nice score for the owner and the seller.

### Perry South charmer

After renting 2714 Perrysville Ave. on the North Side for many years, Ross Paulett decided to renovate it one last time and sell it. He painted the pretty paneled entry and pocket doors, refinished hardwood floors and put in a new kitchen and bathroom.

Listed last January for \$135,500, the property sold for \$132,500 in May.

### Own in Oakland

The owner of 3231 Parkview Ave. loved Oakland and moved to that neighborhood upon his retirement. When he died before finishing its renovation, his family deeded it to the Oakland Land Trust with a provision to sell with owner-occupancy.

The three-bedroom, three-bath home with a new kitchen and restored fireplaces is just blocks away from Schenley Park and the central business district.

Listed in August for \$219,000, it is currently on the market for \$179,900. Contact Blair Kossis of Coldwell Banker Real Estate ([www.coldwellbanker.com](http://www.coldwellbanker.com)) at 412-592-1605 for a showing.

### Crafton quick sale

Realtor Lu Ryan lives in the city's West End and specializes in properties there. In April she had three similar listings in Crafton, including 1579 Barr Ave. Nicely rehabbed with fireplaces, hardwood floors and sharp gray paint and trim, the handsome home with four bedrooms and two baths did not sit long. Listed for \$224,900, it sold in July for \$205,000.

### Hammer brothers

The Iagnemma brothers tackled a 100-year-old farmhouse at 118 Central Ave. in South Fayette and spent years working on its four bedrooms, three bathrooms, kitchen and roomy yard. They listed it in the spring for \$189,900, and it is still on the market with Jonathan Bursich of Keller Williams Real Estate (412-760-3860).

### Thornburg Craftsman

The historic home at 1137 Cornell Road in Thornburg



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The kitchen of 1301 Mississippi Ave., Dormont.



Mosaic Photography

The exterior of 3231 Parkview Ave., Oakland.



Howard Hanna

The dining room of 510 4th Ave. in Elizabeth Borough.

has a cobblestone facade and stunning Craftsman-style interior.

Originally built as a spec house by Frank Thornburg, the century-old house was

used as a community center for a time. It boasts original hardwood floors, tiled fireplaces and a library with wall-to-wall mahogany cabinetry and glass doors.

The house, listed in May for \$549,000, is still on the market with a new price of \$529,900. Contact Lu Ryan of Howard Hanna Real Estate Services at 412-276-5000, ext. 203, or [www.howardhanna.com](http://www.howardhanna.com).

### Mario's castle

The Lemieux castle near Montreal is still available for the quirky price of \$21,999,066. Mario Lemieux, who wore No. 66 for the Penguins and is now co-owner of the team, listed his nearly 17,000-square-foot lakefront cottage in Mont-Tremblant, Quebec, in July.

Le Magnifique, his wife, Nathalie, and their four children enjoy two swimming pools, eight bedrooms, eight full bathrooms, 17 fireplaces, 4½ dining areas, a paddle tennis court, five washers and dryers, and a 12-by-12-foot refrigerated garbage room.

Although it was advertised as a summer home, the property is adjacent to the Mont Tremblant ski resort, said agent Michel Naud of Engel & Voelkers ([www.engelvoelkers.com](http://www.engelvoelkers.com)). By email, he said the property "has re-



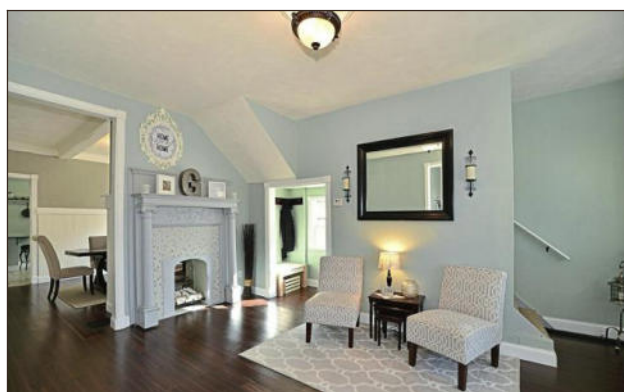
Nat Lapointe

The rear of the Lemieux home in Mont-Tremblant, Quebec, Canada.



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The front hall of 2714 Perrysville Ave., North Side.



Jessie Ries Meyer

The foyer of 1579 Barr Ave., Crafton.



Dana Bufalo/Howard Hanna

The exterior of 1143 Fawcett Ave., White Oak.



Michael Iagnemma

The exterior of 118 Central Ave., South Fayette.



Howard Hanna

The dining room of 1137 Cornell Road, Thornburg.

ceived serious interest and is in a market that is pretty active despite the price.

"This type of buyer doesn't question the quality of such property and the time allocated to build it. So far, the price has not been the issue," Mr. Naud said. "The castle is just like

Mario was as a player — grand, elegant, classy. It is a hall of fame property just like Mario."

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Home Buyers of Pittsburgh often works with sellers in challenging situations, typically on a shorter timeline. Yet they also work with sellers throughout the Pittsburgh area who simply want an easier, faster alternative to the traditional home selling process.

The Home Buyers of Pittsburgh team recently worked with a couple looking to sell their rental property that a tenant moved out of in the Brookline neighborhood.

"We got a call from a couple who have seen many "we buy houses" advertisements but wanted to make sure they were working with a reputable company" said Bryan Bercik, acquisition manager. "It's pretty typical for people to call in with a lot of questions about who we are and what we do, but that's what I'm here for - to help direct them through the process."

When the company receives a call from a homeowner they do an initial qualification of the property and learn more about the situation. They find out where the house is, when it was built, and ask if it needs any repairs or updates. The rest of the call is spent figuring out what the situation is and if they can help.

"We tend to buy the same style of homes in the neighborhoods we know very well." said Mr. Bercik "After the call, I set up an appointment for a 20-30 minute home tour to assess any repairs or updates needed to the house."

As the team walks through the house, they lean on their extensive background in real estate and construction to figure out the cost of renovations needed. Most of the homes they buy need updated kitchen,



ens, baths, flooring, paint etc. Other times, the homes need extensive repairs from the roof to the foundation, which usually include French drains and wall anchors.

"This particular house had been beat up pretty bad by the previous tenants". Said Mr. Bercik "While I was there I was able to show them all of our expected renovation costs on our spreadsheet, so they'd see what they could expect to spend if they decided to keep the house."

Once the Home Buyers of Pitts-

burgh team figures out their renovation costs, they can input the numbers into their system and present an offer to the seller on the spot.

"I like to sit down with the sellers and talk about their wants and needs. I'm always aiming for a win-win situation" Said Mr. Bercik "So we talk about the timeline for closing, them being able to leave unwanted items in the house etc., and the price we can pay".

In this situation, the sellers had concerns that they would be leaving money on the table by selling it to an-



other investor, but once they looked at the time and costs involved with renovating again and putting new tenants in the house - they decided it would actually be better to just sell it to the HomeBuyers of Pittsburgh team.

After closing Mr. Bercik said "This was a pretty straight forward transaction that only took us a couple weeks to close and was a win-win for the sellers and us. We're all really happy about this one."

The Home Buyers of Pittsburgh team takes pride in their commitment to each individual seller and making the home selling process as simple and hassle-free as possible.

"It's great to work for a company that focuses on their customer service. They always do the right thing and want to help anybody that they can". Said Mr. Bercik "Which makes my job easier knowing that I work for great people who only want to make win-win transactions".

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Pittsburgh Public Parking Authority to Pitt Commonwealth Owner LLC, real estate, 11th St., \$125,000. Pittsburgh Spruce Street Properties to Pitt Commonwealth Owner LLC, office building, 316 Fourth Ave., \$5,500,000. Salvatore Williams to Beizaei Properties LLC, commercial property, 1516 Fifth Ave., \$450,000. Salvatore aka Sal Williams to Beizaei Properties LLC, 1922 Fifth Ave., \$450,000.

#### 3rd Ward

Salvatore aka Sal Williams to Beizaei Properties LLC, property, 1903 Colwell St., \$61,000.

#### 4th Ward

Freda Delp estate et al. to 2211 Fifth Avenue Development LLC, industrial site, 2211 Fifth Ave., \$1,760,000. Adrian N Reyes Martinez to Rosa Elena Hurtault and Anhue Y Burroa Mendez, 3610 Frazier St., \$310,000. Estate of Mary Blasiak to Andrawes Khalil Family Trust, 3602 Whitney St., by sheriff's deed \$60,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$108,300).

#### 5th Ward

Velma Ponds to Tianbao Zhang, 3339 McNeil Place, \$48,000. Velma Ponds to Fuli Liu and Yong Nie, 3341 McNeil Place, \$48,000. Cynthia Blackburne to Coleman Bates Jr. and Evelyn Bates, 3539 Milwaukee St., \$55,278.

#### 6th Ward

Ehviira Corsi to Wanue Chen, 330 39th St., \$335,000. Clara Ziolkowski to Wiley Properties LLC, 3813 Foster St., \$120,000. Geraldine Kopynski to Alicia Carbery, 30 Revere Way, \$155,500.

#### 7th Ward

Peter Richards L.P. to Thank Your Sister Holdings LLC, 5858A Ellsworth Ave., \$268,000. Charles Gianakas to Tiffany Lee et al. and Chia Chen Lee, 721 Filbert St., \$490,000. Bakery Village Land to Seungil Huh and Jee Eun Song, 6427 Melissa St. 202A, \$660,030.

#### 8th Ward

John Lubarski to Coral Row LLC, 5135-5143 Coral St., \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$57,488). Michele Radick to Wall Garage 203 LLC, 634 Edmond St., by sheriff's deed \$99,000. Thomas Donatelli et al. to Kenneth David Cronin, 423 Orwell Way, \$130,000. Leonard Lachina to 5214 Friendship MMG L.P., 211 S. St. Clair St., \$380,000.

#### 9th Ward

Maryann Thompson to Bosphorus Properties LLC, 192 43rd St., \$225,000. Allison B Zimmerman Huckestein to Chad Wise, 190-1/2 44th St., \$185,000. Adam Brandolph to David Della Chiesa, 176 45th St., \$272,500. Linda Elachko to Skibach LLC, commercial property, 4607 Butler St., \$321,407.

#### 10th Ward

Jasmine Abram to Dylan Ahrens, 5168 Broad St., \$65,000. Thomas Lalicata Jr.

et al. to Amanda Pampena, 1231 Morningside Ave., \$181,500. George Karvel Jr. to Evan Pavloff, 6641 Premo St., \$150,000. James Hayes Jr. to Wangyang Zhang and Lu Bai, 4706 Stanton Ave., \$111,000.

#### 11th Ward

Michael Richer to Jason Greenawalt, 5536 Baywood St., \$322,500. Maureen Givens to John Voelker and Maureen Givens, 924 Heberton St., \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$115,197). Barr Property Development Inc. to Vonnay Jefferson and Lawrence Jennings, 605 Mellon St., \$273,000.

#### 12th Ward

Estate of Gloria Stevenson to Howard Murphy, 7141 Verona Blvd., \$50,000.

#### 13th Ward

Carline Landais to Scott Johnson, 7211 Race St., \$4,200. Lucille Ewing to JLA Properties L.P., 1016 Stoneville St., by sheriff's deed \$21,001 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$35,682). Terez Miles to Charlotta Carter, 7920 Troga St., \$55,500.

#### 14th Ward

Alexandra Kusic to Devin and Kristen Sobel, 5470 Fair Oaks St., \$545,000. Joan Piela et al. to Carol Holland, 6603 Forward Ave., \$90,000. Hannah Fenster to Adiel Asulin, 5522 Kamin St., by sheriff's deed \$170,000. Brendan Marr to Stephen Wesley and Meghan Anne Gorman, 1021 Lancaster Ave., \$595,000. Aaron Shore to Wanwan Zhang, 6309 Monitor St., \$285,000. Alexandre Rosado dos Santos to Ye's Enterprise LLC, 6327 Morrowfield Ave., \$420,000. Brian Shyu to Robert D'Alessandro and Andrea Smith, 220 N. Linden Ave., \$375,000. Giorgio Raimondi to Sarah Menkedick and Jorge Santiago, 5522 Phillips Ave., \$300,000. Stephen Woodward to Hao Zhang and Luona Yang, 5469 Pocusset St., \$390,000. Eileen Liepach to 2607-2609 Shady Ave LLC, 2609 Shady Ave., \$280,000.

#### 15th Ward

Hazelwood Initiative Inc. to Tiffany Stamps, 5006 Glenwood Ave., \$85,000. Richard Costanzo to Richard and Colleen Constanzo, 868 Kennebec St., \$105,000. Pittsburgh Urban Redevelopment Authority to Woods House LLC, property, 4604 Monongahela St., \$25,000. US Bank NA trustee to Tulapup LLC, 5036 Orinoco St., \$19,900. RKT Properties LLC to Mohammad Rahman, 223 Rose Way, \$58,500.

#### 16th Ward

Ryan Earley to Standard Bank PaSB, 2224 Arlington Ave., by sheriff's deed \$45,000. Josephine Sanchez to Opeyemi Aina, 2810 Edwards Way, \$160,200.

#### 17th Ward

Anthony Cappa to Pamela Simmons, 42 Enon Way, \$165,000. Raymond Erfort to Oceana Development LLC, 1912 Fox Way, \$40,000. Patricia Jones to Moeli Properties LLC, 84-86 S. 15th St., \$291,000. Jesse Kalpakis to Raquel Farris, 12 St. Paul St., \$132,000. Michael Bartoldi et al. to Beth Dubyak and Louis Towchik, 1815 Sidney St., \$235,000.

#### 18th Ward

MDI West Properties LLC to Beshar Al Baka, 11 Bailey Ave., \$215,000. Eflinwild Properties LLC to Conor and Karen Farrell, 611 Climax St., \$199,000. Patrick O'Donnell to Jacques Troussard, 45 Craighead St., \$187,500.

#### 19th Ward

Billy Lee Rthage to Pette Property Management LLC, 221 Amabell St., \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$31,350). Spencer Buchanan to Dennis Washington Jr., 2303 Beaufort Ave., \$175,900. E Sycamore Villa LLC to Sycamore Casa LLC, 11 E. Sycamore St., \$230,000. Richard Sharp et al. to IHHTV LLC, 901 Fordham Ave., by sheriff's deed \$26,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$118,446). Mines Partners L.P. to Richard Machel and Lisa Gagliardi, 205 Grandview Ave., \$315,000. Christian Udyke et al. to Tuff Properties LLC, 405 Griffin St., by sheriff's deed \$23,950 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$44,574). Victoria Cohill to Craig Caciini, 135 Merrimac St., \$155,000. Alfred Falvo to Benchmark P vld LLC, 1433 Rockland Ave., \$72,000. Abdelademe Belalouni to Sarah Ann Greene and Benjamin Frederick Reynolds, 1505 Rockland Ave., \$144,000. MBPB LLC to Deborah Pasko, 140 Southern Ave., \$294,899. Susan Katz to Kevin Weisenstein, 1 Trimont Lane Unit 1100A, \$460,000. Estate of Janet Lee Raget to Tuff Properties LLC, 109 Westwood St., by sheriff's deed \$35,600 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$50,844). Estate of Elsie Swan to Wells Fargo Bank NA, 1105 Woodbourne Ave., by sheriff's deed \$6,266. John Walsh to John Walsh and Gregory Knipling, 1216 Woodbourne Ave., \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$47,310). Estate of Robert Grimm to Deborah Hamilton, 1249 Woodbourne Ave., \$82,000. Rebecca Kutcha et al. to Jacob Dadd, 1890 Woodward Ave., \$52,000. Gary Tuckfelt to Sandra Fundy, commercial property, 361 Wyoming St., \$130,000.

#### 20th Ward

Hary Hoffman to Marcus Lipinski and Shannon Green, 1115 Criss St., \$5,400. Lucretia Nixon to Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. trustee, 3234 Farnia St., by sheriff's deed \$3,746. David Moeller to Paul Cerveney and Marissa Anastasia Thistlewaite, 1114 Fredonia St., \$61,800. Sahara Property Management LLC to Oybek Babajanov, 675 Greentree Road, \$13,500. George Mirena et al. to Landry J. & Assoc. LLC, 433 Hammond St., \$5,000. Denise Lorraine Hendzel to Sissosh LLC, 1002 Rue Grande Vue St., \$162,500. Dynastar Properties LLC to Earlson Santine and Abraham Doe, 541 Sherwood Ave., by sheriff's deed \$13,500 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$87,552). Marlex Properties LLC to LH Development LLC, 653 Sherwood Ave., \$55,000.

#### 21st Ward

Estate of Betty Williams to US Bank NA trustee, 1422 Hamlin St., by sheriff's deed \$1,732.

#### 23rd Ward

Oceanview Property Management & Recovery to Modern Touch Properties LLC, 600 Pressley St., \$112,000.

#### 24th Ward

JoAnne Wine trustee to 2126 Straubs LLC, 2126 Straubs Lane, \$8,000.

#### 25th Ward

Tracy Johnson to Federal National Mortgage Assn., 1924 Letsche St., by sheriff's deed \$1,931. Erik Melczak to Malanzo Davis, 519 McClintock Ave., \$20,000. Edgar Parilla to JED Investments LLC, 1536 Monterey St., \$20,000.

#### 26th Ward

Frederick Reedy to Real Estate Development Options LLC, 200 Marshall Ave., \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$78,888).

#### 27th Ward

PHO Real Estate to A & C Holdingz LLC, 3537 California Ave., \$70,000. Sheerree Buchanan to Deborah Holmes, 107 Cobbler Circle, \$175,000. Yolanda Hatcher to Dollar Bank FSB, 1427 Dickson St., by sheriff's deed \$3,707. Estate of Gary Forecy to BSAT LLC, 3458 Harbison Ave., by sheriff's deed \$52,700 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$81,396). Stan Fetzer Jr. to Marlex Properties LLC, 3534 Massachusetts Ave., by sheriff's deed \$9,513 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$52,326). Sara Mason to JPMorgan Chase Bank NA, 3230 Rothpletz St., by sheriff's deed \$2,149. James Zaffuto to Deuce Homes LLC, 3539 Simen Ave., \$42,000. James Swiger to Penn Pioneer Enterprises LLC, 1137 Stanford Road, by sheriff's deed \$45,400 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$70,566). Michelle Casper et al. to Benjamin Dettinburn, 903 Woods Run Ave., \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$29,982).

#### 28th Ward

Thomas Nau to Richard and Karla Sapienza, 1367 Harris Ave., \$135,000. Estate of David Gilson to Brian Angrey, 2903 Idlewood Ave., \$66,500. Sadie Hartwell et al. to Mallory Craig, 1525 Summerdale St., \$20,000.

#### 29th Ward

Amy L Sciubba Jacobs to Charles Schmitt Jr., 235 Cedarove St., \$139,900. Bernard Ackeman III to Tina Hollis and Jamie Lynn Finizio, 2050 Redrose Ave., \$80,000.

#### 30th Ward

Martin Burke to Priscilla Nyrenda, 404 Arabella St., by sheriff's deed \$10,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$59,166). Standing Rock Holding LLC to Tulapup LLC, 304 Bausman St., \$28,500. Bishop Boutros Gerges to BAAT Enterprises LLC, 414 Daytona St., \$6,000.

#### 31st Ward

Eileen Mroz to Kara Barker, 6149 Millfin Road, \$116,000.

#### 32nd Ward

Adam Fromherz to Elliot Greenlay and Chanel Gallo, 439 Antenor Ave., \$64,900. Estate of Madeline Lucy Giancarlo to ESW Homes LLC, 2347 Glenard St., \$81,000. TYT Real Estate Investments LLC to Gal Dori Israeli Passport No 14895335, 2356 Groveland St., \$40,000. All True Assets LLC to Robert Minsteman Jr., 2525 Kingwood St., \$26,350. Janet Sheddock to Nabil and Jihan Kassih trustee, 548 Maytide St., \$45,000.

#### Aspinwall

James Finlay to Kira Steele and Matthew Lavan, 23 Fifth St., \$273,111. Estate of Mary Anne Ciocci to AG Cullen Construction Inc., 908 Guyasuta Lane, \$100,000.

#### Avalon

Mary Eileen Gallagher to William Noullet, 724 Center Ave., \$125,000. Marjorie Lois DiClemente et al. to Ronald and Deborah Lawson, 420 Chestnut St. N Unit 505, \$72,000. Janice Streb to John and Dottie Stiger, 936 New Brighton Road, \$115,000. Adam Jones to Retire-

ment Home Holdings 1 LLC, 319 S. Birmingham Ave., \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$83,904). Rebecca Pfeffer to Bora and Sama Yilmaz, 1018 Sedalia Ave., \$140,500. Kirk McConnell et al. to Thornridge Investments L.P., 376 Spruce Run Road, \$71,500.

#### Baldwin Borough

James Radcliffe Jr. to Tyler Deah, 795 Becks Run Road, \$86,750. James Barrett to Christopher Kennedy, 5227 Blossom Road, \$149,000. Robert Eisengart Jr. to Ragheed and Noor Al Imam, 2846 Castleview Drive, \$205,000. Salvatore Sunseri Jr. to Sunseri Pizza Realty LLC, commercial property, 2805 Custer Ave., \$150,000. Ronald Bullock to Faiq Arshad Farooqi, 4540 Gardenville Road, by sheriff's deed \$80,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$135,546). Midatlantic Modern Homes LLC to Daniel and Erica Joanne Mahoney, 3019 Hazlehurst St., \$159,000. Janet Torregrosso to Stephanie and Robert Eisel, 205 Joseph St., \$160,000. Edward Ralph Helbig Jr. to Danielle Broniman, 341 Macassar Drive, \$82,000. Rohit Dutta to Gurwinder Singh, 1247 Michael Drive, \$310,000. Mae Capalit Raquel to Kevin Askew, 1600 Michael Drive 102A, \$210,000. Estate of Edward Bama to Richard Revo trustee, property, Private Road, \$42,500.

#### Baldwin Township

Deborah Jackson to Yazen Diab Al Badayneh, 609 Donaldson Drive, by sheriff's deed \$46,500 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$112,746).

#### Bellevue

Mary Susan Dally to Theresa DeRubeis, 264 Dakota Ave., \$35,000. Wells Fargo Bank NA to Maria Gonzalez Tavarez and Cynthia Sloan, 152 Kendall Ave., \$62,500. MHN Investments LLC to Angela Chilcott and Alex Berdis, 210 N. Jackson Ave., \$162,500. Andrew Polovich to Emily Visconti and John Evangelista, 534 Orchard Ave., \$152,000. Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority to Louis Enterprises LLC, 11 Rheams Ave., \$3,000. H. Edward Young to Thomas and Melva Devin, 133 Ridge Ave., \$135,000.

#### Ben Avon

Frances Haerle to Katelyn Shearer and Christopher Foreman, 6522 Brighton Road, \$150,000. Gregory Mihaliko estate et al. to SPEDD Inc., industrial site, 7119 Church Ave., \$132,500. Catherine McCollom to Kristen Coopie, 7308 Church Ave., \$269,900. Steven Leiss to Beth Barnhart Delp, 454 Dickson Ave., \$168,000.

#### Bethel Park

Martha Jeane Young to David Ollett, 1004 Berrington Court, \$149,900. Robert Pilardi to Julie Ann Sayer, 6332 Churchill Road, \$160,500. Stephen Todorovich to 86 Fort Couch LLC, commercial property, 86 Fort Couch Road, \$530,000. Dan Ryan Builders Mid Atlantic LLC to Jason and Allison Guinan, 1640 Holly Hill Drive, \$371,590. Paulette Beeher to US Bank NA trustee, 134 Meadowbrook Drive, by sheriff's deed \$6,598. Theodore Wingertsahn to Patricia Sabo, 2806 Pine St., \$144,900. E. Jeanne Schmitt to 4656 Prescott LLC, 4656 Prescott Drive, \$95,000. Robert Siyufy III to Kelli Gee and John Kiger, 3142 South Park Road, \$132,000. Aaron Lee Marchand to Francis deVenecia, 5529 Steeplechase Court, \$375,000.

#### Blawnox

David Cassada to Lening Real Estate Properties LLC, 522 Freepport Road, \$54,000.

#### Bradnock Hills

Estate of Charlotte Zentner to Michael Zentner, 2759 Columbia Ave., \$72,000.

#### Brentwood

Laure Valeri to Nathan Meyer, 131 Belianca Ave., \$155,000. Estate of Judith Anderson to Midfirst Bank, 3016 Brentwood Ave., by sheriff's deed \$2,610. Crane Sorensen to Drew Garbenis and Kearsten Brocius, 120 Greenlee Road, \$127,000. Patricia Dovic to Erin Kaye Ryan, 218 Newburn Ave., \$168,500.

#### Bridgeville

Rose Marie Maricanni et al. to Craig Connelly, 113 Garden St., \$187,000. Estate of Gino Clerici to US Bank NA trustee, 215 May Ave., by sheriff's deed \$4,951. Wells Fargo Bank NA trustee to AJ Properties PGH LLC, 248 St. Clair St., \$35,000.

#### Carnegie

Raymond Kratovel to Haluk Kose, 320 Second Ave., by sheriff's deed \$34,498 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$49,362). UCG Holdings LLC to Spencer Herrick, 439 Beechwood Ave., \$139,900. MDRN Investors LLC to Jacinta Lacey, 123 Lee St., \$196,000. JMB Pennsylvania Holdings LLC to Alexander Lisowski, 710 Logan St., \$121,000. Markus Rauchecker to Christina Gopen, 116 Scenic Hill Drive, \$165,000.

#### Castle Shannon

Bruno Nedzecz to Leanne Zotter and Jonathan Kicinski, 1459 Highland Villa Road, \$134,000. Glenn Zabrowski to Bharat and Mamata Gurung, 1414 Oak Drive, \$146,900.

#### Cheswick

William Grieco to Quicken Loans Inc., 1530 Linden St., by sheriff's deed \$1,925. Donna Reed to Eugene and Sharen Lee Zabrowski, 613 Locust Drive, \$141,000.

#### Churchill

Susan Bevalacqua to John and Nancy M Decker Melaney, 38 Barton Drive, \$156,800. Estate of Byron Hunter to Sterling Murray, 20 Lancewood Drive, \$177,000.

#### Clairton

Estate of Imogene Montgomery to PNC Bank NA, 423 Fifth St., by sheriff's deed \$3,931. Estate of John Policastro to Federal National Mortgage Assn., 624 Grandview Ave., by sheriff's deed \$2,445. Scarlett Properties LLC to Clairton City Redevelopment Authority, commercial property, 562 Miller Ave., \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$9,804). Charles Fessler to Erica and Katie Dorsheimer, 378 New York Ave., \$20,000. Tyrone Walker to Stuart Price, 455 Reed St., \$23,000. Tuff Properties LLC to Brandon Rice, 1044 Toman Ave., \$12,000. Odell Butler to Michael Richards, 201 Wylie Ave., \$9,000.

#### Collier

Leah N Watts Arroyo to Chani Martin, 19 Colescrest St., \$135,000. Estate of Barbara Zajicek to Jane Lam, 2020 Croghan Drive, \$303,000. David Sinnecroy Jr. to Jason and Alexandra Green,

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|  <p><b>PETERS TWP.</b><br/>Spacious updated brk. &amp; frame 2 sty., 8 rms, 4 BR, 2.5 BA, lower level GR, updates include: kit, BA, furnace, flooring, electric &amp; interior paint. FP, 1st fl. Indry, concrete drive w/parking pad, 2 c. att. grg, fenced rear yd. w/shed &amp; mature trees. 1347889.</p> <p><b>JENNA ELLIS</b></p>  |  <p><b>CARNEGIE</b><br/>Enjoy the view from the highest elevation in Allegheny Co. Sprawling brk. ranch perched atop 11.6 ACRES w/only minutes to I-79 &amp; 279. Huge eat-in kit. w/center island, cathedral ceiling in LR, 2 master bedrooms w/full baths &amp; deck, 2 brk. FP, 2 electric heat pumps for optimal heat, full open walk-out basement, governors drive, 5 c. att. grg. 1351911.</p> <p><b>JUDI AGOSTINELLI</b></p> |  <p><b>BANKSVILLE</b><br/>Bright &amp; spacious brk. 2 sty, 7 rms, 3 BR, 3.5 BA, center island eat-in kit. w/ quartz counter tops, FR w/gas FP, finished basement for additional entertainment w/ full BA &amp; walk-out to rear yard, newer roof, A/C, furnace &amp; windows, att. grg. 1351879.</p> <p><b>BOB ALTIMORE</b></p>       |  <p><b>PETERS TWP.</b><br/>Private wooded setting for this well cared for Multi level containing 8 rms, 4 BR, 2.5 BA, Italian marble entry, updated ear-kit, redoxing FR w/brk. FP, den or 4th BR, newer roof, windows &amp; sliding glass doors, 2 c. grg., ft. stamped concrete covered patio. 1357444.</p> <p><b>JIM DOLAN</b></p> |
|  <p><b>PETERS TWP.</b><br/>Combining style &amp; elegance in this custom crafted brk. 2 sty, 9 rms, 6 BR, 4.5 BA, giant 1st fl. master suite w/royal ceiling, built-in ironing board &amp; luxury BA, 1st fl. Indry, FR w/FP, lower level has 2 BR &amp; 2 BA, GR w/FP, 3 c. att. grg., governors drive, lush landscaping. 1356893.</p> <p><b>JIM DOLAN</b></p>                              |  <p><b>FOX CHAPEL</b><br/>Spectacular renovations, brk. &amp; cedar 2 sty. townhouse w/wooded setting, 7 rms, 3 BR, 2-2 BA w/lower level BR &amp; Indry, kit. w/wet bar, 2 gas FP, 2 c. grg, easy living. 1358539.</p> <p><b>STEVE FOLTZ</b></p>  | <p><b>LOTS &amp; ACREAGE</b></p> <p><b>GREENTREE</b><br/>Bring your builder, building restrictions, .4 Ac.</p> <p><b>\$84,000</b></p>   | <p><b>COMMERCIAL PROPERTY</b></p> <p><b>BETHEL PARK</b><br/>Former restaurant, near entrance to South Park, 35 parking spaces.</p> <p><b>\$349,000</b></p>   |
|  <p><b>SALTICK TWP.</b><br/>Fantastic home retreat in the heart of the Laurel Highlands near Seven. This home, inspired by Frank Lloyd Wright, has soaring ceilings, wall of windows, 2 sty. great room w/FP, center island kit, GR w/butternut pine paneling, covered screened-in porch, deck &amp; patio, 2 c. grg., all nestled on 49+ ACRES. 1343076.</p> <p><b>JIM DOLAN</b></p>        |  <p><b>PETERS TWP.</b><br/>Come see this awesome new fl. plan designed for one level living! 6 rms, 3 BR, 2.5 BA, over 3,500 sq. ft. of living area, 1st fl. master BR, Indry &amp; FR, upper level 2 BR &amp; open loft, walk-out lower level, covered porch, rear deck, 2 c. att. grg, come &amp; compare. 1342143.</p> <p><b>JIM DOLAN</b></p>   | <p><b>UPPPER ST. CLAIR</b><br/>Build your dream home w/Cortes Builders, level lot.</p> <p><b>\$165,000</b></p>  | <p><b>CECIL TWP.</b><br/>Multi use, 2.3 ACRES, 2nd floor apartment, 4 offices on 1st floor.</p> <p><b>\$399,900</b></p>  |
|  <p><b>HANOVER TWP.</b><br/>175 ACRES fronting on 2 roads.</p> <p><b>\$787,500</b></p>   |  <p><b>BALDWIN BORO.</b><br/>Up scaled office building, 6300 sq</p>   |   |  |



# Real estate transfers

## DEEDS, FROM PAGE G-4

1002 Deerbrook Lane, \$379,000. Richard Andrews to Jason Ramsey, 1415 Nobles-ton Road, \$168,000. Daniel dePoutloff to Matthew Allen, 564 Thomas Street Ext., \$135,000. Blaine Mountain to Timothy Volk, 11 Toney Road, \$319,000. John Golembiewski to Andy and Heather Kiser, 331 Williamsburg Court, \$580,000.

### Coraoopolis

Renee Ludwig to Joseph Motisi, 501 Seventh Ave., \$86,000. David Johnson to Navy Federal Credit Union, 1035 School St., by sheriff's deed \$4,219.

### Crafton

Greicon Properties Co. LLC to Rebecca Ballance and Stacy Laurie, 27 N. Emily St., \$209,900.

### Crescent

Michael Dzugan to John Toma, 1143 Huntsridge Drive, \$125,000.

### Dormont

Glen Wells to FHT Realty LLC, commercial property, 3273 Raleigh Ave., \$212,000. Carmen Gomot to Michael Byers, 2965 Voelkel Ave., \$113,500.

### Duquesne

Estate of Darlene Ryan to Raymond Scott, 407 Hillview St., \$4,000. Michael Mitchell to G & W Partners LLC, 1109 Karl Ave., \$17,000. Estate of Mark Lesko to King Acquisitions LLC, commercial property, 100 N. Second St., \$70,000.

### East Deer

First National Bank Pennsylvania to Judith and Jeffrey Raney, commercial property, 995 Freeport Road, \$20,000.

### East McKeesport

Clair Mack to Leah Chavaun Sabrina Scott, 437 Ocala St., \$80,850.

### East Pittsburgh

Michele Simonetta to Federal National Mortgage Assn., 117 Center St., by sheriff's deed \$2,637. Donna Rosh to Veronica L. Smith Watkins and Christine Sorino, 526 Maple St., \$56,500.

### Edgewood

William Taymans to Dogmatix LLC, 133 Dewey St., \$220,000.

### Elizabeth Township

Jody Frzakas to Nyles Falatek, 128 Broadawn Drive, by sheriff's deed \$7,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$58,938). Estate of Margery Lou Burns to Aaron Mordecki, 229 Rock Run Road, \$82,500. Janelle Brown to Bayview Loan Servicing LLC, 5911 Roslyn St., by sheriff's deed \$8,495. Owen Fox to Susan and Walter Legge, 6500 Smithfield St., \$158,000. Estate of Marilyn Hough to Tyler Shelton, 307 Wylie Ave., \$55,000. George Glusico to Mindi Doyle, 405 Wylie Ave., \$140,000.

### Etna

Wade Nedmyer to Penn Pioneer Enterprises LLC, 116 Parker St., by sheriff's deed \$6,200 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$59,964).

### Fawn

Lane Wolfe to Joseph and Cynthia Grawleski, 1040 Donnellville Road, \$220,000.

### Findlay

Andrew Joseph Wasko to Ryan Flegle, 407 Colt Circle, \$253,000. Sahrista Development Inc. to David and Pamela Boni, 139 Lenox Drive, \$260,345. Russell Cain to Andrew and Ami Wasko, 1018 Moody Lane, \$219,000. Bernadine Kane Lucarini to Maranda McCain, 211 Pappan Drive, \$269,900. Justin Morris to Heath and Ashley Jacobs, 42 Trotter Lane, \$510,000.

### Forest Hills

Estate of Bruce Wyma to Adam Michael Vincent and Steve Zelenko, 222 Sheryl Lane, \$170,000. 23 Yost Assoc. LP to TJNT Venture LLC, car dealership or parking garage or car wash, 23 Yost Blvd., \$1,800,000.

### Forward

Walter Sims to Richard and Joseph DeDomenico, property, Dorris Drive, \$16,000. Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. trustee to The Grantee CR 2018 LLC, 113 Laura Lane, \$38,100. Danmer Doak to Scott Gillengerger, 4775 Williamsport Road, \$224,900.

### Fox Chapel

Mark Schaeffer to Kenneth and Jessica Smolar, 234 Hunt Road, \$920,000. Joao Cavalcante to Glenn Bost, 115 Tree Farm Road, \$592,500.

### Franklin Park

Charles Sestini to Amitabh Tewari and Samiksha Chaturvedi, 2501 Birchwood Court, \$450,000. John Sipes Jr. to Thomas and Stephanie Trounce, 2532 Hopkins Church Road, \$570,000. Beverly Joyce Trew et al. to Wanda McGarry, 1452 Laurel Drive, \$716,100. Gennady Lerner to Kristopher Matthews and Fanzhou Ping, 2571 Mattherhorn Drive, \$326,500. Michael Hopey to Patricia Gray, 1601 White Oak Court, \$545,000.

### Frazier

Estate of Loretta Smolak to US Bank NA trustee, 901 Balleys Run Road, by sheriff's deed \$1,815. Wells Fargo Bank NA trustee to Zachary Robinson and Andrea Blue Martin, property, 130 Lampus Lane, \$167,000.

### Glassport

Jessica Balogh to Improper Properties LLC, 417 Iowa Ave., \$5,100. Susan Legge to Timothy and Leslie McMeans, 229 Monongahela Ave., \$74,900.

### Green Tree

Jeffrey Clement to Commonwealth Business Group Inc., 1319 Glencoe Ave., \$70,000. Robert Bankovic to Steven Anthony Cosnek and Christopher Lewellyn Eckles, 95 W. Manilla Ave., \$162,500.

### Hampton

Brittany Bayer DiPasquale to Edward Reinhardt III and Emily Chunderlik, 4328 Beauland Drive, \$178,000. Patrick Ionadi to Nancy Bundy, 3175 Beechwood Drive, by sheriff's deed \$544,510 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$683,886). Emily Jane Linn to Filippo and Elvira Scolieri, 4842 Cheryl St., \$325,000. Dale Kirkpatrick to Heather and Robert Cramer, 3867 Isabella Drive, \$237,000. Bayview Loan Servicing LLC to Cochran Concepts LLC, 3953 Mt. Royal Blvd., \$27,000. Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. trustee to Twin Property Solutions LLC, 2500 Oakhill Road, \$150,199. Richard Graper to Kevin Edward Myles Jr. and Christine Lilian Myles, 2466 Rihn Strasse Road, \$375,000. Anthony Castriota et al. to Lisa Schmitt, 2328 W. Hardies Road, \$15,000.

### Hamar

Sandra Sabulsky to Carolyn Bennett and Austin Futryk, 2220 Freeport Road, \$20,500. Dorothy Smith to Tyler Williams, 458 Highbury Road, \$142,500.

### Harrison

Alan Roberts to Makenzie Roberts, 2605 High St., \$71,200. Glenn Schott to David and Jeanne Boyer, 1212 Minnesota Ave., \$230,000. Amanda Strakat to Christopher Nemeth, 1009 Oregon Ave., \$112,000. Estate of Marsha Jean Zendarsko to Kevin Margo trustee, 63-65 Pine St., \$1,500.

### Homestead

Richard Stuart to Gary Lane, 237 E. 18th Ave., \$12,000. Bank New York Mellon trustee to MD Sala Uddin, 1509 West St., \$11,500.

### Indiana

Alan Rehner to First Commonwealth Bank, 231 Little Deer Creek Road, by sheriff's deed \$16,653. Estate of Lawrence Drapela to Deborah Bocek, 9 Little Deer Creek Road, \$160,000.

### Ingram

Daren Miller to Pacific Union Financial LLC, 66 Mainsgate St., by sheriff's deed \$6,033.

### Jefferson Hills

Claudia Volk to Sean Naugle and Traven Fuller, property, Aber Drive, \$13,000. Rose Mary Lawrence to Constance Russman, 1059 Dale Road, \$220,000. NVR Inc. to Derek Obringer and Stephanie Hollis, 377 Greene Drive, \$284,240. Maronda Homes Inc. to Daniel and Michelle Haeck, 425 Labrador Lane, \$486,980. Steven Dworetzky to Tyrone and Nicole Heasley, 3053 Shady Timber Lane, \$355,000. William Heagy to Tushi and Hari Bhattacharj, 311 Stillely Road, \$240,100.

### Kennedy

Virginia Kerney to Patrick and Geraldine Keamey, 703 Brandon Way, \$226,000. Jeffrey Trojan to Brian and Natalie McKeough, 19 Truman Circle, \$269,000.

### Kilbuck

Anthony Dometrovich III to Henry and Sharon Morrow, 12 Ben Avon Heights Road, \$165,000.

### Leet

Michael Rosselle to Wells Fargo Bank NA trustee, 44 Plum St., by sheriff's deed \$2,525.

### Leetsdale

Nancy Seth to Marlex Properties LLC, 101 Victory Lane, by sheriff's deed \$40,500 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$90,630).

### Marshall

Jose Alvaro Villegas to Antonio and Christine Sorino, property, 801 Arbor Dale Lane, \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$2,199). Celtic Capital LLC to Arthur Wilson, Faulk Drive, \$265,850. Heurich Builders Inc. to MGB Capital LLC, property, Goldeneye Drive, \$175,000.

### McKandless

Huntington National Bank to Lightner Properties LLC, 9443 Almar Place, \$180,015. Adam Holt to Frank Wilson Hewlett Jr. and Salvador Gonzalez Gonzalez, 9415 Babcock Blvd., \$440,000. Estate of Albert Kirsch to Michael and Pamela Yasko, 149 E. Sandie Ave., \$185,000. Richard Sanders to Tracy Ann Jones, 9725 Groswick Road, \$246,000. Arkady Epshteyn to Steven Krebs, 109 Willwood Circle, \$399,900. Estate of Dorothy Lansbery to Brittany C Tresky and Johnathan Joseph, 9038 Wiltoughby Road, \$140,000.

### McKees Rocks

Daniel Kubaczyk to Kent Henderson, 304 Grove St., \$50,000. Estate of Hark Jessen to US Bank NA trustee, 823 Railroad St., by sheriff's deed \$3,799.

### McKeesport

Dale Mossburg et al. to Michael and Krista Hoffman, 330 34th St., \$51,000. Andrew Duboy Jr. to Wells Fargo Bank NA trustee, 930 Fawcett Ave., by sheriff's deed \$4,425. Robert Battisti to Marco Guerri, 2803 Grover St., \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$22,914). Justin Davidson to A.Zoe Enterprise LLC, 812 Huey St., \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$58,140). Myallva Clay to William Deemer, 2110 Lamont St., \$7,100. Jonelle Price to Federal National Mortgage Assn., 1431 Locust St., by sheriff's deed \$2,119. Eugene Cottone to Christopher Farkas, 2920 Walnut St., \$75,000. Estate of Mary Mastylak to Tuff Properties LLC, 1410 Wilson St., by sheriff's deed \$5,001 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$36,138).

### Millvale

Vincent Tedesco to Lambo Properties LLC, 309 Colton St., \$43,500. Draai Laag Brewing Co. LLC to Dennis Hock and Maureen Girty Risk, restaurant, 501 E. Ohio St., \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$41,154). Suzanne Sahnay to Anthony and Kathy Petraglia, property, Lawrence St., \$4,000.

### Monroeville

Victor Olive III to First National Bank Trust Co. trustee, 118 Bel Aire Drive, \$384,500. Carolyn Chookazian to Annette D Walker and Desmond Russell, 705 Bittersweet Road, \$144,000. Thomas Korbanic to American Advisors Group, 114 Bradbery Drive, by sheriff's deed \$5,989. Christa Eans to Scott Butler, 1015 Brian Court, \$236,500. Beverly Trout to Keybank NA, 219 College Park Drive, by sheriff's deed \$50,000. Kyle Mullin to Ian Sparico and Nathan Weaver, 528 Fieldstone Drive, \$135,000. William Kovel to D & Y Real Estate Investors LLC, 658 Garden City Drive, \$90,000. Randall Lightner to Jennifer Weaver and Robert Thompson, 620 Kentucky Ave., \$314,000. Robert Snyder to Janet Morgan, 218 Londonderry Court, \$200,000. Adam Morton to Kimberly Broadoux, 4922 Point Circle Drive, \$134,900. Patricia McGinnis to TRI COG Land Bank, 220 Poplar St., by sheriff's deed \$27,315. Samar Sinharoy to Elijah Thompson, 138 Regal Court, \$250,000. Housing & Urban Development to Ampleton Group L.P., 1183 St. Vincent Drive, \$68,000. Chad Pearce to Rebecca Auble, 324 Spring Run Drive, \$157,500. Robert Nau Jr. to Nina Escalante, 424 Thomas St., \$150,000. Juanita Lindsay Koller to Randy Burnbaugh, 258 Willow Drive, \$150,000.

### Moon

Norma Cicconi et al. to Hendrika Stewart, 421 Forest Green Drive, \$77,000. Alan Morrison to Kelsey Currie, 217 Inverness Drive, \$243,000. Moon Apartments L.P. to Moon Owner 1-7 LLC, 1 Landing Lane, \$10 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$19,877,724). Tara McMillen to Matthew and Michelle Coy, 709 Newton Square, \$128,500.

### Mt. Lebanon

Thomas Ferral to Thomas and Ann Tuchnowski, 244 Allenberry Circle, \$325,000. Kathleen Broda trustee et al. to William Eckenby and Meghan Oxenreiter, 376 Anawanda Ave., \$137,700. Kathleen Beggy to Carl Spindler and Meghan Schiller, 838 Chalmers Place, \$295,000. Thomas Soehl to Steven and Kelsey Redhead, 281 Jefferson Drive, \$368,000. Bridget Thresher trustee to Carl and Dasha Brockmeyer, 231 Outlook Drive, \$375,000. Phyllis Genco to Schultz Real Estate LLC, 33-35 Wasson Place, \$240,000.

### Mt. Oliver

Daniel Davison to Joerg Gerlach, industrial site, 11 Charles St., \$30,000. Charity Chew to Terance Cole Jr., 115 Margaret St., \$12,000.

### Munhall

Kevin James Krut to Saunders Painting & Contracting LLC, 431 E. Tenth Ave., by sheriff's deed \$15,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of

\$105,336). Timothy Corbett to Zoe Poore and Brett Wilder, 106 E. James St., \$185,000. Joseph Volky et al. to Colleen Stewart, 4506 Main St., \$157,500. Edward Regis Holowaty estate et al. to Angle Auto Sales Inc., 1236 Ravine St., by sheriff's deed \$130,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$45,714). Brian Chesmer to Northwest Bank, 3607 Venango Ave., by sheriff's deed \$3,856. Neil Murray to Emily Stokan, 3771 Wayne Road, \$103,000. LaVerne Constantinoti to Christopher and William Obringer, 3497 York St., \$113,500.

### North Fayette

Courtyards at the Preserves LLC to David and Georganne Higle, 326 Dupont Drive, \$404,885. Denise Coleman to Mr. Cooper, 27618 Evergreen Run Road, by sheriff's deed \$1,896. Harvey George Jr. to Michael and Savana Williams, 26 Grace St., \$310,000. NVR Inc. to Frank and Cynthia Michaels, 162 Horseshoe Drive, \$447,790. NVR Inc. to Henry and Christie Blakie, 171 Horse-shoe Drive, \$398,675. Fayette Farms L.P. to NVR Inc., property, 173 Horse-shoe Drive, \$58,500. Fayette Farms L.P. to NVR Inc., property, 179 Horseshoe Drive, \$58,500. Gary Neiport to Amy Lane, 3317 Hudson St., \$110,000. Tara Uram Ydemsek to Keisha Watkins, 210 Palomino Drive, \$199,900. Herbert Sutton III to Stephen Bates, 105 Woodridge Drive, \$357,500.

### North Versailles

John Gornall to Brianna Humbert, 3309 Crestview Drive, \$75,000. Roy Egenlauf to Henry Wible Jr., 3800 Crooked Run Road, \$36,000. Sean Kerrigan to Federal National Mortgage Assn., 733 Greensburg Pike, by sheriff's deed \$2,375. Timothy Kish et al. to US Bank NA trustee, 3116 Orris Road, by sheriff's deed \$2,988. Vincent Paul Pupich II to Ronald Baldwin, 876 Sylvan Ave., \$124,900.

### O'Hara

Zailong Wan to Weichert Workforce Mobility Inc., 127 Chapel Harbor Drive, \$410,000. Weichert Workforce Mobility Inc. to Teresa Giraldo, 127 Chapel Harbor Drive, \$460,600. Adam Hofmann to Rahul B Krishna and Sabah Krishna Rao, 414 Chapel Harbor Drive, \$797,531. Pittell Contracting Inc. to Hope Ann Ehrenreich, property, 113 Grove St., \$54,900. Pittell Contracting Inc. to Jeffrey Ehrenreich, property, 115 Grove St., \$54,900.

### Oakdale

Stephanie Fedora to Jonathon and Melissa Bigli, 202 Oak Heights Drive, \$215,000. Estate of Alma Stripp to Stephen Decker, 119 Vincennes Ave., \$83,000.

### Oakmont

Vance Smith to Chadd Eric Nesbit and Mergen A Kelly, 6 Elmcrest Road, \$610,000.

### Ohio

Donald Scandrol to Thomas and Nicole M DePalma Wallace, 125 Cobblestone Drive, \$420,000. TOA Summer Seat L.P. to Mary Margaret Wagner, 115 Continental Lane, \$403,052. TOA Summer Seat L.P. to James and Judith Dudas, 106 Gateway Drive, \$461,070. TOA Summer Seat L.P. to Thomas and Bernadette Balestreira, 122 Gateway Drive, \$538,455. TOA Summer Seat L.P. to Robert and Kimberly Biederman, 104 Gateway Lane, \$472,900.

### Penn Hills

Estate of Clarence Fowkes to Deutsche Bank Trust Co. Americas trustee, 903 Seventh St., by sheriff's deed \$2,504. Estate of Katherine Hamm to Eli So-fayov, 191 Anthron Drive, by sheriff's deed \$11,500 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$67,260). Angela Mary King to Danielle Talley and Kenneth Grossman, 11026 Azalea Drive, \$100,000. Dennis Towe to Dan-nie Chalk and John Rogrigo, 6333 Bellview Drive, \$122,500. Denise Lima to Carrington Mortgage Services LLC, 236 Crescent Garden Drive, by sheriff's deed \$20,000. Estate of Edward Holodnik to Yusef Thompson, 265 Cypress Hill Drive, \$132,000. Catherine Patterson to Angela Tarbett, 333 Earlwood Road, \$99,900. Estate of John Skirchik to 2 Sons Realty Co. LLC, 12123 Garland Drive, by sheriff's deed \$11,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$62,358). Johannes Hogenhout to Summer Elizabeth Desal, 138 Glenfield Drive, \$140,000. Amy Debaker to Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. trustee, 5936 Heberton Drive, by sheriff's deed \$2,057. Bryan Hanks to Brian Gursky, 10915 Highpoint Drive, \$100,000. Klein Assoc. to Greg Godleski, property, Hudson St., \$19,000. James Braun to US Bank NA trustee, 514 Hulton Road, by sheriff's deed \$3,179. Genevieve Rich to Michelle Debra Boony, 900 Jefferson Road, \$77,400. Steel Turn Holdings L.P. to Margaretta House LLC, 10400 Lindberg Ave., \$20,000. PRP 2 Pals LLC to First Select Holdings LLC, 500 MacFarlane Drive, \$10 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$41,234). First Select Holdings LLC to Rachel Gal, 500 MacFarlane Drive, \$46,000. Terry Laverty Jr. to TPL Income Property Corp., 1406 Maple Ave., \$73,500. Madison Revolving Trust to NEN LLC, 7716 Mt. Carmel Road, \$9,650. Patricia L Gula Schuster to Cindi Welsh, 254 Northmont Drive, \$138,000. Shriners Hospitals for Children to David Knavish, property, Northview Drive, \$1,200. Walter Hajduk III to Yossef Edri, 59 Pine Valley Drive, by sheriff's deed \$27,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$1,884). Boundless Ventures LLC to SJ Group, 2733 Race St., by sheriff's deed \$34,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$74,670). Harvey Mahone to Santander Bank NA, 1810 Runnette St., by sheriff's deed \$1,691. Kent Martz to Heritage Holdings Pittsburgh, 137 Spring Grove Road, by sheriff's deed \$68,926 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$163,818). Jason Perla to John O'Donnell, 183-185 Universal Road, \$60,000. CSMA SFR Holdings 2 LSE LLC to Marlene Rankin and Rusty Baker, 520 Veronica Drive, \$62,000. Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority to Donald Walker III and Hannah Walker, property, 1208 White Oak Drive, \$1,800. Nelson Simmons to Christopher Ruffner and Krystal Albitz, 377 Whittier Drive, \$119,900. Edward Lee Bradshaw Jr. to RMB REO Holdings LLC, 301 Wilson Drive, by sheriff's deed \$2,799 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$87,324). Jacob Lester to Garrett and Tricia Drennan, 142 Xavier Drive, \$116,500.

### Pennsylvia Village

Theresa K Kilduff Murphy to Abigail Williams, 1096 Pennsbury Blvd., \$83,000.

### Pine

Showcase Properties Inc. to Anthony Robert and Joanne Patricia Casale, 180 Alder Drive, \$557,213. Prashant Das to Ki Hyun Park and Hyunhee Kim, 148 Blue Heron Drive, \$385,000. Andrew Battaglia to James Galitsis et al. and Sarah Galitsis, 209 Briar Hill Court, \$619,000. Americo Pasquinnelli to Jonathan Thomas Murello and Elyse Ryding Johnston, 705 Bristolcone Drive, \$442,000. Showcase Properties Inc. to Dan Ryan Builders Mid Atlantic LLC, property, 504 Douglas Drive, \$150,000. Gigliotti Holdings L.P. to NVR Inc., property, 272 Eddie Lewis Drive, \$125,000. NVR Inc. to Diane Danforth, 116 Hamilton Drive, \$373,760. David Franz to Ryan Frank and Katie Lynn Brogneri,

5240 Karrington Drive, \$365,000. Patricia Miller to Cynthia Tyler, 241 McKinney Road, \$379,100. Baiier Holding Corp. to Jim Shorkey Wexford Real Estate 1 LLC, car dealership or parking garage or car wash, 10785 Perry Highway, \$3,600,000. Estate of Ann Montani to Dendom Enterprises LLC, 221 Spruce Haven Drive, \$78,500. NVR Inc. to Daniel and Kacey Mastalski, 612 Tulamore Trail, \$680,270. Robert Forte trustee tr to Americo Marc and Kathleen Pasquinnelli, 400 Woodhaven Drive, \$737,500.

### Pitcairn

Kevin Dick to IA Properties LLP, 386 Kenyon Ave., \$13,000. Patricia Geraci to Patricia and Robert Geraci, 1417 Wall Ave., \$18,000.

### Pleasant Hills

Estate of Genevieve Stoops to Michael and Kathleen Hansell, 147 Broadway Drive, \$130,000. Nicholas Sherman to Megan and Michael Thomas, 253 Broadway Drive, \$169,900. Phyllis Bartek to Andrew Herman, 110 Tel Star Drive, \$229,900.

### Plum

Robert Raymond Erhard to Jakobe and Lindsey Foley, 5045 Bahama Drive, \$148,000. Patrick Wagner to Joshua Matthews and Sarah Krohnay, 857 Blue Ridge Road, \$138,000. Daniel Frick to Paul Jonassaint and Dorothy Moman, 665 Carnival Drive, \$177,000. Lauren Costabile Vesio to Joyce Dye, 241 Coxcomb Hill Road, \$30,000. Estate of Antonio Nicasstro to James Joyce, 1483 Greensburg Road, \$20,000. Linda L Snyder Murock to Wells Fargo Bank NA, 450 Jackson Road, by sheriff's deed \$2,117. Rosa Matarrese to Thomas Parkins, 124 LeBeauf Drive, \$106,000. William Boeger to Betenissi Ventures LLC, car dealership or parking garage or car wash, 3180 Leechburg Road, \$66,000. Jupiter Financial Services LLC to Rock and Rachelle Fattino, 3822 Logans Ferry Road, \$165,400. Charles Lorion to Brandon Brooks, 9017 Oak St., \$85,000. Jack Savage to Pei You and Ji Li Lu, 79 Sierra Drive, \$115,000. Colonial Pointe Inc. to Heath and Lisa Schlarman, property, 225 Winchester Drive, \$64,900.

### Port Vue

Michelle Donnelly to Joshua Keim, 300 Dersam St., \$15,000. Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. trustee to The Granite CR 2018 LLC, 216 Laredo St., \$13,100. Angel Gormley to NRZ REO Inventory LLC, 1108 Monroe Ave., by sheriff's deed \$2,999.

### Rankin

Dominic Sciulli to CSM Investment Properties LLC, 249 Fleet St., \$37,000.

### Reserve

Estate of Michele Kaiser to US Bank NA trustee, 102 Walters Ave., by sheriff's deed \$5,976.

### Richland

Ryan Perestok to Trent Charles and Marilee Dawn Wissner, 4024 Circle Drive, \$249,900. 10 Properties Rehab to Timothy and Allison Matyas, 3638 Crestview Drive, \$206,000. Lois Mueller to Ronald and Rebecca Miller, 3721 N. Woodland Circle, \$140,000. Ian Onufer to Jesse and Melanie Salazar, 4713 S. Woodland Circle, \$230,000. Barbara Lon to Timothy Robert Miller and Shawna Marie McIntyre, 112 Whitby Place, \$325,000.

### Robinson

NVR Inc. to Benjamin Crawford, 123 Cole Drive, \$320,931. David John Carson to Chelsea Torris, 78 Forest Grove Road, \$138,000. Dana Martinelli et al. to Thomas Evak, 253 Grace Manor Drive, \$215,000. John Fulmer III to First National Trust Co. trustee, 13 Hodgkiss Drive, \$230,400. Anna Marie Schneider to Brian and Sara Robinson, 41 Norfolk Drive, \$234,900. Robinson Mall Assoc. LLC to Sears Roebuck & Co., shopping center, Robinson Centre Drive, \$100 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$4,104,000). Yuriy Belentinsky to Christopher and Amanda Kennedy, 501 Walnut Drive, \$334,750.

### Ross

Estate of Jerry Barker to Central Penn Capital Management LLC, 506 Aprilmae Way, by sheriff's deed \$213,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$231,306). Thomas Dokman to Forever Casual LLC, commercial property, 3478 Babcock Blvd., \$375,000. Joseph Ritchey estate et al. to BG214 Properties LLC, shopping center, 4770 Hillands Place, \$5,100,000. Linda Orr to HSB Bank USA NA trustee, 720 Klemont Ave., by sheriff's deed \$5,061. Michael Albanese to Paul Stadelman Jr., 111 Konzier Drive, \$303,000. John Weckley to Veronica Galuska,

# Real estate transfers



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845 Van Buren Blvd., \$288,000.

## North Sewickley

James Cordan to Joseph Anthony Minnitte Jr. and Autumn Marie Minnitte, property, Sunset Drive, \$101,200.

## Ohiotville

Paul Vojnovich to Chad D'Amico, property, 119 Dawson Drive, \$460,000. Ronald Sainovich to Ryan and Laura Kinsley, property, 594 Engle Road, \$96,000. Paul Francis to James and Barbara Tew, 131 Ridgmont Drive, \$205,000.

## Patterson

Courtney Schoeneweis Small to Ian and Debra O'Connell, 1415 20th Ave., \$139,000.

## Raccoon

Otto Zuccaro to Deborah and Rebecca Beatty, 322 Holt Road, \$235,000.

## Rochester Borough

Paul Longo to Dominic Dessler et al. and Paul Longo, 456 Irvin Ave., \$9,000.

## Rochester Township

Huntington National Bank to Howard Murphy Jr., 537 Davis Ave., \$16,000. Andrew Pavelek Jr. to Frank and Cheryl Johnson, property, Moose Ave., \$70,000.

## South Beaver

Bernard Pratte Jr. to Paul Fritsch, 127 DeHaven Road, \$301,500.

## South Heights

Stephen Saccarecca to James and Jessi Wolfe, 944 Crawford St., \$118,000.

## West Mayfield

Michael Golovich to Debra Chesnick, 815 37th St., \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$55,322). Todd Dourm to Stephen and Elizabeth Carter, property, Rock Ave., \$2,500.

## White

Eileen Pamer trustee to Nicole Winkle, 2609 12th Ave., \$3,500.

## Butler County

### Adams

Jill Grau to Amanda George, 250 Broadstone Drive, \$247,500. Cartus Financial Corp. to Richard and Tara Reynolds Bales, 247 Cliffside Drive, \$344,000. Lois Chamberlain to Albert Janicki Jr. and Helen Janicki, 1102 Cobblestone Lane, \$295,000. Justin Hartzel to Tara Williams, 542 E. Vanderbilt Drive, \$299,800. David La Barge to Beverly Joyce and Marcia Trew, 2030 Golden Grove Drive, \$535,000. Lee Coates to Mark and Frank Paollino, 109 Golfview Drive, \$631,000. Breakneck Creek Regional Authority to Adams Township Municipal Water Authority, property, Mars Evans City Road, \$135,000. TOA Adams Land L.P. to Naman and Deborah Salibi, 203 Patriots Way, \$673,497.

### Buffalo

Sarvers Mill Assoc. L.P. to NVR Inc., property, Creekside Drive, \$60,000. Jonathan Trenski to Julie Hook, 151 Mesa Drive, \$389,900. Estate of Harry Leyland to Suzanne Peck, 231 Silverview Drive, \$173,000. Dolores Fowler to Jeremy Walters, 2073 Silverville Road, \$125,000.

### Butler Township

Christine Bosko to Terry Stiebler II et al. and Terry Stiebler, 141 Colleen St., \$100,000. Helen Holoboski to Mariah Mikula, 219 E. Rockenstein Ave., \$97,000. Donald Rivers to Joseph Negley Jr., 233 Rockenstein Ave., \$105,000. Marsha Matson to Stephen and Julie Crawford, 1304 S. Main St., \$165,000. Courtyards Kendrale L.P. to Robert Ferringer, 301 Tudor Drive, \$283,000.

### Butler

Mehdi M Semsar to Convenience Realty Holdings LLC, commercial property, 354-358 N. Main St., \$100,000. Albert Dowling et al. to Kolter Furka, commercial property, 148 N. Monroe St., \$84,900.

### Center

John Campbell to Brian and Ashley Farrington, 103 Covington Drive, \$258,000. Estate of Kathleen Slick to Ivan and Catherine Frisbee, 282 Holyoke Road, \$22,650. Kyle Gilliland to Jacob Rettig and Kaitlyn Bosko, 514 Sunset Drive, \$100,000.

### Chicora

Sandra Master to Bethany and Ryan Ball, 123 Bell Ave., \$92,900.

### Clay

Michael Pry to Brandon and Miranda Huffman, mobile home site, 329 Beaver Dam Road, \$140,000.

### Clearfield

William Krause to William Altman trustee and Kathy Houston trustee, property, E. S of Old Route 422, \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$2,829).

### Concord

Wells Fargo Bank NA trustee to Taylor Manuel, mobile home site, 1647 Oneida Valley Road, \$38,500.

### Connoquessing Borough

Pitell Contracting Inc. to Mary Beth Truver, 133 Shelton Place Drive, \$286,463. Kimberly Culbertson to CL Holdings LLC, real estate, W of Main St., \$30,000.

### Cranberry

Park Place Marketing LLC to NVR Inc., property, Bucktail Drive, \$265,000. Glenn Richard Thompson III to I Min Lee and Shu Tzu Chen, 336 Byron Circle, \$188,420. John Raymond Heintz to Jonathan and Julie Stevens, 116 Dalliance Court, \$750,000. Nouvealutions LLC to Tobias Brooks, 30 Dover Drive, \$159,900. Natalie Yingling to Alexander Fuller, 328 Fawn Trail, \$144,000. Lake Forest Properties LLC to Matthew and Sonya Lee, property, 308 Plains Church Road, \$165,000. Timothy Kuhlman to Zachary and Lindsay Senft, 408 Settlers Village Circle, \$728,500. Chad Borghini to Ryan Craig, 716 Stockton Ridge, \$151,750. Housing & Urban Development to PJR Properties LLC, 500 Sunrise Drive, \$140,000. John Michael Davis to Stephen Anderton, 808 Sunset Circle, \$224,850. Bill Stroupe to Kenneth McAlpine Jr. and Kristen McAlpine, 846 Sunset Circle, \$270,000. Sara Pung to Auto Owners Insurance Co., 900 Sunset Circle, \$169,334. Park Place Marketing LLC to NVR Inc., property, Twilight St., \$60,000. Hong Hong Wang to Richard Abbott Jr., 383 Wealdstone Road, \$350,000. Phat Tran to Basava Dharma Teja Nagalingam, 825 Wood Hollow Drive, \$195,900.

### Donegal

Cynthia Dawson to Kevin and Mallory Trimbur, property, 626 E. Slippery Rock Road, \$180,000.

### Eau Claire

Mainland Eau Claire LLC to Pat Casey & Marcia Casey LLC, commercial property, 442 S. Washington St., \$1,325,000.

## Fairview Township

Shalisa Ekis to Dustin Walthour, 218 Haysville Road, \$85,000.

## Forward

Dan Ryan Builders Mid Atlantic LLC to Timothy and Tina Hiteshew, 106 Hare Court, \$303,240. NVR Inc. to Jill Grau, 110 Pauline Place, \$339,010.

## Jackson

Jackson Park Dev Assoc. L.P. to NVR Inc., property, 518 Audrey Court, \$72,174. NVR Inc. to John and Susan Mary Babusci, 125 Brookview Drive, \$361,037. PPDA L.P. to NVR Inc., property, Unknown Address, \$150,000. Maronda Homes Inc. to Tara Britanni and Douglas William Palombo, 127 Dutch Creek Drive, \$320,381. Linda Hartmann et al. to Linda Hartmann et al. and Gertrude Hartmann Fiedler, property, Evergreen Mill Road, \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$2,861). NVR Inc. to Gregory William Hampton and Diana Elizabeth Ortega Casellas, 112 Rachel Drive, \$429,275. Stanley Olosky to Michael and Kathy Bucci, 130 Ridgeway Lane, \$349,500.

## Jefferson

Margaret Scott to Toni and Erik Kunselman, property, 216 Heller Road, \$357,000. James D Miller & Sons Construction Inc. to Richard and Diana Welski, 252 Stoneybrook Drive, \$266,000.

## Lancaster

Scenic Ridge Partners L.P. to Thomas and Linda Kilian, 2004 Southview Drive, \$332,525.

## Marion

Lawrence Galla Jr. et al. to Jeffrey and Gretchen Kelly, West Sunbury Road, \$22,500.

## Middlesex

NVR Inc. to Kimberly Ann Boyd and Klavin Boyd II, 2001 Bald Eagle Court, \$304,835. Gigliotti Holdings L.P. to NVR Inc., property, Eagle Ridge Drive, \$115,000. Home Point Financial Corp. to Julie Eyerman Allard, 221 Kilgallen Road, \$285,000.

## Penn

Stephen Wabiszewski to Roger Bowman and Misty Davis, 389 Dodds Road, \$454,000.

## Saxenburg

Theodore Haehle to Bryan and Nicole Farney, 124 E. Water St., \$180,000.

## Seven Fields

Bernard Topf to Joseph and Linda Novak, 106 Linden Court, \$294,500.

## Slippery Rock Borough

Robert Brown to RAM Property Holdings LLC, commercial property, Grove City Road, \$570,000. Clarion County Community Bank to Nathan Stoughton, 325 Normal Ave., \$100,000.

## Slippery Rock Township

Timothy Brown to Robert and Sara Goddy, 143 Appletwood Lane, \$260,000.

## Zelenople

Andrew Guntrum III et al. to Wendy Wehner, 135 N. Green Lane, \$224,000.

## Washington County

### Amwell

Jason Briggs to Bernard Smith Jr., 259 Hallam Road, \$275,000. Russell James Cain Jr. to Bailey Enterprise L.P., mobile home site, 4 Moscow Road, \$12,500.

### Bentleyville

Estate of David Harris D'orazio to Donid D'orazio, service station or oil storage site, 205 Main St., \$43,000.

### Buffalo

Kenneth Rogers to Kenneth Meek, property, 40 Coffey Crossing Road, \$372,985.

### Canonsburg

Estate of Edward Morascyok to Wisteria Ventures LLC, property, First St., \$5,000. Christina Hagan et al. to Robert John Ranko Jr. and Joy Lynn Ranko, 435 Ridge Ave., \$114,000. Monica Phillips to Barbara Mebane, 524 Tannehill St., \$114,900.

### Canton

Edward Valentas to Daniel and Jamie Eberman, 131 Crescent Drive, \$210,000. Gennaro Group LLC to Lori Wilson, 208 Laddie Drive, \$220,000.

### Carroll

Jordan Smith to Anthony Noll, 110 Maple Ave., \$119,900. James Waddell estate et al. to Timothy Hoffman, 126 Monroe St., \$80,000. Patricia Soltan to Brandon Kerin, 26 Rabe Ave., \$136,000.

### Cecil

NVR Inc. to Xiaonan Wang, 1429 Deer Creek Crossing Drive, \$306,095. NVR Inc. to Magic Bricks Properties LLC, 1431 Deer Creek Crossing Drive, \$263,220. Justin Dugas to Kevin Kopsch, 5004 Firwood Drive, \$427,000. Slovenian Savings and Loans Assn. to Charles Tatano Jr. et al. and James Tatano, 13 Maple St., \$15,000. William Graziani to Patricia Sanchez Cueva and Nichole M Sanchez Cueva, 1447 Network Drive, \$695,000. Uwe Weathers to Lisa Paris, 1545 Netw Drive, \$455,000. Lillian T Stewart Revocable Living Trust to Robert Lergen, 1213 Reissing Road, \$138,000. Hawthorne Partners 2 LLC to Jeffrey Wehn, 4025 Sir James Drive, \$343,700. Estate of Susan Shenk to William and Brenda Heagy, 1112 Valleyview Drive, \$217,500.

### Charlertoi

Estate of Edward Paluso to Ismart Living Real Estate LLC, commercial property, 401 Sixth St., \$32,000. Camelback 9 LLC to Nancy Joann Kerschner, 1007 Lookout Ave., \$27,000. Donald Reiman to Kerrie Ann Show, 4 Round St., \$82,000. Briana Meyer to Charles Janiro, 306 Shady Ave., \$60,000. Lorena Feevey to Mark Griffith, 307 Woodland Ave., \$12,800.

### Chartiers

Piatt Estates Chartiers L.P. to NVR Inc., property, Highpointe Drive, \$90,000. Donald Wright to LSF9 Master Participation Trust, 529 McGovern Road, by sheriff's deed \$1,089. Estate of Melissa Ellen Andrews to James and Icholle Hollenbach, 651-653 N. Main St., \$31,000. Nancy Mullins to James and Carol Richey, 512 Regent St., \$155,000. Jeremy Markey to Andrew and Sara Bell, 316 Summit Court, \$265,000.

### Donegal

Karen Martin to Charlene and John Scherich, 98 Highland Ave., \$26,000. Estate of Florence Ramsey to Patrick Findley et al. and Zita Findley, agricultural land, Old National Pike, \$405,000. Julia Hunter et al. to AGL Development LLC, agricultural land, Old National Pike, \$500,000.

### Donora

Kenneth Adams to Alan and Melissa Pero, 440 McCrea Ave., \$40,000. Robert Menzler to Kate Cheman, 701 Thompson Ave., \$87,500.

### Elsworth

Chad Crompton to Sabrina Hall, 6 N. Pine St., \$47,400.

### Fallowfield

Estate of Michael Brna to Clinton and

Bobbi Yargar, 408 Woodward Ave., \$55,000.

## Hanover

Thomas James Frederick to Jessie and Damian Engel, property, 314 Hanlin Station Road, \$360,000.

## Hopewell

Judith Kovacicke to Steve Yilit Jr. and Leslie Mullen, 20 Wotring Road, \$216,800.

## Long Branch

Christiana Trust trustee to MTGLQ Investors L.P., 75 Crow St., \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$97,020).

## Marianna

Michael Paul Guza to Vickie Davies and Mark Hollinger, 804 Seventh St., \$4,000.

## McDonald

James Powell to Raymond Joseph Drapes, 129 Bluff St., \$84,900.

## Monongahela

Richard Wyne to William Philip and Julie Fathning, 503 E. Main St., \$100,000. Paul Spara to Dean and Jacqueline Ingram, 708 Yohe St., \$53,200.

## Morris

Estate of James Taylor to Valerie Livingood and Damian Dorsey, 126 S. Bridge Road, \$80,000.

## Mt. Pleasant

Wells Fargo Bank to Cheryl Lou and Alfred Ronald Caltumo, 1526 Millers Run Road, \$130,500. Gregory Sherwin to Robert and Janet George, 7 Primrose Road, \$25,000. Estate of Joseph Piazza Jr. to William Pratt, 108 Southview Road, \$135,000. Roger Cox estate et al. to Linda Evers, 2000 Stillwater Lane, \$330,000. Estate of Betsy Speakman to Jacob and Natalie Carter, 26 Wabash Ave., \$10,000.

## North Strabane

NVR Inc. to Vincent Delmonte and Cheri McElroy, 306 Azalea Court, \$334,237. NVR Inc. to Mary Denise Davis and John Crawford, 308 Azalea Court, \$334,733. Jamie Findley to Sharon Tkaczuk and Bryan Lantz, 220 Blue Jay Drive, \$254,900. Linda Ann Pellegrini to Gregory and Christy Klegan, 220 Dicio St., \$145,900. Raymond Harding III to Trenton and Kate Sweet, 125 Lakewood Drive, \$265,000. Jarrod Takah to Andrew Kruzan, 1302 Meadowbrook Drive, \$147,000. Barbara Alspit to Jeffrey and Christine Swarek, 116 Merino Drive, \$382,000. William Fetcko to Mary Margaret Boyd and Dennis Kutcher, 1059 Surrey Woods Drive, \$384,500. Shader Properties to Blue Ground Mining LLC, commercial property, 2578 Washington Road, \$498,150.

## Nottingham

Gregory Douglas Leist to John and Susana Rozzo, 26 Yohe St., \$60,000.

## Peters

George Michael Tiani to Norman and Rebecca Yeagers, 100 Boxwood Court, \$309,900. Gregory Holsinger to Rex Cole Jr. and Diana Cole, 1056 Elizabeth Drive, \$280,800. Crossings Development LLC to Glenn and Carol Keeling, 226 Maid Marion Lane, \$520,046. Crossings Development LLC to Gary and Patricia McKee, 329 Maid Marion Lane, \$476,188. Linda Taylor to Jon Jeffrey Kosor, 403 Rockledge Drive, \$583,000. John Balog to Richard and Emily LaPradd, 128 Stratford Drive, \$435,000. Joseph Podolinsky to Craig Lessler, 894 Venetia Road, \$53,000.

## Somersett

Naomi Gagus to Stephen Smith Jr. and Cynthia Smith, 2 Sumney Road, \$180,000.

## South Strabane

Estate of Myrtle Fischer to Donald Wayne and Jennie Reeger, 575 Clare Drive, \$293,000. John Hopper to Kelly and Jason Briggs, 1885A E. Beau St., \$500,000. Washington County to Michael Pihakis, property, Enterprise Road, \$15,000. Briia Zeh to Natalie Carlson, 2270 Flint Drive, \$269,000. J Angelides Enterprises L.P. to NVR Inc., property, Morgan Drive, \$68,000. Patrick Renne to Walter Edward Fort, 18 Park View Drive, \$187,000. Estate of Albert Powell to Camille Sushel and Amy Levine, 203 Village Court, \$201,000. Roberta Gerner to Sharon and William Scott, 204 Village Court, \$220,000.

## Speers

Estate of Stella Costa to John Sauer and Dennis Torres, 250 Grandview Way, \$141,000. Alexia Jones Protector Trust to Megan Pankiewicz, 270 Grandview Way, \$122,000.

## Stockdale

Charles Charge to Samantha Jo Greco, 201 Chestnut St., \$168,000.

## Union

Housing & Urban Development to Joe Fisher, 7 Fairview Place, \$22,021. Daniel Hayden to Weichert Workforce Mobility Inc., 58 Hobbitt Lane, \$347,500. Weichert Workforce Mobility Inc. to Donald and Kathleen Rose, 58 Hobbitt Lane, \$347,500.

## Washington

Natalie Carlson to Kevin and Susan Hanford Heater, 731 Beech St., \$139,500. ACM Vision V LLC to Andrew Good, 483-1/2 Broad St., \$2,900. Kevin Bombara to Elizabeth Bombara, 859 E. Maiden St., \$92,000. Wells Fargo Bank NA trustee to Washington Christian Outreach Inc., 119-1/2 Highland Ave., \$11,000. Dale Hemmis to Forrest and Carol Broderick, 6 Mill Spring Lane, \$25,000.

## Westmoreland County

### Allegheny

Mary Catherine Shook to Gabriel and Judy Ann Ziccarelli, 50 74 Hall Drive, \$225,000. FRHP Lincolnshire LLC to National Retail Properties Trust, commercial property, 537 SR 356, \$2,500,000. Bank New York Mellon to Bradford Allen Baum, 110 Watson Road, \$58,801. Francis Cain III to Martin Karlo and Amanda Mazonkey, 101 105 Clearview Drive, \$242,000. Carl Zukas Jr. to Aaron Scalzotti, 50 Lindsay Lane, \$182,000.

### Cook

Terrence Shallenberger to William and Lindsay Fennell, property, Foxchase Lane, \$145,000. Michael Cox to Sean Michael White and Chrystal Walsh, property, Linn Run Road, \$25,000.

### Delmont

A. William Anderson to Melissa Anderson, 560 Monticello Drive, \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$86,341). Central Penn Capital Management LLC to Christina Elizabeth and Robert James Copper, 27 Suncrest Drive, \$126,055.. Henry Patts et al. to HP Pennsylvania LLC, 256 Apple Hill Drive, \$272,000. Sharri Huey to Michael and Robin Bradish, 53 Delmont Ave., \$65,000. Margaret Madar to Wells

Fargo Bank NA, 2 W. White Oak Drive, by sheriff's deed \$2,072.

## Derry Township

Michael Foster to Joseph and Jamie Lee Fennell, property, 290 Fairview Lane, \$55,000. Estate of Cora Clawson to US Bank NA, 130 Heather Drive, by sheriff's deed \$1,855. Laura Sokolovic to CTM Properties LLC, agricultural land, 170 Rager Road, \$165,000. Matthew Timko to Ronald Mileca, 2134 Walnut Drive, \$63,000. Housing & Urban Development to Surpass Real Estate, 220 Tenth St., \$14,250. Robert Zahuranic to Jeffrey and Brenda Shearer, 525 McFarland Road, \$218,400. Estate of Francis Gozdko to Benjamin and Kristy Howell, 5467 SR 982, \$100,000. Richard Kuba to Mark Gera, property, T930, \$50,000. Michael Bauer to William Wesley and Jo Ellen Harr, 433 Traction Ave., \$125,000. Damon Rause to Jacob Booher, 545 Washington St., \$125,000. Wilmington Savings Fund Society FSB to Daniel Roble, 1120 Wood St., \$150,000.

## Donegal Township

Robert King to William Steele III, agricultural land, Camp Run Road, \$300,000. Robert King to William Steele III, property, 711 Camp Run Road, \$83,156. US REC Land Partners L.P. to Nicholas and Jeannine Sciglianno, 165 Fern Mountain Road, \$705,000.

## East Huntingdon

Joann Secrest to Brian Delara, 316 Jake Lane, \$35,000. JP Morgan Mortgage Acquisition Corp. to Jeffrey and Heather Sager, mobile home site, 349 Rocktown Road, \$59,000. Donald Koozer to Gary Stephen Uziel et al. and Lisa Uziel, 3126 Scottsdale Smithton Road, \$260,000.

## East Vandergrift

Colleen Herbeck to Albert Pechan, 304 Kennedy Ave., \$44,000.

## Fairfield

Daniel Thomas Fuge to David and Carol Murarik, 2819 Route 259, \$38,500.

## Greensburg

Estate of James Murland to Frank and Rosalind Rogacheshy, 511 Catherine St., \$55,500. Ronald Schake to YLP LLC, 356-360 Concord Ave., \$200,000. Evelyn Livingston to Robert Eicher III, 36 Brattleboro Drive, \$263,000. Christie Morrison to Carmen Anthony Mendicino Jr. and Mary Mendicino, 539 Delbane Way, \$86,700. Christopher Butler to Colt Datz, 14 Gaither Way, \$49,500. Estate of Mary Beasley to Amanda Zavolta, 20 Glenview Star Inc., 35 Madison Ave., \$27,000. James Bononi to Robert Charles Mohler and Lisa Ellen Weber, 2 Sycamore Maple, \$240,000.

## Hempfield

Lynn Safran to Ryan and

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**SUPER COUPON**

4-1/2" GRINDING WHEEL FOR METAL

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$1**

SAVE 77%

COMPARE TO **\$4.47**

DIABLO MODEL: 08004525701F

ITEM 61152 39677/61448 shown

872606070013

LIMIT 7 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**SUPER COUPON**

PICKUP AND REACH TOOL

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$1**

SAVE 93%

COMPARE TO **\$15**

ARCIMATE MODEL: 325

ITEM 61413 94870/62176 shown

894473090013

LIMIT 8 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**SUPER COUPON**

4" RATCHET BAR CLAMP/SPREADER

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$1**

SAVE 84%

COMPARE TO **\$6.49**

IRWIN MODEL: 1964747

ITEM 46805/62242 68974 shown

894473140013

LIMIT 7 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**SUPER COUPON**

# FREE

WITH ANY PURCHASE

ULTRA BRIGHT LED PORTABLE WORK LIGHT/FLASHLIGHT

• 144 Lumens  
• Magnetic Base

ITEM 60566 63601/63991 64005/63878 69567/67227 shown

894482760013

COMPARE TO **\$4.97**

UTILITECH MODEL: FF-LWY426-1

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**SUPER COUPON**

5" JUMBO ALUMINUM HOOK

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$1**

SAVE 66%

COMPARE TO **\$2.99**

TOOL SHOP MODEL: 0245

ITEM 60342 92077 shown

894505670013

LIMIT 7 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

Color may vary. Do not use to support human weight.

**SUPER COUPON**

6 PIECE DETAIL BRUSH SET

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$1**

SAVE 74%

COMPARE TO **\$3.96**

LINCOLN ELECTRIC MODEL: KHS90

ITEM 69526 62616/93610 shown

894517450013

LIMIT 7 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**SUPER COUPON**

4-1/2", 36 GRIT FLAP DISC

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$1**

SAVE 88%

COMPARE TO **\$8.98**

DEWALT MODEL: DW836

ITEM 61500 67639 shown

894526440013

LIMIT 8 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**SUPER COUPON**

# FREE

WITH ANY PURCHASE

4" MAGNETIC PARTS HOLDER

• Non-Marring Base  
• Stainless Steel

Hardware sold separately.

COMPARE TO **\$5.99**

TITAN MODEL: 11194

ITEM 62535/90566 shown

894485550013

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**SUPER COUPON**

11" CABLE TIES PACK OF 100

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$2**

SAVE 79%

COMPARE TO **\$9.98**

UTILITECH MODEL: 167-CT25

ITEM 69405 60277/34637 shown

894530570013

LIMIT 7 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

BLACK

WHITE

YOUR CHOICE

**SUPER COUPON**

200 LUMENS LED SUPER BRIGHT FLIP LIGHT

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$3**

SAVE 50%

COMPARE TO **\$6**

PROMIER MODEL: SW-SWITCH-1224

ITEM 64189 64723/63922 shown

894536760013

LIMIT 7 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**SUPER COUPON**

7 FT. 4" x 9 FT. 6" ALL PURPOSE/WEATHER RESISTANT TARP

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$3**

SAVE 69%

COMPARE TO **\$9.98**

BLUE HAWK MODEL: B6K10-Y

ITEM 69121 69129/69137 69249/69115 877 shown

894542220013

LIMIT 7 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**SUPER COUPON**

# FREE

WITH ANY PURCHASE

HAULMASTER MOVING BLANKET

**\$5.13** VALUE

• 40" x 50"  
• Double-Stitched  
• Cotton Filler

ITEM 63959

894504620013

Cannot be used with other discounts or prior purchases. Original coupon must be presented. Valid through 3/16/19 while supplies last. Limit 1 FREE GIFT per customer per day.

**SUPER COUPON**

16 OZ. HAMMERS WITH FIBERGLASS HANDLE

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$3**

SAVE 69%

COMPARE TO **\$9.98**

KOBALT MODEL: 02742

ITEM 61262 69005/47873 shown

894557320013

LIMIT 7 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

CLAW

RIP

YOUR CHOICE

**SUPER COUPON**

AMMO DRY BOX

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$4**

SAVE 59%

COMPARE TO **\$9.99**

RANGEMAXX MODEL: 1312-92

ITEM 63135 61451 shown

894567110013

LIMIT 7 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**SUPER COUPON**

MECHANIC'S GLOVES

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$5**

SAVE 54%

COMPARE TO **\$11.02**

VALEO MODEL: 25521

ITEM 62432, 64178, 64179, 62426, 62433, 62429, 62434, 62428 shown

894569150013

LIMIT 8 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**SUPER COUPON**

10" SLIDING COMPOUND MITER SAW

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

Blade sold separately.

ITEM 61972 61971 shown

SAVE **\$99**

COMPARE TO **\$199**

KOBALT MODEL: 0M25017M

89455830013

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

NOW **\$999**

**SUPER COUPON**

18" x 12" MOVER'S DOLLY

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$8**

SAVE 54%

COMPARE TO **\$17.65**

BUFFALO TOOLS MODEL: HDPOLLY

ITEM 61899/63095 63096/63097/63098 60497/93886 shown

894581310013

LIMIT 7 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**SUPER COUPON**

SOLAR ROPE LIGHT

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$9**

SAVE 69%

COMPARE TO **\$29.97**

HAMPTON BAY MODEL: B299-055R

ITEM 63941 64625/62533 68353 shown

894582500013

LIMIT 6 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**SUPER COUPON**

4-1/2" ANGLE GRINDER

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

**\$10**

SAVE 65%

COMPARE TO **\$28.99**

PERFORMAX MODEL: 2011-1

ITEM 69645 95578/60625 shown

894584910013

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**SUPER COUPON**

CHICAGO ELECTRIC POWER TOOLS

130 PIECE TOOL KIT WITH CASE

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

SAE AND METRIC

ITEM 68998 64080/64263 63248/63091 shown

COMPARE TO **\$66.99**

HDX MODEL: H13780S

894593810013

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

NOW **\$299**

SAVE 54%

**SUPER COUPON**

PITTSBURGH LIFETIME WARRANTY

130 PIECE TOOL KIT WITH CASE

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

SAE AND METRIC

ITEM 68998 64080/64263 63248/63091 shown

COMPARE TO **\$66.99**

HDX MODEL: H13780S

894593810013

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

NOW **\$74.99**

SAVE **\$60**

COMPARE TO **\$135.27**

POWERBUILT MODEL: 047593

894594860013

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

LIFTS FROM 5" TO 18-1/4"

ITEM 64260 64261/64265 69227/62116 64875/62584 68048 shown

**SUPER COUPON**

PITTSBURGH #1 SELLING JACKS IN AMERICA

RAPID PUMP® 3 TON STEEL HEAVY DUTY FLOOR JACK

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

Precision welded construction  
• Weighs 74 lbs.

ITEM 64260 64261/64265 69227/62116 64875/62584 68048 shown

COMPARE TO **\$2,599**

HONDA MODEL: E85500A1AT

894600440013

LIMIT 3 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

NOW **\$529.99**

SAVE **\$2,069**

\*Wheel kit and battery sold separately.

**SUPER COUPON**

PREDATOR

8750 MAX. STARTING/7000 RUNNING WATTS 13 HP (420 CC) GAS GENERATOR

Customer Rating **★★★★★**

Electric start with recoil back up\*

ITEM 63086 68530/63085 shown

ITEM 68525 63087/63088 CALIFORNIA ONLY

COMPARE TO **\$539.99**

894600440013

LIMIT 3 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

NOW **\$299**

**SUPER COUPON**

CENTRAL PNEUMATIC

A 6 GALLON, 1.5 HP, 150 PSI OIL-FREE AIR COMPRESSOR

ITEM 62511/62894/68149 62380/67696 shown

B 8 GALLON, 2 HP, 125 PSI OIL-LUBE AIR COMPRESSOR

ITEM 69667/68740 shown

COMPARE TO **\$169.99**

DEWALT MODEL: DWPP5026

894602690013

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

YOUR CHOICE **\$99.99**

SAVE **\$70**

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**US GENERAL**  
44" x 22" DOUBLE BANK EXTRA DEEP CABINETS

Customer Rating ★★★★★

NEW

COMPARE TO SNAP-ON \$2,605

SAVE \$2,155

• 14,000 cu. in. of storage  
• 2600 lb. capacity  
• Weighs 291 lbs.

YOUR CHOICE \$449.99

ITEM 64444 64445/64446 shown  
ITEM 64281 64134/64133 shown  
ITEM 64441 64442/64443 shown

LIMIT 3 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**Bauer**  
20 VOLT LITHIUM CORDLESS 1/2" COMPACT DRILL/DRIVER KIT

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE \$34

COMPARE TO RYOBI \$99

SAVE \$74.99

NOW \$64.99

• 450 in. lbs. of torque

ITEM 64754 63531 shown

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**PITTSBURGH**  
1 TON CAPACITY FOLDABLE SHOP CRANE

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE \$70

COMPARE TO IRONTON \$199.99

SAVE \$129.99

• Boom extends from 36-1/4" to 50-1/4"  
• Crane height adjusts from 82" to 94"

ITEM 69512 61858/69445 shown

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**BADLAND**  
2500 LB. ELECTRIC WINCH WITH WIRELESS REMOTE CONTROL

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE \$140

COMPARE TO SUPERWINCH \$189.99

NOW \$49.99

• Weighs 14.3 lbs.  
• 11-1/8" L x 4-1/2" H

ITEM 61840 61297/63476 61258 shown

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**COBRA**  
4 CHANNEL WIRELESS SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM WITH 2 CAMERAS

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE \$120

COMPARE TO ALC \$349.99

NOW \$229.99

• Night vision

ITEM 63842

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**GENTECH**  
2/10/50 AMP, 12 VOLT BATTERY CHARGER/ENGINE STARTER

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE 50%

COMPARE TO SCHUMACHER ELECTRIC \$50.99

NOW \$29.99

ITEM 60581 3418/60653 shown

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**ZURICH**  
OBD2 CODE READER WITH ABS/SRS/FixAssist<sup>®</sup> ZR13

Customer Rating ★★★★★

NEW

SAVE \$150

COMPARE TO SNAP-ON BLUE-POINT \$329.99

NOW \$179.99

ITEM 63806

LIMIT 3 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**EARTHQUAKE XT**  
12 VOLT LITHIUM CORDLESS 3/8" EXTREME TORQUE RATCHET KIT

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE \$139

COMPARE TO SNAP-ON \$239.95

NOW \$99.99

• 60 ft. lbs. torque  
• Variable speed: 0-170 RPM  
• Compact head design for tight spaces  
• High capacity 2.0 Ah battery

ITEM 64196 63538 shown

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**COVERPRO**  
10 FT. x 20 FT. PORTABLE CAR CANOPY

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE \$106

COMPARE TO SHELTER LOGIC \$205.99

NOW \$99.99

ITEM 63054 62858 shown

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**PITTSBURGH**  
1000 LB. CAPACITY MOTORCYCLE LIFT

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE \$500

COMPARE TO DIRECT-LIFT \$790.99

NOW \$299.99

• Lift range: 7" to 29-1/2"  
• Weighs 269 lbs.

ITEM 69904/68892 shown

LIMIT 3 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**PREDATOR**  
2" SEMI-TRASH GASOLINE ENGINE WATER PUMP (212 CC)

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE \$315

COMPARE TO NORTHSTAR \$489.99

NOW \$174.99

• 1-3" INTAKE AND DISCHARGE HOSES AVAILABLE

ITEM 56160 63405 shown

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**CHICAGO ELECTRIC**  
WELDING 170 AMP MIG/FLUX CORED WELDER

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE \$360

COMPARE TO KLUTCH \$510.99

NOW \$159.99

• 30-170 Amps DC  
• Duty cycle: 20% @ 110 Amps

ITEM 61888/68885 shown

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**HYDROSTAR**  
50 FT. COMMERCIAL POWER-FEED DRAIN CLEANER

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE \$199

COMPARE TO RIDGID \$499.92

NOW \$299.99

ITEM 61857/68284 shown

LIMIT 3 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**Bauer**  
10 AMP DEEP CUT VARIABLE SPEED BAND SAW KIT

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE \$199

COMPARE TO DEWALT \$299

NOW \$99.99

Blade sold separately.

ITEM 63763/64194/63444 shown

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**PREDATOR**  
22 HP (670 CC) V-TWIN HORIZONTAL SHAFT GAS ENGINE

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE \$730

COMPARE TO HONDA \$1,399.99

NOW \$669.99

• Compact V-twin design for more power in a smaller footprint

ITEM 61614

LIMIT 3 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**BRAUN**  
390 LUMENS MAGNETIC SLIM BAR LED WORK LIGHT

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE 54%

COMPARE TO ASTRO \$55.12

NOW \$24.99

ITEM 56248 63958 shown

LIMIT 3 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**HaulMaster**  
4 PIECE, 1" x 15 FT. RATCHETING TIE DOWNS

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE 87%

COMPARE TO ATE TOOLS \$54.88

NOW \$6.99

• 400 lb. working load

ITEM 63056/60405 90984/63094/63150/63057/61524 shown

LIMIT 7 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**WARRIOR**  
29 PIECE TITANIUM DRILL BIT SET

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE 84%

COMPARE TO DEWALT \$64.99

NOW \$9.99

ITEM 62281 5889/61637 shown

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**WARRIOR**  
16" x 30" TWO SHELF STEEL SERVICE CART

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE 61%

COMPARE TO EDSEL \$78.43

NOW \$29.99

• 220 lb. capacity

ITEM 60390 5107 shown

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**CENTRAL PNEUMATIC**  
3/8" x 50 FT. RETRACTABLE AIR HOSE REEL

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE \$39

COMPARE TO KOBALT \$99

NOW \$59.99

ITEM 62344 64685/69265/93897 shown

LIMIT 4 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**10" PNEUMATIC TIRE**

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE 45%

COMPARE TO FARM & RANCH \$7.35

NOW \$3.99

ITEM 69385/62698 62388/62409 30900 shown

LIMIT 7 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**Forge**  
4" SWIVEL VISE WITH ANVIL

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE 49%

COMPARE TO BESSEY \$59.97

NOW \$29.99

ITEM 63330 63774/61553 shown

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**drillmaster**  
1500 WATT DUAL TEMPERATURE HEAT GUN (572°/1112°)

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE 67%

COMPARE TO BLACK & DECKER \$28.06

NOW \$8.99

ITEM 62340 62546/63104 96289 shown

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**CHICAGO ELECTRIC**  
7" WET CUTTING TILE SAW

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE 36%

COMPARE TO SKIL \$79

NOW \$49.99

Blade sold separately.

ITEM 40315 69231 shown

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**PITTSBURGH**  
LIFETIME WARRANTY 1-1/4 LB. AXE WITH 11-1/2" FIBERGLASS HANDLE

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE 76%

COMPARE TO FISKARS \$25.97

NOW \$5.99

ITEM 61510 96231 shown

LIMIT 7 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**CHICAGO ELECTRIC**  
5" RANDOM ORBITAL PALM SANDER

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE 60%

COMPARE TO BOSCH \$49.98

NOW \$19.99

Dust bag included.

ITEM 69857 93431 shown

LIMIT 6 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**VANGUARD**  
125 VOLT, 15 AMP PLUG CONNECTORS

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE 60%

COMPARE TO HUBBELL \$4.98

NOW \$1.99

• YOUR CHOICE

ITEM 63126/93686 61569/63127 shown  
ITEM 63125/61568 93687/63147 shown

LIMIT 8 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**CENTRAL MACHINERY**  
4" x 36" BELT/6" DISC SANDER

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE \$54

COMPARE TO RYOBI \$119

NOW \$64.99

ITEM 62502 64778/97181 shown

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**US GENERAL**  
18" MAGNETIC TOOL HOLDER

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE 73%

COMPARE TO EVERBIT \$14.98

NOW \$3.99

• Perfect for shop or kitchen  
• Mounts easily

ITEM 61199/65489 62178/60433 shown

LIMIT 7 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**CHICAGO ELECTRIC**  
7-1/4" 12 AMP HEAVY DUTY CIRCULAR SAW

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE 38%

COMPARE TO BLACK & DECKER \$53.54

NOW \$32.99

• Makes 0° to 45° bevel cuts  
• Laser guide

ITEM 63290

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

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SAVE 61%

COMPARE TO GPL \$51.45

NOW \$19.99

• 350 lb. capacity

ITEM 62515 66911 shown

LIMIT 7 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**HaulMaster**  
6 PIECE CAMOUFLAGE ELASTIC STRETCH CORDS

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE 74%

COMPARE TO COLEMAN \$11.66

NOW \$2.99

• 18" to 30"

ITEM 61947/62824/46911 shown

LIMIT 5 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**PITTSBURGH**  
LIFETIME WARRANTY 50" CLAMP AND CUT EDGE GUIDE

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE 62%

COMPARE TO BORA \$39.98

NOW \$14.99

Tools sold separately.

ITEM 66581

LIMIT 7 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

**PITTSBURGH**  
LIFETIME WARRANTY 40 PIECE, 3/8" DRIVE SAE AND METRIC SOCKET SET

Customer Rating ★★★★★

SAVE 80%

COMPARE TO KOBALT \$19.97

NOW \$3.99

ITEM 47902/61328 63015/62843 shown

LIMIT 8 - Coupon valid through 3/16/19\*

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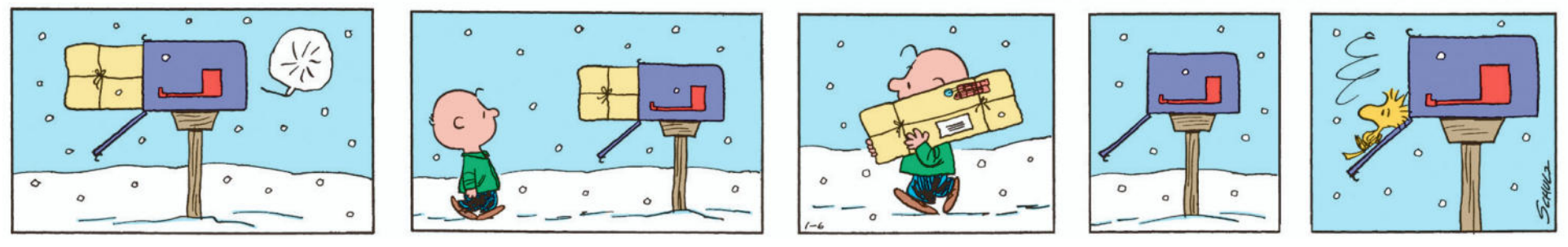
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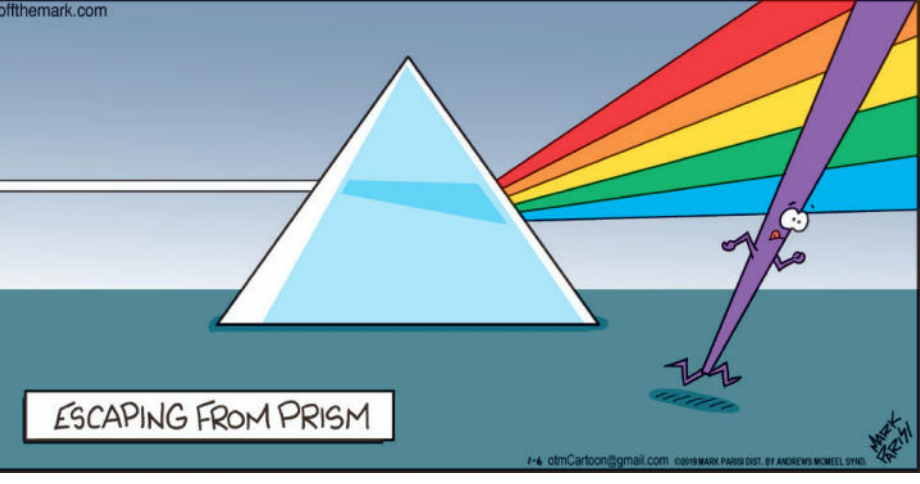
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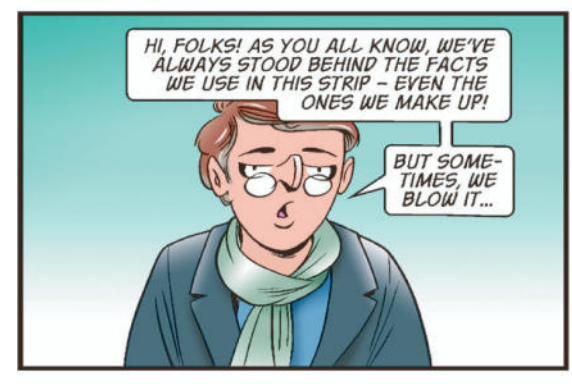
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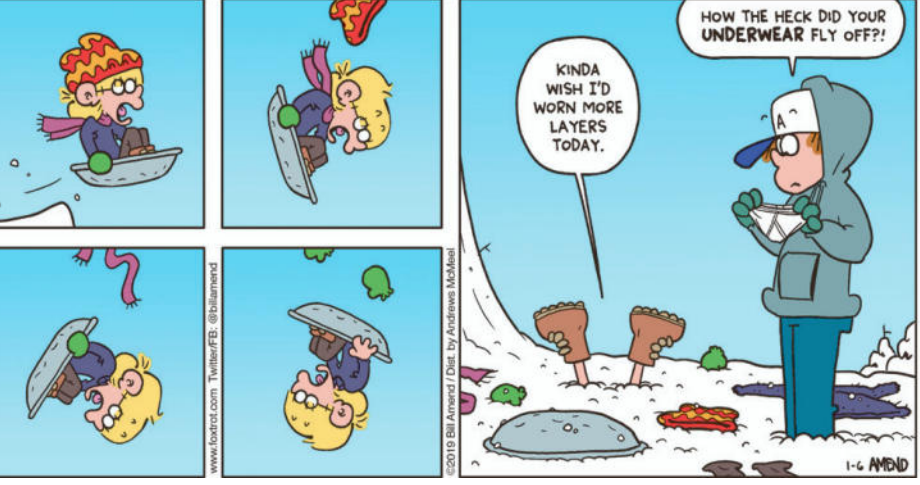
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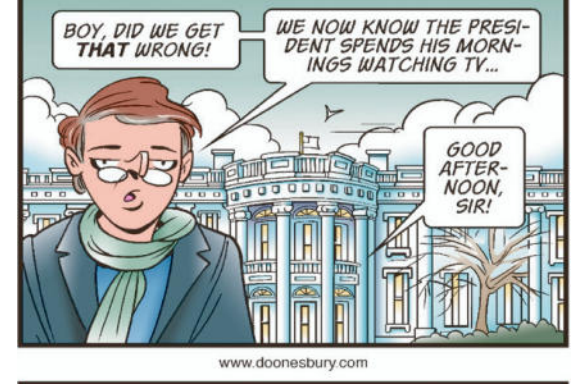
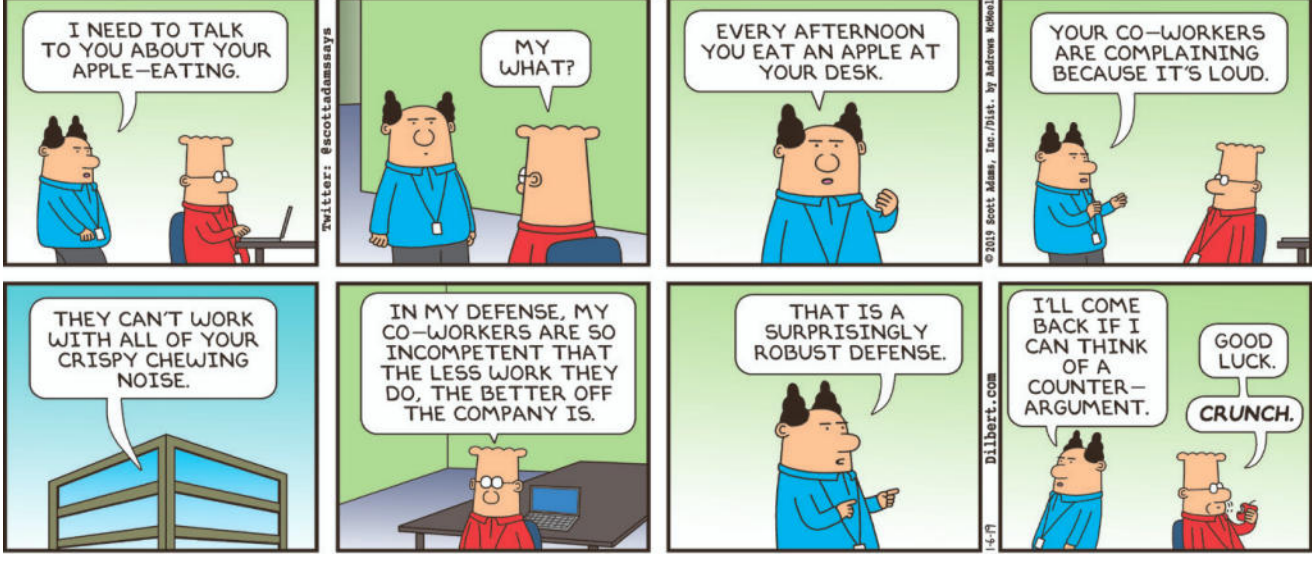


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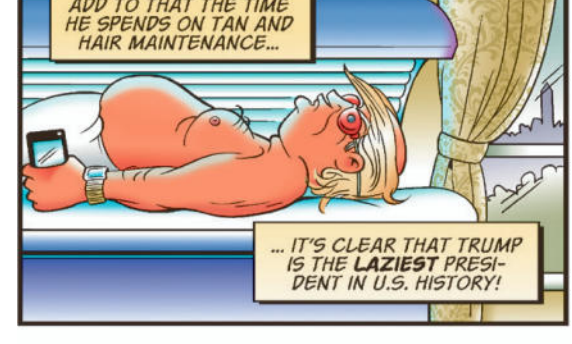
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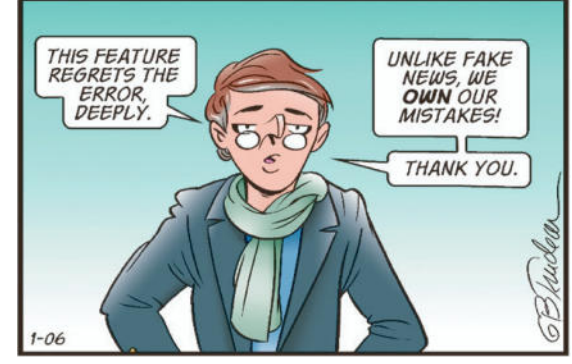
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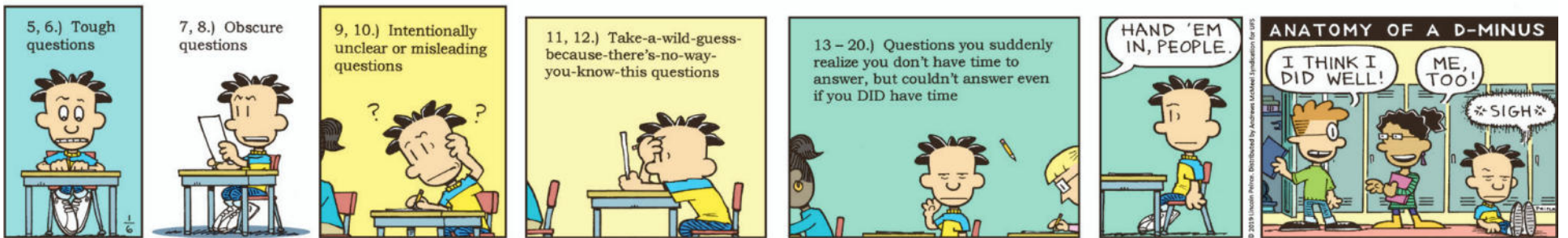


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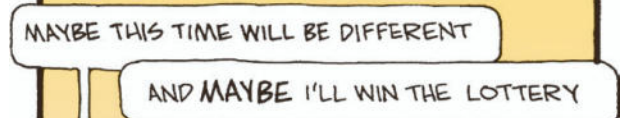
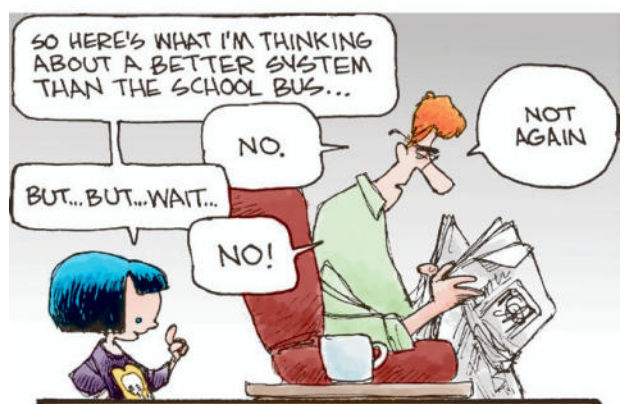
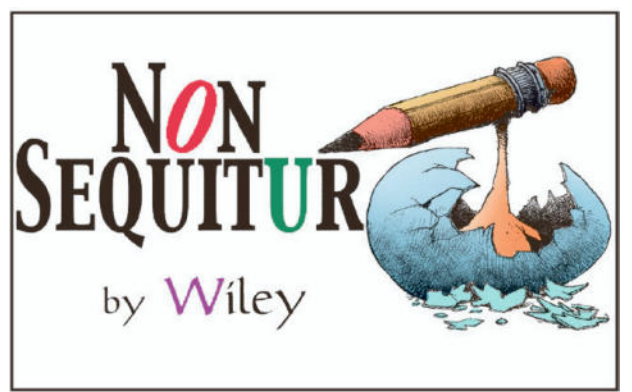
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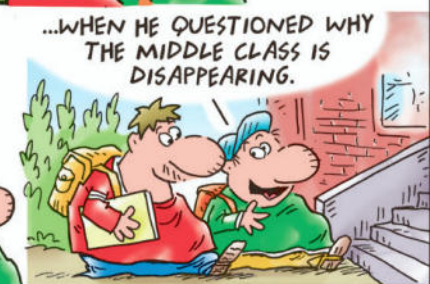
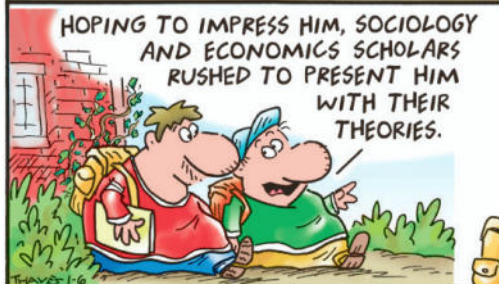
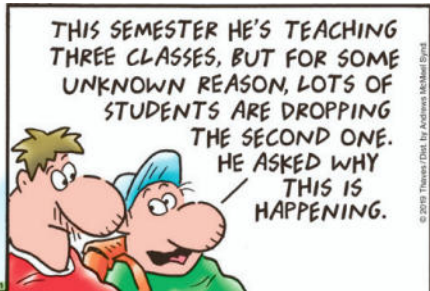
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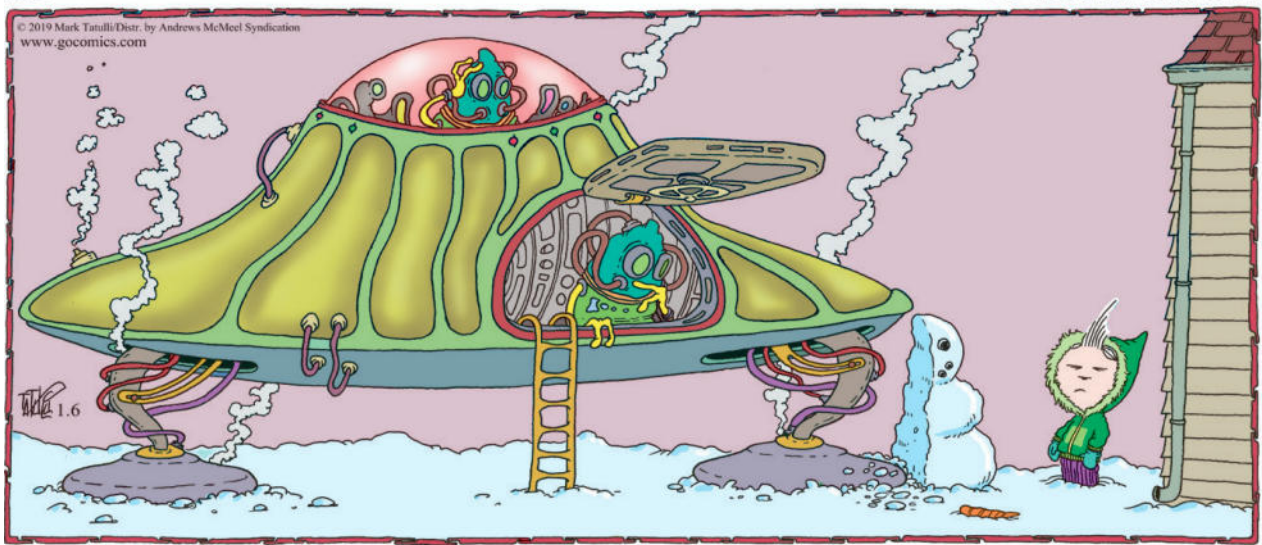


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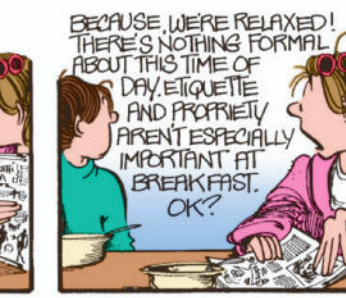
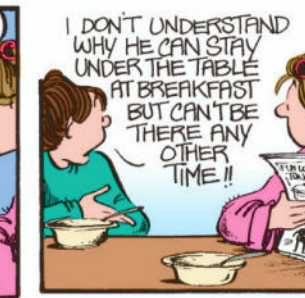
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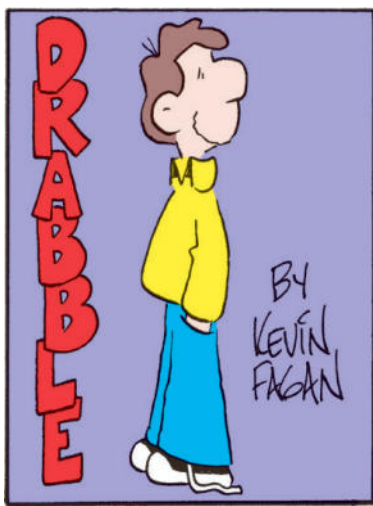
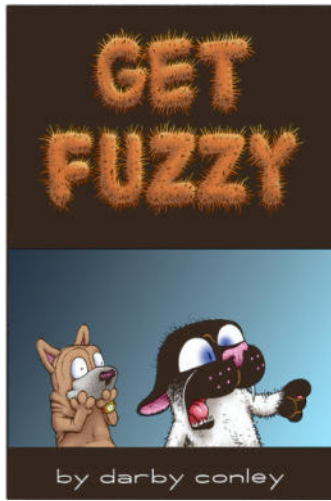
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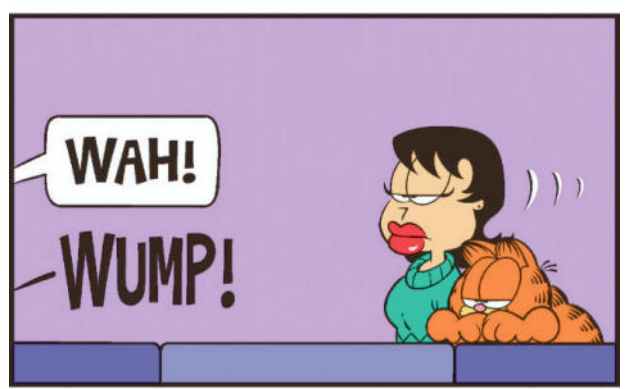
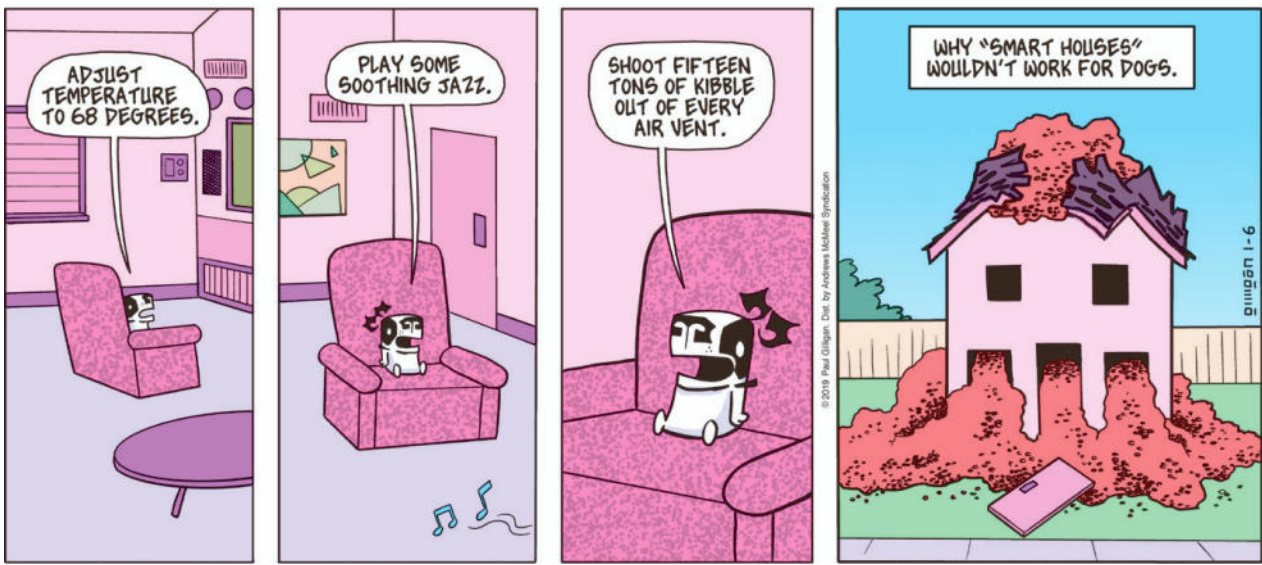


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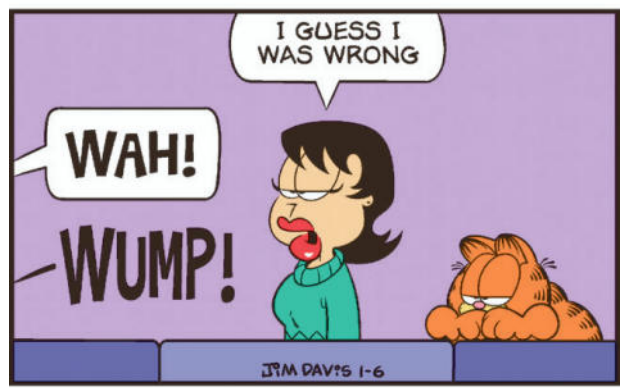
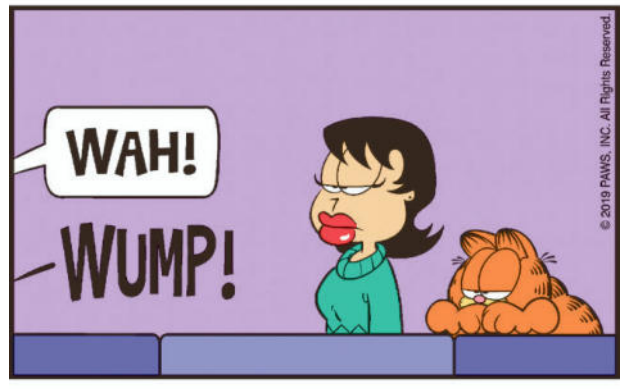
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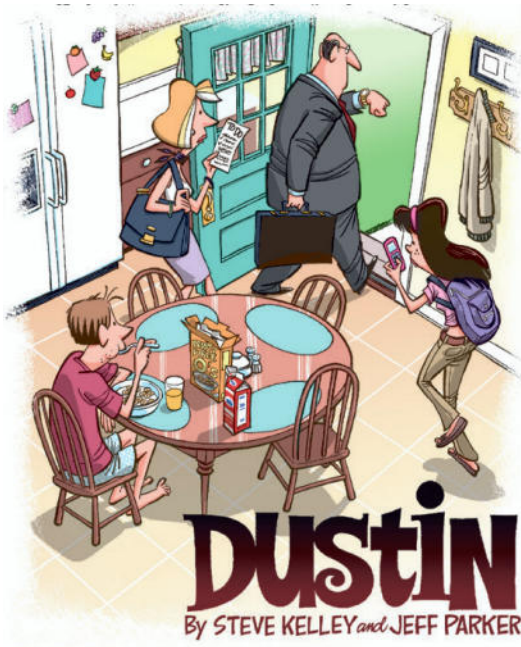
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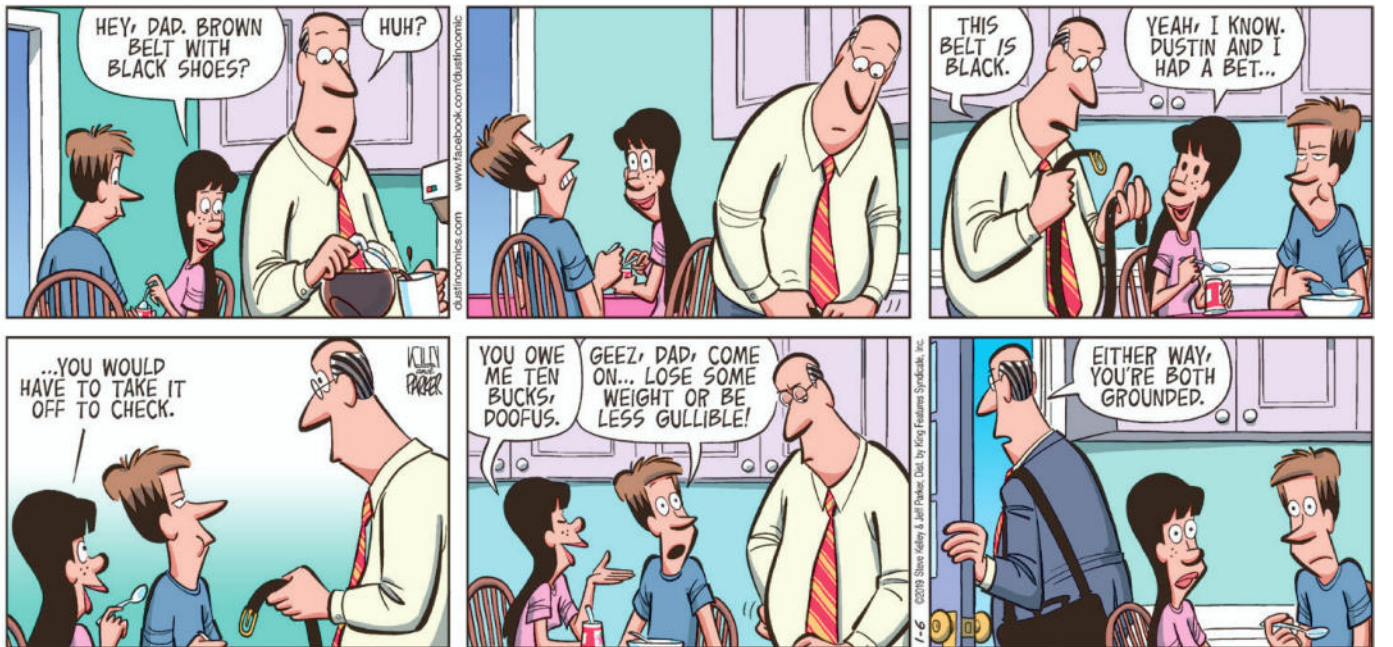
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# Shortcuts

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Now, I have some "key" evidence.



## DON'T TRY THIS!

In 1752, Benjamin Franklin flew a kite attached to a key during a thunderstorm. He did this as an experiment to prove lightning was a form of electricity. Modern scientists now perform similar experiments using rockets trailing long strands of copper wire.

## DID YOU SAY ELVES?

Scientists have discovered high-altitude lightning formations that occur miles above the clouds. These formations include green flashes called "elves," bursts of reddish color called "sprites" and huge blue fountains of light called "jets."

How does a thunderstorm catch fish? With a lightning rod.

# THE SHOCKING TRUTH ABOUT LIGHTNING

## SOUNDS INTERESTING

Thunder is caused when the air around the lightning becomes superheated and expands, creating a sound wave that travels like ripples in a pond. If you count the number of seconds between seeing the flash and hearing the thunder, you can estimate your distance from the lightning.

- 5 sec = 1 mile
- 10 sec = 2 miles
- 15 sec = 3 miles
- 20 sec = 4 miles

When lightning strikes the ground, it fuses the soil into a tube shaped like a lightning bolt. These underground formations are called "fulgurites" and can be more than 10 feet long.

This is a really hot topic.



Every second of every day, our planet is struck by as many as 100 bolts of lightning. With an average of 5 to 10 million of these strikes occurring daily, it is easy to see why lightning is one of the most dangerous and common weather hazards that we humans face.

In North America alone, there are nearly 100 deaths and 500 injuries associated with lightning strikes every year. Even though the effects of lightning have been documented for thousands of years, scientists today are only beginning to understand this supercharged, violent act of nature.

## LIGHTNING SAFETY

**INDOORS**  
DO NOT handle any electrical appliances. AVOID bath tubs, faucets and sinks and AVOID using the telephone.

**OUTDOORS**  
Try to get into a building or car. AVOID tall structures and bodies of water.

The average bolt of lightning is six miles long.

Why shouldn't you play baseball with lightning bolts? Because after one strike, you're out.

How are clouds held together? With lightning bolts.

Lightning flashes have been seen on Jupiter and are also thought to occur on other planets.

For more information on lightning, check out these websites:

- [weatherwizkids.com/weather-lightning.htm](http://weatherwizkids.com/weather-lightning.htm)
- [kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/science/lightning/](http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/explore/science/lightning/)

The early Greeks believed the king of their gods, Zeus, hurled thunderbolts.

## BOLT BOY

Can you spot all six differences between these two scenes?



ANSWERS: 1. Jet is moved. 2. Satellite dish is missing. 3. Windows are missing. 4. Bus is missing. 5. Cloud is larger. 6. Bolt is longer. 7. Bolt is moved. 8. Bolt is moved. 9. Bolt is moved. 10. Bolt is moved.

## SO, HOW DOES IT WORK?

Lightning starts out in the clouds. A small stream of energy called a "leader" forms a stair-stepping path to the ground. The leader moves closer to the ground until it encounters another leader coming up from an object on the ground. When the two meet, a channel is formed, creating the dramatic part of lightning that we can actually see, called the "return stroke." Each lightning strike is made up of several return strokes that all happen in a fraction of a second.

A bolt of lightning may reach temperatures five times hotter than the surface of the sun.

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## WORD SEARCH

Can you find the hidden words? Search carefully because some words are backward or diagonal.

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| FULGURITE | RETURN | ZEUS |
| LIGHTNING | LEADER | BOLT |
| WEATHER   | STRIKE | KITE |
| THUNDER   | SPRITE | BOB  |
| HAZARD    | STORM  | AIR  |
| GROUND    | ELVES  | JET  |

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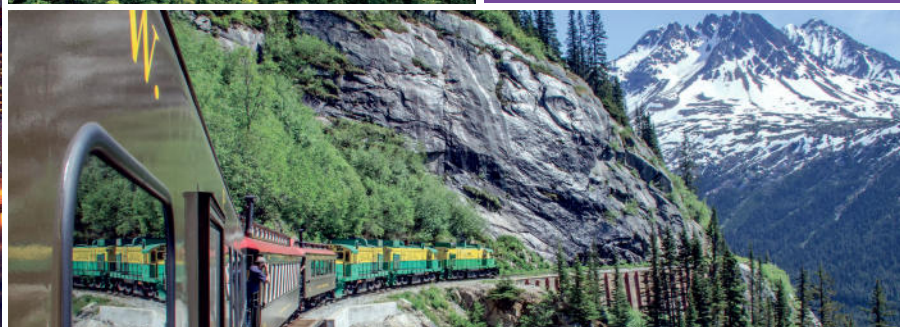


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To bring even more excitement to the show, prizes and giveaways are all part of the festivities. Whether you're considering an Alaska cruise or a Caribbean island, let us take the hassle and guesswork out of planning your next vacation.

We look forward to helping you plan your next adventure at the Pittsburgh Travel Showcase.

Sincerely,

James E. Lehman, President  
AAA East Central



COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY



RICH FITZGERALD  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

January 2019

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the 1.25 million residents of Allegheny County, welcome to the third annual Pittsburgh Travel Showcase. We are again honored to host the world's top travel experts and suppliers at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

This event is always a welcome respite for our residents who can begin thinking about the exciting places they'll go this year, while also celebrating the asset that the Pittsburgh International Airport (PIT) is in this community. Total passengers at PIT continues to grow, as do the flights – a new nonstop flight to Salt Lake City and an additional daily flight to San Francisco are two of the most recent additions which are providing even more opportunity for travelers. Upcoming service additions include seasonal flights to West Palm Beach; San Juan, Puerto Rico, Punta Cana and Cancun for those seeking warmth and the sun. Perhaps the most exciting addition comes in April as British Airways begins nonstop service four days a week to London Heathrow. In fact, if you take a look at "The Cool List 2019" by National Geographic Traveller, you'll see Pittsburgh – the only North American city – on the list at # 3, because of the direct flights offered by British Airways. Tally ho, adventure seekers!

The progress at the Pittsburgh International Airport being made because of the work by Christina Cassotis and her team makes me extraordinarily proud. It is an important part of the economic development strategy for this region and it is very rewarding to see the continued growth in the number of flights, destinations and improvements to the customer experience during their time at PIT. The Pittsburgh Travel Showcase is an exciting opportunity to explore all of the places you can go, and the things you can see. We appreciate all of the many businesses and organizations participating in this event and look forward to its continued growth.

Sincerely,

Rich Fitzgerald



CITY OF PITTSBURGH

Office of Mayor William Peduto

Dear Friends,

As the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh, it gives me great pleasure to welcome the annual Pittsburgh Travel Showcase to the David L. Lawrence Convention Center. Pittsburgh has been honored with numerous prestigious national accolades, including ranked a Top U.S. destination by Travel + Leisure. Our City is the ideal stage for the Region's only travel and tourism marketing event.

Pittsburgh's success is measured in so many ways. We welcome the world's largest travel and tourism operators and the impressive line-up of exhibitors traveling to visit our world class City from across the country and internationally. The Pittsburgh Travel Showcase is an exciting new destination event attraction that will bring many new audiences to enjoy Downtown. Visitors will have the wonderful opportunity to experience global culture, authentic food and fascinating destinations at our David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

Best wishes for a successful Pittsburgh Travel Showcase and exciting future travels for all attendees.

Sincerely,

William Peduto

Mayor, City of Pittsburgh



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**EXCLUSIVE SHOWCASE  
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## **Not just a travel show — your ticket to exclusive AAA savings!**

Dare to dream your travel dreams and take the first step to make them come true...at AAA Travel's popular 3-day Pittsburgh Travel Showcase™ on Jan 11, 12 & 13 at the David L Lawrence Convention Center.

Where does your wanderlust have you wanting to visit: Hawaii? Europe? Alaska? Cruise ports? Somewhere exotic? Virtually anywhere you can dream of traveling will be represented at the Showcase — from Alaska to New Hampshire to the Jersey Shore to the Caribbean islands and more! Regardless of your travel desires, it's all under one roof with convenient one-stop shopping and a first class ticket to exclusive AAA savings! Domestic, international and exotic tours. Rental vehicles. Motorcoaches. Trains. Resorts. Attractions of all sorts. Incredible deals. Experienced travel experts. Entertaining, information-packed Destination Theaters with more than 50 experts representing the world's top travel suppliers and exciting adventures. And lots, lots more!

### ***MEET TOP TRAVEL REPRESENTATIVES FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY & AROUND THE GLOBE!***

Friendly and knowledgeable expert travel representatives from nearby and faraway

destinations spanning 7 continents, major ocean and river cruise lines, attractions, railways, resorts, motorcoach, domestic and global tour operators and many other local, regional, national and international travel providers and destination representatives will be on hand to personally meet and answer questions in the nearly 100,000 square feet of exhibit space at the David L Lawrence Convention Center in downtown Pittsburgh.

The Showcase is your first stop on your next trip! Plan your visit, explore exciting destinations and find incredible exclusive savings for dream vacations to meet every budget. And, if London is on your travel list, meet representatives of British Airways, beginning nonstop service from Pittsburgh International Airport in April of this year.

### ***VACATION PLANNING SEMINARS IN THE DESTINATION THEATERS!***

Before or after strolling among the many travel booths, sit in a theater-style setting and learn about the various destinations and types of getaways during more than 50 available Vacation Planning Seminars in 3 convenient theaters. Each 45-minute session seating is first-come/first serve. For a complete list of the theater schedule, see page 7.

### ***SPECIAL FEATURE!***

**AAA Travel Store:** Bring your credit card! A great place to pick up all of your travel essentials — including travel accessories, luggage and travel bags — is at the on-site AAA Travel Store. Stop by on the way into or out of the Showcase.

### ***AAA TRAVEL AGENTS!***

The Showcase takes the guesswork out of vacation planning and eliminates the exasperating hours consumers spend in front of their computers. In the expansive Vacation Store, AAA Travel Agents will be readily available to share their knowledge, deliver personal service and book travel at the Showcase to any destination.

AAA Travel experts will take the time to tailor vacation needs and interests to the life-styles, budgets and time constraints of attending travelers.

### ***GET YOUR SHOWCASE TICKETS IN ADVANCE OR AT THE DOOR!***

To purchase admission tickets, visit [PittsburghTravelShowcase.com](http://PittsburghTravelShowcase.com). Tickets will also be available at the door.

Save \$2.00 with the special AAA discount coupon on the back cover!

**3 big show days (Jan 11 • 12 • 13) at the David L Lawrence Convention Center**  
**Friday Jan 11: noon-8pm • Saturday Jan 12: 10am-8pm • Sunday Jan 13: 10am-5pm**

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at the Pittsburgh Travel Showcase™

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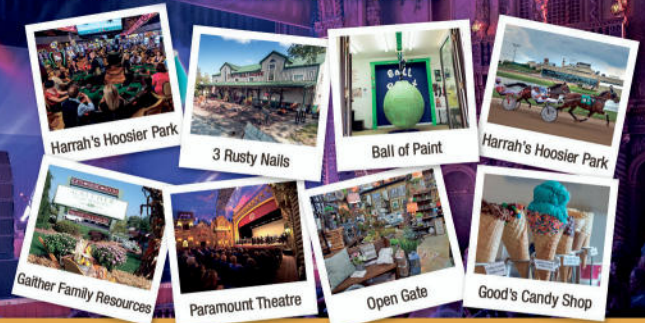
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# TOP 5

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### **PERSONAL TOUCH**

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**Agents have expertise.** A good travel agent will quantify, synthesize and disseminate information to assist you in making better choices — especially when an itinerary becomes complicated. Plus, AAA agents will make recommendations to improve or enhance your vacation for the best travel experience for you.

**Agents are in the know.** AAA Travel Agents can obtain additional benefits or amenities that you wouldn't have access to on your own. Many of our agents have years in the business and have special connections to arrange side trips, special passes and upgrades to your trip — all the special touches that aren't available to the public.

**Agents are efficient.** They can save you countless hours and get things done quickly and seamlessly.

**Agents are advocates.** Many of our clients come to AAA Travel because of issues they had while trying to book their trip. Our agents can help avoid all of that. They also know who to call to get your vacation back on track, if things don't go as planned.

**Agents are influential.** Our travel agents are supported by the world's largest seller of leisure travel — AAA. As such, they're able to tap into all of AAA's resources and influence.

## TOP REASONS TO BOOK YOUR VACATION AT THE SHOWCASE!



- **SAVE** time and money!
- **CONVENIENT** 1-stop vacation shopping under 1 roof!
- **EXCLUSIVE** Showcase 3-days-only travel offers!  
*Combinable with current offers & AAA member benefits!*
- **EASY** vacation planning to any destination for any budget!
- **MEET** travel experts representing the world's top suppliers!
- **SERVICE** personally provided by AAA Travel Agents!
- **FREE** Exclusive AAA Travel FREE luggage offer!



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Spend \$1,650: Get a hard-side spinner.

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Pay booking in full: Get a set of packing cubes (in addition to the above offers).



OTHER RESTRICTIONS MAY APPLY.

## APPLY FOR OR RENEW YOUR USA PASSPORT AT THE SHOWCASE



Meet with a Passport Agent from the US Postal Service. Avoid disappointment by bringing these *required original documents* and your checkbook.

- **Proof of US citizenship:** birth certificate with a raised seal AND a photocopy of the birth certificate
- **Proof of identity:** driver license or state-issued photo ID AND a photocopy of the front & back of the driver license or state-issued photo ID
- **Check** payable to "US Dept of State" for passport fee
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- **2 passport photos** (can be taken at Showcase): \$15 per set with an application

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## **FRIDAY Exploration Theater**

1pm .....Experience Australia & New Zealand  
2pm .....Find Your Great Britain with VisitBritain & British Airways  
3pm .....CIE Tours: Explore Emerald Ireland  
3:45pm .....Discover the Good Life with Trafalgar  
4:45pm .....Experience Motorcoach Vacations & Tours with AAA

## **FRIDAY Discovery Theater**

12:30pm .....Discover the Majesty of National Parks with AAA  
1:30pm .....Canadian Rockies with *Rocky Mountaineer*  
2:30pm .....Travel the World with Delta Vacations  
3:30pm .....Viking River & Ocean Cruises: Cruising the World in Comfort  
4:30pm .....Yellowstone National Park: Summer or Winter?

## **FRIDAY Global Theater**

1pm .....Explore Italy in Style with Insight Vacations  
2pm .....Oceania Cruises: Moments That Matter  
3pm .....AAA Member Benefits, Services & Values  
4pm .....Cruising Europe & Beyond with Uniworld Boutique River Cruise Collection  
5pm .....TSA: Tips for Navigating Airport Security

## **SATURDAY Exploration Theater**

11am .....Viking River & Ocean Cruises: Cruising the World in Comfort  
Noon .....Pacific Coast Vistas with AAA  
1pm .....Princess Cruises: 50 Years in Alaska  
2pm .....Canadian Rockies with *Rocky Mountaineer*  
3pm .....MSC Cruises USA: The Sleeping Giant  
4pm .....Holland America: Discover the Last Frontier  
5pm .....AAA Member Benefits, Services & Values  
6pm .....Experience Motorcoach Vacations & Tours with AAA

## **SATURDAY Discovery Theater**

10:30am .....National Parks by Rail with Amtrak Vacations  
11:30am .....NCL: 7-day Interisland Cruises aboard *Pride of America*  
12:30pm .....Find Your Great Britain with VisitBritain & British Airways  
1:30pm .....Star Clippers: Authentic Sailing Adventures  
2:30pm .....Discover Celebrity Cruises: Galápagos Luxury Expedition  
3:30pm .....CIE Tours: Explore Emerald Ireland  
4:30pm .....Oceania Cruises: Moments That Matter  
5:30pm .....Hawaii: The Magic Isles

## **SATURDAY Global Theater**

11am .....Discover Celebrity Cruises: Galápagos Luxury Expedition  
Noon .....Discover America's National Parks  
1pm .....Travel the World with Delta Vacations  
2pm .....Experience Alaska by Land & Sea with Royal Caribbean  
3pm .....Southern Delaware: Beaches Are Just the Beginning  
4pm .....Alaska and the Yukon by Land  
5pm .....Globus & Avalon Waterways: Globus Family of Brands  
6pm .....TSA: Tips for Navigating Airport Security

## **SUNDAY Exploration Theater**

11am .....Pacific Coast Vistas with AAA  
Noon .....Uncover the Truth about an Alaska Vacation  
1pm .....Italy Is Calling  
2pm .....Utah's "Mighty 5": National Parks & More  
3pm .....Experience Motorcoach Vacations & Tours with AAA

## **SUNDAY Discovery Theater**

10:30 am .....Oceania Cruises: Moments That Matter  
11:30am .....Explorations: Small-group Travel with AAA  
12:30pm .....Canadian Rockies with *Rocky Mountaineer*  
1:30pm .....Travel the World with Delta Vacations  
2:30pm .....AAA Member Benefits, Services & Values

## **SUNDAY Global Theater**

11am .....Globus & Avalon Waterways: Globus Family of Brands  
Noon .....Find Your Great Britain with VisitBritain & British Airways  
1pm .....AAA Exclusive Vacations: Travel Differently with Club Adventures  
2pm .....Taste of Scotland & Ireland with AAA  
3pm .....TSA: Tips for Navigating Airport Security



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*Times & topics subject to change; check schedule board at each theater upon your arrival at the Showcase.*

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\$100 savings per booking



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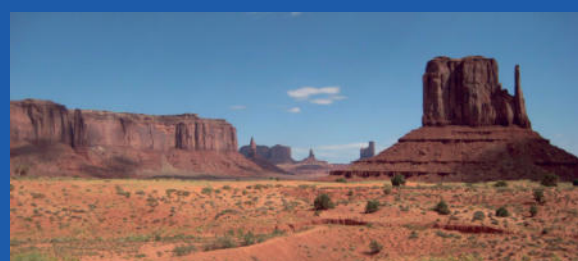

Up to \$100 savings per booking




\$350 air credit per person on any Alaska cruise or cruisetour of 7+ nights



\$50 off upgraded train service with 2-night or 3-night Rails to the Rim packages

Up to \$400 in added value per couple  
Free dinner at your hotel




\$50 savings on select packages



AAA Member Benefit:  
Up to \$600 savings per stateroom



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Up to \$200 spending money per stateroom  
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AAA Member Benefit:  
Up to \$250 additional savings per person



\$100 savings per couple when you upgrade to sleeping accommodations




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Up to \$250 onboard credit



\$100 onboard credit per person  
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**BOOTH**

- 618 ...AAA Exclusive Vacations & Club Adventures
- 729 ...AAA Member Choice Vacations by Collette
- 816 ...Alabama Mountain Lakes
- 504 ...Alaska Land & Sea Adventures
- 931 ...Allegheny National Forest/Kinzua Sky Walk
- 828 ...Allianz Travel Insurance
- 608 ...AmaWaterways
- 512 ...Amtrak Vacations
- 818 ...Anderson/Madison County Visitors Bureau – East Central Indiana
- 626 ...Antigua & Barbuda
- 414 ...Beaches of Fort Myers & Sanibel
- 528 ...Beach Necessities from AAA Travel Store
- 520 ...Beach Properties of Hilton Head
- 6 .....BIG 104.7FM
- 524 ...Boardwalk Hotel Group
- 503 ...British Airways
- 822 ...Camp Bow Wow
- 825 ...Canton Arts District
- 723 ...Carnival Cruise Line
- 827 ...Cape May County Dept of Tourism
- 525 ...Cayman Islands
- 703 ...Celebrity Cruises
- 821 ...Chautauqua-Allegheny Region
- 602 ...CIE Tours International
- 721 ...Cunard
- 817 ...Deep Creek & Garrett County Maryland
- 417 ...Delta Vacations
- 413 ...Disney Destinations

**BOOTH**

- 526 ...EQT Pittsburgh Three Rivers Regatta
- 620 ... Europe Necessities from AAA Travel Store
- 921 ...Explore More in Butler County
- 411 ...Florida's Treasure Coast
- 806 ...Forever Young
- 927 ...Frank Lloyd Wright's Fallingwater
- 509 ...Globus Family of Brands & Avalon Waterways
- 516 ...Grand Canyon Railway
- 412 ...Greater Miami Convention & Visitors Bureau
- 820 ...Hefren-Tillotson
- 3 .....Hertz
- 812 ...Holiday Valley
- 719 ...Holland America Cruise Line
- 510 ...Hurtigruten
- 606 ...Insight Vacations
- 624 ...Jamaica Tourist Board
- 616 ...KDKA-AM 1020/The Fan 93.7FM/STAR 100.7FM
- 925 ...Kentuck Knob
- 507 ...Metabank
- 711 ...MSC Cruises USA
- 815 ...National Aviary
- 919 ...Nemacolin Woodlands Resort
- 810 ...New Hampshire's Lakes & Mountains
- 916 ...New York State Tourism Industry Association
- 707 ...Norwegian Cruise Line
- 725 ...Oceania Cruises
- 917 ...Oglebay
- 923 ...PA's Laurel Highlands
- 1 .....Penske
- 929 ...Pinpoint: Pennsylvania
- 804 ...Pittsburgh Pirates
- 630 ...Pleasant Holidays

**BOOTH**

- 721 ...Princess Cruises
- 522 ...Railey Vacations
- 814 ...Red Roof
- 913 ...Rocky Gap Casino Resort
- 508 ...Rocky Mountaineer
- 713 ...Royal Caribbean International
- 531 ...Saint Lucia Tourism Authority
- 612 ...Samsonite
- 830 ...Southern Delaware Tourism
- 5 .....Sprint
- 717 ...Star Clippers
- 914 ...Stonewall Country/Lewis County WV
- 915 ...Stonewall Resort
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- 527 ...The Islands of the Bahamas
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- 529 ...The Parking Spot
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- 910 ...Trans-Allegheny Lunatics Asylum
- 824 ...TSA: Transportation Security Administration Lobby...US Post Office Passport Services
- 410 ...Universal Orlando Resort
- 604 ...Uniworld Boutique River Cruise Collection
- 511 ...Viking Cruises
- 926 ...Virginia Tourism
- 503 ...VisitBritain
- 409 ...Visit Central Florida
- 813 ...VisitErie
- 924 ...VisitNorfolk
- 920 ...Williamsburg Hospitality
- 823 ...Zanesville–Muskingum County CVB

Exhibitor list as of presstime.



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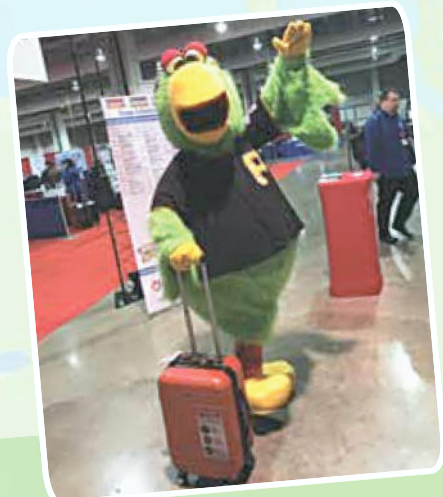
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Stocks rocket to huge gains after rosy jobs report

Fed chair's comments also strengthen market

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Global stocks soared Friday and reversed the big losses they suffered just a day earlier.

Hopes for progress in the U.S.-China trade dispute, a strong report on the U.S. jobs market, and encouraging comments from the head of the U.S. central bank about its interest rate policy all combined to cheer investors.

China's Commerce Ministry said trade talks will be held Monday and Tuesday in Beijing, and investors will again look for signs the world's largest economic powers are resolving their dispute.

Meanwhile the Labor Department said U.S. employers added 312,000 jobs last month, a far stronger result than experts had anticipated.

The stock market's plunge also threatened to shake up the confidence and the spending plans of businesses and consumers.

"It's hard to square recession worries with the strongest job growth we've seen in years," said Alec Young, managing director of global markets research for FTSE Russell.

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Trump says shutdown could last for 'months or even years'

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump declared Friday he could keep parts of the government shut down for "months or even years" as he and Democratic leaders failed in a second closed-door meeting to resolve his demand for billions of dollars for a border wall with Mexico.

Mr. Trump met in the White House Situation Room with congressional leaders from both parties as the shutdown hit the two-week mark amid an impasse over his wall demands.

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AWARD OF MERIT



Steph Chambers/Post-Gazette

Lt. Lewis Ferguson, who received a SWAT Award of Merit, listens as names are read during the Allegheny County Police Department's promotion and awards ceremony on Friday at the North Park police training academy in McCandless.

Gun rights advocate has wrangled with a city before — and won

By Christopher Huffaker Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Justin Dillon, the organizer of Monday's protest against Pittsburgh City Council's proposed gun control legislation, is no stranger to going toe to toe with municipal governments.

In 2013, the 31-year-old and his lawyers took a case in his native Erie to the state Supreme Court,

successfully stopping the city from enforcing an ordinance that banned guns in city parks.

So when Pittsburgh's municipal leaders announced plans last month to ban certain types of weapons and ammunition within the city, he and his group, Open Carry Pennsylvania, quickly got involved.

"What the mayor wants to do could affect everybody statewide,

if it's allowed to pass," Mr. Dillon said Friday.

Mr. Dillon expects more than 500 people to attend the open-carry protest he has planned for Monday afternoon on the portico of the City-County Building, Downtown.

Mr. Dillon, a programmer, started Open Carry Pennsylvania

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Parents sue over district's policy to arm teachers at all schools

By Sarah M. Wojcik The Morning Call

TAMAQUA, Pa. — Parents have joined an effort to compel a judge to put a stop to a Schuylkill County school district's controversial policy to arm staff in an effort to prevent a school shooting.

Four parents — Holly Koscak, Darrel Flack Jr., Angela Flack and Sara Thierer — filed a lawsuit this week in Schuylkill County Common Pleas Court against the Tamaqua Area School District. It's the second suit spawned by a policy that was unanimously passed in September.

Tamaqua is the first district in the state to allow armed staff as a way to defend its five school buildings against shooters.

The announcement of the lawsuit came during a news conference Friday. In attendance were parents who oppose the policy as well as its chief proponents — school board president Larry Wittig and school board member Nick Boyle.

"So many parents and teachers have been vocal against this policy and have tried to work with the board to come to a better solution with many alternatives that have been proven safer but were still ignored,"

SEE GUNS, PAGE WA-5

In plot twist, actresses from Public's 'Tempest' learn about breast cancer

By Sharon Eberson Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Revenge and redemption swirl through the plot of Shakespeare's "The Tempest," a play that opens with the thunder and lightning of the title. But in the production coming to Pittsburgh Public Theater, other storms are brewing.

Artistic director Marya Sea Kaminski's all-female version opens not with a storm — that comes later — but in silence, in a patient's room on the surgical oncology floor of a Pittsburgh hospital. Revealed is the patient Prospero, who is battling late-stage breast cancer and angry over her family's abandonment.

The play, which opens in previews Jan. 24, morphs from a sorcerer's fantastical island, conjured by Shakespeare in the 1600s, to modern-day, in-hospital breast cancer treatment. To help the Public's cast and crew make that leap, a quartet of actresses and



Andrew Rush/Post-Gazette

Dr. Angela Keleher, director of Allegheny Health Network's Division of Breast Surgery, educates actors from Pittsburgh Public Theater's all-female adaptation of Shakespeare's "The Tempest" on Friday at Allegheny General Hospital.

members of the creative team on Friday crossed the bridge from the Downtown O'Reilly Theater to Allegheny General Hospital on

the North Side. There, they were schooled by Dr. Angela Keleher,

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AL-QAIDA OPERATIVE KILLED The terrorist behind the attack on the USS Cole is believed to have been killed in a U.S. airstrike. Page WA-3

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# Leader of gun-law protest has aimed at this target before

DILLON, FROM WA-1

in 2012 after an encounter with law enforcement. “I was openly carrying and got stopped by police, and it was an eye-opening experience that the police didn’t know what the laws were. I got, you could say, slightly harassed about it. They made a big deal about it,” he said.

He started his group and had a number of rallies in Erie before running into any legal problems.

“It really sparked my interest that a lot of people didn’t know you could openly carry in Pennsylvania,” he said. “It was sort of the black sheep of the firearm community. Most people concealed carry.” Carrying a concealed firearm requires a special license.

In 2013, after four or five rallies, Mr. Dillon was told by the Erie solicitor that protesters in a city park could not bring their weapons. His initial appeal to the state Supreme Court, asking the justices to block the park ordinance ahead of the rally, was unsuccessful. He went ahead with the protest anyway, and he and seven others were charged with violating the city ordinance.

On appeal in 2014, the Commonwealth Court found that state law prohibits municipalities and counties from regulating firearms or ammunition “ownership, possession, transfer or transportation” in any way that differs from state regulations. The charges against Mr. Dillon were overturned, and later that year Erie repealed the city park gun ban.

According to Mr. Dillon, as well as a blog post by attorney Joshua Prince, the proposed Pittsburgh regulations violate the same state law as Erie’s. Mr. Prince’s firm represented him against Erie.

Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto “knows that the state



Andy Colwell/Erie Times-News

Gun rally organizer Justin Dillon, center, of Erie, leads a gun rights walk in Erie on Feb. 23, 2013, during the Erie rendition of the “Day of Resistance” movement occurring across the country. Many attendees were showing their support for gun rights by carrying firearms openly, a practice that does not require a permit in Pennsylvania except in Philadelphia. Mr. Dillon was central to overturning an Erie ordinance that prohibited the carrying of firearms in city parks.

pre-empts that, but he doesn’t care,” Mr. Dillon said.

At a news conference on the city legislation in December, Mr. Peduto said the city was willing to challenge the constitutionality of the state law if need be.

Mr. Dillon’s interpretation: “They want us to obey the law, but they say they’re not going to.”

“We’re going to call [the mayor] out to have an open debate which is open to the public and the media,” Mr. Dillon said. “If he is all about safety and he is all about citizens, then let’s have an open debate about that.”

The planned protest, which is scheduled to start at noon Monday, is intended to “show that we’re not si-

lent. The Second Amendment is important to us,” Mr. Dillon said.

“[Open carrying] is our constitutional right. We’re here, and we’re responsible.”

Mr. Peduto said Thursday that while he disagrees with the protesters, he recognizes their right to protest.

“The city’s guiding principle will continue to be protecting people’s First Amendment rights while ensuring safety for all, including protesters, motorists who might be affected by road closures and all other city residents and visitors,” said Chris Togneri, spokesman for Pittsburgh Public Safety.

“It’ll be the safest place in

Pittsburgh that day,” said Mr. Dillon, who has repeatedly encouraged attendees to be peaceful and to keep all weapons in holsters or over shoulders.

Mr. Dillon applied for a permit for “fewer than 200” to protest. Speakers scheduled, according to the Facebook event, include Mr. Dillon, state Rep. Aaron Bernstein, R-Big Beaver, and Kaitlin Bennett, a gun rights activist who was photographed carrying an AR-10 rifle with her Kent State graduation cap, a picture that went viral in May.

But Mr. Dillon said he expects many more to attend the demonstration.

“I have people coming from Chicago, from Philadel-

phia, the middle of the state of Pennsylvania, not far from Erie. We have people coming from Ohio,” Mr. Dillon said. “So it’s other cities and other states that are joining in our fight because they’re just getting sick and tired of the infringement government officials are trying to do in the name of safety.”

The open show of arms is not meant as intimidation, Mr. Dillon said. “It’s more of a show. We carry a gun to protect ourselves and others if need be. You shouldn’t be afraid of us.”

City law already prohibits people from firing a gun within the city limits, with a handful of exceptions. The proposed changes would also prohibit carrying, stor-

ing, transferring, selling, buying or manufacturing assault-style weapons in the city.

The legislation generally defines assault-style weapons as guns that can switch between automatic fire, semi-automatic fire or burst fire, as well as guns that can accept large-capacity magazines, which are defined as magazines that hold more than 10 rounds. It also includes a list of specific guns that would be banned.

Gun owners who already legally possess such weapons would be exempted from the new laws. Armor-penetrating ammunition and accessories designed to accelerate a gun’s rate of fire, like bump stocks, would also be prohibited under the proposal.

Council members Erika Strassburger and Corey O’Connor also hope to create “Extreme Risk Protection Orders,” which would allow the courts to authorize law enforcement to temporarily seize a person’s guns under limited circumstances.

Under the proposed legislation, either a law enforcement officer or a family or household member of a person “alleged to present a danger of suicide or of causing extreme bodily injury to another person” could petition the court for an order.

That petition would trigger a process similar to that followed for protection-from-abuse orders, in which a judge reviews the circumstances and defendants are given an opportunity to argue their case in court. If a judge issued an extreme risk order of protection, it would include a warrant to allow law enforcement to search and seize the defendant’s firearms, typically keeping the weapons for a year.

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## Actresses learn about breast cancer for ‘Tempest’s’ new twist

TEMPEST, FROM WA-1

director of Allegheny Health Network’s Division of Breast Surgery, about hospital procedures and other topics involving breast cancer treatment.

Starring as Prospero the Public is stage and screen actress Tamara Tunie, who grew up in Homestead. Her television role as medical examiner Melinda Warner has spanned nearly all 19 years of “Law & Order: Special Victims Unit,” and she and Dr. Keleher joked that they could compare medical notes.

“I’m sure everyone has been touched in some form or another by some form of cancer,” Ms. Tunie said. She expressed how mean-

ingful it was to be in a real hospital setting and speak with a doctor, to be “as specific as possible about Prospero’s cancer and what she’s dealing with, so we can incorporate that into our show.”

According to breastcancer.org, about 1 in 8 women in the United States — or about 12.4 percent of U.S. females — will develop invasive breast cancer over the course of her lifetime. In 2018, an estimated 266,120 new cases of invasive breast cancer are expected to be diagnosed in women in the U.S., along with 63,960 new cases of noninvasive breast cancer.

For Ms. Kaminiski, who has been at work on this world-premiere adaptation “for a long, long time,” it was

imperative to bring accuracy to the portrayal of a breast cancer patient and her treatment.

“When I was writing, it was mostly anecdotal, from the folks that I knew, collecting experiences and real stories from moms in my life,” Ms. Kaminiski said. “But I felt the need for this. We’ve been in the rehearsal room, and have several resources in terms of treatment, oncology and this trajectory for somebody who is on this journey. But it’s great to be here and get a shared vocabulary and a shared experience.”

Pittsburgh actress Laurie Klatscher is a breast cancer survivor who was “successfully treated” after being diagnosed 14 years ago, she said. The Pittsburgh actress

plays the good Gonzalo, who helps Prospero and her daughter Miranda when they are exiled. She adds “doctor” to the character’s resume in this adaptation and asked about how doctors are as patients.

Dr. Keleher said it depends. Knowing what they are facing, “They either act as if it’s nothing or they become fearful and assume they are going to die,” she said. In a revelation that might affect how a scene plays out, Ms. Klatscher also learned that doctors who also are patients cannot access their own records — only the patient’s physician may have online access.

Janelle Velasquez, a New York actress with a long list of television credits, plays the sprite Ariel, who is

bound to serve Prospero and also serves as an orderly in the hospital scenes.

“I’m on this journey with everyone else,” Ms. Velasquez said. “My mom’s best friend was just diagnosed last year, and she’s going through chemo right now, so it’s almost therapeutic to be doing this.”

In the magical world of “The Tempest,” Shammen McCune plays the half-human, half-monster Caliban. The Pittsburgh actress is in remission after facing “a different kind of cancer” than breast cancer.

“For me, it’s about seeing how different it is and yet how it is the same, because cancer is cancer is cancer ...,” Ms. McCune said.

Among those accompanying the cast and director Fri-

day was costume designer Nephelie Andonyadis, who examined the materials used to change a patient’s dressing — Prospero’s reconstructive surgery is a plot point — before Dr. Keleher showed the director and actresses how it was done in a private session.

The visitors were scheduled to see Allegheny General’s surgical rooms for breast cancer patients, but on a busy day, every room was in use. The plan was to come back another time for their next lesson before “The Tempest” opens with silence, with stormy weather near at hand.

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**1838** Samuel Morse and Alfred Vail gave the first successful public demonstration of their telegraph in Morristown, N.J.

**1932** Allegheny County government was reorganized, and six departments were created: Highways, Property and Supplies, Parks, Airport, Elections and Law.

**1968** A surgical team at Stanford University School of Medicine in Palo Alto, Calif., led by Dr. Norman Shumway performed the first U.S. adult heart transplant, placing the heart of a 43-year-old man in a 54-year-old patient (the recipient died 15 days later).

**1982** Rand McNally’s Places Rated Almanac named Pittsburgh as the third most livable city in the country.

**2009** Alcoa, a Pittsburgh based aluminum manufacturer, announced it would have to cut 13,500 jobs locally and globally due to the economy.

Some items are from Stefan Lorant’s “Pittsburgh: The Story of an American City” ([digital.library.pitt.edu/chronology](http://digital.library.pitt.edu/chronology)).

— Compiled by Rick Nowlin  
**Today’s birthdays:** Country musician Joey, the CowPolka King (Riders in the Sky), 70. Former FBI director Louis Freeh, 69. Rock singer-musician Kim Wilson (The Fabulous Thunderbirds), 68. Singer Jett Williams, 66. Actor-comedian Rowan Atkinson, 64.

World Golf Hall of Famer Nancy Lopez, 62. Actor Scott Bryce, 61. Rhythm-and-blues singer Kathy Sledge, 60. TV chef Nigella Lawson, 59. Movie director John Singleton, 51. Actor Aron Eisenberg, 50. Actor Norman Reedus, 50. TV personality Julie Chen, 49. Actor Danny Pintauro (TV: “Who’s the Boss?”), 43. Actress Cristela Alonzo, 40. Actress Rinko Kikuchi, 38. Actor Eddie Redmayne, 37. Retired NBA All-Star Gilbert Arenas, 37. Actress-comedian Kate McKinnon, 35.

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— Katharine Fullerton Gerould, American author (1879-1944)

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## International

## World briefs

## China's rover explores far side of moon

Compiled from news services

BEIJING — A Chinese space rover explored the lunar terrain on Friday in the world's first mission on the surface of the far side of the moon.

Jade Rabbit 2 drove off a ramp the previous night and onto the soft, powdery surface after a Chinese spacecraft made the first-ever soft landing on the moon's far side. A photo posted online by China's space agency showed tracks left by the rover as it headed away from the spacecraft.

"It's a small step for the rover, but one giant leap for the Chinese nation," Wu Weiren, the chief designer of the Lunar Exploration Project, told state broadcaster CCTV, in a twist on U.S. astronaut Neil Armstrong's famous comment when he became the first human to walk on the moon in 1969. "This giant leap is a decisive move for our exploration of space and the conquering of the universe."

Previous moon landings, including America's six manned missions from 1969 to 1972, have been on the near side of the moon, which faces Earth. The far side has been observed many times from lunar orbits but never explored on the surface.

China's space community is taking pride in the successful landing, which posed technical challenges because the moon blocks direct communication between the spacecraft and its controllers on Earth.

## China frees up money

HONG KONG — With the Chinese economy beginning the new year on a decidedly downbeat note, the nation's leaders are injecting more than \$200 billion into its financial system to ease lending.

The People's Bank of China on Friday said it would cut the amount of cash that banks must hold as reserves by 1 percentage point. The move will essentially free up 1.5 trillion Chinese renminbi (about \$218 billion), for an economy experiencing weaker factory output and consumer confidence while it weathers a trade war with the U.S.

China's slowdown has contributed to shaky global financial markets and could pinch the world's growth. Underscoring the broad impact, Apple on Wednesday unexpectedly cut its sales forecast for its latest quarter, citing disappointing iPhone sales in China, once one of its most vibrant markets.

## Ebola cases top 600

VIENNA — Congo now has more than 600 confirmed or probable cases of Ebola, the World Health Organization said Friday.

The majority of new cases occurred in cities and urban areas in eastern North Kivu province, where an Ebola outbreak was declared in August.

Numerous militia groups are fighting for control over the country's natural resources in the province, hampering efforts to combat the epidemic.

The Ebola outbreak is the second-worst ever recorded, the WHO said.

## Escape room fire kills 5

WARSAW, Poland — Five teenage girls died Friday in a fire during an escape room game in Koszalin, Poland, the PAP news agency reported, citing a fire department spokesman.

One other person, a 25-year-old man, escaped the blaze and was hospitalized with serious burns.

The cause of the fire has not been determined.

The group was celebrating a birthday. The objective of an escape room game is to solve a number of puzzles in order to get out of a locked room.

## Airstrike kills terrorist behind Cole attack

By Ryan Browne and Barbara Starr  
CNN

The terrorist behind the 2000 attack on the USS Cole is believed to have been killed in a U.S. airstrike in Yemen on Tuesday, according to a U.S. administration official.

Jamel Ahmed Mohammed Ali Al-Badawi was an al-Qaida operative who the U.S. believes helped orchestrate the Oct. 12, 2000, attack on the USS Cole that killed 17 American sailors.

The official said all intelligence indicators show al-Badawi was killed in a strike in Yemen as a result of a joint U.S. military and intelligence operation.

U.S. officials told CNN

## Al-Qaida operative was on the FBI's most wanted list

that the strike took place in Yemen's Ma'rib Governorate.

The administration official said that al-Badawi was struck while driving alone in a vehicle and that the U.S. assessed there was not any collateral damage.

Al-Badawi was on the FBI's list of most wanted terrorists.

The Cole was attacked by suicide bombers in a small boat laden with explosives while in port in Aden, Yemen, for refueling. The attack also wounded 39 sailors.

The bombing was attributed to al-Qaida and foreshadowed the attack on the U.S. less than one year later

on Sept. 11, 2001.

Al-Badawi was arrested by Yemeni authorities in December 2000 and held in connection with the Cole attack but he escaped from a prison in Yemen in April 2003.

He was recaptured by Yemeni authorities in March 2004 but again escaped Yemeni custody in February 2006 after he and several other inmates used broomsticks and pieces of a broken fan to dig an escape



Al-Badawi

tunnel that led from the prison to a nearby mosque.

The State Department's Rewards for Justice Program had previously offered a reward of up to \$5 million for information leading to his arrest.

Abd al Rahim al-Nashiri, an al-Qaida militant also seen as a key figure in the bombing, has been in U.S. custody since 2002 and has been held at the detention facility in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, since 2006.

U.S. military prosecutors have charged al-Nashiri with murder for allegedly planning the attack on the USS Cole.

Al-Badawi is also not the

first high-profile al-Qaida target that the U.S. has killed in Yemen.

U.S. officials told CNN in August that a 2017 CIA drone strike in Yemen killed Ibrahim al-Asiri, a master al-Qaida bombmaker.

Al-Asiri, a native of Saudi Arabia, was the mastermind behind the "underwear bomb" attempt to detonate on a flight above the skies of Detroit on Christmas Day in 2009.

He was widely credited with perfecting miniaturized bombs with little or no metal content that could make it past some airport security screening. That ability made him a direct threat to the U.S., and some of his plots had come close to reaching their targets in the U.S.

## MEDITERRANEAN RESCUE



Federico Scoppa/AFP/Getty Images

A migrant is rescued Friday after he dived into the cold Mediterranean Sea off Malta's coast from the Dutch-flagged Sea-Watch 3 rescue vessel in an attempt to reach the shore by swimming. The ship, which pulled migrants to safety nearly two weeks ago, was given permission by Malta to shelter off its coast from the fierce winds, but not to land.

## Hackers leak details of German critics of far-right

By Melissa Eddy  
The New York Times

BERLIN — After hackers, later determined to be working for Russia, broke into parliament's main computer network three years ago, the government vowed to fortify its cybersecurity. The authorities schooled lawmakers about changing passwords, using two-step identification and other measures to protect online data.

But on Friday, nearly 1,000 lawmakers and other prominent Germans, including rappers, journalists and internet personalities, awoke to find links to their street and email addresses, private chats from social media, bank account details and pictures of their children published on Twitter, in another major breach aimed at the country's political establishment.

All those attacked had a history of criticizing the far right, whose politicians appeared to be spared, raising suspicion that the hacker or hackers were sympathetic to their agenda, though authorities said they had no indication yet who was behind the attack.

The breach spread a fresh round of alarm in Germany, a country where citizens especially covet their privacy, and once again raised the disconcerting question of whether even the most vigilant and sophisticated individuals and governments can safeguard their computers and the valuable personal, financial and other sensitive information they contain.

Even beyond Germany, the attack fit into a growing pattern of breaches with the seeming aim of shaking confidence in the political establishment or undermining important players in it.

The weaponization of hacked information has become an increasingly common theme in politics, said Jonas Kaiser, a Harvard University expert who studies online misinformation.

"A lot of leaks and hacking campaigns have become a more normal part of the political discourse," he said.

Mr. Kaiser said the authorities would try to determine whether the attack was perpetrated by a state-backed group.

The release of personal information by an individual or small group would generate a different response than one done by a government, he said.

Cybersecurity experts said the hacker or hackers appeared to have taken considerable effort to collect and spread the looted information across different servers in an attempt to make tracing them and taking down the data more difficult.

Angela Merkel's government vowed a thorough investigation.

## American accused of spying in Russia faced court-martial while in the Marines

The Washington Post

The Marine Corps found Paul Whelan, the American citizen detained by Russia on espionage charges, guilty of attempting to steal more than \$10,000 worth of currency from the U.S. government while deployed to Iraq in 2006 and bouncing nearly \$6,000 worth of checks around the same time, according to records obtained by The Washington Post.

The details of the charges against Mr. Whelan from a special court-martial two years later, resulting in his discharge for bad conduct, add to an increasingly complex picture of the 48-year-old former Marine, whom Russian officials have accused of spying. His case grew more perplexing on Friday after Ireland became the fourth nation to acknowledge him as a citizen and seek consular access.

Since his arrest last week

in Moscow, Mr. Whelan has drawn international attention to his complex journey from the Marine Corps Reserve to a detention cell in Moscow's notorious Lefortovo Prison. People who served alongside Mr. Whelan said he was learning Russian and traveled to Moscow and St. Petersburg on vacation during the same deployment in which the Marine Corps accused him of attempted larceny.

The Marines have not provided any additional information about the circumstances surrounding Mr. Whelan's crimes while serving in the armed forces. Russian authorities have not said what Mr. Whelan is accused of doing beyond the



Paul Whelan

relatively broad charge of espionage that could land him between 10 and 20 years behind bars.

Mr. Whelan was an administrative chief in the Marines — a job akin to office management that would have given him access to sensitive systems, likely including those the service uses to issue orders and hand out awards.

In addition to convicting him for attempted larceny and bouncing checks, the Marine Corps also found Mr. Whelan guilty of falsely using another person's Social Security number to sign in to the online training system Marines access to complete courses that can advance their rank and pay. The record of conviction says Mr. Whelan "procured" an account on the system without permission.

The Marines charged him with fraudulently opening electronic proctor accounts on the system,

completing multiple examinations and grading his own examinations, which could have resulted in advancements in rank and pay. The special court-martial, however, found him not guilty of that charge.

The special court-martial also found him guilty of willfully failing to report his leave on three occasions and going absent from his unit twice, in one case for two days.

The court knocked him down two pay grades and discharged him from the Marine Corps for bad conduct.

Mr. Whelan's brother, David, said he had no knowledge of the judicial proceedings or convictions in the Marine Corps.

The Michigan resident and former policeman was in Moscow for a wedding when he was arrested by members of Russia's security services in a hotel not far from the Kremlin.

## Dozens of tourists in Brazil robbed on trail to statue

By Marina Lopes  
The Washington Post

SAO PAULO — Dozens of tourists hiking toward the famous Christ the Redeemer statue in Rio de Janeiro were held at gunpoint for up to two hours in a mass robbery that could mark an early test for anti-crime crackdowns promised by Brazil's new president.

Police said Friday that at least three assailants carrying knives and a gun set up the ambush on the trail, which cuts through a dense forest that borders a slum

on the outskirts of the city and has been the site of numerous muggings.

In total, more than 30 people were robbed Thursday — about half foreigners from Asia, Europe and elsewhere in South America — as the thieves took hostages and waited for more tourists to arrive.

They took cell phones, cameras, wedding rings and credit cards, police said. Nobody was hurt.

But the incident dealt another blow to Rio's increasingly lawless reputation and came just days after the inauguration of President

Jair Bolsonaro, who made battling crime a centerpiece of his campaign.

Mr. Bolsonaro's promises to crack down on crime by arming average citizens has proved popular among voters.

In Rio, authorities are facing a record crime wave that has claimed tens of thousands of lives and damaged the city's critical tourism industry. Tourists traveling with cameras and smartphones have become easy targets.

"For a year and a half, there have been a large number of cases on this

trail," Valéria Aragão, chief of Rio's tourism police, told reporters. The tourism police have conducted joint operations to combat the muggings in the area.

The city lost over \$200 million in tourism revenue in 2017 due to crime and violence, according to the National Confederation of Commerce of Goods, Services and Tourism.

Rio saw a respite in homicides at the start of the decade. But a grueling recession dried up police budgets and left areas that were once heavily policed to the mercy of warring gangs.

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## New Dems get early political lesson

## Quick rebuke follows profanity, impeachment vow

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The education of the star-studded class of House freshmen has begun.

Lesson one: Speaking with the bluntness of a candidate can produce swift and uncomfortable results.

Rep. Rashida Tlaib learned that before lunch Friday, when her profane remarks the night before vowing to impeach President Donald Trump drew almost no support and plenty of pushback from members of her party.

"It's been pretty intense," Ms. Tlaib, D-Mich., told The Associated Press in a brief hallway interview Friday as

she reported to the House to face her colleagues.

Hours after Ms. Tlaib was sworn in as part of the history-making class of freshmen that helped flip the House to Democratic control, she ran afoul of the widespread sense among her colleagues that they should focus for now on health care and other policies rather than impeachment — at least until special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation concludes.

"We're gonna impeach the [expletive]," Ms. Tlaib exclaimed during a party Thursday night hosted by the liberal activist group MoveOn, according to video and comments on Twitter.

It was a striking coda to the Democrats' heady ascendance to the House majority Thursday, sparking unusually public corrections from House veterans.

"I disagree with what she said," said House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., during a CNN interview. His committee would be the one to begin impeachment proceedings.

"It is too early to talk about that intelligently," Mr. Nadler said. "We have to follow the facts."

Newcomers routinely stumble as they learn how things are done on Capitol Hill. But Ms. Tlaib and her classmates have been celebrated in magazine profiles for their independence and their promises to stand up to the powers that be. By re-



U.S. Rep. Rashida Tlaib, D-Mich.

buking one, the more seasoned Democrats were effectively warning the others.

"I think some of our new members probably don't realize that you are always on, that when you are a member of Congress, there's always someone listening," said Rep. Jan Schakowsky, D-Ill. She said she hopes Ms. Tlaib's remarks aren't news for long.

More than Ms. Tlaib's profanity, it was her vow to impeach Mr. Trump that drew her colleagues' disapproval.

Ms. Tlaib's defiance flew in the face of Speaker Nancy Pelosi's warning to focus on policies the candidates had promised ahead of the Nov. 6 elections. The timing also chafed just hours before congressional leaders were headed to the White House to try to resolve the standoff over the border wall Mr. Trump is demanding in exchange for reopening the government.

Republicans pounced, using the occasion to question the Democrats' true priorities and Ms. Pelosi's leadership.

With a tight smile, Ms. Pelosi rejected Ms. Tlaib's profanity and her impeachment vow.

"That is not the position of the House Democratic caucus," Ms. Pelosi said on MSNBC of Ms. Tlaib's comments. "I don't think we should make a big deal of it."

Rep. Gerry Connolly, D-Va., served up a reminder to the new members that seniority rules in Congress.

"She's a freshman. It's her first day here," Mr. Connolly said of Ms. Tlaib. "She went in front of an enthusiastic crowd of her supporters, and it was red meat for them. She yielded to that temptation."

"I'm sure upon reflection," Mr. Connolly suggested, "she might choose other words to describe her feelings."

## Federal judge extends term for Mueller panel

By Sharon LaFraniere  
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — A federal judge in Washington has extended the term of a grand jury hearing evidence uncovered by special counsel Robert Mueller in his investigation of Russia's interference in the 2016 presidential race and the Trump campaign.

The jurors, seated in July 2017, will continue to meet for up to six months. Beryl A. Howell, the chief judge of the Federal District Court in Washington, approved the extension ahead of the scheduled expiration of the grand jury's term this week.

The extension underscores that Mr. Mueller's team continues to pursue leads about Russia's covert effort to influence the results of the 2016 election, and whether anyone in the Trump campaign conspired with Moscow to help Donald Trump triumph over Hillary Clinton.

The prosecutors working for Mr. Mueller are believed to be writing a report for senior Justice Department officials summarizing their findings, but it is unclear how detailed it will be or how or whether it will be made public, including whether the White House could interfere with its release. Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., the new chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, told CNN on Friday, "We will make sure it is public."

Asked whether the evidence so far warrants a congressional effort to impeach Mr. Trump, Mr. Nadler replied, "No, not yet." He added, "We have to see what the Mueller report says."

Mr. Nadler's committee plans to speedily seek to question Matthew Whitaker, the acting attorney general, about whether the special counsel's inquiry will be free of political interference. The president's critics fear that he installed Mr. Whitaker in the post to tie prosecutors' hands.

A grand jury's term typically is limited to 18 months, but it can be extended for up to six months if the court determines that it would serve the public interest.

Since Mr. Mueller was appointed in May 2017, the special counsel's team has secured criminal convictions of a string of former aides to Mr. Trump, including his former campaign chairman, former deputy campaign chairman and former national security adviser.

Prosecutors have also turned over evidence to United States attorneys in and around Washington and New York, resulting in still more criminal cases.

Last month, Michael Cohen, Mr. Trump's former longtime fixer and lawyer, was sentenced to three years in prison in part for lying to Congress about a lucrative hotel deal in Moscow that the Trump Organization pursued while Mr. Trump was running for president.

And later in December, the sentencing of the president's first national security adviser, Michael Flynn, on his conviction for lying to investigators was postponed after a dramatic court hearing in which a federal judge implied he would sentence Mr. Flynn to prison, expressing "disgust" about his crimes.

## Trump: Shutdown could last 'months or even years'

TRUMP, FROM WA-1

emerged from the roughly two-hour meeting, which both sides said was contentious at times, to report little if any progress.

The standoff also prompted anxiety among some in Mr. Trump's own party. But he appeared in the Rose Garden to frame the upcoming weekend talks as progress, while making clear he would not reopen the government.

"We won't be opening until it's solved," Mr. Trump said. "I don't call it a shutdown. I call it doing what you have to do for the benefit and the safety of our country."

Mr. Trump said he could declare a national emergency to build the wall without congressional approval but would first try a "negotiated process." Mr. Trump previously described the situation at the border as a "national emergency" before he dispatched active-duty troops in what critics described as a pre-election stunt.

Mr. Trump also said the hundreds of thousands of federal workers who are furloughed or working without pay would want him to "keep going" and fight for border security. Asked how people would manage without a financial safety net, he declared, "The safety net is going to be having a strong border because we're going to be safe."

Democrats, on the other hand, spoke of families unable to pay bills and called on Mr. Trump to reopen the government while negotiations continue. Senate Democratic Minority Leader Chuck Schumer

said, "It's very hard to see how progress will be made unless they open up the government."

Friday's White House meeting with Mr. Trump included eight congressional leaders — the top two Democrats and Republicans of both chambers. People familiar with the session but not authorized to speak publicly described Mr. Trump as holding forth at length on a range of subjects but said he made clear he was firm in his demand for \$5.6 billion in wall funding and in rejecting the Democrats' request to reopen the government.

Mr. Trump confirmed that he privately told Democrats the shutdown could drag on for months or years, though he said he hoped it wouldn't last that long. Said Mr. Trump, "I hope it doesn't go on even beyond a few more days."

House Democrats muscled through legislation Thursday night to fund the government but not Mr. Trump's proposed wall. However, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell has said those measures are non-starters on his side of the Capitol without the president's support.

A variety of strategies are being floated inside and outside the White House, among them trading wall funding for a deal on immigrants brought to the country as young people and now here illegally, or using a national emergency declaration to build the wall. While Mr. Trump made clear during his news conference that talk on DACA (the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program) would have to



Mark Wilson/Getty Images

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., speaks to the media after meeting with President Donald Trump about ending the partial government shutdown, on Friday in Washington. With her, from left, are Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., and Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill.

wait and that he was trying to negotiate with Congress on the wall, the conversations underscored rising Republican anxiety about just how to exit the shutdown.

Seeking to ease concerns, the White House sought to frame the weekend talks as a step forward, as did Mr. McConnell, who described plans for a "working group," though people familiar with the meeting said that phrase never actually came up. That meeting is set for 11 a.m. Saturday, the White House said.

Some GOP senators voiced discomfort with the shutdown

in recent days, including Cory Gardner of Colorado and Susan Collins of Maine, putting additional pressure on Republicans.

But with staff-level talks there is always an open question of whether Mr. Trump's aides are fully empowered to negotiate for the president. Earlier this week, he rejected his own administration's offer to accept \$2.5 billion for the wall. That proposal was made when Mr. Pence and other top officials met at the start of the shutdown with Mr. Schumer.

During his free-wheeling session with reporters, Mr. Trump also wrongly

claimed that he'd never called for the wall to be concrete. Mr. Trump did so repeatedly during his campaign, describing a wall of pre-cast concrete sections that would be higher than the walls of many of his rally venues. He repeated that promise just days ago.

"An all concrete Wall was NEVER ABANDONED, as has been reported by the media. Some areas will be all concrete but the experts at Border Patrol prefer a Wall that is see through (thereby making it possible to see what is happening on both sides). Makes sense to me!" he tweeted on Dec. 31.

## Transgender troop restrictions can stand, federal court rules

By Ann E. Marimow  
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — A federal appeals court in Washington sided with the Trump administration Friday, saying restrictions on transgender men and women serving in the military can stand.

The decision lifted an injunction that had barred the government from limiting their service.

The unsigned order from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit has no immediate impact because federal judges in three other cases have temporarily prevented the administration from implementing its policy. Even so, the five-page ruling reversing a lower-court decision was a blow to the civil rights and gay rights organizations challenging the policy.

In reversing a lower court ruling, the appeals court wrote, "the District Court made an erroneous finding that the [administration's policy] was the equivalent of a blanket ban on transgender service." The appeals court order came after oral argument last month before Judges Thomas Griffith, Robert Wilkins and Stephen Williams.

The appeals court cautioned that its order was not a final ruling on the merits of the challenge, but that

judges must give deference to military leaders when it comes to policy decisions about standards for service.

Shannon Minter, legal director of the National Center for Lesbian Rights, called the decision "cursory and misinformed" and said it "rests on the utter fiction that this ban is not a ban. Every other court has immediately understood that when you say you can serve only if you serve in your birth sex, that is a ban. It is dangerous and irresponsible."

President Donald Trump initially announced a ban on transgender military service via Twitter in July 2017, citing what he viewed as the "tremendous medical costs and disruption." It reversed President Barack Obama's policy of allowing transgender men and women to serve openly and receive funding for sex-reassignment surgery.

The court rulings were met with another revision from then Secretary of Defense Jim Mattis, who issued a plan to bar men and women from the military who identify with a gender different from their biological sex and who are seeking to undergo the medical transition. The new plan makes exceptions for about 900 transgender individuals who are already serving and for others who would serve in accordance with their biological sex.

## Justices weigh whether to hear new challenge to abortion rights

Post-Gazette News Services

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Friday weighed whether to hear a case involving the landmark Roe v. Wade decision, the first direct challenge to abortion rights since Justice Brett M. Kavanaugh took his seat.

The case involves an appeal from Indiana, which seeks to enforce a state law that forbids abortions by women who cite Down syndrome or the sex or race of the fetus as reasons for ending a pregnancy.

Justices reviewed the matter privately Friday but were not expected to announce whether they will take the case until next week at the earliest.

When Justice Anthony Kennedy was on the court, state lawyers did not seek to challenge Roe v. Wade, since he had voted to uphold the right to abortion decades before. But Justice Kavanaugh, who replaced Justice Kennedy, is seen as more open to limiting or overturning the right to abortion.

On Oct. 12, a week after Justice Kavanaugh was sworn in, state lawyers urged the court to revive a 2016 state law and "uphold Indiana's authority to put end to eugenics abortions."

The state's appeal argues that "technological advances have im-

proved ... prenatal testing that screens for Down syndrome and other fetal abnormalities," resulting in most women choosing abortion when they receive such a diagnosis.

The law, signed by then-Gov. Mike Pence, "responded to the alarming trend of disability-selective abortions" by making it illegal for women to seek to end a pregnancy based on a "diagnosis or potential diagnosis of the fetus having Down syndrome or any other disability." The only exception would be for a "fetal condition that ... will with reasonable certainty result in the death of the child not more than three months after the child's birth."

A federal judge blocked the law from taking effect in 2016, and the 7th U.S. Circuit Court in Chicago declared it unconstitutional.

But in June, two of President Donald Trump's new appointees on that court, including Judge Amy Coney Barrett, joined a dissenting opinion that urged the appeals court to reconsider its ruling. Judge Frank Easterbrook said the Supreme Court had not directly ruled on a "eugenics statute."

"There is a difference between 'I don't want a child' and 'I want a child but only a male' or 'I want only children whose genes predict success in life,'" he wrote.

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## National briefs

## House moves to modernize Congress

Compiled from news services

WASHINGTON — Taking its first bipartisan vote of the 116th Congress, the House voted Friday to establish a select committee to come up with recommendations for modernizing the legislative branch.

The 418-12 bipartisan vote was even more significant because it is part of the House Democrats' rules package. House rules are crafted by the majority party, and they rarely draw votes from the minority.

But because Friday's vote on Title II of the rules package was just about establishing the Select Committee on the Modernization of Congress — as it will be called — it was a non-controversial aspect of Democrats' rules package that most Republicans could support.

Three Republicans also voted Thursday to support Title I of the rules package, which encompassed the vast majority of Democrats' rules changes. The Republicans backed the package because it included provisions to foster bipartisan legislating they helped push for.

## N.C. lawmaker ailing

WASHINGTON — Rep. Walter Jones will be sworn into the new session of Congress privately at his home in Farmville, N.C., because he could not be in Washington this week due to an unspecified illness.

Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., swore in all members of the 116th Congress en masse on Thursday before a ceremonial swearing-in.

The 3rd District Republican has shared few details about his health status. Mr. Jones' wife told WITN that he is in bed sick with a chest cold "on top of everything else" without going into details.

A spokesman in December said Mr. Jones was "getting a medical issue worked on and is looking forward to getting back to the Capitol in January," after the Congressional Record showed House colleagues granted Mr. Jones a leave of absence from the duration of the 115th term by unanimous consent.

## SEAL pleads not guilty

SAN DIEGO — A decorated Navy SEAL pleaded not guilty Friday to charges of premeditated murder and other crimes in the stabbing death of a teenage Islamic State prisoner in Iraq last year and the shooting of unarmed Iraqi civilians.

Special Operations Chief Edward Gallagher will stand trial Feb. 19 before a jury that will be one-third enlisted personnel. Chief Gallagher has been jailed since his arrest on Sept. 11, and a judge said he will determine next week whether the 19-year Navy veteran should be released before trial.

The case is unusual because of the seriousness of the allegations against an elite special warfare operator and because prosecutors' case includes the accounts of fellow Navy SEALs, an extremely tight-knit group even by military standards.

At Friday's arraignment, prosecutors handed over 1,700 pages of documents, including text messages they say show Chief Gallagher trying to intimidate witnesses. They say the information shows why he should not be released.

His attorney, Phil Stackhouse, dismissed the documents as "hearsay and double hearsay statements." He said that Chief Gallagher is being falsely accused by disgruntled SEALs who wanted to get rid of a demanding platoon leader and that several of the government's witnesses have now indicated they don't clearly remember what happened.

## Lawyers plan to publish clergy names in Illinois sex abuse cases

By Ellyssa Cherney  
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — In the weeks since Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan released a scathing report faulting Illinois dioceses for failing to investigate hundreds of allegations of sexual abuse by Catholic clergy, a daunting question has lingered on the minds of parishioners: Which priests were accused?

Unlike a sweeping grand jury report in Pennsylvania that identified more than 300 accused priests last summer, the preliminary report released Dec. 19 by Ms. Madigan did not name the clergy members implicated in her probe or note the diocese where they worked.

Now, as U.S. bishops gather in the Chicago sub-

urb of Mundelein for a spiritual retreat in response to the sex abuse scandal, two attorneys say they will expose the offenders known to them through handling hundreds of Illinois cases over nearly two decades.

The lawyers, Jeff Anderson and Marc Pearlman, announced Thursday their intentions to publish a report in early February that includes the names and photos of every clergy member accused by the 300 survivors they have represented. Mr. Anderson called Ms. Madigan's report comprehensive and helpful but said he needed to do his part to release the information he possesses.

"What isn't private and what needs to be known and made public is the identities of every one of those offenders, many of whom are still

out in the community," Mr. Anderson said at a news conference in a downtown Chicago hotel as he stood between a man and a woman he is representing as abuse victims in a lawsuit against the state's six Catholic dioceses.

The majority of their cases on behalf of survivors were settled out of court over the years, Mr. Pearlman said. In about two dozen of those cases, the perpetrators have not been publicly named by the church, though confidentiality agreements do not prevent disclosing their identities. Some cases involve allegations that arose after clergy members had died, Mr. Pearlman said.

Ms. Madigan's bombshell report found such cases were among several other

categories of allegations that the dioceses did not investigate. In addition, dioceses often did not investigate cases when a victim wanted to remain anonymous, only one complainant came forward or the clergy member previously resigned, Ms. Madigan found. The dioceses also failed to investigate clergy who were visiting priests from a religious order, referring the allegations instead to the order, the report said.

In all, Ms. Madigan's investigation portrayed sexual abuse of minors by clergy members as significantly more common than the church had previously disclosed.

She alleged the dioceses had received 690 allegations of sexual abuse but publicly identified only 185 clergy as credibly accused.

## 5 children heading to Disney killed in fiery crash

The Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — A church van packed with children was headed to Walt Disney World when it got caught in a fiery pileup involving two 18-wheelers. Seven people, including five of the youngsters, died in the crash.

On Friday, investigators tried to determine what triggered the accident, which happened outside Gainesville in clear weather on a straight, flat stretch of Interstate 75, a busy highway that connects Florida to the rest of the South.

Two vehicles traveling north — a tractor-trailer and a car — smashed into each other and then burst through a metal guardrail, slamming into another semitrailer and the southbound van carrying the children. Diesel fuel leaked, and the mass erupted into a fireball, the Florida Highway Patrol said.

A fifth car, unable to avoid the chaos, sped through and hit people who were thrown from the van, the highway patrol said. Five of the children from a Pentecostal church in Marksville, La., and the two truck drivers died. At least eight others were injured, some seriously.

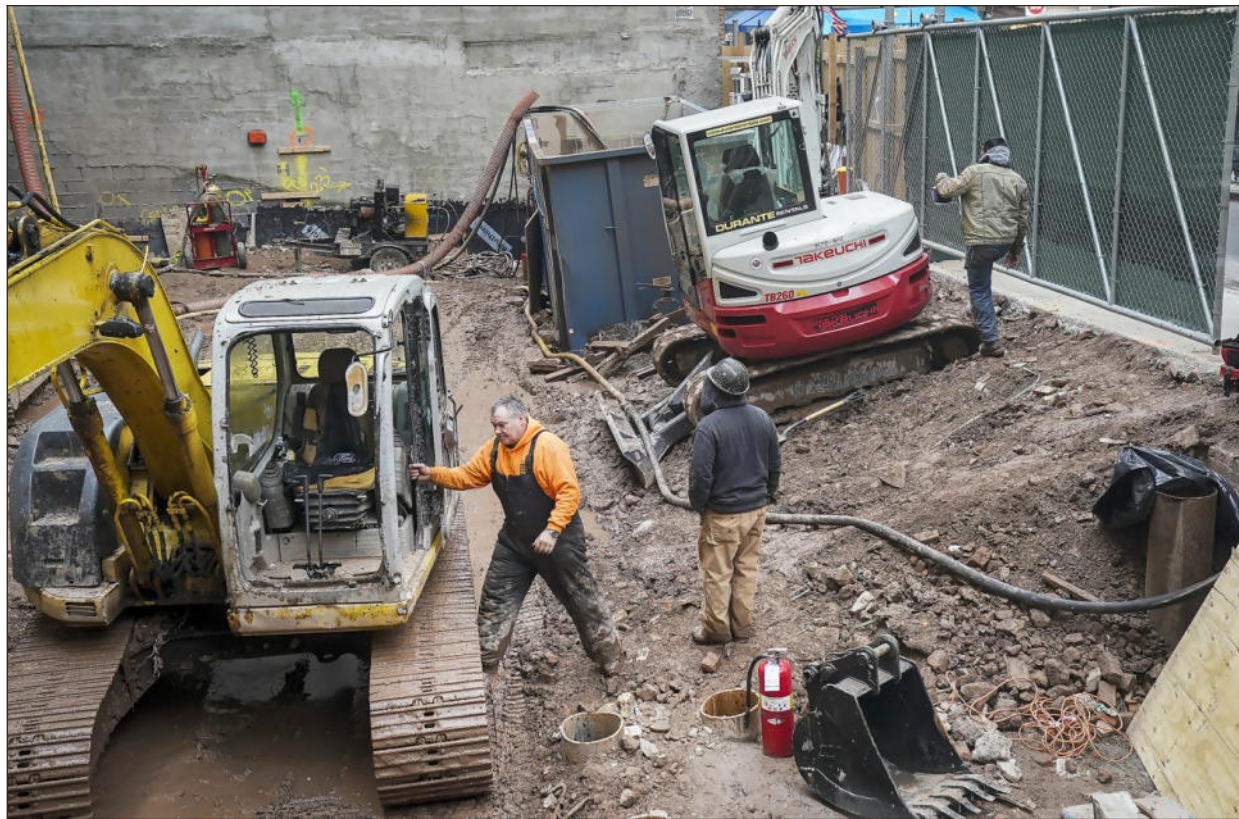
"It is a heartbreaking event," Lt. Patrick Riordan said Friday. He did not identify the church involved, but a member of the Avoyelles House of Mercy told The Gainesville Sun on Friday that her church was stunned. The children ranged in age from 8 to 14.

"It's unbelievable. Everybody is in shock. We lost five of our children," church member Maxine Doughty said. "We had our Last Supper Sunday, and the pastor said to live our lives like each day is the last day."

The highway patrol said a truck driven by Steve Holland, 59, of West Palm Beach, was traveling north in the far-right lane when his truck suddenly veered left and collided with a car driven by Robyn Ratray, 41, of Gainesville.

Both the truck and car went out of control and through the center divider, where Mr. Holland's truck plowed into the church van, driven by Amy Joffron, 49, causing it to flip several times and eject some of the nine children on board. The highway patrol said it is unknown if any were wearing seat belts.

Mr. Holland's truck then struck a truck driven by Douglas Bolckema, 49, of Albuquerque, N.M., who was also traveling south. Both trucks and Ms. Ratray's car caught fire, and a fifth vehicle hit at least one of the ejected van passengers.



Drew Angerer/Getty Images

Construction workers are busy Friday at a job site in New York City's Lower Manhattan.

## Markets up along with employment

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Stocks rose even further after Federal Reserve Chairman Jerome Powell said the central bank will be flexible in deciding if and when it raises interest rates. He added that the Fed is open to making changes in the way it shrinks its giant portfolio of bonds, which affects rates on long-term loans such as mortgages.

Until recently, the Fed had suggested it planned to raise short-term interest rates three times this year and next, and Mr. Powell said the Fed's balance sheet was shrinking "on auto-pilot." Wall Street feared that the Fed might be moving too fast in raising borrowing costs, said Phil Orlando, chief equity market strategist at Federated Investors.

The Fed's interest-rate

and bond portfolio policies "were at the top of the list of things we were concerned about, which is why the statement Powell made today is so supportive of the market," Mr. Orlando said. "The Fed understands that what they attempted to communicate last month was inartful, that they didn't get the right message across, and Powell tried to reset."

The S&P 500 index climbed 84.05 points, or 3.4 percent, to 2,531.94, more than wiping out Thursday's loss. The Dow rose 3.3 percent to 23,433.16 after gaining 832 during the afternoon. The Nasdaq composite jumped 275.35 points, or 4.3 percent, to 6,738.86.

About 90 percent of the stocks on the New York Stock Exchange traded higher.

Stocks sank Thursday after Apple said iPhone sales

in China are falling, partly because of the trade fight, and a survey suggested U.S. factories grew at a weaker pace. Technology companies took their biggest losses in seven years.

The U.S. and China have raised tariffs on billions of dollars of each other's goods in a fight over issues including Beijing's technology policy.

Last month, President Donald Trump and Chinese leader Xi Jinping agreed to 90-day ceasefire as a step toward defusing tensions, but that failed to calm the stock market.

Technology companies, banks, health care and industrial companies all made strong gains. Most of the companies in those industries stand to do better in times of faster economic growth.

Smaller and more U.S.-focused companies did even

better than larger multinationals. The Russell 2000 index surged 49.92 points, or 3.8 percent, to 1,380.75. Smaller companies have fallen further than larger ones in the last few months as investors got nervous about how the U.S. economy will perform in 2019 and 2020.

Stocks have whipsawed between huge gains and losses for the past few weeks after their big December plunge. Katie Nixon, the chief investment officer for Northern Trust Wealth Management, said investors will continue to react to the health of the economy, and to concerns about high levels of corporate debt as interest rates rise.

"We don't expect that this will be the end to the volatility," she said. "There's mounting evidence we're going to see a slowdown," albeit not a severe one.

## Tamaqua parents sue school district over gun policy

GUNS, FROM WA-1

Ms. Flack said. "My opinion on the policy is in no way anti-gun. I come from a family of avid hunters. But the school staff was hired to fulfill specific roles, none of those roles being armed security."

Like the union challenge, the lawsuit filed by parents contends that the school board does not have sufficient authority to allow staff to carry guns in a public school. But unlike the union lawsuit, this legal action also requests an injunction to stop implementation until a judge can rule on the legality of the measure.

Those opposed to the policy say they aren't against weapons in school as long as guns are carried by trained

police officers or school resource officers. The school board has argued against school resource officers on the basis of cost and effectiveness, citing school shootings such as the one in Parkland, Fla., where armed guards were unable to stop the carnage.

Mr. Wittig and Mr. Boyle, a main architect of the policy, argue that it would keep the identity of armed staff secret to all but law enforcement, providing an element of surprise that could foil a shooter in a way that a uniformed guard could not.

Shira Goodman, executive director of CeaseFire PA, a gun violence advocacy group that supports the parents fighting the policy but is not among the plaintiffs, said data does not support

the narrative that armed staff would be able to stop school violence. If anything, Ms. Goodman said, more weapons might increase the likelihood of more violence — whether accidental or deliberate.

Mr. Wittig maintained that the board believes the policy is legal and necessary in a violent world.

"To do nothing is unacceptable," he said after the news conference.

He said district administrators have gauged staff interest in the policy and are now examining which training programs would be the best fit.

"We're not waiting on it. We will stop when the court tells us to stop," he said. "We're moving forward as we would if there was no suit

for injunction."

The Pennsylvania School Code requires school resource officers to undergo the same training as either municipal law enforcement or state police.

Anything less would be insufficient, according to Christopher Lilienthal, assistant director of communications for the Pennsylvania State Education Association.

The district's policy, as written, requires Act 235 training for staff who volunteer to participate. That training is a state requirement for anyone who plans to carry a gun as part of his or her job and is the same training that armed security would receive.

Tamaqua's policy also requires training that would include instruction on the

use of deadly force, legal requirements, gun safety and fixing a malfunctioning firearm. In December, the school district filed preliminary objections to the union's lawsuit.

The district, in its filing, questioned the claim that the policy violates the school code and argued that the union does not have the legal standing to sue, nor has it established that the district committed a "manifest wrong."

The district's filing claims the staff would not have to undergo the same training as police officers, because the school district is not a municipality or higher education institution.

The Pennsylvania School Code allows for trained law enforcement to carry firearms in school.

## County officers honored for heroism

Awards recognize Tree of Life response

By Andrew Goldstein  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

When the shooting began at Tree of Life synagogue the morning of Oct. 27, Allegheny County Police officers played some of the most crucial roles in stopping the rampage.

Some escorted terrified worshippers out of harm's way. Others searched the building for explosive devices. Three were involved in the surrender of the anti-Semitic gunman accused of killing 11 people and injuring six others.

During a ceremony Friday at the Allegheny County Police Academy, county police Superintendent Coleman McDonough presented awards to 25 officers who ran into danger that day.

Seventeen members of the county SWAT unit who joined the Pittsburgh police SWAT team members as they responded to the shootings helped to get congregants out of the synagogue and rescued two injured victims, according to the county. They were presented with the Award of Merit.

Three members of the unit who were among the first officers to enter the synagogue "further distinguished themselves" by assisting in the evacuation of injured SWAT officers and being involved in the surrender of the gunman, the county said. They were presented with the Combat Cross.

Five members of the county bomb squad checked the synagogue for explosives and booby traps and worked with the FBI to search the gunman's

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## McCandless lieutenant suspended for 10 days, official says

By Jonathan D. Silver  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A McCandless police lieutenant has been suspended for 10 days without pay for his on-duty behavior, a town councilman said Friday.

Lt. Jeffrey Basl was disciplined in the wake of an internal investigation prompted by complaints by Officer Melissa Delval, Councilman Steven Mertz said.

"He essentially acted like a frat boy in the police station," Mr. Mertz said, describing it as "harassing behavior-type stuff."

The conduct involved a lewd gesture and some crude language, he said.

"If you were mad at [Supreme Court Justice Brett] Kavanaugh," Mr. Mertz said, "you're going to be mad at him, and if you weren't mad at

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## Man sought on 10 warrants apprehended in Lincoln Place

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Holding an infant in his arms, a McKees Rocks man wanted on 10 warrants told sheriff's deputies to "shoot" him when they showed up Thursday at a Lincoln Place home to take him into custody.

The Allegheny County Sheriff's Office said Joshua Currington, 32, started running away from the deputies, and a stun gun had to be used on him before he was appre-

hended.

Deputies announced themselves about 12:30 p.m. at the residence in the 500 block of Delehanty Street, but Currington didn't respond, according to the office. Deputies then went into the home, where Currington appeared from a rear bedroom holding an infant, authorities said.

"He began acting erratic, stating that he wanted deputies to shoot him, while still holding" and shak-

ing the infant and, at times, grabbing for his waistband, the sheriff's office said. "Currington claimed that deputies would not be taking him or his daughter and suddenly fled back into the bedroom."

Deputies followed and took him into custody, the office said. A semi-automatic pistol with a half-full magazine was found later in the home, near the front door, according to the office.

Medics assessed the child, who

was cleared and released to her mother, the office said.

Warrants against Currington stemmed from probation and parole violations, an alleged burglary and drug charges, among other issues, according to the office.

He was taken to the Allegheny County Jail, where he was awaiting arraignment. Charges also were pending in connection with his actions Thursday in Lincoln Place, the office said.

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## REIKI RELAXATION



Michael M. Santiago/Post-Gazette

Jamie Penner, a first responder at the Tree of Life synagogue mass shootings in October, relaxes beneath the trained hands of a reiki practitioner Friday at the Jewish Community Center of Greater Pittsburgh. Instructors from Donna Karan's New York City-based Urban Zen Foundation also gave lessons in yoga and meditation sessions to help people reflect and rebuild after their experiences with the mass shooting.

## Snowboarder dies after fall at Seven Springs

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A snowboarder injured Dec. 27 at Seven Springs Mountain Resort when he struck his head at the bottom of a trail has died.

Matthew Camacho-Cook, 35, of Crescent was flown to Conemaugh Hospital in Johnstown after the incident and died from head injuries Thursday morning, the Cambria County coroner's office told Pittsburgh Post-Gazette news partner KDKA-TV.

Authorities said Mr. Camacho-Cook lost control while snowboarding, fell and hit his head at the bottom of the Boomerang Trail at the resort, which is in Somerset County, KDKA reported.

He was wearing a helmet, the coroner's office said. He fell near one of the resort's ski patrol areas, and medics were able to get to him quickly.

The resort released a statement: "On behalf of everyone at Seven Springs, we would like to extend

our thoughts and prayers to the family and friends of the individual at this difficult time."

It's the second death in less than a week at a Pennsylvania ski resort. On New Year's Day, a 17-year-old boy from New Jersey died after falling from a chairlift at Blue Mountain Resort in the Pocono Mountains.

In February 2016, a Westmoreland County man died at Seven Springs when another skier collided with him on Wagner Trail.

## Accused heroin supplier loses attempt to have case thrown out

By Torsten Ove  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A Michigan man referred to as "big homie" in wiretaps and identified by the FBI as the main source for a ring that shipped heroin from the Caribbean to Michigan and then to a North Side gang has lost his attempt to have his case thrown out.

U.S. District Judge Nora Barry Fischer on Friday ruled against Victor Burnett of Oak Park, Mich., who according to the FBI was the supplier for a gang operating out of a house on Watson Boulevard in Perry North.

Burnett and his lawyer had tried to suppress an affidavit for a search of his house and motorcycle written by a Pittsburgh FBI agent, Karen Springmeyer, and approved by a federal magistrate judge in Michigan.

He said Agent Springmeyer didn't have enough evidence to establish probable cause for the search, but Judge Fischer said she did and recounted numerous tapped phone conversations in which Burnett is identified as the heroin source for Vanier Murraine.

Murraine, a convicted drug dealer from St. Thomas living near Detroit, has pleaded guilty in federal court in Pittsburgh to his role in distributing heroin shipped from the Virgin Islands to Michigan and then to a local distribution network led by Clinton Robinson of Sheraden. Robinson is serving eight years in federal prison.

Burnett, Murraine and Robinson were among 13 people indicted here in 2016 following an investigation by an FBI task force.

The case began in January 2015 when Pittsburgh police received complaints about drug dealing on Watson Boulevard. Surveillance identified Robinson and others in his gang who were dealing heroin from a house on that street.

The FBI launched a wiretap investigation that revealed Robinson's sources as Murraine and Burnett, who also had distributors in Michigan, Ohio and Georgia.

In the Pittsburgh network, the FBI said Burnett supplied

## More problems on Commercial Street



Darrell Sapp/Post-Gazette

The hill underneath Commercial Street — the main connection between Squirrel Hill and Swisshelm Park — is sliding away and is expected to take up to six months to repair.

## Slip-sliding away

By Ed Blazina  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

After months of problems with landslides from above last spring, motorists on Commercial Street — the main connection between Squirrel Hill and Swisshelm Park — are having more trouble: The

street is falling away from underneath.

Because of continuing deterioration of the hillside above the Parkway East, Pittsburgh officials have placed temporary stop signs on Commercial near the Walnut Towers apartments and the Summerset at Frick Park housing complex to

limit traffic to one lane. Crews will have to extend a retaining wall about 30 feet to stabilize the road, which could take as long as six months, Karina Ricks, director of the city's Department of Mobility and Infrastructure, said Friday.

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## Shutdown means IRS unable to issue refunds but taxes must be paid

By Erin Arvedlund  
Philadelphia Inquirer

Due to the government shutdown, a thinly staffed Internal Revenue Service can't currently issue any refunds.

As tax season begins to roll around, the IRS is not responding to taxpayer questions. Also, as of this week, the IRS has not announced an official start date for the 2019 filing season. Typically, the start of the tax-filing season begins in mid- to late-January.

Despite the shutdown, the IRS continues to operate on a partial basis from funds not tied to its expired annual appropriations. While tax-reform implementation is funded through September 2019, this year's tax-filing season is up in the air.

The IRS released a Fiscal Year 2019 Lapsed Appropriations Contingency Plan before the shutdown, but it accounted only for IRS operations during the first five days of lapsed appropriations.

Under that plan, the IRS will continue to process certain tax returns with payments and accept disaster relief-related transcript requests. However, several key operations would be discontinued during the 2019 tax-filing season if the shutdown persists.

Generally, halted IRS functions would include:

- tax refunds

Despite the shutdown, the IRS continues to operate on a partial basis from funds not tied to its expired annual appropriations.

- processing of transcripts (except related to disaster relief)  
- audits  
- processing amended returns or Form 1040X

Tax refunds generally are not issued until 15 to 30 days after taxes are filed. In addition, this year's refunds will likely be smaller, said David Zalles, a certified public accountant and tax prepare in Blue Bell, Pa.

"Most people used to getting a refund of \$2,500 to \$3,000 in prior years may be in for a big surprise when they prepare their 2018 tax returns," he said. Because of tax reforms, the new Tax Cuts and Jobs Act limits many deductions and eliminated personal exemptions.

"The average reduction in federal income-tax withholding will probably result in limited refunds for most low- and middle-income taxpayers," Mr. Zalles said.

## McCandless lieutenant suspended, official says

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Kavanaugh, you aren't going to be mad at him."

Officer Delval also complained about police Chief David R. DiSanti Sr., who remains on leave amid the ongoing investigation of allegations against him, Mr. Mertz said.

Neither Chief DiSanti nor Lt. Basl could be reached for comment Friday. A person who responded to a text message to Officer Delval's cell phone wrote, "You do not have permission to use my name" and said the message would be forwarded to her attorney.

Mr. Mertz said the council vote was unanimous in favor of suspending Lt. Basl.

McCandless posted a notification on its Facebook page Friday afternoon that said: "The current investigation regarding the conduct of Lt. Jeffrey Basl has concluded. Town Council has instructed the current acting Chief of Police to carry out the appropriate personnel action."

Mr. Mertz said a vote was taken pending a Loudermill hearing Wednesday for Lt. Basl. A Loudermill hearing is a due process requirement that must be provided to a public employee before the employee's job is placed at risk.

"As far as I've been told, they were going to post on Facebook as soon as the official notification was given to Basl and it took effect," Mr. Mertz said. "Personally, I think that 92 percent of what he did, you could find on prime time TV. The 8 percent is why I voted the way I did."

The probe into both police officers was sparked by what Mr. Mertz described as a five- to seven-page letter in late October from Officer Delval to the town manager, who contacted the McCandless solicitor and council. Both men were placed on leave Oct. 26.

"We've been paying people for 2½ months for not doing anything. It's time to get them back to work," Mr. Mertz said.

The letter described general conduct by Lt. Basl as well as a specific incident

alleged to involve him making a lewd gesture toward a police car in which Officer Delval was sitting, Mr. Mertz said. He added that the lieutenant thought someone else was in the vehicle and that he immediately apologized when he realized it was Officer Delval.

"He talked foully to two of the people he thought were his best friends," Mr. Mertz said. "They were like, 'I'm sick of hearing this crap.'"

While no one else initially complained about Lt. Basl, Mr. Mertz said officers who were contacted in the wake of the complaint shared their thoughts.

Officer Delval was "the one who made the complaint and got the ball rolling. [Other officers] verified that he did the things she said he does," Mr. Mertz said. "We've heard him say this, we haven't heard him say that."

The same letter contained complaints about Chief DiSanti as well, according to Mr. Mertz, who declined to provide any specifics because of the chief's upcoming Loudermill hearing.

Earlier this past week, Mr. Mertz said, council received a "secondary letter that actually opened up four or five new witnesses" in regard to allegations against Chief DiSanti.

"Nobody actually complained until [Officer Delval]," Mr. Mertz said. "There was never a 'Knock it off.' There was never a 'Stop doing this.' There was never a 'This is inappropriate.' So how do you know? I guess he should have known."

McCandless Officer Rick Ewing, president of the McCandless Police Officers Association, which represents Lt. Basl, declined comment. The union's attorney, Eric Stoltenberg, said he was not aware of Lt. Basl receiving any notice about his status.

The police union voted 24-1 in early December in a no-confidence proclamation against Chief DiSanti. One other officer abstained.

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## BOUNCING AROUND



Steph Chambers/Post-Gazette  
Bryson Myers, 10, Jordan Melfi, 12, Alysa Camerota, 11, and Ryan Melfi, 10, all of Etna, bounce on a trampoline with Halloween candy while playing with friends on Friday at the corner of Center and Cherry streets in Etna.

## More problems on Commercial Street

**LANDSLIDE**, FROM WA-6

"It's not going to be a short process. It could take six months," Ms. Ricks said. "Our goal is to keep traffic open on Commercial the whole time."

Ms. Ricks said that area has had problems for more than 20 years. The city installed a support wall below the road surface years ago and has extended it twice over the years.

Last year's record rainfall not only caused last spring's landslide but likely is responsible for the hill underneath sliding away even more, she said.

Land movement "has been incremental over the last several years, perhaps as long as a decade," Ms. Ricks said. "There is already a wall below the street there. We're going to have to ex-

tend it again."

Geo-technical experts are expected to begin drilling test borings in the upcoming week to find rock to anchor the wall extension.

City Councilman Corey O'Connor, who lives in Swisshelm Park, knows the inconvenience firsthand.

"It's been devastating," he said.

From last February until September, there were various traffic restrictions — including full closures — while Walnut Capital built a retaining wall behind the apartment complex it owns to control the landslides. The current restriction has a different cause, but it is in the same general area.

"We have not had it easy with the restrictions," Mr. O'Connor said. "The road definitely needs some more work."

In addition to the landslide and deterioration problems, he said, the road also needs to be paved. He may ask for it to be included on the city's paving list this year.

Mr. O'Connor also said he's hopeful a more permanent solution can be developed as part of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's plans in the next five years to rehabilitate the Parkway East bridge just past the outbound end of the Squirrel Hill Tunnel. The part of Commercial Street that is falling away sits above the highway and a total collapse would cause a major problem for the interstate.

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Darrell Sapp/Post-Gazette

Trees and debris slide down the hill under Commercial Street, the main connection between Squirrel Hill and Swisshelm Park, toward the Parkway East.

## County officers honored for heroism

**AWARDS**, FROM WA-6

Baldwin Borough home, according to the county. They also received the Award of Merit.

Members of the SWAT unit who received the Award of Merit were: Lt. Lewis Ferguson; Sgt. Michael Holzer; and Officers Edward Altmeyer, Brian Cervone, Michael Feeny, Joseph Gordon, Scott Klobchar, Justin Peck, Steven Sywyj, Daniel Witt, Christopher Brown, Paul Ewin, Bryan Florito, Brian Keefe, Evan Melendez, Michael Scanlon and Eric Weisser.

Members of the unit who received the Combat Cross were Lts. Michael O'Keefe and Ken Ruckel and Officer Greg Renko.

Bomb squad members who received the Award of Merit were Lt. Robert Synan and Officers Monique Jones, Robert Poloka, Nathan Dimit and Richard T. Painter.

Also at the ceremony, the county police department issued promotions. Two members of the department involved in the Tree of Life shooting response — Ken Ruckel and Robert Synan — were promoted to lie-

tenant. They were both sergeants at the time of the massacre.

Andrew Schurman, who was the lieutenant in charge of the homicide unit, was promoted to inspector for the investigations division.

The other promotions were: Sgts. Jonathan Love and Wesley McClellan to lieutenant and officers Todd Dolfi, Michael Havens, Michael Holzer, Michael Kuma, John Robb, Dennis Stioakis and Brett Whittenberger to sergeant.

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## Accused supplier's case won't be tossed

**HEROIN**, FROM WA-6

Murraine, who supplied Robinson.

Agent Springmeyer said surveillance in Michigan had shown Burnett would often ride his motorcycle to Murraine's house, carry a backpack inside and leave with the pack in a saddlebag on the motorcycle.

Agent Springmeyer said these short meetings were typical of drug transactions, and the judge agreed.

In tapes of conversations between Murraine and Robinson, Murraine also described Burnett as "his man" and "big homie" and vouched for the quality of his heroin.

In one call, Murraine indicated that Burnett was vacationing in Puerto Rico and that Murraine was holding his drugs and money at his house while Burnett was away.

"Under the totality of the circumstances," Judge Fischer ruled, "the information contained in the affidavit established probable cause for issuance of the search warrants."

Burnett had also asked to be released from custody pending trial, saying he has completed various courses while in jail and that his mother can watch over him.

But Judge Fischer noted that he's accused of supplying heroin on a large scale, he had an AK-47 and heroin in his house when the FBI searched it, and he bought ammunition for Murraine, who as a felon couldn't have ammunition.

The judge agreed with the U.S. attorney's office that he should remain locked up as a danger to the community.

She also denied his motion to transfer the case to Michigan, saying the investigation started in Pittsburgh and was investigated by the Pittsburgh FBI.

Any Michigan witnesses, she said, can easily travel to Pittsburgh to testify.

Murraine was set to be sentenced next week but it has been postponed until April.

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## News Obituaries

RICHARD C. MILLER | May 18, 1930 - Dec. 31, 2018

## Psychologist who believed horses could be therapeutic

By Janice Crompton  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

When Richard Miller was in second grade, the ceiling of his classroom collapsed, sending him fleeing home to the safety of his mother's arms.

"He just skedaddled out of there, across the street to his home, where his mother comforted him and rocked him on a porch swing. Then she took him by the hand and led him back to the school," said Mr. Miller's daughter-in-law, Jane Miller.

That early childhood trauma stayed with the young "Dickie" Miller, even shaping much of his future life as an esteemed clinical psychologist.

"He often said that when you're a psychologist, you're that person that's beside someone and leading them back to the source of their trauma and how critically important that is," said Ms. Miller, of Avalon.

Mr. Miller, 88, died of pneumonia Monday at his home in Forward, Butler County.

In addition to his work as a psychologist, he was active with Riding for the Handicapped of Western Pennsylvania, a nonprofit that provides equine-assisted therapy for disabled children and adults.

Mr. Miller grew up in Coraopolis and graduated from Moon High School in 1948. He earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from Bucknell University in Lewisburg, Union County, in 1953 and went on to graduate with a master's and a doctorate degree in psychology from Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C.

In August 1950, Mr. Miller married Lois Weaver. He had had a crush on her since eighth grade, and family members recalled stories that Mr. Miller told about tossing pennies at his beloved during school dances to get her attention.

His father had a natural way of disarming people and gaining their confidence, said his son, Rick Miller, of Avalon.



Richard Miller, a psychologist who believed that horses can be a part of a patient's therapy, is seen with one of his Arabians on his farm in Forward, Butler County. In 1999, he joined the board of directors for Riding for the Handicapped of Western Pennsylvania, a local nonprofit that provides equine-assisted therapy for disabled children and adults.

"He was profoundly good. I don't think he even realized how good he was," said the younger Mr. Miller, who followed in his father's footsteps and became a psychologist.

The two often went to professional conferences together, said Rick Miller, who once found his father deep in conversation with a shoe-shine vendor in Washington, D.C.

"People could really open up to him," he said. "He was able to just engage this man and have a 30-minute conversation about his life."

Her father-in-law genuinely cared for people and felt a responsibility to help people where he could, Ms.

Miller said. "His philosophy was that every life has a value," she said.

"Dad was trained and familiar with a variety of clinical approaches. Yet his skill was in his ability to attend to each individual honestly and with compassion," his son said.

Mr. Miller started his career in 1957 at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Highland Park, where he worked until 1960, when he and colleague Robert Romano opened a partnership in Oakland.

By 1969, Mr. Miller embarked on a private practice with offices in Oakland and Mars. He also worked as an

adjunct professor of psychology at the University of Pittsburgh for 10 years, mostly in the 1970s.

Always sensitive to the changing needs of his patients, Mr. Miller often spoke at seminars about job-related stress and how to cope with the loss of a job.

He also worked with school districts and in the mental health/mental retardation departments of several counties in the region.

In 2000, he was recognized with the Legacy Award from the Greater Pittsburgh Psychological Association.

Mr. Miller continued seeing patients until 2016, when he could no longer work due to injuries suffered in a car

accident.

Mr. Miller had a passion for horses, and in 1976, he and his wife bought a 134-year-old farm where they raised Arabian horses.

"He always used to say that you could learn a lot from horses, that they are very similar to people in a lot of ways," his daughter-in-law said.

In 1999, he joined the board of directors for Riding for the Handicapped of Western Pennsylvania. His wife had volunteered with the organization since its inception in 1979, and Mr. Miller also became a valued member, said the group's director, T.M. Abbott.

"He did a lot of fundraising for us," Ms. Abbott said. "He understood what a horse could do for a person and he put 100 percent into it. He was always there and he believed in the program. He was just a very generous and good man."

Retired counselor David Russell of Swissvale met Mr. Miller in the 1970s when a friend recommended Mr. Miller as a trustworthy and skilled therapist. Their connection was instant, Mr. Russell recalled.

"Dick was the therapist's therapist," he said. "There were many people in the therapy profession who went to see Dick for counseling and I was one of them."

The two eventually became colleagues and friends and practiced group therapy techniques together, Mr. Russell said.

"Dick was just a wonderful teacher," he remembered. "He was very modest and Dick was a great listener. I learned so much from him — he was very available as a friend and as a teacher."

His friend had a "quick, infectious laugh" and shared his emotions readily and honestly, Mr. Russell said.

"He was just a solid friend and professional," he said. "He was the kind of person who seemed to always be in balance."

In addition to his wife and son, Mr. Miller is survived by another son, Jeff Miller of Baden; a brother, John Miller of Moon; five grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service is planned from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday with the funeral immediately following at Copeland Funeral Home, 981 Brodhead Road in Moon.

Contributions in Mr. Miller's memory may be made to Riding for the Handicapped of Western PA Inc., P.O. Box 23, Allison Park, PA 15101 or to the Richard and Lois Fund of The Pittsburgh Foundation, Five PPG Place, Suite 250, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

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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. Classified obituaries are paid death notices prepared by funeral home directors. To place a classified obituary, call 412-263-1371. To suggest a news obituary, call 412-263-1601. 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

**ALIBERTI**, Vincent D. Jr., Murrysville  
**ALLEN**, Mary S. Alchier, Parker, Butler County  
**AMBROSIO**, Frank J., Green Tree  
**BEDDARD**, Alice M., West Homestead  
**BERSCHLING**, Chester Martin, Chevy Chase, Md.  
**BONCUK**, Grace M. Hilliard, Lawrenceville, formerly Brookline  
**BRITAIN**, Melva A. Huffman,

Westwood, formerly North Side  
**CALLENDER**, Earl R., Churchill  
**CAMAIONI**, Gladys E. Ball, Mt. Lebanon  
**CHESKY**, Madeline Mascio, Moon  
**CONNAMACHER**, Robert Henle, Pleasant Township  
**DELL**, Richard E. Jr. "Giant," Forward, Allegheny County  
**DIERKEN**, Phyllis Howell, Green Valley, Ariz., formerly Whitaker and Munhall  
**DILLE**, Ruth E. Hesse, Franklin Park, formerly McCandless and Spring Hill  
**DOBBINS**, Cynthia Horstman

Kemp, formerly Mount Washington  
**DOLAN**, Thomas C., Green Tree  
**DIPASQUALE**, Feliciata L. "Philly," Sharpsburg  
**FRAMIGLIO**, John J., Zelienople, formerly Jefferson Hills and Pleasant Hills  
**GERGERICH**, Josephine P.  
**HASTINGS**, Eileen, Pittsburgh  
**HOBART**, Justin P. "Hobie," Penn Hills  
**HUGHES**, Charles E., Findlay  
**JAMERSON**, Gloria Lee  
**KOETT**, Helen K., Bethel Park, formerly Castle Shannon  
**KOZIAK**, Michael Steven, Carnegie

**LIGHT**, Lenore, Pittsburgh  
**LITTAUER**, Lorraine H., Glenshaw  
**MAGULICK**, Kimberly Ann, Brookline  
**McFEELEY**, Sheila Carol  
**MEYER**, Michael S., Grove City, Mercer County  
**MILLER**, Mary Patricia Kathleen  
**MVANINGS**, North Side, formerly Shadyside  
**NELSON**, Marjorie Dawn, Bethel Park, formerly Point Breeze  
**NICKEL**, Ronald R., Reserve  
**ORRIS-ZAMULE**, Janet E.  
**PENCE**, Marlene E., Oakmont, formerly Verona

**RUSSO**, Thelma Schoer  
**SHUDER**, Robert Joseph, Yorktown, Va.  
**STEELE**, Joseph A. III, Plum  
**STEVENS**, Stella, North Fayette  
**TIBONI**, Fred, Munhall  
**VICTOR**, Patricia L., Hampton  
**WAGNER**, Adelaide Elizabeth, formerly Etna  
**WAIN**, Anamae Lin, McCandless  
**WAYMAN**, Patricia L., Ross  
**WILSON**, Mary Jo  
**WISNIEWSKI**, Paulette Joyce, formerly Greenfield  
**ZACK**, Ronald G., McCandless  
**ZOTTOLA**, Helen A., Allison Park

## Classified Obituaries



## ALIBERTI

**VINCENT D., Jr.**  
Age 71, of Murrysville, on Sunday, December 30, 2018. Beloved husband of 49 years to Linda; loving father of Natalie (Laurel) Aliberti and Deanna (Eric) Harman; loving pappy of Jeremy and Jeffrey. He was a self-employed restaurateur. A Memorial Mass will be held Saturday, January 12, 11:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Joy Catholic Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.  
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## ALLEN

**MARY S. (ALCHIER)**  
Age 86, of Parker Township, passed away on Thursday, January 3, 2019. Born December

25, 1932 in Gibsonia, she was the daughter of the late Nicholas and Anna (Lisak) Alchier and wife of the late James E. Allen. She is survived by her children, James (Barbara) Allen, Edward Allen and Linda (Kevin) McCann; grandchildren, Michael, Ehryn and Abbey McCann; and her sister, Irene Cobb. In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by her son, Mike Allen and siblings. Mary's family will welcome friends from 2 - 4 and 6 - 8 p.m., on Sunday, January 6, 2019 at **KING FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, INC.**, 2841 Woodland Circle in Allison Park. A Funeral service will be held at 12:00 Noon on Monday, January 7, at the King Funeral Home. She will be laid to rest at West Union Cemetery in Gibsonia. Please visit:  
[www.kingfuneralhome.com](http://www.kingfuneralhome.com)  
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## AMBROSIO

**FRANK J.**  
Age 53, unexpectedly in his Green Tree home, on Thursday, January 3, 2019. Beloved son of Frank and Tallie (Piluso) Ambrosio; loving brother of Michael. Preceded in death by grandparents, John

and Antoinette (Redondo) Piluso and Antonio and Saveria Ambrosio; special grandson of Lillian Piluso; and great-nephew of Congetta Mongelluzzo. Sadly missed by numerous aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Frankie will always be remembered by all who knew him, and never forgotten. Visitation **SUNDAY ONLY 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.** at the **SCHEPNER - McDERMOTT FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 165 Noble Ave., Crafton. Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 a.m., Monday in St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, Green Tree.  
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## BEDDARD

## ALICE M.

Of West Homestead, on January 3, 2019, age 67. Beloved daughter of the late Edward, Sr. and Mary Agnes (Furlong) Beddard; sister of Mary Agnes McMullen, Ann (William) Wiley, Patricia (William) Linn, Rosemary (Allen) Kracun, Edward, Jr. (Patricia) Beddard, Charles (Rosalyne) Beddard and the late Michael (wife, Sandra survives) Beddard; also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. There will be no visitation. A Funeral Mass will be Monday, 10 a.m. at St. Maximilian Kolbe Church, Homestead. Everyone please meet at church. Arrangements entrusted to **SAVOLSKIS-WASIK-GLENN FUNERAL HOME, INC.**  
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## BERSCHLING

## DR. CHESTER MARTIN

Saturday, December 29, 2018, Dr. Chester Martin Berschling of Chevy Chase, MD. He leaves behind his beloved, Rosalind Stern; his daughter, Heather Levitt and her husband, Lance; son, Jeffrey Berschling and his wife, Debbie; daughter, Jenny Berschling and her partner, Harry Strand. He was a devoted and proud "Pop Pop" to grandchildren, Conner, Maeve, Evan and Eli; and uncle to Charlie Hons. He is predeceased by his sister, Muriel Hons and her husband, John. Born in New York City, NY, Dr. Berschling, "Chet" was in the first graduating class of Albert Einstein School of Medicine. After medical school he moved to Pittsburgh and completed residencies in Psychiatry and Child Psychiatry at Western Psychiatric Institute. Following residency, he established a well-respected private practice that lasted 55 years. During his years in Pittsburgh, he built a home with his wife of 33 years, Ruth Avalon (deceased), and their three children. Recently, he was honored by the Pittsburgh Psychiatric Society with a Lifetime Achievement Award for a Residents' Night program he established that has thrived and grown beyond Pennsylvania. Chet loved adventures. He took his family house boating in Canada, spent winters skiing in western Pennsylvania, and enjoyed whitewater rafting, especially down the Colorado

River. At the age of 62 he became certified in scuba diving - completing over 200 dives in his lifetime. An avid traveler, he visited Brazil and biked in Europe and California. More recently, he climbed Machu Picchu and traveled to Buenos Aires, Argentina. Chet felt a deep connection to Israel, visiting several times. In his words, he had "too much joy left to feel." Memorial contributions can be made to: Coral Restoration Foundation - Bonaire <http://crfbonaire.org/> or Jewish Social Services Agency <https://www.jssa.org/>. Services entrusted to **SAGEL BLOOMFIELD DANZANSKY GOLDBERG FUNERAL CARE.**  
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## BONCUK

## GRACE M. (HILLIARD)

Age 102, of Lawrenceville, formerly of Brookline, unexpectedly and peacefully, on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Joseph M. Boncuk; loving mother of Richard (Kathy) Boncuk, Marion (Pat) Temple, Helen Grace Blazanian, Eileen Fisher, and Irene (Michael) Tegrar; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; 13 great-great-grandchildren; sister of the late Patricia Davis, Charles, Eugene, and Gerald Hilliard; sister-in-law of Jean Dzialowski; also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Elizabeth Seaton Center Senior Division, 1900 Pioneer Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15226. Family and friends are welcomed at the **WALTER**

**J. ZALEWSKI FUNERAL HOME**, 216 44th Street, Lawrenceville, Saturday and Sunday, 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Funeral Mass at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, St. Augustine Church on Monday at 9 a.m. In Grace's honor, everyone is asked to wear something in her favorite color of red.  
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## BRITAIN

## MELVA A. (HUFFMAN)

Age 98, of Westwood, formerly of Northside, on January 2, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Joseph E. Britain III; loving mother of Joseph E. (Leah) Britain IV, Becky (John) Rice, William Britain, Jan (Dan) Hrach and Dave (Debbie) Britain; loving grandmother of Elizabeth, Victoria, Alexandra, Joseph and Catherine Britain; Blake Rice; D.J., Ashley, and Brittany Hrach; David, Christopher, Brandon, Alexander, Katie and Zach Britain; sister of the late Harry Huffman, Jr., Wilbur "Red" Huffman, Gladys McClymonds, Merv Huffman, Carl Huffman and Janice Gregg. A special thanks to Evan, Ed, Rob and Carrie. A veteran of WWII, serving as a nurse in the U.S. Navy and a member of the Carnegie American Legion, Post #82. Friends received Sunday 7-9 p.m. and Monday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., at the **WARCHOL FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 3060 Washington Pike, Bridgeville (412-221-3333), where a service will be held Tuesday at 11 a.m. Special thanks to the hospice caregivers, and in lieu of flowers, memorials to Kindred Hospice, 190 Bilmar

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Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15205 or Mary Washington Hospice, 2217 Princess Anne St., Fredericksburg, VA 22401. View and add condolences at: warcholfuneralhome.com  
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**CALLENDER**  
**EARL R.**

Age 83, unexpectedly, on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, of Churchill. Beloved husband of Mary Catullo Callender for 60 years; loving father of Linda (Jeffrey) Glace, Earl S. (Kristine) Callender, and Lisa (Joseph) Strittmatter; treasured Papp to Patrick and Sydney Glace, Michael, Nicholas, and Madison Callender, and Robert, Gabriella, Halle, and Noah Mitchell; great-grandPap to Eli Glace; brother of Raymond Callender and the late Jack and Donald Callender. Earl graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in electrical engineering and an Executive MBA. Earl's successful 47 year career at Union Switch and Signal allowed him to travel six continents and develop multiple patents. He will be remembered as a skilled card player, gracious host, and for his great wit. Family and friends received at **WOLFE MEMORIAL, LLC**, Forest Hills Chapel, 3604 Greensburg Pike, Pittsburgh, PA 15221, on Sunday only 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. John Fisher Church, 33 Lewin Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15235, on Monday at 10 a.m.  
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**CAMAIONI**  
**GLADYS E. (BALL)**

Of Mt. Lebanon, on Thursday, January 3, 2019, age 91, beloved wife of the late John; loving mother of Denise (James) Boustead and Michele Camaioni-Leffler; daughter of the late Thomas and Anna (Mechtel) Ball; favorite sister of Ken and the late Thomas Ball; cherished grandmother of Rebecca (Glenn) Coleman, Jamie (Greg) Mincin, James (Wendy) Boustead IV, Jonathan (Mikhaila) Leffler and Miranda (Shane) Britton; proud great-grandmother of Cory (Kaitlynn) Boustead, Danielle Cain, Nicole Cain, Gregory Mincin, Madison Mincin and Owen Leffler; also several nieces and one nephew. A memorial service will be Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 1:00 p.m., in Westminster Presbyterian Church, 2040 Washington Rd., Pgh., PA 15241. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Church or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation, www2.jdrf.org. Arrangements entrusted to **DAVID J. HENNEY FUNERAL HOME**, Library, davidhenneyfuneralhome.com  
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**CHESKY**  
**MADELINE (MASCIO)**

Age 93, of Moon Township, passed away peacefully on January 3, 2019. She was the daughter of Liberata and Hugo Mascio and was preceded in the journey by her beloved husband, Edward and cherished son, Ed. She is survived by her devoted brother, George (Kay) Mascio; her loving children, Susan (Brian) Coppola, Robert (Terry) and Jan (Mark) Scholl; also, Patty (Bob) Dames. Also by grandchildren, Joanna Papa, Erin Scholl, Jenna Haberlein, Nathan Chesky, Laura Daniel, Andrew Chesky, Jon Scholl, Rebekah Coppola, Matthew Coppola, Daniel Chesky, Nick Coppola, Sarah Chesky, and Catherine Cantella. Also, Mary Beth Joy, Theresa Sirianni and Ben Dames. In addition, 15 cherished great-grandchildren. Friends will be received on Sunday from 2-8 p.m., at **COPELAND'S Moon Township**, 981 Brodhead Rd., where prayers will be recited on Monday at 9:15 a.m., followed by Mass at 10 a.m., at St. Joseph Church. Burial will follow in Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Villa St. Joseph, Baden or Felician Sisters.  
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**CONNAMACHER**  
**ROBERT HENLE**

On Wednesday, November 28, 2018, of Indiana Township, Pennsylvania, passed away at the age of 84. Robert was born on December 20, 1933, in Newark, New Jersey, to Harold Connamacher and Carye-Belle Henle. Robert served in the U.S. Army from 1957 to 1959, and he loved to tell stories about using his furlough and Army transports to circumnavigate the globe. Following his honorable discharge, Robert returned to school and received his Doctoral degree from George Washington University in 1966. He was on the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine from 1966 until

2016, where he researched how bacteria are attacked by and defend against medicine, including bacterial drug resistance. Robert was devoted to his students and especially to underrepresented minorities. For many years, Robert ran University of Pittsburgh's Medical Explorers program, he was the faculty advisor for the Pre-Medical Organization for Minority Students, and he was active with the Student National Medical Association. In his spare time, he tutored math and science at Westinghouse High School. Robert was a peace and social justice activist, a member of both the American Friends Service Committee and the Pennsylvania Prison Society. He served his community as the emergency management coordinator for Indiana Township, dealing with everything from flood rescue and recovery to capturing a runaway lion, and as a volunteer fireman for almost 30 years. Robert was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Patricia Charache; and his son, Demetrius. He is survived by his sons, William, Harold (Celeste), and Richard; his granddaughters, Nadine and Charlotte; his sister, Jane Pier; several nieces and nephews, grandnieces and nephews, and great-grandnieces and nephews; and his longtime friend, Shirley Wheaton. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, January 12, 2019, at the Pittsburgh Friends Meeting House, 4836 Ellsworth Avenue. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages contributions to the Student National Medical Association. Arrangements were entrusted to **ANTHONY M. MUSMANNO FUNERAL HOME, INC.**  
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**DELL**

**RICHARD E. "GIANT", JR.**

On Friday, January 4, 2019, age 65, of Forward Twp. Beloved husband of Frances M. Wright; loving father of Kristy Torgent, Rachel (Brandon) Hale, Richard (Nicole) Dell III, Jason (Holly) Wright, Joshua (Donna) Blake and Paul Dell; 19 grandchildren; brother of Shawn R. Dell; also nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. Friends received in the **PAUL E. BEKAVAC FUNERAL HOME**, 221 North Second Avenue, Elizabeth on Sunday, January 6, 2019 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Monday, January 7 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Funeral service Tuesday at 12 p.m., in the funeral home chapel. Memorial contributions to PA Patriot Guard Riders, 789 Washington Pike, Avella, PA 15312. Offer condolences at: bekavacfuneralhome.com.  
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**DIERKEN**

**PHYLLIS (HOWELL)**

Age 95, passed away peacefully at her home in Green Valley, AZ on Monday, December 17th. Phyllis was born in Whitaker, PA and grew up in Whitaker and Munhall, PA. She graduated from Munhall High School in 1941 and attended Westminster College in New Wilmington, PA. After school, Phyllis worked in the metallurgy department of US Steel in Homestead, PA. Phyllis and her late husband, Robert, retired to Green Valley, AZ in 1981. She is survived by her son, Tom Dierken (Lois) of Green Valley, and her daughter, Kathleen Wickey (Philip) of Glen Ellyn, IL; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. A memorial service will be held for Phyllis in Green Valley in January. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in Phyllis's name be made to The Friends of Madera Canyon, Arizona at friendsofmaderacanyon.org/donate or Whitaker United Methodist Church, 124 Arkansas Avenue, Whitaker, PA 15120.  
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**DILLE**

**RUTH E. (HESS)**

Age 97 of Franklin Park, formerly of McCandless Township and Spring Hill, passed away peacefully on Thursday, January 3, 2019. Beloved wife of 69 years of the late Harold C. "Hut" Dille; loving mother of David Dille (Mary Anne), Thomas Dille and Barbara Marcellus (Robert); proud grandmother of Bryan, Jacquelyn (Gregor), Erin (Andrew), Rachel, Amanda, Marcie (Ben), Lisa, and Emily; great-grandmother of Donovan, Dayton, Sabine, Cheyenne, Paisley, Jack, Lachlan and Beatrix; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Friends will be received on Sunday from noon to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., at the **H.P. BRANDT FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 1032 Perry Highway, Ross Township, (412-364-4444). Funeral service will be held Monday at 12 noon in Ascension Lutheran Church, 8225 Peebles Rd., Pgh., PA 15237. Burial will follow in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. Ruth's family would like to thank Concordia of Franklin Park and Good Samaritan Hospice for their loving care. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial donations to Ruth's church, Concordia Lutheran Ministries or Good Samaritan Hospice. Condolences will be shared at: www.brandtfuneralhome.com.



**DOBBINS**  
**CYNTHIA (HORSTMAN)**  
**KEMP**

Age 59, formerly of Mt. Washington, passed away suddenly on Thursday, December 27, 2018. Daughter of the late Merle T. "Bud" and Betty Horstman; survived by her husband, David and by her children, Denay (Brad) Wyke, Kristin Kemp, and Cortney (Stephanie) Sullivan; survived by her granddaughter, Avery Wyke; sister of Kay (Clifford) Klein, Thomas Horstman, and Sandra (Thomas) Crowley; also survived by three nephews and one niece. Family and friends welcome Friday, 6-7 p.m., **WM. SLATER & SONS, INC.**, (412) 381-3345, 301 Virginia Ave., Mt. Washington, 15211, where a Blessing Service will be held at 7 p.m. Burial private to the family. Memorials may be made to the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, 501 Martindale St., #670, Pgh., PA 15212. www.slaterfuneral.com  
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**DOLAN**  
**THOMAS C.**

Of Green Tree age 82, on Tuesday, January 1, 2019. Due to complications of Parkinson disease. Beloved husband of Ann Martha Brady; son of the late Charles and Eleanor Dolan; father of Daniel C. (Stacy) and Brian T. (Crystal) Dolan; grandfather of Shelby and Daniel T. Dolan; brother of Daniel P. (Suzan) Dolan and the late Cecelia Gillespie; also survived by nieces and nephews. Loving pet parent of Charm and many other felines through the years. Friends received Monday 6-8 at the **SZAFRANSKI - EBERLEIN FUNERAL HOME INC.**, 101 Third Street, Carnegie. Additional visitation in the parlor of Building A at Marian Manor, 2695 Winchester Dr., Pgh., PA 15220, on Tuesday morning from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial in Marian Manor Chapel on Tuesday at 12 noon. Burial with full Military Honors in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. Most special thanks to the staff at Marian Manor for their care and warmhearted support for the past four years.  
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**DIPASQUALE**

**FELICIA L. "PHILLY"**

Age 85, of Sharpsburg, died on Thursday, January 3, 2019, after a short illness. She was born on October 19, 1933 in Franklin, PA. Philly proudly taught primary education for over 35 years. She enjoyed reading, crossword puzzles, traveling, fishing and rooting for the Pittsburgh home teams. She was preceded in death by her parents, Quirino and Mary DiPasquale; her sisters, Marie Brieck, Ezeline Tierney, Theresa Boyd, Agnes Annett; and her brothers, John and Quinn. She is survived by 14 nieces and nephews and two generations of grandnieces and nephews. Philly will be fondly remembered as a loving aunt and friend. Per her request there will be no viewing or service. Donations may be made in her memory to the Sharpsburg Community Library. Arrangements by: **BALL FUNERAL CHAPEL, INC.**  
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**FRAMIGLIO**  
**JOHN J.**

Age 97, of Zelenople, formerly of Jefferson Hills and Pleasant Hills, passed away on December 31, 2018. He was born in Sandusky, OH, to the late Angelo and Carmella (Petrocca) Framiglio. John was preceded in death by eight siblings. Beloved husband for 66 years of Rose (Smart) Framiglio; loving father of John J. Framiglio, Jr. (Lucy), Lisa Buechele (Richard), Mark Framiglio (Jeanette) and Gina Hess (Keith). He is also survived by his many

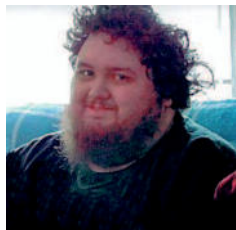
grandchildren and great-grandchildren. As a teenager, he enlisted in the United States Navy, proudly serving on the U.S.S. WASP Aircraft Carrier and on a PT Boat in the Pacific during World War II. After the war, John attended Bowling Green State University where he earned a B.S. in Business Administration. He taught business and history courses in the South Allegheny School District. As a member of Pleasant Hills Community Presbyterian Church, he served as a Deacon and participated in several mission trips to West Virginia and Costa Rica. John also volunteered at the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank for many years. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, January 9, 2019, at 1:00 p.m. at Pleasant Hills Community Presbyterian Church, 199 Old Clairton Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15236. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in memorial to Pleasant Hills Community Presbyterian Church, at the above address. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to **BOYLAN FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, Zelenople, PA. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at boylanfuneralservices.com.  
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**GERGERICH**

**JOSEPHINE P.**  
Age 93, on January 1, 2019, died peacefully. Caring wife of 69 years of the late Edward J. Gergerich; loving mother of Edward T. Gergerich (the late Suzan), Shirley Franck (Ronald) and Thomas Gergerich (Lori); amazing Grandma of Melanie, Kevin, the late Gretchen Franck and Janelle Slawson; Anna and Maura Gergerich; and Hallie Gergerich; and proud Great-Grandma of Tyler and Trevor Slawson; Nola and Greta Franck. She was the devoted daughter of the late Peter and Apolonia Rutkowski. Josephine was the last remaining sibling of her brothers and sisters, Peter Rutkowski, Jr., Helen Zolnowski, Regina Szerszynski, Sabina McQuillan, Isabelle Steigerwald, Theodor Rutkowski and Richard Rutkowski. She was a member of the Cherry City Ladies Auxiliary and the Northern Chapter of AARP. She enjoyed cooking and baking and tending to her cactus collection. Those that knew her often gifted her angel figurines because of her kindness and caring manner. She will be dearly missed. Friends received at **WALTER J. ZALEWSKI FUNERAL HOME**, 216 44th Street, Lawrenceville, on Saturday, January 5, 2019, from 6-8 p.m. and Sunday, January 6, 2019, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Saint Athanasius on 7 Chalfonte Avenue in West View on Monday, January 7, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, family requests that memorial donations be made to the charity of your choice in her honor.  
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**HASTINGS**

**EILEEN**  
Was born in Leeds, England in 1938 and died in Pittsburgh on December 23, 2018. Her parents, William and Mary Sleight, had two other children, Malcolm and Peter. After schooling in England and Scotland, and jobs in London and Paris, she first came to the US in 1962, initially working in Boston. She married Stuart Hastings in 1964 and they raised their two daughters, Jill and Rachel, in Buffalo NY. Sadly, Jill died at age 18 in 1987. Shortly after that Rachel left for college, while Eileen and Stuart moved to Pittsburgh. There Eileen was very active in the First Unitarian Church. She became ill in 2016. Survivors include Stuart, Peter, Rachel, her partner, Paul and their children, Rebecca and Arlo; Stuart's sister, Eleanor Karro and her husband, David; and nieces, nephews, and in-laws in England and the US. A memorial service will be held at the First Unitarian Church, Shadyside, on March 30, 2019. Professional Services by **D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY LTD.**, Lawrenceville. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Save the Children. A longer obituary can be found at memorial.yourtribute.com/Eileen-Hastings/.  
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**HOBRA**  
**JUSTIN P. "HOBIE"**

Age 28, of Penn Hills, suddenly passed away Thursday, January 3, 2019. Beloved son of Robert and Gina (Amato) Hobrat; grandson of the late Samuel and Carole Amato and the late Thomas and Cornelia Hobrat; nephew of Lisa (Butch) Lang, Scott (Mary Jo) Miller, Peter (the late Jan) and Martin Germanowski; also survived by numerous cousins. Hobie will be dearly missed especially for his true heart. Justin will also be missed by his two

dachshunds, Milo and Ottis. Service and interment private. Arrangements by **WILLIAM F. GROSS FUNERAL HOME LTD.**  
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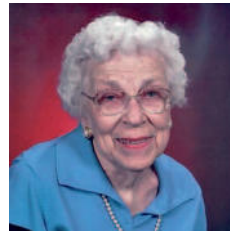
**HUGHES**

**CHARLES E.**  
Age 86 of Findlay Twp., Imperial, PA on Wednesday evening, January 2, 2019. Beloved husband of 65 years to the late Dolores "Dee" Hughes who passed on March 8, 2018. Brother of Ken (Ruth Ann) Bolind, Gene (Judy) Bolind, Frank (Harriet) Bolind and the late Rita Anderson and her husband, Robert who survives; also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Family to receive friends at the **HERRICK COMPASSIONATE FUNERAL SERVICE, PC.**, Edward M. Herrick Supervisor/Owner, 951 Cliff Mine Rd., N. Fayette Twp., Imperial, PA 724-695-7332 on Sunday, January 6, 2019 between the hours of 4-8 p.m., where a Funeral Service will take place on Monday, January 7, 2019 at 10 a.m., followed by interment at St. Columbkille R.C. Cemetery. It is respectfully requested, memorial donations be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.  
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**JAMERSON**

**GLORIA LEE**  
Age 74, quietly on December 30, 2018. Beloved mother of Jovon (Christopher) Rue; daughter of the late Edward Winston and Vernita Stokes; sister of Rev. Marsha (Norwood) Copeland, Yvette Bonner; niece of Lovelle W. (Hazel) Golden; and her beloved companion, Mario the poodle; three grandchildren; and a host of relatives. Services Private.

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**KOETT**  
**HELEN K.**

Age 101, on Wednesday, January 2, 2019, in Bethel Park, formerly of Castle Shannon. Wife of the late George Koett; mother of Carol Sauter of Jefferson Hills, David (Cathy) Koett of Bethel Park, Dale Koett of Baldwin and Paul (Rene) Koett of USC; daughter of the late Mary and Harry Eicker; sister of the late Erma Sammel; also survived by nine grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and 13 1/2 great - great - grandchildren. Helen was a long-time employee of Dudd's and Dave's Terrace Bakery. Friends will be received at the **JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 412-881-4100, 4201 Brownsville Road, Brentwood 15227, Tuesday, January 8, 2019, from 2-8 p.m. Funeral Prayer on Wednesday morning at 9:30. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Anne Church at 10:30 a.m. The Koett's would like to thank the staff at Paramount Bethel Park for their excellent and compassionate care. If desired, family suggests contributions to a charity of your choice. Please send condolences to: www.johnfslater.com  
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**KOZIAK**  
**MICHAEL STEVEN**

Suddenly on Monday, December 31, 2018. Age 70 of Carnegie, went to be with his son, Kevin. Beloved husband of Maryanne (Nowicki) Koziak; loving father of Christine (Kevin) Super, Michael C. Koziak and the late Kevin J. Koziak; cherished grandfather of Ava Super, Mikell, Camden and Chad Koziak; brother of the late Patricia Moccus; also survived by several cousins. Friends received Sunday 2-4, 6-8 p.m., at the **SZAFRANSKI-EBERLEIN F.H. INC.**, 101 Third Street, Carnegie. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Margaret of Scotland Church on Monday at 11:30 a.m. Burial with full military honors in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. Michael was employed by the USPS and a proud Vietnam war veteran.  
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**LIGHT**  
**LENORE**

On January 3, 2019 in Pittsburgh, PA. Dedicated wife of late Harvey F. Light; beloved mother of Dina Ranade of Beach Haven, NJ, David H. (Mara) Light of Pittsburgh, PA,

and Debra Light of Los Angeles, CA; devoted grandma of Evonna, Indya, and Devan Ranade and Livia Light; daughter of late Morris and Dora Leon; sister of late Steven Leon; also survived by many loving cousins, family members, and loyal friends. Lenore was an energetic matriarch who found her greatest joy in being together with her dear family. From the beginning, after graduating from Taylor Allderdice High School in 1954, she put her family first. She helped raise her younger brother in the face of her mother's untimely death and learned how to care for others while fostering a lifelong positive outlook. Lenore was certified in baby holding and massage for young and distressed infants. She used this healing gift with her children, grandchildren, friends, strangers and even school project robot babies. She was a proud graduate of the University of Pittsburgh, Class of 1972 from the College of General Studies. Sharing her giving nature with others, she made homemade soup and managed The Yogurt Experience on Fifth and Meyran for 11 years. Lenore was the epitome of someone who lived her life with meaning, touching many other lives with her kind, accepting presence along the way. She will forever be loved, missed, and treasured. Services at Temple Sinai, 5505 Forbes Avenue, Squirrel Hill, on Sunday, January 6, 2019 at 2 p.m. Visitation one hour prior to services at Temple Sinai (1 - 2 p.m.). Interment West View Cemetery of Rodef Shalom Congregation. Contributions may be made to The Children's Home of Pittsburgh and Lemieux Family Center, 5324 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15224. Arrangements entrusted to **RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC.**, family owned and operated. www.schugar.com  
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**LITTAUER**

**LORRAINE H.**  
Of Glenshaw, PA, on Monday, November 12, 2018. Beloved wife of the late Carl Littauer; she was preceded in death by her sisters and brothers, Irene Warenski, Walter Jordan, Jay Jordan, and Margaret Jordan; she is survived by nieces and nephews. A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Augustine, Our Lady of the Angels, 225 37th St., Lawrenceville, on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at 11 a.m.  
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**MAGULICK**  
**KIMBERLY ANN**

Age 56, of Brookline, on Wednesday, January 2, 2019. Daughter of G. Dolores and the late Michael Magulick, Jr.; sister of Michael L. (Maryanne) Magulick, Dennis J. Magulick, Maureen (Peter) Lynch, Edward F. (Kathleen) Magulick, and Concetta (Stephen) Hogya; also survived by numerous nieces and nephews, whom she dearly loved; and her best friend, Moss Zimmer; and her loving pets and constant companions, Precious and Chas. Kim had a long and successful career as a beautician. She will be missed by all who loved her. There will be no visitation. A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at St. Thomas More Church, 126 Fort Couch Road, Bethel Park, time TBA. Interment will be private in lieu of flowers, family suggests contributions to Animal Friends, 562 Camp Horne Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. Arrangements entrusted to the **LEO J. HENNEY FUNERAL HOME**, Carnegie. www.leohenneyfuneralhome.com  
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**MEYER**  
**MICHAEL S.**

Age 57, of Grove City passed away peacefully on January 3, 2019. Michael and his partner, Terry Flanigan, had many happy years together. Michael was the son of Donald and the late Rosemary Meyer. He was preceded in death by his brother, Brian (Kelly) Meyer. He was uncle to Tyler and Cassie Meyer. Michael was loved and will be missed by all who knew him. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the **SAMUEL TEOLIS FUNERAL HOME, INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES.**  
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**MILLER**  
**MARY PATRICIA KATHLEEN (MULVANEY)**  
On Thursday, January 3, 2019, aged 87, of the North Side of Pittsburgh, formerly of Shadyside. Beloved wife of sixty-five years to Joseph H. Miller; loving mother of Mary Jo Miller (Joseph E. Devine), Joseph W. Miller (Bonnie) and Gretchen Hammond (Jeffrey); adored grandmother of John Padden Devine, Mary Catherine Devine, Matthew J. Miller, Christina M. Miller (Laura Meng), Jennifer L. Miller, Theresa Miller-Sporrer (Shane Gilligan), Elizabeth Dexter (Patrick), Phillip J. Sporrer and Owen F. Sporrer; great-grandmother of Eleanor Gilligan, also survived by nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by her beloved parents, Owen and Catherine Mulvaney; sister, Kathleen Ealing; and brother, William Mulvaney. Born on January 9, 1929 to Catherine and Owen Mulvaney. Mary Patricia enjoyed a magical childhood full of summers in Brentwood with her cherished maiden aunts. She graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Education and served as a teacher in the Pittsburgh Public Schools. In 1950, she met the love of her life in a sandbox in West Park and they married on June 27, 1953. Over the course of the next 65 years Mary Patricia and Joe enjoyed raising their children, grandchildren, and dogs. Summers were spent on Fenwick Island and upon retirement, Fenwick Island was supplanted by trips to Ireland and London and adventures with her sister Kathleen. Over time, the travel slowed but Mary Patricia did not. Good coffee and good food were joys to her, though only the former would be found in her own kitchen. Alzheimer's took much of Mary Patricia before it took all of her, but it did not steal her love of food, family, and fashion. Until the end, when offered the choice between a Hermes scarf and anything else, she invariably selected the Hermes. Likewise, in the end she did not recognize Joe, but she told all of us how cute he was, and how he made her laugh. She too made us laugh until the end. We will miss her acerbic wit and unwavering heart every bit as much as we will not miss her microwaved eggs. A Memorial Visitation will be held at **MCCABE BROS., INC. FUNERAL HOME**, 6214 Walnut Street, Shadyside on Sunday, 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held in St. Stanislaus Church, Strip District, on Monday at 10 a.m. Those wishing to attend, please gather at the Church. Inurnment to follow at Calvary Cemetery. Condolences may be left at:  
[www.mccabebrothers.com](http://www.mccabebrothers.com)  
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**McFEELEY**  
**SHEILA CAROL**  
It is with great sadness that the family of Sheila Carol McFeeley announces her passing on January 2, 2019, at the age of 82, peacefully at her Florida home after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. Sheila was born November 29, 1936, in Meriden, CT, to the late Lawrence and Shirley DelGrosso. She attended Iliion High School and St. Elizabeth College of Nursing. An RN throughout her career, she worked primarily with children with terminal illness and was known for her deep compassion and boundless energy. Sheila will be lovingly remembered by her husband of 56 years, Robert; and their children, Lauren (Derek) and Rob; grandchildren, Maxwell and Isabel; siblings, Lawrence (Elizabeth) and Sherry; sister-in-law, Jessie (Albert) Anderman; and by numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends. She was predeceased by daughter, Robin. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, January 10, 2019, at noon, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 3880 Pleasant Hill Rd., Kissimmee, FL. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ([giftfunds.stjude.org](http://giftfunds.stjude.org)) or Catholic Charities of Central Florida ([cflcc.org](http://cflcc.org)).  
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**NELSON**  
**MARJORIE DAWN**  
Age 95, on Saturday, December 22, 2018, of Bethel Park. Raised in Point Breeze, Marjorie recently lived at Paramount Senior Living in Bethel Park. She was the daughter of the late Amelia Keefer and Roberts Nelson; and the sister of the late Betty Mullett, formerly of South Park, and Roberta McLaughlin. Marjorie is remembered with love by nieces, Ellen McLaughlin of Chicago, IL and Sara Saine, of South Park; and nephew, John Mullett of Washington. Her great-nieces are Jennifer Saine, Melissa Norton and Mackenzie Cimala. Colin and Cameron Cimala are her great-nephews. Marjorie was also a cousin of Mary Nelson; and aunt of the late Robert Nelson

Mullett. She was cherished by family and friends because she was a good listener and trusted confidante. A graduate of Peabody High School, Marjorie was an executive secretary at US Steel for many years. Friends are invited to a service at 11 a.m., on Saturday, February 2, 2019, at the **JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL**, 4201 Brownsville Road Pittsburgh PA 15227.  
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**NICKEL**  
**RONALD R.**  
Age 84, of Reserve Township, on Thursday, January 3, 2019. Beloved father of Douglas (Beth) Nickel, David (Tammy) Nickel, Daniel (Karen) Nickel, and Brian Nickel; brother of Marion Ebner, William Nickel, Paul Nickel, and the late Joseph Nickel and Francis Bauer; grandfather of Brandon, Dana, Jessie, Lisa, Micki, Sara, Lindsey, Haylee, Cameron, and the late Ronnie; step-grandfather of Brandon, Brett, Billy, and Kara; also survived by eight great-grandchildren. Family will welcome friends on Sunday and Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., at **SCHELLHAAS FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, (West View). Mass of Christian Burial will be held in St. Aloysius Church on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. Ronald was an avid sports fan. He enjoyed golf, bowling and going to camp. Please offer condolences at [www.schellhaasfh.com](http://www.schellhaasfh.com).  
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**ORRIS-ZAMULE**  
**JANET E.**  
Age 80, passed away peacefully, January 2, 2019. Born in Mount Pleasant, PA to the late John T. and Mildred (Wilson) Mosch, she spent most of her life in Pittsburgh. She earned a bachelors degree from Penn State University and worked at Columbia Gas for many years. Janet was a proud, 26 year survivor of a kidney transplant given by her sister, and urges everyone to please be organ donors. She was also an avid bowler, even appearing on tv several times. She is survived by her son, Mark (Jill) Orris; stepchildren, John and Paul Zamule and Carol (Dale) Polanosky; granddaughters, Wendy, Lauren and Alexandria; brother, John Mosch, Jr.; and sisters, Alice Floyd and Johanna Slone. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Albert; and sister-in-law, Teresa. The family will receive friends on Saturday, January 12, 2019 at Faith Lutheran Church, 2726 W. Market St., Akron, OH 44333 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., with a memorial service at 11:00 a.m., Pastor Jean Hansen officiating. If desired, memorial contributions may be made in her memory to the PKD Foundation at [www.PKDcure.org/tribute-donation](http://www.PKDcure.org/tribute-donation). To view the online obituary, share thoughts and condolences on her tribute wall or obtain directions, please visit:  
[www.eckardbaldwin.com](http://www.eckardbaldwin.com)  
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**PENCE**  
**MARLENE E.**  
Age 74 of Oakmont (formerly of Verona) passed away on Thursday, January 3, 2019. Beloved Daughter of the late Clifford and Ethel (Holman) Pence; fiancé of the late William Miller. Marlene is survived by five cousins. She was employed as a secretary for Rockwell International. Marlene was a member of Verona Presbyterian Church and a volunteer at Presbyterian Senior Care in Oakmont. Friends and relatives are invited to a chapel service at the Mt. Hope Cemetery, 12707 Frankstown Road, Penn Hills on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 10 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to Presbyterian Senior Care, 1215 Hulton Road, Oakmont, PA 15139. Arrangements by **BURKET-TRUBY FUNERAL HOME CREMATION & ALTERNATIVE SERVICES INC.** Oakmont.  
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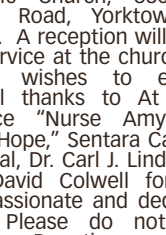
**RUSSO**  
**THELMA (SCHOER)**  
Age 87, passed away on December 17, 2018. She was the beloved wife of the late Morris Russo. She now rests in peace at Mount Hebron Cemetery, Flushing, NYC. She leaves her legacy with her children, Audrey, Steve (Irene Ableman) of Boca Raton, Florida; Ira (Donna Silvia) of Long Island; and her grandchildren, Mollie, Allison and Amanda. She is also survived by a sister-in-law and brother-in-law; as well as nieces and nephews from both the Russo and Schoer families. She moved to Pittsburgh in 2015 and spent these last years at Weinberg

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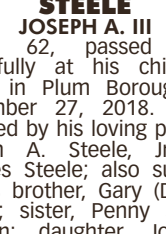
Terrace, where she was embraced with love and new friendships, after residing in Boynton Beach, Florida and New York. She was born in East New York, NYC, as a first generation American as her parents exiled from Odessa, Russia. She was always a stunning, witty, bold force including spending her time as an accomplished golfer and tennis player and hospital volunteer, who loved the sun, her family, her lifelong friends, an avid animal lover and fashion. She knew no strangers. The family requests that memorial contributions go to the Jewish Association on Aging, 200 JHF, Pgh., PA 15217 in appreciation of their support over the past years.  
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**SHUDER**  
**ROBERT JOSEPH**  
Yorktown, Virginia. The angels welcomed our husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Robert Joseph Shuder on December 29, 2018. Robert, "Bob," was born May 5, 1927 to Rose and Anthony Shuder of Finleyville, Pennsylvania, where he lived until joining the United States Marine Corps in 1945. He proudly served his country and instilled that love of country into his family. After military service, Bob was employed by United States Steel Corporation, rising steadily through the ranks to the position of General Supervisor. His life was enriched through his sixty-eight year marriage with his wife Elizabeth "Betty" Frank on September 2, 1950 and they welcomed three children who adored him, Jayne Stephens of Durham, NC, Todd Shuder and Amy Szeto of Carlsbad, CA and Steve and Joann Shuder of Poquoson, VA. In time seven grandchildren blessed the family, who also treasured their time with him: Adam and Lauren Stephens of New Orleans, LA, Chelsey and Brent Zwicker of Chandler, AZ, Zachary Shuder of Chandler, AZ, Allyson Stephens and Richard Estrada of Durham, NC and Stephanie, Renee and Eric Shuder of Poquoson, VA. He was generous with his praise and encouragement and always had a warm smile assuring his unconditional love. His five great-grandchildren brought numerous smiles to his face as he enjoyed their antics; Wyatt, Pippa and Zoe Zwicker and Emily and James Stephens. Born and living in suburban Pittsburgh, PA for nearly eighty years, he and Betty, resided in Yorktown VA for the past 12 years, enjoying the rich historical and military environment, but holding dear to their Pittsburgh roots - especially with loyalty toward their sports teams. He was preceded in death by parents, Rose and Anthony Shuder; and siblings, Leonard and wife, Helen, Ruth and husband, Stanley and Gary; as well as a nephew, Clay Shuder; and a niece, Laurel Rehonic. He is mourned and will be greatly missed by his wife, children, grandchildren, his beloved sister- and brother-in-law, Virginia and David Speer of Deer Lakes, PA along with many nieces, nephews, great-grandchildren and great-nieces and nephews. Visitation will be from 12 noon to 1 p.m., Saturday, January 5, 2019 followed by a funeral mass at St. Kateri Tekakwitha Catholic Church, 3800 Big Bethel Road, Yorktown, VA 23693. A reception will follow the service at the church. The family wishes to express special thanks to At Home Hospice "Nurse Amy" and "Aide Hope," Sentara Careplex Hospital, Dr. Carl J. Lindemann and David Colwell for their compassionate and dedicated care. Please do not send flowers. Donations may be made to the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation ([www.mcsf.org](http://www.mcsf.org)) or Saint Kateri Tekakwitha Church in Robert's memory.  
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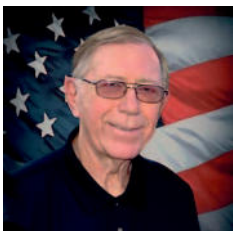
**VICTOR**  
**PATRICIA L.**  
Peacefully, at her son's home in Hartwell, GA, on Sunday, December 30, 2018, age 87, of Hampton Twp. Beloved wife for 40 years of the late Charles S. Victor; mother of Debbie Victor Hammer of Wexford and Guy Victor of GA; mother-in-law of Laury Gardner of GA; grandmother of Dylan, Katie, and Nathan Hammer and Garrett and Dawson Victor; step-grandmother of Riley Gardner; great-grandmother of Ryder Birmingham; aunt of Cindy Panyon; godmother of Beth Showlin. Friends received Saturday, January 12, 2019, from 10 a.m. until time of service at 12 noon at **SIMONS FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 7720 Perry Hwy., Pgh., PA 15237. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Assn. where a tribute page has been created for Patricia at <https://tinyurl.com/patriciavictor>.  
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**STEELE**  
**JOSEPH A. III**  
Age 62, passed away peacefully at his childhood home in Plum Borough, on December 27, 2018. He is survived by his loving parents, Joseph A. Steele, Jr. and Dolores Steele; also survived by his brother, Gary (Debbie) Steele; sister, Penny Steele-Youhon; daughter, Johnette Steele; one niece, five nephews, and four great-nieces and nephews. Per Joe's wishes, he will be cremated with no viewing. Arrangements entrusted to **JOBE FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, INC.** (MONROEVILLE/PLUM CHAPEL) corner of Beatty Rd. and 48 North, Monroeville (412) 856-4747. [www.jobefuneralhome.com](http://www.jobefuneralhome.com).  
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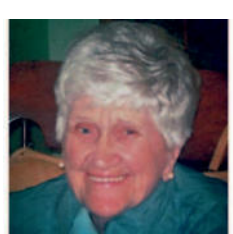


**STEVENS**  
**STELLA**  
Age 87, of Oakdale, North Fayette Twp., died Thursday, January 3, 2019, in St. Clair Hospital. She was born August 17, 1931, in Imperial, a daughter of the late Angelo and Jenny Easton Spino. Mrs. Stevens was previously employed as a housekeeper at Kane Regional Hospital. She loved to play hook and bingo, going to the casino, and dancing-especially the polka. Surviving are her children, Nancy Jean Stevens, Mary Susan Ventresca, Raymond Anthony Stevens, Betty Ann Falconer, Evelyn Marie Fulmyer, Virginia Lee Gracey, Earnest Russell Stevens, Shelly Rae Pennington. She is also survived by 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Arthur S. Stevens; son, Arthur Sanford Stevens, Jr.; brothers, Tony and Louie Spino; and sister, Annie Czarnicki. Friends will be received Tuesday 2-6 p.m., the time of service in the **THOMAS-LITTLE FUNERAL SERVICE, INC.**, 305 Main Street, Imperial (724-695-2800). Interment will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 300 Penn Center Blvd. Suite 602, Pittsburgh, PA 15235. Please sign the guestbook at:  
[thomas-littlefuneralservice.com](http://thomas-littlefuneralservice.com)  
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**TIBONI**  
**FRED**  
On January 2, 2019 age 76 of Munhall. Son of the late Frederick Sr. and Margaret (Daerr) Tiboni; beloved husband of 51 years to Dorothy (Mortimer) Tiboni; loving father of Kerry Tiboni Schurman and Kevin (Erin) Tiboni; cherished grandfather of Maddy, Cole, Maura and Colin; brother of the late Patricia Kalb and Thomas Tiboni; uncle of Tim (Kathi) Kern and Pat (Tammy) Kern; great-uncle of Riley, McKenna, Cassidy, Delaney and Brendan. Proud veteran of the U.S. Marine Corp. "Semper Par" longtime employee of U.S. Steel, Owner of FT Electric, avid golfer and proud spectator at all his grandchildren's sporting events. Friends received on Saturday from 6-8 p.m. and Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., at the **GEORGE IRVIN GREEN FUNERAL HOME INC.**, 3511 Main St., Munhall 412-461-6394. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday at 10 a.m., in St. Therese R.C. Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Fred's name to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Pittsburgh 333 E. Carson St. # 441E Pgh., 15219.  
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**WILSON**  
**MARY JO**  
Mary Jo Wilson left family and friends on New Year's Day, 2019. She was born August 22, 1940, in Moundsville, West Virginia, to Ken and Hermina Wilson. She attended Charleroi High School in Pennsylvania and was part of the graduating class of '58. She is survived by her brother, Ken Wilson (Natalie); her sister, Louisa Zadecky (Lenny); her son, Charles Wilson, whom she proudly referred to as her "greatest achievement"; and by numerous nieces and nephews. Mary Jo built a long career as an able and devoted administrative assistant, first to the Chancellor of the University of Pittsburgh, then to the Chairman of the URA and Port Authority, and, finally, as AA to the Director of Shady Lane School, the position from which she retired. Perhaps her most outstanding virtue was her loyalty - loyalty to her friends, her city, and her causes. A font of information on friends and family, she kept everyone abreast of their most recent doings, so that even those who had never met knew the latest challenges and achievements of the others. An unflinching Pittsburgh booster, from its sports teams to its universities, to its public celebrations, she loved her town and took personal pride in its growing reputation



**WAGNER**  
**ADELAIDE ELIZABETH**  
Age 102, formerly of Etna, PA passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 26, 2018 in Erie. She was born on August 17, 1916 in Etna, the daughter of the late Harry and Elizabeth Volk Broge. Ade was preceded in death by her husband, Henry J. Wagner; and

her son, Henry, in 1953. She was the loving mother of Jane (Scott) Lightner of Erie, and Susan (Joseph) Lambert, of Davenport, IA; dear grandmother of Kelly (Nick) Francani, of Chadds Ford, PA, Christopher (Sarah) Lightner, of Garnet Valley, PA, Travis Lightner of Erie, Erin Lambert of Davenport, IA, Morgan (Scott) Bellamy, of Downingtown, PA and Joseph Lambert, III, of Davenport, IA. Ade was a clerk for the U.S. Government during WWII, and an active member of the First Evangelical Lutheran Church of Sharpsburg, and the Chalfant House Women's Club. Most of all, she was a loving mother and a friend to all. Her home was the center for all friends and families to gather and always feel welcome. Ade was always there to listen. She loved her children, grandchildren, singing and cooking, but most especially her family and friends. Ade was divinely blessed, and she blessed each and everyone of us. She had the ability to make everyone feel welcome and accepted, and in turn, everyone welcomed and accepted her. Our families wish to offer our sincere gratitude to Home Instead Care Givers of Erie. They all loved and cared for Mom beyond our expectations. Visitation Saturday, January 12, 2019 from 1:00 p.m., until the time of the Memorial Service at 3:00 p.m., at **NEELY FUNERAL HOME**, 2208 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw, PA 15116. Memorial contributions may be made to Great Lakes Hospice, 1700 Peach St., Ste. 244, Erie, PA 16501, or Sister Pascal Food Pantry, 130 E. 4th St., Erie, PA 16507, or Quaker City Sled Hockey Assoc., 2236 E. 46th St., Davenport, IA 52807. The **DUSCKAS FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 2607 Buffalo Rd., Erie, PA 16510, handled initial arrangements. Please visit us at:  
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**WAIN**  
**ANAMAE LIN**  
On December 29, 2018, Anamae Lin Wain, 85, of McCandless Township, beloved wife of 50 years to the late Homer Charles Wain. Survived by her loving sons, Paul Homer Wain of McCandless Twp., Phillip Harrison Wain of Butler and Charles William Wain of Butler; grandmother of Bronwyn, Chelsea and Myriah, William, Samantha, Zarys and Xev Wain. Anamae was past Matron Loyalty #343 OES in 1956, member of North Hills #526 OES, past president of VFW 2754 Auxiliary 1969-1971. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Boy Scouts of America McCandless Troop 329, 8800 Peebles Road, Allison Park, PA 15101. Arrangements entrusted to **SIMONS FUNERAL HOME, INC.** [simonsfuneralhome.com](http://simonsfuneralhome.com).  
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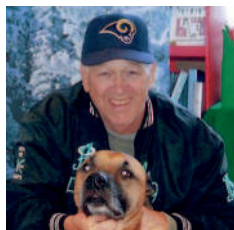
**WAYMAN**  
**PATRICIA L.**  
Age 66, of Ross Twp., passed away on Thursday, December 27, 2018. Beloved daughter of Dorothy (Moody) and the late John Wayman; loving sister of Kathy (Tom) Sunday; proud aunt of Tim (Marnie) Frazier, Drew (Becky) Frazier, and Brianne (Paul) Flint; also survived by many great-nieces and nephews and friends. Pat was once called the "smartest woman in Pittsburgh" by a local radio station who could not stump her before the ability to look up answers online began. She obtained a Master's Degree in History from Duquesne University. She was an avid reader and could never learn enough. Her hobbies included knitting, photography, and music. She was loved very much by her family and will be greatly missed. A Mass of Christian Burial was held in St. Sebastian Church on Saturday, December 29, 2018. Memorial donations can be made to St. Vincent De Paul Society or St. Jude's Children's Hospital. Arrangements by **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME**.  
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as a great place to live. And until physical impairment overtook her strength, Mary Jo was an impassioned champion and dedicated volunteer for the social and political causes she believed in. She is and will be missed. A Memorial Service is being planned for the future. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. Professional services trusted to **D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, LTD.**, Lawrenceville. [www.daleessandroitd.com](http://www.daleessandroitd.com)  
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**WISNIEWSKI**  
**PAULETTE (JOYCE)**  
Age 49 formerly of Greenfield, passed unexpectedly on Tuesday, January 1, 2019. Preceded in death by her beloved son, Codi "Geno" Preston Joyce. Survived by her loving children, Corey and Kaylee; and former husband, John Joyce. Her beloved parents, Alan and Joan "JoJo" Wisniewski; brother, Stephen J. Wisniewski; and nephew and niece, Stephen A. and Josie Wisniewski. Paulette is also survived by numerous family and friends. Friends will be received on Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., in the **EDWARD P. KANAI FUNERAL HOME**, 500 Greenfield Ave., 15207. Funeral Tuesday at 9:30 with Funeral Mass at 10 a.m., in St. Rosalia Church. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the family.  
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**ZACK**  
**RONALD G.**  
Born April 20, 1942, of McCandless, passed away peacefully January 3, 2019, with his caring wife, Andrea, by his side. Loving father of Beth Ann and the late Mark Zack; beloved grandfather to Corey Kushik and Shane Isasky; cherished by step-children, James and Amanda Pschirer; devoted "Pap" to Jordyn Pschirer; preceded in death by parents, Alice (Morrissey) and Joseph R. Zack; sisters, Alice "Lali" Ferrari and Antoinette "Anta" (Robert) Patterson; brother, Richard S. (Barbara) Zack. Also dearly missed by many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Family will receive friends Monday 6:00 p.m. until time of Blessing Service at 7:30 p.m. at **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 806 Perry Highway, North Hills.  
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**ZOTTOLA**  
**HELEN A.**  
Age 91, of Allison Park, on Thursday, January 3, 2019. Beloved wife of Albert Zottola; mother of Anthony Zottola (Diane), Linda Boland (Richard), Raymond Zottola (Cynthia), Paul Zottola (Catherine), and Lisa Raines (Eleanor); also survived by 14 grandchildren and 36 great-grandchildren; sister of Tonia Tankersley (Chuck) and the late Catherine Donatelli (the late Louis). Friends received at **MCCABE BROS., INC. FUNERAL HOME**, 6214 Walnut Street, Shadyside on Sunday, 2-5 and 6-8 p.m., where Funeral will commence on Monday at 9 a.m., followed by Mass of Christian Burial in St. Raphael Church at 10 a.m. Condolences may be left at [www.mccabebrothers.com](http://www.mccabebrothers.com)  
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## In Memoriam



**CWYNAR**  
**JENNIFER SUSAN**  
2/20/1987 - 1/6/2010  
An Angel In The Book of Life Wrote Down My Daughter's Birth.  
And Whispered As She Closed The Book, "Too Beautiful For Earth."  
Author Unknown  
**Love Mom, Dad and Nicole**

# WEEKEND SPORTS



Pam Panchak/Post-Gazette

North Allegheny's Lizzy Groetsch blocks Norwin's Emily Brozeski Friday at North Allegheny. The Tigers, No. 1 in WPIAL Class 6A, won, 55-44, to stay unbeaten at 11-0. **Story, Page 2**

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## High school basketball

NORTH ALLEGHENY 55, NORWIN 44

# No. 1 Tigers pull away from Knights

North Allegheny made shots in second half to stay undefeated

By Eddie Phillipps  
Tri-State Sports & News Service

After mustering just eight points in the second quarter and allowing Norwin to tie the score by halftime, North Allegheny appeared in need of a boost. The Tigers never got it, but that didn't matter. All they really needed to do was go about their business.

"I wish I could tell you there was some adjustment or some kid gave a passionate speech," North Allegheny coach Spencer Stefko said. "But it was just the kids trusting each other and making some shots. I don't feel like we outplayed them. I told the kids that in the locker room after. I kind of feel like we escaped because we made some shots."

The defending WPIAL Class 6A champions outscored the Knights, 29-18, in the second half en route to a 55-44 Section 1 victory.

Top-ranked North Allegheny (11-0, 4-0) was tested throughout the game, each time answering the call. The Tigers never lost their composure and got plenty of help along the way from their star player. Akron recruit Rachel Martindale netted a game-high 19 points. She scored nine in the first quarter to help pad the Tigers' 18-7 lead after the initial period.

The No. 4 Knights (8-1, 3-1) rallied for a 19-8 advantage in the second-quarter run, capped by Olivia Gribble's pull-up 3-pointer that fell through the basket as time expired to tie the score, 26-26, at halftime.

"They came out of the gate and gave us a punch right away," Norwin coach Brian Brozeski said. "I liked the way that we responded in the second quarter. That's the type of game you want to be in."

A 13-0 run to begin the third quarter, spurred along by Martindale's six points, put North Allegheny up again. Not to be outdone, Norwin came back again, pulling within five points in the fourth quarter, but North Allegheny sank 4 of 5 free-throw attempts in the final minutes to hold on for the win.

Gribble finished with a team-best 14 points for Norwin. She made four 3-pointers and two free throws. While Gribble was unable to score in the paint, some of her teammates had no such trouble. Numerous times the Knights slipped through the cracks in the Tigers defense for backdoor cuts that led to layups. It was uncharacteris-



Pam Panchak/Post-Gazette

Norwin's Jessica Kolesar goes to the basket against tight defense from North Allegheny's Bailey Cover Friday night at North Allegheny.

tic of North Allegheny to have defensive lapses, but Stefko chalked part of that up to the level of play his team was going against.

"There's a fine line between appreciating that and then realizing you are trying to prevent it from happening," Stefko said. "You can't be too happy because you're coaching the team that's getting beat on that, but you're looking and going, 'That's just good basketball.'"

Brozeski said he couldn't take credit for the way the Knights adjusted to the defense. He said his players relied on their basketball IQ to make adjustments in the flow of the possession. "When it comes down to it, it's not the scheme, it's just the fundamentals of the game," he said.

Ultimately, the Tigers proved to be too deep and talented. Players such as Paige Morningstar, a Louisville volleyball recruit

who came off the bench to score 10 points.

"It's mentally taxing trying to stay on top of them and what each player brings to the table," Brozeski said.

North Allegheny and Norwin will meet at least once more in section play this season and could very well meet again in the postseason. Both are perennial contenders and Norwin knocked off North Allegheny for the WPIAL title three seasons ago.

## High school basketball

LATROBE 79, PENN-TRAFFORD 55

# Stacked Wildcats rattle Warriors

Senior scorers lead top-ranked Latrobe to win

By Keith Barnes  
Tri-State Sports & News Service

Latrobe coach Brad Wetzell has been trying to tell people his team is a lot more than just senior phenoms Reed Fenton and Bryce Butler.

"All we hear, and I stay off social media, is that they're a two-man team," Wetzell said. "I work with these guys every day in practice, they're not a two-man team. I understand we have two outstanding players, but the other guys are getting better and better."

Then again, it doesn't hurt to have a two-headed monster leading the way.

With Fenton held pretty much in check for most of the second half, Butler scored 18 of his game-high 29 after the intermission as Class 6A No. 1 Latrobe (9-2, 2-0) knocked off rival Penn-Trafford (6-4, 1-1), 79-55, in a Section 3 matchup.

"They're both Division-I kids and Reed, with his jump shot, his poise and the way he plays, he's a special, special player, he really is. And I would not be surprised if he is starting for Lehigh next year," Penn-Trafford coach Jim Rocco said.

"Bryce, if there was ever a quiet [29 points], he just finds a way and does a great job with his shot fakes and is just a crafty and smart player."

Fenton wasn't completely shut down. He finished with 18 points, including four 3-pointers, but did most of his damage in the first half, scoring 15 points in the first two quarters.

"Defensively, I tried to play as good of a defensive game as I could because they're a good offensive team with a lot of offensive threats, so we had to shut them down defensively, and that's what I did in the second half," Fenton said. "On offense, I was causing a distraction and working the ball. We have a lot of good guys, as well."

While Fenton was playing decoy, Butler was knocking down key jumpers and working inside the paint.

In addition to his 29 points, he also had 10 rebounds and scored on a few put-backs on the offensive glass.

"As a team, it pretty much doesn't matter who's scoring, and we both had it going," Butler said. "He was shooting really well in the first half and I struggled a little

bit in the first half, and it kind of flipped ways, so it really didn't matter what was going on."

What might be a bit surprising was Latrobe's bench scoring, which accounted for 24 points, including 16 of the team's 41 in the second half.

Michael Noonan came off the bench and dropped in 10 points, which proved to be a huge advantage for the Wildcats as they kept Penn-Trafford at arm's length after the Warriors managed to close the gap to four points, 40-36, with 5:31 remaining in the third quarter.

"Mike's just had a great season. And really, up in New York [in the Elmira tournament], he came alive for us," Wetzell said. "He had never played varsity basketball and played JV last year and they're getting better."

Penn-Trafford made several key mistakes, including taking a personal foul before the game had started.

Senior forward Brayden Puskar was called for hanging on the rim in warm-ups, which canceled the tipoff, giving Latrobe two free throws and possession of the ball before the clock started.

Puskar picked up his second foul less than a minute into the game and was limited throughout. That helped Latrobe start the game on a 7-0 run and lead by as many as 12 in the opening frame.

To make matters worse for the Warriors, Rocco was issued an ancillary technical foul and had to remain seated on the bench for the duration of the game.

"Stuff happens, it was just unfortunate that it does, and I'm not used to sitting," Rocco said. "Foul trouble makes a difference, especially early on with a difference-maker, but it wasn't that. We actually rebounded pretty well and we were down seven at halftime."

What likely was more impactful was the Warriors' poor free-throw shooting.

Penn-Trafford missed four first-quarter free throws that made a difference when it came back to tie Latrobe, 24-24, on a Puskar field goal with 5:43 left in the second quarter. Penn-Trafford finished 9 for 21 from the stripe in the game.

"It certainly doesn't help because they're free," Rocco said.

"We just missed them."



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**Above:** Penn-Trafford's Kevin Stinelli drives to the basket against Latrobe Friday night at Penn-Trafford High School. **Left:** Latrobe's Bryce Butler, right, and Penn-Trafford's Brayden Puskar fight for possession of the ball.

# High school basketball

QUAKER VALLEY 67, NEW CASTLE 48



Andrew Stein/Post-Gazette

Quaker Valley's Ryan Stowers goes in for 2 of his 33 points against New Castle Friday night at New Castle High School. The 6-foot-5 senior guard, who averages 22 points a game, was particularly effective in transition.

## No. 1 Quakers remain unbeaten

Quaker Valley rolls by No. 2 New Castle, earning revenge for WPIAL final

By Brad Everett  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

New Castle stopped Quaker Valley from finishing the WPIAL season unbeaten in March 2018 when it upset the Quakers in the championship.

Friday night, Quaker Valley, again undefeated, got a little revenge. The

team was able to do so because its leading scorer did a lot of finishing.

Ryan Stowers scored 33 points, with just about all of his points coming at the rim and in transition, as No. 1-ranked Quaker Valley used a dominant third quarter to grab a 67-48 win at No. 2 New Castle in a battle of Class 4A Section 2 powers.

It was the 20th consecutive section win for Quaker Valley (9-0, 3-0), which has not suffered a section defeat in nearly two years.

New Castle (7-2, 2-0) lost to Quaker Valley twice last season, but the Red Hurricanes topped the Quakers, 23-0 at the time, in the WPIAL final for the second year in a row in the championship.

"We put that behind us and came back with a fire in our game," said Stowers, who, along with teammate Danny Conlan, started in last year's title game.

"We just came out and tried to do as well as we could and tried to make a statement that we're not the same team as last year."

Stowers is a 6-foot-5 senior guard who entered the night averaging 22 points per game. He's an excellent 3-pointer shooter who made five attempts each in two recent games.

Friday, though, he did his damage much closer to the basket.

"He got a ton of points in transition," New Castle coach Ralph Blundo said.

"He's going to get out and run, he's long and he's a really good finisher. The first thing on our board was our transition defense had to be really good, and it wasn't."

Quaker Valley coach Mike Mastroianni added, "I would say he's one of the best shooters in the WPIAL. He can really shoot, but he plays like a senior. When you're older, you get to the rim, and Ryan is doing that much better."

It was a back-and-forth contest for almost a full half, but Quaker Valley began to make its move late in the second quarter. The Quakers went on a 6-1 run in the final 1:15 of the first half to take a 33-29 lead into the break.

Quaker Valley then took full control in the third quarter.

The Quakers outscored New Castle, 19-6, to take a commanding 52-35 lead. It's rare to see a New Castle team held to so few points in a quarter, but Quaker Valley stifled the Red Hurricanes when it went into a 2-3 zone defense.

The defensive scheme forced New Castle into taking a lot of shots from outside the arc, and they converted only five shots on 33 total attempts from range. Coming into the game, the Red Hurricanes were shooting 22 percent from 3-point range on the year.

"The first quarter, we came out playing a 3-2 and then we switched into a 2-3," Stowers said.

"We were kind of sagging off and letting them shoot because they were getting a lot of boards and getting to the hoop a lot in the first half. So we kind of sagged off and they weren't hitting shots today."

New Castle has the No. 1 scoring offense in Class 4A (69.7 points per game), but was held below 61 points for the first time this season.

Conlan added 15 points for Quaker Valley, who also got 10 points from starting freshman point guard Adou Thiero.

New Castle, which is breaking in five new starters this season, was led by freshman guard Michael Wells' 14 points.

# High school basketball

## BOYS HIGHLIGHTS

# Lincoln Park knocks off Beaver Falls

From local dispatches

Lincoln Park now is the clear front-runner out of the Class 3A Section 1 boys standings.

The Leopards separated themselves from the rest of the pack Friday night after a 65-53 victory at Beaver Falls.

One week after dropping a non-section contest against Pine-Richland, No. 1 Lincoln Park (8-1, 3-0) picked up consecutive wins and handed the Tigers (4-6, 2-1) their first section loss.

Andre Wilder, a junior forward, scored a team-high 21 points for the Leopards. Keeno Holmes, a senior guard, followed with 18 and Casey Oliver added 12. Lincoln Park, which is averaging 70.1 points a game, led, 31-19, at the half.

Jalen Vaughn led all scorers with a game-best 30 points for Beaver Falls, which has lost three of its past four games.

### More top games

■ Colin Cote's nine points in the fourth quarter helped host Peters Township earn its first Section 2 win after a 61-56 Class 6A decision against Bethel Park. Cote finished with a game-high 18 points for the Indians (8-3, 1-1). Sam Petraca followed with 15. Ryan Meis scored 17 for the Blackhawks (7-3, 0-2).

■ After suffering its lone loss against New Castle last week, Seton LaSalle rallied with a 74-69 non-section win at McKeesport. Dylan Preston sank four 3-pointers and finished with a game-high 30 points for the Rebels (8-1), who are ranked No. 3 in Class 3A. Mike Bigley followed with 16 and Jacob Berner added 13. Deamontae Diggs scored a team-high 23 points for the Tigers (5-5), who led, 42-25, at the half.

■ Nate Ridgeway dropped in 24 points to propel Class 2A No. 2 Sewickley Academy to a 74-42 Section 3 route against visiting South Side Beaver (7-4, 2-2). Isiah Warfield followed with 15 and Donald Belt added 11 for the Panthers (5-3, 3-0).

■ Michael Carmody's 24-point effort helped Class 5A No. 1 Mars to a 64-56 Section 3 victory at Armstrong. Khori Fusco followed with 14 for the Planets (9-1, 4-0), who have won five in a row. Isaiah Price led the Riverhawks (3-7, 1-3) with 22 points and Gavin Szymanski added 19.

■ A 20-point fourth quarter helped Class 5A No. 5 Shaler secure a 65-60 Section 3 victory at Hampton. Mekhi Reynolds paced the Titans (8-3, 3-1) with 21 points and Matt Bender followed with 15. Ben Ringheisen led all scorers with 25 points for the Talbots (6-4, 2-2). Josh Winek sank four 3-pointers and finished with 16.



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Latrobe huddles before tipoff against host Penn-Trafford Friday night. The top-ranked team in WPIAL Class 6A won, 79-55.

■ Our Lady of the Sacred Heart scored 34 points in the third quarter en route to routing visiting Laurel, 84-44, in a Class 2A Section 3 matchup. Daren DiMichele scored 11 points in the third quarter and finished with a game-best 19 for the No. 1 Chargers (9-0, 4-0). Danete Spadafora followed with 15, while Ricco Tate had 10 rebounds to go with his 13 points. Luke Barker scored 13 for the Spartans (2-7, 1-2).

■ Class 3A No. 5 Washington built a 10-point lead in the first quarter and ran away with a 60-41 Section 4 victory against visiting Frazier. Dan Ethridge led all scorers with 18 points and Zahmere Robinson followed with 17 for the Prexies (4-4, 3-0). Justin Novak had 13 points for the Commodores (2-8, 1-3).

■ Carrick earned its third consecutive win after topping host Obama Academy in City

League action, 51-48. A.J. Perella paced the No. 2 Raiders (6-5, 1-0) with 14 points. Skyler Giannetti chipped in with 13 and Vernon Washington had 12. Desean Thomas scored 12 for the No. 3 Eagles (4-3, 0-1).

■ Despite trailing by six points at halftime, Moon bounced back to pick up a 63-50 non-league victory against Wheeling Park at the Cancer Research Classic. The Tigers (10-0), who are ranked No. 2 in Class 5A and holding opponents to 45.6 points a game, limited Wheeling Park to just four points in the third quarter. Donovan Johnson led all scorers with 24 points, while Jioni Smith followed with 14 and Austin Ryan and Connor Ryan each chipped in with 10.

### Close calls

■ Lee Zanderini hit a game-winner with two seconds remaining to guide Charleroi to

a 63-61 Class 3A Section 4 win at home. Zach Usher scored a game-high 20 points, while Zanardini finished with 15 for the Cougars (5-5, 3-1). Riley Conforti scored 19 for the Scotties (4-6, 1-2).

■ Thomas Jefferson won it at the free-throw line and knocked off visiting Montour, 65-63, in Class 5A Section 2 action. Issac McNeil sank four 3-pointers and finished with 18 for the Jaguars (5-5, 1-3). Shane Stump followed with 15. Jaden Nelson led the Spartans (4-6, 1-2) with 18 points.

### Stars of the night

■ Bobby Clifford came through with a 30-point performance in No. 1 Alderdice's 90-40 City League route against visiting Westinghouse. Clifford sank four 3-pointers as the Dragons (8-2, 1-0) picked up their fourth consecutive victory.



# High school basketball

## RESULTS, SUMMARIES, SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY

#### Boys Basketball CITY LEAGUE

**Allderdice 90, Westinghouse 40**  
**Westinghouse** 17 6 8 9 – 40  
**Allderdice** 16 33 27 14 – 90  
 High scorers: (W) Rodkeem Byrd 17. (A) Bobby Clifford 30, Jackson Blaufeld 14, Tony Henderson 13.

**Carrick 51, Obama Academy 48**  
**Carrick** 8 14 25 4 – 51  
**Obama Academy** 12 7 20 9 – 48  
 High scorers: (C) A.J. Perella 14, Skyler Giannetti 13, Vernon Washington 12. (OA) Dasean Thomas 12, DaShon Cruse 10.

**Brashear 62, Perry 47**  
**Brashear** 13 18 15 16 – 62  
**Perry** 13 9 9 16 – 47  
 High scorers: (B) Lontae Smith 23, Cheron Collington 17. (P) Tyshawn Ford 15, Nate McKnight 12.

#### WPIAL CLASS 6A

##### Section 1

**Pine-Richland 75, North Allegheny 51**  
**Pine-Richland** 15 18 23 19 – 75  
**North Allegheny** 10 16 7 18 – 51  
 High scorers: (PR) Dan Petcash 20, Logan Murray 17, Colin Luellen 16, Greg Shulkosky 13. (NA) Mike luzzolino 11.

**Seneca Valley 59, Central Catholic 56**  
**Central Catholic** 20 9 19 8 – 56  
**Seneca Valley** 11 17 13 18 – 59  
 High scorers: (CC) Ben Sarson 16. (SV) Zac Zajas 28, Marcus Might 12.

**Butler 81, North Hills 55**  
**Butler** 23 31 22 5 – 81  
**North Hills** 15 13 15 12 – 55  
 High scorers: (B) Devin Carney 16, Mattix Clement 14, Ethan Morton 14, Luke Patten 13, Charles Kreinbacher 12. (NH) Jordan Albright 17.

##### Section 2

**Upper St. Clair 63, Baldwin 54**  
**Upper St. Clair** 14 13 23 13 – 63  
**Baldwin** 11 18 11 14 – 54  
 High scorers: (USC) Tanner Crenzier 26, Chris Pantelis 10. (B) Troy Lanier 16, Christian Barr 15.

**Mt. Lebanon 78, Canon-McMillan 46**  
**Mt. Lebanon** 20 18 15 25 – 78  
**Canon-McMillan** 11 5 10 20 – 46  
 High scorers: (ML) Jake Hoffman 18, Blain Gartley 16, Sean Loughran 13, Andy Sapp 10. (CM) Drew Engel 15.

**Peters Township 61, Bethel Park 56**  
**Bethel Park** 11 10 15 20 – 56  
**Peters Township** 6 16 18 21 – 61  
 High scorers: (BP) Ryan Meis 17, Alex Mullen 15, Tommy DiRienzo 12. (PT) Colin Cote 18, Sam Petraca 15, Thomas Melonja 14.

##### Section 3

**Connellsville 49, Norwin 40**  
**Norwin** 6 12 9 13 – 40  
**Connellsville** 10 11 12 16 – 49  
 High scorers: (N) Tyler Bilinsky 10. (C) Jalen Rogers 25, Jaron Small 11.

**Latrobe 79, Penn-Trafford 55**  
**Latrobe** 22 16 19 22 – 79  
**Penn-Trafford** 13 18 13 11 – 55  
 High scorers: (L) Bryce Butler 29, Reed Fenton 18, Michael Noonan 10. (PT) Kevin Stinelli 14, Luke Fabac 13, Zach Rocco 10.

**Fox Chapel 52, Hempfield 34**  
**Hempfield** 11 7 7 9 – 34  
**Fox Chapel** 11 17 16 8 – 52  
 High scorers: (H) Marcus McCarthy 12. (FC) Ryan Kerr 14, Sam Brown 13.

#### WPIAL CLASS 5A

##### Section 1

**Woodland Hills 85, Albert Gallatin 71**  
**Woodland Hills** 26 15 22 22 – 85  
**Albert Gallatin** 9 21 24 17 – 71  
 High scorers: (WH) Keandre Bowles 37, Markeife Harvey 24. (AG) Nate English 24, Tyrese Jackson 14, Dylan Shea 14.

**Penn Hills 81, Greensburg Salem 43**  
**Penn Hills** 19 20 18 24 – 81  
**Greensburg Salem** 5 20 12 6 – 43  
 High scorers: (PH) Tyree Spencer 18, Marshall McArthur 16, Wes Kropp 16, Kyree Hairston-Mitchell 15, Gary Bonner 12. (GS) Christian McGowan 13.

**Gateway 55, Laurel Highlands 43**  
**Gateway** 10 15 22 8 – 55  
**Laurel Highlands** 14 5 14 10 – 43  
 High scorers: (G) Bonzi Parks 15, Joey Katona 15, R.J. Stevenson 11. (LH) Tyvaughn Long 11.

##### Section 2

**South Fayette 50, West Allegheny 45**  
 Score by quarters and high scorers not reported.  
**Thomas Jefferson 65, Montour 63**  
**Montour** 11 15 16 21 – 63  
**Thomas Jefferson** 6 25 12 22 – 65  
 High scorers: (M) Jaden Nelson 18, Tyler Banks 14, Anthony Tambellini 10, Alex Boyden 10. (TJ) Isaac McNeil 18, Shane Stump 15, John Adams 11.

**Chartiers Valley 85, West Mifflin 51**  
**Chartiers Valley** 26 22 26 11 – 85  
**West Mifflin** 14 7 18 12 – 51  
 High scorers: (CV) Brayden Reynolds 18, Joe Pipilo 18, Jared Goldstrom 13, Sean Banas 12, Louie Kearney 10. (WM) John Brown 13, Landon Jordan 12, Gary Wooten 12.

##### Section 3

**Shaler 65, Hampton 60**  
**Shaler** 19 14 12 20 – 65  
**Hampton** 20 18 14 8 – 60  
 High scorers: (S) Mekhi Reynolds 21, Matt Bender 15. (H) Ben Ringheisen 25, Josh Winek 16, Colby Mignogna 10.

**Mars 64, Armstrong 56**  
**Mars** 15 17 15 17 – 64  
**Armstrong** 13 8 19 16 – 56  
 High scorers: (M) Michael Carmody 24, Khori Fusco 14, Andrew Recchia 11. (A) Isaiah Price 22, Gavin Szymanski 19.

**Kiski Area 76, Indiana 58**  
**Kiski Area** 19 21 13 23 – 76  
**Indiana** 17 6 17 18 – 58  
 High scorers: (KA) Jason Baker 16, Kyrell Hutcherson 20. (I) Luke Thomas 17, Alec Petroff 12, Chase Walker 12.

**Franklin Regional 64, Plum 43**  
**Franklin Regional** 19 11 18 16 – 64  
**Plum** 5 14 15 9 – 43  
 High scorers: (FR) Nick Leopold 19, Johnny O'Toole 17, Thomas Morante 12. (P) Lamar Whiting 18, Chase Fink 12.

#### WPIAL CLASS 4A

##### Section 1

**Knoch 72, Yough 36**  
**Yough** 18 6 5 7 – 36  
**Knoch** 16 20 15 21 – 72  
 High scorers: (Y) Jared Bach 16, Jamal Nareallie 12. (K) Jullian Sanks 18, Ryan Lang 14, Scott Frasier 13, Brady McKee 13.

**Derry 60, Mount Pleasant 45**  
**Mount Pleasant** 13 11 11 10 – 45  
**Derry** 13 19 13 15 – 60  
 High scorers: (MP) Nathan Kubasky 11, Jacob Johnson 10. (D) John Kerr 21, Justin Huss 11, Tanner Nicely 11.

**Highlands 85, Freeport 68**  
**Highlands** 9 16 25 18 – 68  
**Freeport** 17 27 17 24 – 85  
 High scorers: (F) Garret Schafthauser 26, Jalen Brown 24. (H) Luke Cochran 29, Jonny Crise 24.

##### Section 2

**Quaker Valley 67, New Castle 48**  
**Quaker Valley** 15 18 19 15 – 67  
**New Castle** 15 14 6 13 – 48  
 High scorers: (QV) Ryan Stowers 33, Danny Conlan 15, Adou Thiero 10. (NC) Michael Wells 14, Sheldon Cox 10.

**Central Valley 47, Beaver 46**  
**Beaver** 8 14 14 10 – 46  
**Central Valley** 12 14 12 9 – 47  
 High scorers: (B) Mike Champ 13, Becket Connolly 12. (CV) Justin Pyle-Thompson 14.

**Ambridge 69, Hopewell 33**  
**Ambridge** 15 15 18 21 – 69  
**Hopewell** 8 13 7 5 – 33  
 High scorers: (A) Liam Buck 23, Aaron Hilzendecker 12, Isaiah Thomas 11. (H) Enzo Palumbo 14.

##### Section 3

**Ringold 65, Waynesburg 53**  
**Waynesburg** 7 15 13 18 – 53  
**Ringold** 12 7 27 19 – 65  
 High scorers: (W) Chase Henkins 14, Lucas Garber 13, Richard Bortz 13. (R) Chris Pecon 19, Luke Wyratt 18, Demetrius Butler 15.

**Uniontown 85, Belle Vernon 36**  
**Uniontown** 23 32 17 13 – 85  
**Belle Vernon** 9 7 12 8 – 36  
 High scorers: (U) Billy Deshields 25, Jahmere Richardson 17, Isiah Melvin 25. (BV) Larry Callaway 11, Cam Nusser 10.

**South Park 65, Elizabeth Forward 53**  
**Elizabeth Forward** 13 9 16 15 – 53  
**South Park** 18 15 15 17 – 65  
 High scorers: (EF) Patrick Filson 21, Chase Vaughn 11. (SP) Santino Tutich 20, Hunter Lindsay 15, Aidan Rongau 12.

#### WPIAL CLASS 3A

##### Section 1

**Aliquippa 61, Riverside 29**  
**Riverside** 13 2 6 8 – 29  
**Aliquippa** 18 17 15 11 – 61  
 High scorers: (R) Kevin Kolesar 9. (A) Zuriah Fisher 13, Michael Dawkins 11.

**Neshannock 74, New Brighton 46**  
**Neshannock** 13 27 21 13 – 74  
**New Brighton** 6 17 15 8 – 46  
 High scorers: (N) Jake McCormick 17, Niko Rylyott 15, Preston Turk 12. (NB) Chris Gerello 16, Thomas Kirby 11.

**Lincoln Park 65, Beaver Falls 53**  
**Lincoln Park** 13 18 11 23 – 65  
**Beaver Falls** 5 14 19 15 – 53  
 High scorers: (LP) Andre Wilder 21, Keeno Holmes 18, Casey Oliver 12. (BF) Jalen Vaughn 30.

##### Section 2

**Avonworth 70, Keystone Oaks 47**  
**Keystone Oaks** 11 7 17 12 – 47  
**Avonworth** 14 22 18 16 – 70  
 High scorers: (KO) Frank Stumpo 15, Desmond Sanders 13. (A) Michael Donovan 19, Deon Thomas 17, Turner Grau 11.

**North Catholic 86, Fort Cherry 28**  
**Fort Cherry** 4 16 5 3 – 28  
**North Catholic** 34 26 17 9 – 86  
 High scorers: (FC) Not reported. (NC) Isaac Degregorio 15, Isaiah Jackson 12, Jackson Paschall 12.

##### Section 3

**Avonworth 70, Keystone Oaks 47**  
**Keystone Oaks** 11 7 17 12 – 47  
**Avonworth** 14 22 18 16 – 70  
 High scorers: (KO) Frank Stumpo 15, Desmond Sanders 13. (A) Michael Donovan 19, Deon Thomas 17, Turner Grau 11.

**North Catholic 86, Fort Cherry 28**  
**Fort Cherry** 4 16 5 3 – 28  
**North Catholic** 34 26 17 9 – 86  
 High scorers: (FC) Not reported. (NC) Isaac Degregorio 15, Isaiah Jackson 12, Jackson Paschall 12.

##### Section 4

**Charleroi 63, Southmoreland 61**  
**Southmoreland** 23 15 14 9 – 61  
**Charleroi** 18 18 10 17 – 63  
 High scorers: (S) Riley Conforti 19, Brett Glowacki 15, Cade Richter 13. (C) Zach Usher 20, Lee Zanardini 15, Marty Foster 10.

**Washington 60, Frazier 41**  
**Frazier** 11 8 11 11 – 41  
**Washington** 21 10 13 16 – 60  
 High scorers: (F) Justin Novak 13, Colton Arison 12, Elijah Santoro 10. (W) Dan Etheridge 18, Zahmere Roninson 17.

**McGuffey 83, Beth-Center 52**  
**Beth-Center** 10 18 8 16 – 52  
**McGuffey** 22 16 24 21 – 83  
 High scorers: (BC) J.J. Green 19, Easton McDaniel 13. (M) C.J. Cole 41, Nick Dinka 11, Nat Witkowsky 11.

#### WPIAL CLASS 2A

##### Section 1

**Sto-Rox 50, Winchester Thurston 47**  
**Winchester Thurston** 9 16 9 13 – 47  
**Sto-Rox** 11 15 7 17 – 50  
 High scorers: (WT) Dusan Krivokapic 22, Langston Moses 15 Igor Karusewicz 11. (SR) Jamal Williams 17, Jamil Williams 11, Omarian Smith 10.

**Springdale 69, Propel Braddock Hills 40**  
**Propel Braddock Hills** 13 7 14 6 – 40  
**Springdale** 10 27 21 11 – 69  
 High scorers: (PBH) Josiah McCoy-Morant 12, Chaiem Despert-Johnson 11. (S) Demitri Fritch 21, Mike Zolnierczyk 14, Ben Myford 13.

**Summit Academy 71, Apollo-Ridge 55**  
**Apollo-Ridge** 11 15 2 27 – 55  
**Summit Academy** 19 15 15 22 – 71  
 High scorers: (AR) Keighton Reese 32, Klayton Fitzroy 10. (SA) Deshawn Stevens 19, Jaleel Christian 15, Takoma Askew 13.

##### Section 2

**Brentwood 69, Chartiers-Houston 61**  
**Chartiers-Houston** 8 15 16 22 – 61  
**Brentwood** 19 18 17 15 – 69  
 High scorers: (CH) Evan Simpson 15, Austin Arnold 13, Anthony Tomasetti 12. (B) C.J. Ziegler 14, Zach Keib 11, Antonio Harris 11.

**Jeannette 66, Carmichaels 28**  
**Jeannette** 27 13 8 10 – 66  
**Carmichaels** 2 6 8 12 – 28  
 High scorers: (C) Drake Long 6. (J) Jackson Pruitt 14, Zack Crutchman 12, Marcus Barnes 10.

**Serra Catholic 71, California 52**  
**California** 7 15 18 12 – 52  
**Serra Catholic** 19 17 24 11 – 71  
 High scorers: (C) Malik Ramsey 28. (SC) Khalil Smith 16, Jimmy Moon 14.

##### Section 3

**Sewickley Academy 74, South Side Beaver 42**  
**South Side Beaver** 13 14 3 12 – 42  
**Sewickley Academy** 13 22 27 12 – 74  
 High scorers: (SSB) Trevor Roach 13, Logan English 11. (SA) Nate Ridgeway 24, Isiah Warfield 15, Donald Belt 11.

**O.L. Sacred Heart 84, Laurel 44**  
**Laurel** 12 17 12 3 – 44  
**O.L. Sacred Heart** 25 23 34 2 – 84  
 High scorers: (L) Luke Barker 13, Sam Haswell 11. (OLSH) Daren DiMichele 19, Dante Spadafora 15, Ricco Tate 13, Austin Wigley 12.

**Burgettstown 58, Mohawk 56**  
**Burgettstown** 10 13 17 16 – 56  
**Mohawk** 11 11 22 14 – 58  
 High scorers: (B) Bobby Kozares 16, Scott Ferris 13, Cole Shergi 11. (M) Josh Kurtz 11.

#### WPIAL CLASS 1A

##### Section 1

**Vincentian 77, Western Beaver 33**  
**Western Beaver** 2 14 9 8 – 33  
**Vincentian** 27 23 17 10 – 77  
 High scorers: (WB) Ty Hopkins 14. (V) Nate Cullo 16, Angelo Reedes 16, Alex Griggs 11.

**Union 61, Rochester 54**  
**Rochester** 18 7 16 13 – 54  
**Union** 15 14 17 15 – 61  
 High scorers: (R) Darius Goosby 20, Noah Whiteleather 17, Tyreek Sherod 12. (U) Seth Pinkerton 24, Nate Meeks 15, Mike Flowers 10.

**Nazareth Prep 70, Quigley Catholic 34**  
 Score by quarters and high scorers not reported.  
**Cornell at Eden Christian, ppd.**

##### Section 2

**Monessen 83, Geibel Catholic 45**  
**Monessen** 27 23 23 10 – 83  
**Geibel Catholic** 6 12 6 21 – 45  
 High scorers: (M) Elijahwa Payne 22, Devin Whitlock 18, Darnell Howell 14. (GC) Cole Kendall 14, Enzo Fetsko 11, Ryan Anderson 11.

**Mapletown 76, Avella 65**  
**Mapletown** 17 17 20 11 – 65  
**Avella** 11 11 21 33 – 76  
 High scorers: (M) Lance Stevenson 19, Chuck Lash 12, Ryant Tuttle 11, Matt Atwood 11. (A) Tyler Cerciello 23, Donovan Avolio 16, Owen English 15.

**Jefferson-Morgan 10 11 10 6 – 37**  
**Bishop Canevin** 16 29 17 12 – 74

High scorers: (JM) Devin Stoneking 16. (BC) Aiden Logan 17, Dahvie Montgomery 15, Nevan Crossey 13.

##### Section 3

**Propel Andrew Street 81, Trinity Christian School 25**  
**Trinity Christian** 0 14 7 4 – 25  
**Propel Andrew Street** 24 16 17 24 – 81  
 High scorers: (TC) Keith Merrit 10. (PAS) Trae Elmore 17, Sayvon Knight 16.

**Greensburg C.C. 68, Leechburg 45**  
**Leechburg** 13 9 10 13 – 45  
**Greensburg C.C.** 16 18 15 19 – 68  
 High scorers: (L) Jake Blumer 21, Dylan Cook 10. (GCC) Geoff Helm 17, Max Pisula 16.

**Clairton 58, Imani Christian 38**  
**Imani Christian** 10 11 11 6 – 38  
**Clairton** 10 17 22 9 – 58  
 High scorers: (IC) B. Aiden 16. (C) Leonard Robinson 17, Kenlein Ogletree 16.

#### CANCER RESEARCH CLASSIC

**At WesBanco Arena, Wheeling W.Va. Moon 63, Wheeling Park, W.Va. 50**  
**Moon** 15 16 16 16 – 63  
**Wheeling Park** 17 20 4 9 – 50  
 High scorers: (M) Donovan Johnson 24, Jioni Smith 14, Austin Ryan 10, Connor Ryan 10. (WP) Alex Vargo 26, Keondre King 16.

#### NON-SECTION

**West Greene 77, Bentworth 52**  
 Score by quarters and high scorers not reported.  
**Cathedral Prep 74, Shady Side Academy 24**  
**Shady Side Academy** 8 3 7 6 – 24  
**Cathedral Prep** 31 13 22 8 – 74  
 High scorers: (SSA) Mason Tomlin 5, Colm O'Connor 5. (CP) Mike Lucarotti 19, Alfonso Pickens 14, Liam Galla 13.

**Seton LaSalle 74, McKeesport 69**  
**Seton LaSalle** 12 13 24 25 – 74  
**McKeesport** 18 24 12 15 – 69  
 High scorers: (SL) Dylan Preston 30, Mike Bigley 16, Jacob Berner 13. (M) Deamontae Diggs 23, Christian Moore 19.

**St. Joseph 60, Riverview 38**  
**Riverview** 9 13 9 7 – 38  
**St. Joseph** 13 16 14 17 – 60  
 High scorers: (R) Gideon Deasy 8. (SJ) Grant Bendis 19, Daniel Fabregas 14, Matt Arvay 14.

#### Girls Basketball

##### CITY LEAGUE

**Brashear 62, Perry 22**  
**Perry** 5 10 0 7 – 22  
**Brashear** 14 14 15 19 – 62  
 High scorers: (P) Kaniesha Jackson 10. (B) Jaelin Woodall 22, Sara Volker 12.

**Obama Academy 70, Carrick 18**  
**Obama Academy** 5 24 25 16 – 70  
**Carrick** 8 4 0 6 – 18  
 High scorers: (OA) Talia Mitchell 17, Kennedy Jetter 10, Raylin Creighton 10. (C) Kaylyn Cannon 11.

**Allderdice 62, Westinghouse 42**  
**Allderdice** 19 19 9 15 – 62  
**Westinghouse** 8 11 9 14 – 42  
 High scorers: (A) Emma Waite 16, Sidney Lightning 12, Sophia North 10, Brooklyn Jones 10. (W) Dajane Glover 12.

#### WPIAL CLASS 6A

##### Section 1

**Fox Chapel 39, Shaler 29**  
**Shaler** 8 12 8 1 – 29  
**Fox Chapel** 12 11 2 14 – 39  
 High scorers: (S) Emily Cavacini 14. (FC) Megan Friday 13, Ellie Schwartzman 11.

**Seneca Valley 59, Pine-Richland 49**  
**Pine-Richland** 15 8 12 14 – 49  
**Seneca Valley** 11 11 22 15 – 59  
 High scorers: (PR) Kendall Gessner 16, Alaina Kalin 15, Meghan Luellen 10. (SV) McKenna Gross 20, Maddie Karchut 16.

# High school basketball

## RESULTS, SUMMARIES, SCHEDULE

### Girls Basketball

#### WPIAL CLASS 6A

##### Section 1

North Allegheny 55, Norwin 44

Norwin 7 19 8 10 — 44  
North Allegheny 18 8 15 14 — 55

High scorers: (N) Olivia Gribble 14, Jessica Kole-sar 10. (NA) Rachel Martindale 19, Lizzy Groetsch 11, Paige Morningstar 10.

#### WPIAL CLASS 5A

##### Section 3

Oakland Catholic 53, Penn-Trafford 29

Oakland Catholic 13 9 8 22 — 52  
Penn-Trafford 5 8 8 8 — 29

High scorers: (OC) Sierra DeAngelo 15, Alexis Sestric 11. (PT) Bella Long 12.

#### WPIAL CLASS 4A

##### Section 3

McKeesport 60, Mount Pleasant 28

Mount Pleasant 22 12 17 9 — 60  
McKeesport 22 12 17 9 — 60

High scorers: (MP) Juliann Kalp 11. (M) Emma Elash 19, Jhayla Bray 10.

#### NON-SECTION

Leechburg 42, Springdale 21

Leechburg 18 10 9 5 — 42  
Springdale 3 4 8 6 — 21

High scorers: (L) Aubry Skeel 14. (S) Julia Parfitt 7.

Jefferson-Morgan 45, Hundred, W.Va. 33

Hundred 3 3 17 10 — 33  
Jefferson-Morgan 10 11 10 14 — 45

High scorers: (H) Not reported. (JM) Brynn Boyd 22.

Ellis School 50, St. Joseph 13

Ellis School 21 11 9 9 — 50  
St. Joseph 2 4 3 4 — 13

High scorers: (ES) Natalie Jasper 19, Katharine Ference 10. (SJ) Alyssa Swierczewski 6.

Derry 49, Ligonier Valley 43

Derry 9 15 14 11 — 49  
Ligonier Valley 10 4 16 13 — 43

High scorers: (D) Hannah Wedow 10, Danielle Mullen 10. (LV) Alexia Boyd 10.

Brownsville 58, Bentworth 18

Bentworth 0 8 6 4 — 18  
Brownsville 19 10 11 18 — 58

High scorers: (Be) Katie Babirad 6, Caroline Rice 6. (Br) Alexis Carson 15, Tessa Dellarose 14.

#### Boys Bowling

Apollo-Ridge 5, Burrell 2  
North Allegheny 4, Butler 3

#### Girls Bowling

Burrell 7, Apollo-Ridge 0  
Butler 7, North Allegheny 0

#### Boys Swimming

##### WPIAL CLASS 2A

##### Section 5

Belle Vernon 70, Thomas Jefferson 59

#### Girls Swimming

##### WPIAL CLASS 2A

##### Section 5

Thomas Jefferson 96, Belle Vernon 71

### SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

#### Boys Basketball

##### CANCER RESEARCH CLASSIC

At WesBanco Arena, Wheeling, W.Va.

Butler vs. Wheeling Central Catholic, W.Va. (10 a.m.)

##### CHUCKIE MAHONEY CLASSIC

##### At Burgettstown

McGuffey vs. Trinity (11 a.m.); Washington vs. Canon-McMillan (1 p.m.); Cornell vs. Chartiers-Houston (3 p.m.); Weir, W.Va. vs. Burgettstown (5 p.m.).

##### DON GRAHAM CLASSIC

##### At North Catholic

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart vs. North Catholic (6 p.m.).

##### JAMFEST AT PENN HILLS

Serra Catholic vs. Highlands (3 p.m.); Central Catholic vs. McKeesport (4:30 p.m.); Jeannette vs. Penn Hills (6 p.m.); McDowell vs. Mt. Lebanon (7:30 p.m.).

##### NON-SECTION

Erie at Shady Side Academy (4:30 p.m.); Hope-well at Aliquippa (1:30 p.m.); Keystone Oaks at



Andrew Stein/Post-Gazette photos

New Castle's Drew Cox dribbles past Quaker Valley's Quinn Hill in Quaker Valley's 67-48 win Friday night at New Castle High School.

West Allegheny (12:30 p.m.); Knoch at Deer Lakes (7:30 p.m.); Laurel Highlands at Connellsville (11 a.m.); Mohawk at Ellwood City (1:30 p.m.); North Hills at Bethel Park (1:30 p.m.); Trinity Christian at Beaver County Christian (1:30 p.m.).

#### Girls Basketball

##### CHUCKIE MAHONEY CLASSIC

##### At Burgettstown

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart vs. Washington (11 a.m.); McGuffey vs. South Side Beaver (1 p.m.); Weir, W.Va. vs. Burgettstown (3 p.m.); Avella vs. Chartiers-Houston (5 p.m.).

##### DON GRAHAM CLASSIC

##### At North Catholic

Keystone Oaks vs. North Catholic (4:30 p.m.).

##### JAMFEST AT PENN HILLS

Ambridge vs. Penn Hills (1:30 p.m.).

##### NON-SECTION

Beaver Falls at Quigley Catholic (11 a.m.); Brashear at Northgate (3:30 p.m.); Cornell at Shenango (1:30 p.m.); Farrell at Greensburg Central Catholic (2 p.m.); Hollidaysburg at Obama

Academy (2:30 p.m.); Laurel Highlands at Connellsville (12:30 p.m.); Shaler at Moon (2:30 p.m.); South Park at Chartiers Valley (1:30 p.m.); Southmoreland at Serra Catholic (1:30 p.m.); Valley at Riverside (12:30 p.m.).

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Tyler Francis, 17, of New Castle reacts after an official's call in the game against Quaker Valley.

PENGUINS 4, JETS 0

## Murray has another star turn in goal

Netminder backed by defenders who blocked 25 Winnipeg shots

When Matt Murray returned from a lower-body injury Dec. 15, there was no shortage of questions surrounding what might happen. The Penguins had won four of six and seven of 12 to nudge their way back into the playoff picture, but did

so behind Casey DeSmith, who was gaining traction as the team's starter.

Murray, meanwhile, was at or near the bottom of the list of qualifying goaltenders when it came to goals-against average and save percentage. His confidence was seemingly shaken, to

say nothing of the lower-body injury that shelved him in the first place.

How much would Murray play? Should he? Was DeSmith the starter? Some fans even felt the need to wipe the dust off the whole Marc-Andre Fleury thing.

What has happened since has truly been impressive. As the Penguins have caught fire, it has been their two-time Stanley Cup-winning netminder, their 24-year-old brick wall, who has carried the torch, most recently grounding the Winnipeg Jets, 4-0, Friday at PPG Paints Arena.

Since returning from injury, Murray is 7-0 with a 1.27 goals-against average and .962 save percentage, and he has helped the Penguins put together an eight-game winning streak, tied for the longest of coach Mike Sullivan's tenure. Murray's confidence has skyrocketed.

"He's obviously played extremely well," Sullivan said of Murray, who made 33 saves. "When you can stack a few games together like he has, and played as well as he has, it has to build his confidence. With that comes a whole different demeanor.

"Right now he exudes so much confidence. ... I think he's in a whole different place mentally than he was early in the year, when it was a bit of a struggle for not just Matt but for all of us."

Despite his recent run, which is full of solid work, this might have been Murray's best game yet — and it wasn't even



Peter Diana/Post-Gazette

Penguins defenseman Olli Maatta celebrates his goal with center Derick Brassard.

sexy. Because of his positioning and how he well reads the game, Murray didn't make a ton of highlight-reel saves. Aside from the first 8-10 minutes of the second period, when Winnipeg got its only power play, the Penguins did an excellent job of keeping things to the outside.

But Murray flat-out stoned an offense Friday that featured one of the NHL's premier goal-scorers in Patrik Laine, while Blake Wheeler and Mark Scheifele are both top-15 scorers.

None of that mattered, of course, as Murray picked up his third shutout of the season and tied his personal-best winning streak, impressing his teammates.

"He's just been unbelievable, honestly," Matt Cullen said. "Coming off

his injury break, man, he's been really good. It's just good to see him playing at his level. We all know the talent he has. We've seen him play at that level.

"He's the most important reason for this run we've been on."

It's impossible to argue that, although Murray — and this might be a sign he's in the zone — has shown little desire to dissect the ins and outs of his current run. He's usually "trying to get better as I go" and "trying to feel better and compete harder and harder."

Friday, Murray said it's all about having a short memory.

"It's all perspective," Murray said. "Every game is a chance to reset, so that's how we look at it."

If he keeps playing like this, Murray can look at his performance however he wants. He has been giving the Penguins A-plus caliber goaltending, the stuff they'll need in the playoffs, and the defensive effort in front of him only seems to be getting better, too.

In addition to keeping the Jets to the outside, the Penguins blocked 25 shots, won plenty of puck battles and played with speed — enough so, apparently, to produce some striking comments from Winnipeg coach Paul Maurice postgame.

"I think they were faster than we were. That's a fact," Maurice said.

Of the blocked shots, Maurice said, "When you get into the 20s of shots blocked, you're wasting an awful lot of opportunities to get things going."

As if combining Murray's level of play right now with this particular defensive effort wasn't enough, the Penguins also are getting goals from unlikely sources.

Perhaps an indicator that the Penguins are only getting stronger, Olli Maatta, Cullen and Dominik Simon scored before Kris Letang popped in an empty-netter.

The first three came in fairly ridiculous fashion, too.

Maatta's marker, a shot from the point, was his first in 57 games dating to last season. Cullen's went off his ear, while Simon's came after Jets goaltender Connor Hellebuyck actually made a save — but in the process his glove was completely across the line.

"The start of the season wasn't what we wanted," Maatta said. "We didn't play the way we wanted. The results weren't there. We kept grinding, trying to get better and better. It's getting there. We're starting to play better."

And it's not at all hard to figure out why.

"He looks so confident in there," Sullivan said of Murray. "He looks so poised. He's tracking the puck. He's reading plays. As I said, he's a guy, when he's at his best, he makes tough saves look routine. That's what he's doing for us right now."

### Around the boards

The Penguins also won eight in a row under Sullivan March 26-April 7, 2016. ... The Penguins have won 18 consecutive home games over the Atlanta/Winnipeg franchise. ... Crosby (assist) and Letang each stretched their point streaks to six games.

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On the Penguins  
JASON MACKEY

## PENGUINS NOTEBOOK

# Crosby rewards funny heckler

By Matt Vensel  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Sidney Crosby has heard pretty much every taunt in the book from opposing fans, presumably including a lot of things that those folks wouldn't dare say in front of their grandmothers. But Wednesday in New York, something pretty rare happened.

One Rangers fan yelled something at Crosby that actually made him chuckle.

Crosby was penalized for tripping about three minutes into the 7-2 win against the Rangers. As Crosby was trapped in the box for two minutes, one man loudly heckled Crosby. For once, somebody actually came up with some pretty clever stuff.

"He had me laughing a bit. I've been in the situation before and guys can kind of cross the line or take it a little far sometimes," Crosby said Friday after a morning skate. "I thought he did everything in pretty good taste. He had the section laughing. He had me and one of the officials in the box laughing. So it was all in good fun."

Crosby said it took him a while to pinpoint where the voice in the Madison Square Garden crowd was coming from. Once he did, he decided to show him a little love. After Crosby headed into the locker room after getting a goal and an assist in the win, he sent a team employee out to find the fan and hand him an autographed stick.

On the blade, the superstar wrote, "Good chirps. Take it easy on me next time!"

"I figured it would be funny to send it over," he said of a gesture that went viral.

Crosby said it was a "unique" situation that led him to reward a trash-talking fan. He also realizes that since it became public, others might try to score a stick, too.

"It's not a competition," warned Crosby, whose Penguins played host Friday to the Winnipeg Jets at PPG Paints Arena, adding, "I had fun with it, but it's not always the case."

### Oleksiak returns to lineup

Before Friday, Jamie Oleksiak had not suited up for the Penguins



Matt Murray takes off his mask and makes the save on the Jets' Adam Lowry Friday night.

since a concussion after a fight Dec. 19 with Washington Capitals pest Tom Wilson. The defenseman missed three games with the injury and was a healthy scratch the next three. Meanwhile, the Penguins reeled off seven consecutive wins, starting with that one in Washington.

"I think it's just part of being a professional, staying ready," he said Friday morning. "The team's been playing well. Just making sure I'm getting my skating legs under me and putting in work off the ice to make sure when you come in you step in pretty seamlessly. Obviously, it's nice to see the team win. You want to be a part of it."

Oleksiak finally returned to the lineup Friday against Winnipeg, the rare NHL team that has heavy doses of size and skill. Oleksiak took Juuso Riikola's spot against the Jets and partnered with Olli Maatta. After the morning skate, coach Mike Sullivan said that night's matchup was "certainly" a factor in deciding to dust off Oleksiak.

"Jamie's a guy that brings a lot of size and strength and grit to our blue line. He's hard to play against," he said of Oleksiak, who is second on the Penguins in penalty minutes and has dropped the gloves for three of their five fighting majors. "When we play against bigger, stronger teams,

he's a guy that can be very effective for us."

### Snapping out of it?

Dominik Simon had a goal and an assist Wednesday in a win against the Rangers. They were his first points since Nov. 28. Simon missed two weeks with a lower-body injury then was scoreless in five consecutive games before his two-point night in New York.

"When they don't score over a period of time, players put pressure on themselves. And, so, for him to score, I think it should give him a little bit of confidence," Sullivan said of the winger. "It should take some pressure off. It should allow him to play a little bit more freely. And usually, when players do that, they're at their best."

Perhaps that also will be the case for Simon's current center, Evgeni Malkin. Against the Rangers, Malkin scored his first even-strength goal since Dec. 4. Coincidentally, that was the night Simon got injured; the two were not linemates at the time.

"Dominik is certainly a guy that we know can help us offensively. That's one of the reasons why he's playing with Geno," Sullivan said, citing his ability "to see the ice, his offensive instincts, his give-and-go game down low, his ability to make plays."

## Penguins report

### Friday's game

Winnipeg..... 0 0 0-0  
Penguins..... 2 1 1-4

**First period**—1, Penguins, Maatta 1 (Guentzel, Pettersson), 14:19 (pp). 2, Penguins, Cullen 4 (Aston-Reese, Johnson), 14:52. Penalties—Winnipeg bench, served by Perreault (too many men on the ice), 12:57.

**Second period**—3, Penguins, Simon 6 (Malkin), 14:39. Penalties—Brassard, PIT, (holding), 6:38; Morrissey, WPG, (closing hand on the puck), 15:55.

**Third period**—4, Penguins, Letang 10 (Crosby, Cullen), 16:38. Penalties—Wheeler, WPG, (hooking), 3:26.

**Shots on goal**—Winnipeg 7-11-15—33. Penguins 10-15-8—33.

**Power-play opportunities**—Winnipeg 0 of 1; Penguins 1 of 3.

**Goalies**—Winnipeg, Hellebuyck 17-12-1 (32 shots-29 saves). Penguins, Murray 11-5-1 (33-33).

A—18,642 (18,387). T—2:29.

**Referees**—Francis Charron, Brian Pochmara. **Linesmen**—Travis Gawryletz, Matt MacPherson.

### Three stars

**3** Matt Cullen, Penguins C  
1 goal, 1 assist, plus-2

**2** Matt Murray, Penguins G  
33 saves, 1.000 save pct.

**1** Dominik Simon, Penguins C  
1 goal, plus-1, 7 shots

### Statistics

(Before Friday's game)

| NO. PLAYER     | GP | G  | A  | PTS+/- | PIM |    |
|----------------|----|----|----|--------|-----|----|
| 87 Crosby      | 37 | 19 | 31 | 50     | 18  | 10 |
| 81 Kessel      | 40 | 17 | 29 | 46     | -4  | 18 |
| 71 Malkin      | 40 | 13 | 29 | 42     | -13 | 42 |
| 59 Guentzel    | 40 | 17 | 19 | 36     | 10  | 10 |
| 58 Letang      | 38 | 9  | 26 | 35     | 13  | 26 |
| 72 Hornqvist   | 31 | 14 | 10 | 24     | 0   | 2  |
| 17 Rust        | 39 | 9  | 9  | 18     | 4   | 12 |
| 12 Simon       | 32 | 5  | 10 | 15     | 4   | 10 |
| 19 Brassard    | 31 | 6  | 6  | 12     | -3  | 12 |
| 8 Dumoulin     | 40 | 1  | 10 | 11     | 25  | 12 |
| 6 Oleksiak     | 32 | 4  | 7  | 11     | 4   | 35 |
| 46 Aston-Reese | 27 | 6  | 4  | 10     | 7   | 9  |
| 3 Maatta       | 39 | 0  | 10 | 10     | 5   | 8  |
| 73 Johnson     | 40 | 1  | 8  | 9      | -7  | 14 |
| 14 Pearson     | 24 | 5  | 4  | 9      | -3  | 0  |
| 7 Cullen       | 29 | 3  | 5  | 8      | 2   | 6  |
| 15 Sheahan     | 39 | 5  | 2  | 7      | -3  | 11 |
| 38 Grant       | 22 | 2  | 3  | 5      | 2   | 4  |
| 4 Schultz      | 4  | 0  | 4  | 4      | 1   | 0  |
| 11 Sprong      | 16 | 0  | 4  | 4      | -7  | 0  |
| 62 Hagelin     | 16 | 1  | 2  | 3      | 2   | 12 |

| NO GOALIES | GP | MINS | GAA  | W  | L | OT |
|------------|----|------|------|----|---|----|
| 1 DeSmith  | 25 | 1350 | 2.40 | 12 | 6 | 4  |
| 30 Murray  | 17 | 937  | 3.07 | 10 | 5 | 1  |
| 35 Jarry   | 2  | 121  | 3.50 | 0  | 1 | 1  |

### The schedule

| Date | Opponent   | Time | TV    |
|------|------------|------|-------|
| 1/6  | Blackhawks | 8    | NBCSN |
| 1/8  | Panthers   | 7    | AT&T  |
| 1/11 | Ducks      | 10   | AT&T  |

### Home games in bold



Peter Diana/Post-Gazette photos  
Penguins center Matt Cullen taps the puck off the post for a goal against the Jets Friday at PPG Paints Arena. He also picked up an assist in the 4-0 win.



Associated Press

Carolina goalie Curtis McElhinney keeps an eye on the puck as Columbus' Pierre-Luc Dubois prepares to shoot in the first period. The Blue Jackets, who entered one point behind the Penguins in the Metropolitan Division, lost to the Hurricanes, 4-2.

## NHL NOTEBOOK

# Panthers center Trocheck returns to ice after fracture

By The Associated Press

Florida Panthers center Vincent Trocheck was back on the ice and skating Friday, barely six weeks removed from fracturing his right ankle.

The team released a photo of Trocheck on the ice before the team practiced. There is still no timetable for his return.

Trocheck had three goals and 11 assists in 18 games before he got hurt in a gruesome scene after crashing into the boards Nov. 19 at Ottawa, and had surgery to repair the fracture two days later. Trocheck has said that he plans on returning to the team this season.

He had career-highs of 31 goals and 44 assists for the Panthers in the 2017-18 season.

### Lightning

The Tampa Bay Lightning got off to a strong start last season, only to lose momentum after Christmas. They aren't about to let that happen again, as the Los Angeles Kings found out.

Nikita Kucherov had a goal and three assists as the Lightning kept steamrolling along, beating the Kings, 6-2, late Thursday night for their seventh consecutive victory.

"This group has been together for quite a while, so we know what we're capable of," Tampa Bay forward Ryan Callahan said. "Make sure we continue to rise and continue to play well, not have that dip we had last year, and so far out of the break we've done that."

The NHL-leading Lightning have earned at least one point in 16 consecutive games — the longest streak in the league this season. They are 15-0-1 during the run.

"We're on a good stretch, obviously, and we're having fun with it," Callahan said. "We're coming to the rink and we're ready to work is the biggest thing. [Thursday] was no different."

The Lightning jumped in front, 3-0, in the first period, with Kucherov getting his 400th NHL point by scoring on a 5-on-3 power play at 6:28.

## COLLEGE HOCKEY / THREE RIVERS CLASSIC

# Colonials fall to Brown on first day of event

No. 1 St. Cloud State will test Colonials for 3rd after losing to Union

By Bill Brink  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Grant Hebert did his part. The way Robert Morris played in the second period Friday, it wasn't enough.

Hebert's hat trick could not counteract four second-period goals in a 7-4 loss to Brown on the first day of the Three Rivers Classic at UPMC Lemieux Sports Complex in Cranberry. Brown will play Union, which upset top-ranked St. Cloud State, 7-2, in the other semifinal, for the Confluence Cup Saturday night at PPG Paints Arena. Robert Morris will face St. Cloud State in the consolation.

The Colonials had won three of the previous six Classics, but entered this one 8-9-1. They lost five of seven in October and November, with an 11-6 loss to Penn State capping the seven-game span, but went 5-3 in the eight games prior to the tournament.

Hebert, a freshman forward, scored twice in the first period, five minutes apart. He added the third in the third period.

"My linemates were excellent tonight," Hebert said. "They put the puck on the stick pretty easy and I just had to tap it in."

Less than three minutes into the second period, Brown had evened the score, with goals from Joachim Weberg and Tommy Marchin. A holding penalty on Aidan Girduckis at the 7:38 mark led to Max Gottlieb's power-play goal, and Alec Mehr added a short-handed goal near the end of the period.

"They just came out there with a compete level," Robert Morris coach Derek Schooley said. "They were fired up. You could feel it on the bench, they were hooting and hollering. Then they got their first goal and I think that changed the complexion of it."

"My linemates were excellent tonight They put the puck on the stick pretty easy and I just had to tap it in."

— Grant Hebert, RMU freshman forward scored a hat trick

Brown followed Hebert's third goal with a power-play goal. Eric Israel again pulled the Colonials within a goal, but again Brown answered.

"We still have to keep our focus for 60 minutes, and right now we're a 35-, 40-minute team," Schooley said. "If we can turn it around, you saw the glimpse of what we could do."

No. 14-ranked Union planned to keep it simple against St. Cloud State. Pucks low. Strong on the back-check. When they scored less than five minutes in, they received early feedback.

"Right when we got that first one there, we saw what worked, and it was that game plan," Union forward Brett Supinski said. "Once we saw that first one go in, we got a little more life on the bench and we kind of pounced."

St. Cloud State's only loss this season came against No. 11 Northeastern, Oct. 27, and they brought a 10-game unbeaten streak, the longest in the NCAA, into Friday's game. But they found themselves trailing in the first period as the Dutchmen slipped two shots past goalie David Hrenak.

"The first period, we felt like we were in the game," Huskies coach Brett Larson said. "We knew it was going to be a hard-fought, competitive game and we felt we were playing that way with them. We felt it was very even. And then it just seemed that every time we made a mistake, it ended up in the back of our net."

Brandon Estes scored his second goal of the game 30 seconds into the third period. Roughly 30 seconds later, Hanson denied a point-blank shot with a glove save from his knees, and about 30 seconds after that, Supinski put Union ahead 6-1.

"It feels good," Supinski said. "Obviously we enjoyed it a little bit in [the dressing room]. Good game, but we know we're playing for a trophy, so it'll be a good battle tomorrow night, no matter who we play."

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# Era of the pass may be waning in NFL

The top six teams in pass-to-run ratio failed to make the playoffs

The Steelers fully embraced the NFL's passing revolution in recent years. With quarterback Ben Roethlisberger and a dynamic group of receivers, the Steelers have become one of the league's top aerial shows. This past season was especially impressive.



**On the Steelers**  
RAY FITTIPALDO

Roethlisberger led the league with 5,129 passing yards and threw a career-high 34 touchdown passes. Receivers Antonio Brown and JuJu Smith-Schuster became just the sixth receiver tandem in NFL history to each record 100 catches and 1,000

yards in the same season.

League-wide, records were set for most touchdown passes in a season (847), completion percentage (.649) and passer rating (92.9). The 11,462 completed passes were the third-most in a single season.

But when you watch NFL playoff games on wild-card weekend, the games will have a retro feel. Many of the Super Bowl contenders this year would have thrived in bygone eras of the NFL. They run the ball, protect it, control the clock and find ways to win close games.

The Steelers, meanwhile, did none of those things well in 2018. They had second-most lopsided pass-run ratio in the NFL, throwing the ball 67.2 percent of the time. Here's a stat to ponder over the off-season: The top six most-lopsided pass-run ratio teams in the league did not make the playoffs.

The top-heaviest run teams, meanwhile, are in the playoffs. Seven of the top-10 running teams are in the tournament, including AFC North Division champion Baltimore, which features rookie quarterback Lamar Jackson as the centerpiece of their run-heavy offensive scheme.

The other top running teams in the playoffs are: Seattle (first in the league), Los Angeles Rams (third), New England (fifth), New Orleans (sixth), Houston (eighth), Dallas (10th) and Chicago (11th).

Eight of the 12 teams in the playoffs finished the season among the top 11 running teams in the league.

The 2018 season seems to indicate we might be at the end of one era and enter-



Steph Chambers/Post-Gazette

The Steelers threw the ball 67.2 percent of the time with Ben Roethlisberger at quarterback, the second-most lopsided pass-run ratio in the NFL.

ing another. Pass-happy teams such as the Steelers, Packers, Falcons, Vikings, Giants and Buccaneers are all pondering what went wrong this season. The Steelers, Packers, Vikings and Falcons all were among teams considered to be serious Super Bowl contenders before the season.

Veteran NFL reporter Rick Gosselin of the Talk of Fame Network researched some interesting data from this past season. Quarterbacks threw for 300 yards or more 132 times in 2018. Those quarterbacks were 64-66-2 in those games. Gosse-

lin also noted there were 108 players with 100-yard rushing games. Teams were 82-25-1 in those games.

Those statistics prompted Tony Dungy, Super Bowl-winning coach, Hall of Famer and NBC analyst, to wonder whether NFL owners with head coaching vacancies would take heed of what appears to be a developing trend.

If the league is on the precipice of another era, it looks like the Steelers will be dragged kicking and screaming into it. When offensive coordinator Randy Fichtner was asked in November about the dis-

parity in the Steelers pass-run ratio he said: "I have a 15-year veteran quarterback. I have Antonio Brown. Why aren't you going to throw it?"

Here's another statistic to ponder this weekend as Steelers fans watch the Ravens play the Chargers in an AFC playoff contest. Once Jackson took over as Baltimore's starter with seven games remaining in the regular season, the Ravens rushed for 1,607 yards in those games. The Steelers rushed for 1,380 yards all season.

The Steelers finished the season 31st in the league in rushing. Only Arizona ran for fewer yards.

Do the Steelers need to run the ball better next season if they want to have more success?

"I don't think it was a running the ball or passing the ball kind of thing," offensive lineman David DeCastro answered the day after the Steelers season ended. "We spoke the whole year about how we get it done as long as we get it done. The turnovers and costly plays are what hurt you. It's not the running the ball or the passing the ball thing. You guys love to ask that, but I don't think it is that at all."

Turnovers did hurt the Steelers. They had 26 of them. Only six other teams had more. All of them also failed to make the playoffs. The list — Tampa Bay, Buffalo, New York Jets, San Francisco, Arizona and Jacksonville — is a who's who of the NFL's worst teams.

Teams that pass more, of course, are at risk for committing more turnovers. Roethlisberger, at his postgame news conference following the regular-season finale against the Bengals, lamented the turnovers that derailed the season. He accounted for many of them, including an NFL-leading 16 interceptions.

"Turnovers have been an issue for a lot of guys all year, so how do you change that?" Roethlisberger asked. "I only like to speak for myself. In turning the ball over, I'm a guy that's going to take chances. I could probably not throw some of the passes that have gotten intercepted and take a sack instead of forcing balls here and there that end up being good plays, but that's the way I play the game. Sometimes, fluky things happen."

Enough fluky things happened to keep the Steelers out of the playoffs. And now they have plenty of time to wonder if they're operating in a bygone era while other teams playing in the postseason are at the forefront of a running revolution.

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# Steelers dismiss Porter

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The Steelers fired outside linebackers coach Joey Porter, who had been a member of Mike Tomlin's staff since 2014.

Porter, who played for the Steelers from 1999-2006, returned to the Steelers after a season as a defensive assistant at Colorado State, his alma mater. Porter served as a defensive assistant for the Steelers in 2014 before being promoted to outside linebackers coach in 2015.

"I have informed outside linebackers coach Joey Porter that we will not renew his contract," Tomlin said in a statement issued Friday. "These are difficult decisions when it comes to someone like Joey who has meant a lot to this organization as both a player and coach. I want to thank Joey for his coaching efforts over the past five years on our defensive staff. We wish him the best in his future coaching career."

Porter's coaching tenure with the Steelers was a rocky one. He was arrested in January 2017 at a South Side bar after an altercation with a doorman. This was hours following a victory against Miami in an AFC playoff game.

The Steelers placed Porter on leave for a few days, but he was allowed to coach in the next playoff game against the Chiefs and in the AFC championship against the Patriots. Charges stemming from the South Side altercation were later reduced to disorderly conduct and public drunkenness.

Porter also was involved in an incident at a high school game between North Catholic and Riverside in 2016. Police were involved but no one was arrested.

Porter and Tomlin's children played together at North Catholic for two seasons before they decided to transfer to different schools. Joey Porter Jr. went to North Allegheny and Dino Tomlin transferred to Shady Side Academy.

On the field, Porter oversaw the development of three first-round draft picks. Bud Dupree arrived in 2015, the same year Porter took over as outside linebackers coach. The No. 24 overall selection in the draft, Dupree struggled the past four seasons to live up to expectations.

Dupree never recorded more than six



Joey Porter  
Performance of first-round linebackers was mixed under his tutelage

sacks in any of his first four NFL seasons. He is due \$9.2 million next season after the Steelers picked up the fifth-year option on his rookie contract in the spring of 2018.

Porter had much better success with 2017 first-round pick T.J. Watt, who is blossoming into one of the top outside linebackers in the league. Watt had 20 sacks over his first two seasons, including a team-high 13 this past season.

Porter also coached 2013 first-round pick Jarvis Jones for three seasons, two as his full-time outside linebackers coach. Jones, the No. 17 overall pick in 2013, had six sacks in four NFL seasons. His NFL career ended after the Steelers declined to sign him to a second contract following the 2016 season.

Porter's coaching tenure also will be remembered for his part in the franchise's most improbable playoff victory. In a 2016 AFC wild-card game in Cincinnati, after receiver Antonio Brown was concussed by a vicious blow by Bengals linebacker Vontaze Burfict, Porter got involved in an altercation with several other Bengals players on the field.

Bengals cornerback Adam Jones was penalized an additional 15 yards for throwing a punch in the direction of Porter, making Chris Boswell's game-winning 35-yard field goal much easier.

Porter earned a Super Bowl ring in 2006 as a player with the Steelers. In eight seasons with the Steelers he recorded 60 of his 98 career sacks. He also played for Miami and Arizona before retiring in 2012.

**NOTES** — Steelers center Maurkice Pouncey was named second-team All-Pro. He's the only Steelers player selected to the Associated Press' All-Pro first- or second-teams. It's the fifth time Pouncey was selected either first- or second-team All-Pro. He was a first-team All-Pro in 2011 and 2014 and second-team in 2010, 2012 and this past season. Steelers receiver Antonio Brown was not named All-Pro after being named to the first-team four consecutive years from 2014-17. Peter King of NBC said he removed Brown from his All-Pro ballot after Brown left the Steelers in the days leading up to the regular-season finale against the Bengals. Other voters also removed Brown from their ballots. ... The Steelers signed linebacker Teyray Scales and receiver Diontae Spencer to reserve/futures contracts.

COLTS AT TEXANS, 4:35 P.M. (WTAE)

# Early struggles erased for wild-card opponents

Indianapolis started 1-5; Houston began 0-3

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — An AFC wild-card game Saturday between the Houston Texans and Indianapolis Colts is a matchup that seemed improbable early this season after Houston dropped its first three games and the Colts limped to a 1-5 start.

Instead of letting their tough starts lead to disappointing years, these teams which both finished 4-12 a season ago turned things around to lead the AFC South Division and charge into the postseason.

Houston's rebound began at the expense of the Colts (10-6) and it was thanks in part to a controversial call by Indianapolis coach Frank Reich in overtime. The score was tied, 34-34, when, instead of punting on fourth-and-4 from his 43 and likely settling for a tie, Reich called for a short pass from Andrew Luck to Chester Rogers. Luck's pass fell incomplete, Houston got a 24-yard completion on the next play, and Ka'imi Fairbairn made a 37-yard field goal as time expired to give the Texans (11-5) a 37-34 victory.

"We knew that to be able to come out on the winning end of that game was a big thing for us, but that's a long time ago," Houston coach Bill O'Brien said. "The teams have evolved over time, so it's a new ballgame now."

The win was the first of nine in a row for Houston. The Texans didn't lose again until a visit from the Colts Dec. 9, a 24-21 Indianapolis victory. Houston then won two of its final three games, capped by a 20-3 victory Sunday against the Jaguars Sunday to clinch the division — and become the sixth team since 1980 and first since 1998 to make the playoffs after a 0-3 start.

The Colts' loss to Houston in Week 4 was the second of four consecutive defeats that dropped them to 1-5. Indianapolis then won its next five and nine of its final 10 to make its first playoff appearance since a 2014 AFC championship loss at New England. Yes, the "Deflategate" game.

The Colts are the third team in NFL history to reach the postseason after losing five of the first six games.

These teams have more in common than their difficult starts. They're both led by a player making a comeback after an injury.

Luck returned after missing the 2017 season with a shoulder injury to throw

SATURDAY   FORECAST

Gerry Dulac picks Saturday's AFC wild-card game

**Indianapolis Colts (10-6) at Houston Texans (11-5), 4:35 p.m.** — The Colts have won eight of their past nine games with an offensive line that is every bit as good as Andrew Luck and a defense that has been surprisingly good. They split the season series with the Texans, with each team winning on the road. The previous time in Houston, the Colts put up 24 points and won by a field goal. This could be a nice shootout. **Prediction:** Colts, 30-28

for 4,593 yards and rank second in the NFL with 39 touchdown passes. His best games this season have come against Houston, piling up 863 yards passing with six touchdowns.

Trying to slow him down Saturday will be Houston's comeback star J.J. Watt, who played all 16 games after starting just eight games combined in the previous two years because of back surgeries and a broken leg. Watt led the AFC with 16 sacks, had 25 quarterback hits, 18 tackles for a loss and forced a career-high seven fumbles, which tied for most in the NFL.

Watt said Luck has been getting rid of the ball quicker this season, which makes his job as a pass rusher much more difficult.

"You try and do different things, but at the end of the day, you try and get there, and if you can get your hands up, you get your hands up," he said. "You just try and get there. You can't really let it affect you, and you hope maybe he holds it for an extra second."

Some of T.Y. Hilton's most memorable moments have come against the Texans — especially when he visits Houston.

The Colts' top receiver has caught 41 passes for 933 yards with seven touchdowns in seven games at NRG Stadium, and in the past two trips to Houston Hilton has 14 receptions for 374 yards and two TDs. So even though he has been hobbled by a bad ankle, which he initially injured Dec. 9 at Houston, Hilton insists he'll be fine Saturday.

"That's probably why it's starting to feel better," Hilton joked earlier this week when asked about playing in Houston for the second time in a month.

## Pro football

SEAHAWKS AT COWBOYS, 8:15 P.M. (WPGH)

# Dallas QB Prescott eyes first playoff win



Associated Press

Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson, left, and Cowboys counterpart Dak Prescott meet after Seattle's 24-13 win Sept. 23.

## Postseason vet Wilson, Seattle stand in way

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Russell Wilson won a wild-card game with Seattle as a rookie, a Super Bowl in his second season and another NFC championship the third time around.

The best Dak Prescott can hope for with the Dallas Cowboys is to join Wilson on that list of title winners in his third year, a quest that will start with the first playoff meeting of quarterbacks with quite a bit in common.

Both were mid-round draft picks who became instant NFL success stories. The difference is that Prescott lost his first playoff game after guiding the Cowboys to the top seed in the NFC two years ago, then had to wait two years for his second chance. It comes Saturday night in a home wild-card game at AT&T Stadium.

“When you say success of a quarterback or a quarterback’s success depending on what they do in the playoffs, I

## SATURDAY FORECAST

Gerry Dulac picks Saturday's NFC wild-card game

**Seattle Seahawks (10-6) at Dallas Cowboys (10-6), 8:15 p.m.** — The Seahawks stormed into the postseason winning six of their final seven games, but four of the past five were at home. They have not been very good on the road (4-4), allowing an average of 25.8 points per game in their past four away games. Meantime, the Cowboys are 7-1 at home but lost the regular-season meeting to the Seahawks in Seattle in Week 3 (24-13). They were a different team then.

**Prediction:** Cowboys, 19-16

think that’s where the checks are written and they make their money,” Prescott said. “Our job is to win no matter what happens, no matter how you played individually. At the end of the day, it’s to get the job done.”

When Wilson finally missed the playoffs in his sixth season a year ago, the Seahawks were eliminated on the final weekend — after they bounced Prescott and the Cowboys from contention with a road win in Week 16.

Seattle was 0-2 this year when the season turned on a 24-13 victory against the visiting Cowboys (10-6), with the Seahawks following a familiar formula from their Super Bowl days — an efficient Wilson, strong running game and playmaking defense.

The Seahawks (10-6) kept it up despite overhauling the roster, mostly notably dismantling key pieces of the “Legion of Boom” defense. An important exception is linebacker Bobby Wagner, an All-Pro for the fourth time in five seasons.

“The great thing about this team is the fact that everybody was telling us we couldn’t,” Wilson said. “It shows the heart of this team and it shows the mindset of this team to be able to think the way that you want to think and the places that you want to go. To think big, to believe big.”

Wilson was a third-round pick out of Wisconsin in 2012 and won the job in his first training camp. Prescott was drafted in the fourth round out of Mississippi State four years later and became the starter after preseason injuries to Tony Romo and backup Kellen Moore.

In his first three years, Wilson won more games than any other NFL quarterback with 36. Prescott just finished tied for fifth on that list with 32. Two quarterbacks have an NFL-leading 24 games with at least a 100 passer rating in their first three seasons — Wilson and Prescott.

Now it’s time for their third — and most meaningful — meeting, with Prescott looking to beat Wilson for the first time.

“Dak had a phenomenal year to get started and get rolling and has just been solid since,” Seahawks coach Pete Carroll said. “I think it’s the dynamics of the mobility that when you add that together, and of course they can both throw the ball way down the field. You’ve got the same kind of problems.”

Both teams figure to try to control the pace with their running games. Ezekiel Elliott just won the NFL rushing title for the second time in his three seasons, and Chris Carson heads a group of Seattle backs that led the NFL in rushing. The Cowboys were 10th, fueled by Elliott, and have had a top-10 defense most of the season led by pass rusher DeMarcus Lawrence and young playmaking linebackers Jaylon Smith and Leighton Vander Esch. Dallas was fifth against the run.

“We’re feeling great,” Elliott said. “I believe we have the best defense in football and a pretty good offense, a lot of weapons. I think we have the right recipe to make some noise.”

Seattle has won six consecutive wild-card games, a streak that started when Romo, a first-year starter and still the holder, flubbed the snap on a potential go-ahead field goal in the final two minutes of the Seahawks’ 21-20 home win in the 2006 season.

## NFL NOTEBOOK

# Munchak meets Elway about position

From local and wire dispatches

Denver Broncos president John Elway met with Steelers offensive line coach Mike Munchak about the Denver’s vacant head coaching position Friday, one Hall of Famer to another.

Munchak met with Elway at Broncos headquarters just as former Colts coach Chuck Pagano did Wednesday before Elway flew to Los Angeles Thursday to interview Rams quarterbacks coach Zac Taylor.

Elway is scheduled to meet with Patriots de facto defensive coordinator Brian Flores Saturday and Bears defensive coordinator Vic Fangio Monday. Denver’s is one of eight NFL head coaching vacancies and certainly not as glamorous as those in Green Bay or Cleveland, which feature franchise quarterbacks already in place.

If Elway is sold on one of those five candidates, he’s expected to move quickly and name his fourth head coach in six seasons next week.

## Browns

Cleveland took its coaching search on the road to interview New Orleans tight ends coach Dan Campbell.

Campbell, 42, met with Browns general manager John Dorsey and other members of Cleveland’s front office while the Saints practiced in their bye week in the NFL playoffs.

Campbell, who played for 11 seasons in the league, served as Miami’s interim coach for the final 12 games in 2015. That stint earned him widespread respect and resulted in him being pursued by other teams. He’s officially listed as an assistant head coach with the Saints. Campbell is the fourth candidate to meet with Dorsey, who is expected to conduct interviews through the weekend.

## Bears

Chicago will wait until right before game time Sunday for a playoff matchup against the Philadelphia Eagles to make a determination on the availability of safety Eddie Jackson (ankle). Jackson officially was listed as questionable Friday on the final injury report after he went through a second limited practice. He hasn’t had a full practice since Week 15.



NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

# Tide TE Smith makes name for himself

Alabama junior grabbing attention for NFL-ready skills, not family history

The Associated Press

Alabama's Irv Smith Jr. was set on being a wide receiver in high school.

Never mind that he's the son and nephew of former NFL tight ends and is built for that position, too.

He caved to the reality his junior year at Brother Martin High School in New Orleans and moved to the family's favored position permanently. Now, he has become a dangerous option for the Crimson Tide as a pass-catcher and blocker heading into the national championship Monday night against Clemson in Santa Clara, Calif.

"He finally realized that you don't have to be a wide receiver to get a lot of glory," said Irv Smith Sr., a former first-round draft pick by the New Orleans Saints.

It took two years of high school for the 6-foot-4, 241-pound Smith to fully embrace life as a blocking/catching tight end, and two more at Alabama before he started getting any recognition.

Smith, whose uncle Edward played for three NFL teams from 1997-99, has truly emerged from O.J. Howard's shadow.

Of course, he has been a beneficiary of an explosive, pass-oriented Alabama offense led by quarterback Tua Tagovailoa and coordinator Mike Locksley.

Smith went from 14 catches in 2017 to 40 for 667 yards and seven touchdowns as a senior. Even Howard, who became a first-round draft pick, never matched those numbers.

But Howard's performances against Clemson will be awfully hard to top. He caught a 68-yard touchdown pass in a title game loss, and more than topped that a year later.

Howard had 208 receiving yards — including touchdowns of 53 and 51 yards — in a 45-40 win Jan. 9, 2017 while Smith watched as a freshman reserve.

"He made a bunch of plays in those games," Smith said of Howard's performances. "It's motivating for me as well, because I obviously want to come out and have a big game. It was awesome seeing him do that."

"I was behind him, so obviously I was cool with seeing that. I feel like it's my turn now."

In case Locksley has forgotten about Howard's success against Clemson, Smith



Associated Press

Alabama tight end Irv Smith Jr., right, is emerging from the shadows of great tight ends, in Crimson Tide history and his family's.



## Looking ahead

**Game:** No. 1 Alabama (14-0) vs. No. 2 Clemson (14-0), Levi's Stadium, Santa Clara, Calif.

**When:** 8 p.m. Monday.

**TV:** ESPN.

**Favored:** Alabama by 5.

joked that "I'm going to definitely talk to him, for sure."

Smith had stretches this season where he caught touchdown passes in four consecutive games and he also had 50-plus re-

ceiving yards four times in a row at one point. His season highlight might have been scoring a 76-yard touchdown on Alabama's first play against Arkansas.

Smith certainly has had far more balls thrown his way this season. But his father has also seen him improve "in leaps and bounds" each season in Tuscaloosa. The younger Smith didn't have a catch in nine games as a freshman, when his father said his movements on the field were stiff and robotic as he tried to get acclimated to a different level of football.

That started to change last season, when he was more fluid and comfortable. He showed his progress with a pancake block in the opener against Florida State.

"And this year he's a whole different player," Irv Sr. said.

The Alabama tight end knew he had a chance to get targeted with Locksley em-

phasizing he wanted to get more play-makers involved.

Tide defenders who have faced him in practice aren't surprised, either.

"He's big like a tight end but he has skills like a receiver," middle linebacker Mack Wilson said.

"He's fast. He runs precise routes."

And now Smith will get his chance to try to make an impact in the national title game.

He didn't have a catch in last season's championship matchup against Georgia.

No one is predicting a 200-yard performance like Howard's. Irv Sr., used mostly as a blocker at Notre Dame, knows that for tight ends, that kind of performance, "only happens once in a lifetime."

His son has more modest expectations, though. Irv Sr. said, "He definitely wants to ... have a great game."

# Narduzzi fires two offensive coaches



Matt Freed/Post-Gazette

Pitt offensive coordinator Shawn Watson and the Panthers parted ways Friday, four days after Pitt's loss in the Sun Bowl in El Paso, Texas.

## Offense sputtered; Watson, Sherman let go

By Brian Batko  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Just days after Pitt's 14-13 loss to Stanford in the Sun Bowl, Panthers head coach Pat Narduzzi announced offensive coordinator Shawn Watson will not return.

Watson, also Pitt's quarterbacks coach the past two seasons, is joined on the chopping block by wide receivers coach Kevin Sherman. Sherman was one of Narduzzi's original hires.

"I want to thank Shawn and Kevin for their efforts and dedication to our program," Narduzzi said Friday in a statement. "Certainly we wish them and their families the very best in their future en-

deavors."

No reason was given for what the news release referred to as Pitt and Watson "parting ways" but sometimes, you need only to look at the obvious.

• The Panthers were hit-or-miss offensively in their two seasons under Watson, who had big shoes to fill after his predecessor, Matt Canada, left for a three-year, \$1.5 million contract at LSU. In 10 games the past two years, Pitt's offense produced 14 points or fewer. Six of those came this season.

• In 2018, Pitt's offense actually regressed. There was the 34-13 win at Wake Forest to clinch the ACC Coastal Division Nov. 17, but that was the only game all season quarterback Kenny Pickett

passed for more than 300 yards. Rather than build on that showing, the Panthers instead made it look like a fluke, scoring 3, 10 and 13 points in their final three against Miami, Clemson and Stanford.

• Speaking of Pickett, he didn't show much development as a sophomore under Watson's tutelage, the lower-profile half of Watson's job title but one that's also significant. Pickett completed 29 of 67 passes for just 274 yards with zero touchdowns and one interception in the final three games. He threw for under 100 yards three times this season.

All of that said, Narduzzi was asked explicitly about his confidence level in Watson directly after the Sun Bowl Monday, with athletic director Heather Lyke sitting in the same interview room in El Paso, Texas.

"High," Narduzzi said twice, then pointed to his offense's 344 yards, by far the unit's most in three outings after back-to-back 200-yard totals.

But those 344 came in a loss, and the offensive output was once again more a product of a bruising running game than a reasonably balanced attack. Pickett rolled out on 21.2 percent of his dropbacks entering the bowl game, most of all qualifying quarterbacks in Football Bowl Subdivision, and had an average depth of target of just 5.1 yards on those plays, according to Pro Football Focus.

While Narduzzi and Watson could point to their rushing success as a positive, it stands to reason that the passing game should have benefited from so many opponents geared to stop the run. On their biggest stage of the year, the Panthers managed just 8 yards through the air against No. 2 Clemson in the ACC championship, and fan gripes about Watson reached a fever pitch.

The Sun Bowl didn't do much, if anything, to quell those complaints. "I'm not going to talk about that right now," Narduzzi said Monday on the topic of staff changes. "I like our staff right now, I like our players, and we're going to digest this football game."

For whatever reasons, perhaps those detailed above, Narduzzi didn't like the state of his offense as much four days after that game.

Watson and Sherman departures means Pitt has had at least one coaching change each offseason under Narduzzi, who has had to replace a coordinator every year. Last year, Pitt parted ways with defensive coordinator Josh Conklin, who took the head coaching job at Wofford. The year before that, Watson replaced Canada, who succeeded Narduzzi's original offensive coordinator, Jim Chaney.

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## NOTEBOOK

# Kansas State breaks bank for new boss

By The Associated Press

The process of changing coaches from Bill Snyder to Chris Klieman will end up costing Kansas State around \$5 million.

Snyder's decision a month ago to step down came with a \$3 million incentive that the university will pay him quarterly over the next three years, according to a copy of the agreement obtained by The Wichita Eagle. Kansas State also will pay for Snyder and his wife to attend the National Football Foundation Annual Awards Dinner for life.

The agreement was drafted Dec. 5. Snyder's final day came two days later.

Athletic director Gene Taylor, speaking Dec. 12, said he wanted to make the payment, which was not required under the terms of Snyder's contract.

The university must also pay buyouts to Snyder's assistants who weren't retained by Klieman. Former offensive coordinator Andre Coleman will receive \$880,000 over the next two years, the largest sum of seven severance packages.

### Georgia

Tailback Elijah Holyfield, tight end Isaac Nauta and wide receivers Riley Ridley and Mecole Hardman are entering the NFL draft. Ridley led Georgia with 44 catches for 570 yards and nine touchdowns this year; Hardman had 34 catches for 532 yards and seven touchdowns. Nauta had 30 catches for 430 yards and three touchdowns. Holyfield helped give Georgia two 1,000-yard rushers for the second consecutive season, running for 1,018 yards with seven touchdowns.

### West Virginia

West Virginia and Troy's Neal Brown reportedly are close to a deal to make him the next Mountaineers coach. The Associated Press reports Brown would replace Dana Holgorsen, who this week left West Virginia to become Houston's coach. Brown, 38, has coached Troy since 2015 and is 35-16 at the Sun Belt Conference school.

### Virginia

George Welsh, coach at Virginia who retired after 19 years as the ACC's career wins leader, died Wednesday in Charlottesville at 85. Welsh's 134-86-3 record from 1982-2000 got him inducted into the College Football Hall of Fame in 2004.

# Pitt excited to start conference play

Team leaning on their coaches' knowledge of how to play ACC foes

One number has defined the Pitt men's basketball program to some extent for the past 10 months.

Zero.

Going winless in ACC play cemented the Panthers' slide from national championship contender to laughingstock in just seven years and necessitated a coaching change.

But beginning with the league opener Saturday against North Carolina, the Panthers will look to prove their promising start behind a young, rebuilt team can be

something more sustainable, both for this season and beyond.

"To be honest, we had confidence going into conference last year," senior Jared Wilson-Frame said. "Things didn't turn out the way we wanted to, honestly, but I can say at the same time there's a lot more confidence this year just because everything we have going on right now. We've played decent so far, and I think we actually can show we're a lot better than what we've shown so far. There's just a lot of excitement, especially having new guys who are excited to play at this level in this conference."

The specifics of last season have been oft-discussed, but they remain relevant.

With 10 new players, nine of whom had never played a minute of Division I basketball entering the season, the Panthers were ill-equipped for the challenges they faced and, because of that, were mauled on a nightly basis. Only four of the 19 ACC games were decided by fewer than 10 points, only one of which was by a single possession, and eight of those contests saw Pitt lose by at least 20. By the end of the season, its scoring margin was negative-18.2, nearly 13 points per game worse than the next-closest team in the conference (Wake Forest, at negative-5.5).

Since arriving at Pitt in late March, Jeff Capel has made it a point not to mention last season with his players. Ever the forward thinker, Capel even told his players after their final non-conference game against Colgate Dec. 28 to forget everything from their first 13 games. Their sea-



Matt Freed/Post-Gazette

Senior Jared Wilson-Frame experienced the lowest of lows when the Panthers failed to win a conference game last season. "There's a lot more confidence this year," he said.



## Game day

**Matchup:** Pitt Panthers (10-3, 0-0 ACC) vs. No. 15-ranked North Carolina Tar Heels (10-3), Petersen Events Center.

**When:** Noon Saturday.

**TV, Radio, Internet:** WTAE; KDKA-FM (93.7), Pitt IMG Sports Network, Sirius/XM channels 103/380; WatchESPN.com.

**DYK?** Pitt G Trey McGowens was named ACC freshman of the week after a 16-point outing Dec. 29 against Colgate. He's the first Pitt player in program history to earn that honor.

son, for all intents and purposes, begins now.

in the league.

Capel believes that familiarity will only help so much this season, though outside of Louisville's Chris Mack, he has coached and strategized against every other head coach in the league. That experience has become knowledge for his players, even for those who have played in the league.

"It's really important, just to have his mind, being able to talk to him and hear him talk about what it's like, what it's going to be like and things that he went through himself," Wilson-Frame said. "It's just great to have that, and especially having JC [assistant coach Jason Capel], a guy who played at Carolina, having that going over the scout this week and teaching us a couple things that we probably wouldn't know if we didn't have that type of intel. It's really beneficial to have those guys on our staff."

When the Panthers take the court Saturday against the Tar Heels, evidence of how far they've come in even a brief period will be evident. There's the team's 10-3 record, up from the 8-5 non-conference mark they posted last season. Though it's due partially to the opponent, Petersen Events Center will be the host to its first sellout in 35 months.

Then there are Pitt's players. Five of its six leading scorers didn't play a minute last season, and only one of them — junior Malik Ellison — was on the roster (Ellison, interestingly, is the only player on the Panthers with a win against an ACC team, having been on St. John's teams that defeated Syracuse in 2016 and 2017). The ACC portion of the schedule will not only be a litmus test for Pitt as a team, but for budding stars such as Xavier Johnson, Trey McGowens and Au'Diese Toney.

"I know they're going to excel at this level," Wilson-Frame said. "That's what they came here for."

Behind those three and whatever players may join them in the coming years, the Panthers are hoping that, with Capel leading the way, the program can become something close to what it once was, regularly competing for conference championships rather than occasional wins.

For now, programs such as North Carolina's stand as aspirational figures.

"They're the standard we're trying to reach," Johnson said. "They're a top-level team. They get some of the top recruits. We all want that to happen to Pitt, too. In order to do that, we've got to start now."

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## COLLEGE NOTEBOOK

# Kentucky rebounding leader dies

By The Associated Press

Bob Burrow, a two-time All-American whose per-game average of 17.7 rebounds remains a Kentucky single-season record, died.

The school made the announcement in a release Friday, saying Burrow died Thursday in Franklin, Tenn. He was 84. No cause of death was given.

Burrow pulled down 459 rebounds in 26 games in the 1954-55 season. His 34 boards against Temple Dec. 10, 1955 are tied with Billy Spivey for Kentucky's single-game mark. His 20.1-point scoring average ranks fourth in school history and his 823 rebounds rank 10th.

After transferring from Lon Morris Junior College in Texas, Burrow scored 1,023 points from 1954-56 with Kentucky. He earned All-Southeastern Conference and All-American honors from The Associated Press both seasons and was a charter member of the UK Athletics Hall of Fame in 2005. Burrow played two NBA seasons with the Rochester Royals and Minneapolis Lakers.

### Penn State

Coach Patrick Chambers was suspended a game for showing a player Thursday night against Michigan. "Coach Chambers and I have spoken about what occurred during the Michigan game and he is very remorseful," Penn State athletics director Sandy Barbour said in a news release. Chambers appeared to push freshman Myles Dread in the chest at a timeout in the Nittany Lions' loss. Chambers addressed the incident and apologized to Dread publicly. He said in the statement, "My actions were inappropriate; that's not what Penn State stands for or what I stand for." Chambers will miss a game Sunday against Wisconsin.

### North Carolina

Tar Heels coach Roy Williams says sophomore big man Sterling Manley will miss his second consecutive game when the Tar Heels play Pitt Saturday at Petersen Events Center. Manley sat out of a home win Wednesday against Harvard due to soreness in his left knee. At the time, the school said it was unclear when he would return and that he was still being evaluated. Manley is averaging 4.4 points



Grant Halverson/Getty Images

North Carolina forward Sterling Manley will cheer from the sideline again on Saturday, when the Tar Heels play Pitt. He missed his first game Wednesday, a win against Harvard, with a sore left knee.



### Game day

**Matchup:** Duquesne Dukes (9-4, 0-0 Atlantic 10) vs. Davidson Wildcats (9-4, 0-0), Belk

Arena, Davidson, N.C.

**When:** 6:15 p.m. Saturday.

**TV, Radio, Internet:** NBCSN; WJAS-AM (1320), iHeartRadio.

**DYK?** Davidson leads the all-time series record, 6-0.

and 4.3 rebounds while shooting 55 percent for the 15th-ranked Tar Heels. He's also tied for the team lead with eight blocked shots. Saturday's game at Pittsburgh is both schools' conference opener.

### Connecticut

Forward Kassoum Yakwe is expected to miss the remainder of the season with a fracture in his right foot. Coach Dan Hurley says the 6-foot-7 graduate transfer from St. John's suffered the injury in the team's



### Game day

**Matchup:** Robert Morris Colonials (6-8, 1-0 Northeast) vs. Mount St. Mary's Mountaineers (3-11, 0-1), North Athletic Complex.

**When:** 5 p.m. Saturday.

**Radio, Internet:** WBGG-AM (970), WBGG-FM (106.3); NECFrontRow.com.

**DYK?** The Colonials are converting 53.5 percent of their field goals at home.

shootaround before a 76-68 loss Wednesday at South Florida. The school is evaluating whether Yakwe will need surgery. Yakwe averaged 11 minutes, 1.8 points and 2.4 rebounds for the Huskies this season, adding 11 blocked shots. Connecticut (9-5, 0-1 American) plays host Saturday to UCF (11-2, 1-0). The Huskies are expected to face the Knights without reserve forward Kwintin Williams, who was suspended from the team this week for an unspecified violation of team rules.

## NBA NOTEBOOK

# Spurs play host to awkward Leonard return

By The Associated Press

In his return to San Antonio, Toronto's Kawhi Leonard was treated by Spurs fans with predictable disdain. To Isaiah Thomas, it was a show of disrespect.

"That man won a championship for y'all and u boo him??" Thomas, in his first season with the Nuggets, said on Twitter.

Leonard played just nine games for the Spurs last season due to a thigh injury. Still, fans booed the two-time defensive player of the year, chanting, "Traitor!"

Meanwhile, fans cheered Danny Green, part of the July trade that brought DeMar DeRozan, Jakob Poeltl and a pick back from Toronto. DeRozan notched his first career triple-double in a 125-107 San Antonio win. Leonard had 21 points and five assists, a negative-22 in plus/minus.

Of the welcome party, Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said, "Kawhi is a high-character guy. We all make decisions in our lives, what we are going to do with our futures, and he has that same right as any of us."

### Lakers

LeBron James will miss at least four more games for Los Angeles with a left groin strain. The Lakers said James will be re-evaluated in a week. He has missed four games since leaving the Lakers victory at Golden State Christmas night. He will miss a two-game Lakers road trip and a home game against Detroit next week.

### Celtics

Guard Kyrie Irving was out for the second game in a row Friday with an eye injury. The Boston star scratched both corners in a collision Monday at San Antonio and sat out a game Wednesday against Minnesota. The Celtics also were without forward Marcus Morris, who left the game Wednesday after a hard fall.

### Rockets

James Harden nailed a contested overtime game-winner late Thursday, riding his fifth consecutive 40-point performance to lead Houston past Golden State, 135-134. He had 44 points, 15 assists and 10 rebounds in a sixth consecutive win. On the way to 35 points, Stephen Curry put the Warriors ahead with 23.1 seconds left in OT on an illegal basket assisted by Kevin Durant, who was out-of-bounds when he flung the ball. Durant had 26 points.

# SCOREBOARD

## PRO FOOTBALL

### NFL PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern  
**WILD-CARD ROUND**  
**Today's Games**  
 Indianapolis at Houston, 4:35 p.m. (ESPN)  
 Seattle at Dallas, 8:15 p.m. (FOX)  
**Sunday's Games**  
 L.A. Chargers at Baltimore, 1:05 p.m. (CBS)  
 Philadelphia at Chicago, 4:40 p.m. (NBC)

### DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS

**Saturday, Jan. 12**  
 Baltimore/L.A. Chargers/Indianapolis at Kansas City, 4:35 p.m. (NBC)  
 Chicago/Dallas/Seattle at L.A. Rams, 8:15 p.m. (FOX)  
**Sunday, Jan. 13**  
 Houston/Baltimore/L.A. Chargers at New England, 1:05 p.m. (CBS)  
 Dallas/Seattle/Philadelphia at New Orleans, 4:40 p.m. (FOX)

### CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**Sunday, Jan. 20**  
**NFC:** TBD, 3:05 p.m. (FOX)  
**AFC:** TBD, 6:40 p.m. (CBS)

### PRO BOWL

**Sunday, Jan. 27**  
**At Orlando, Fla.**  
 AFC vs. NFC, 3 p.m. (ABC/ESPN)

### SUPER BOWL LIII (53)

**Sunday, Feb. 3**  
**At Mercedes-Benz Stadium, Atlanta**  
 AFC champion vs. NFC champion, 6:30 p.m. (CBS)

### 2018 AP ALL-PRO TEAM

The Associated Press 2018 NFL All-Pro team selected by a national panel of 50 media members:

**OFFENSE**  
 Quarterback — Patrick Mahomes, Kansas City  
 Running Back — Todd Gurley, Los Angeles Rams  
 Flex — Tyreek Hill, Kansas City  
 Tight End — Travis Kelce, Kansas City  
 Wide Receivers — Michael Thomas, New Orleans; DeAndre Hopkins, Houston  
 Left Tackle — David Bakhtiari, Green Bay  
 Right Tackle — Mitchell Schwartz, Kansas City  
 Left Guard — Quenton Nelson, Indianapolis  
 Right Guard — Zack Martin, Dallas  
 Center — Jason Kelce, Philadelphia

**DEFENSE**  
 Edge Rushers — J.J. Watt, Houston; Khalil Mack, Chicago  
 Interior Linemen — Aaron Donald, Los Angeles Rams; Fletcher Cox, Philadelphia  
 Linebackers — Luke Kuechly, Carolina; Bobby Wagner, Seattle; Darius Leonard, Indianapolis  
 Cornerbacks — Kyle Fuller, Chicago; Stephon Gilmore, New England  
 Safeties — Eddie Jackson, Chicago; Derwin James, Los Angeles Chargers  
 Defensive Back — Desmond King, Los Angeles Chargers

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Placekicker — Justin Tucker, Baltimore  
 Punter — Michael Dickson, Seattle  
 Kick Returner — Andre Roberts, New York Jets  
 Punt Returner — Tarik Cohen, Chicago  
 Special Teamer — Adrian Phillips, Los Angeles Chargers

### SECOND TEAM

**OFFENSE**  
 Quarterback — Drew Brees, New Orleans  
 Running Back — Ezekiel Elliott, Dallas  
 Flex — Christian McCaffrey, Carolina  
 Tight End — George Kittle, San Francisco  
 Wide Receivers — Julio Jones, Atlanta; Tyreek Hill, Kansas City  
 Left Tackle — Duane Brown, Seattle, and Terron Armstead, New Orleans  
 Right Tackle — Ryan Ramczyk, New Orleans  
 Left Guard — Joel Bitonio, Cleveland  
 Right Guard — Marshal Yanda, Baltimore  
 Center — Maurkice Pouncey, Pittsburgh

**DEFENSE**  
 Edge Rushers — Von Miller, Denver; Cameron Jordan, New Orleans, and Myles Garrett, Cleveland, and Danielle Hunter, Minnesota  
 Interior Linemen — Chris Jones, Kansas City; J.J. Watt, Houston

Linebackers — Von Miller, Denver; C.J. Mosley, Baltimore; Leighton Vander Esch, Dallas  
 Cornerbacks — Byron Jones, Dallas; Xavier Howard, Miami  
 Safeties — Jamal Adams, New York Jets; Harrison Smith, Minnesota  
 Defensive Back — Derwin James, Los Angeles Chargers  
**SPECIAL TEAMS**  
 Placekicker — Aldrick Rosas, New York Giants  
 Punter — Johnny Hekker, Los Angeles Rams  
 Kick Returner — Cordarrelle Patterson, New England  
 Punt Returner — Desmond King, Los Angeles Chargers  
 Special Teamer — Cory Littleton, Los Angeles Rams

## PRO HOCKEY

### NHL

All times Eastern  
**EASTERN CONFERENCE**  
**ATLANTIC DIVISION**

|           | GP | W  | L  | OT | PTS | GF  | GA  |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Tampa Bay | 41 | 32 | 7  | 2  | 66  | 174 | 119 |
| Toronto   | 40 | 26 | 12 | 2  | 54  | 147 | 113 |
| Boston    | 41 | 23 | 14 | 4  | 50  | 120 | 109 |
| Buffalo   | 41 | 22 | 13 | 6  | 50  | 119 | 118 |
| Montreal  | 41 | 22 | 14 | 5  | 49  | 130 | 128 |
| Florida   | 39 | 17 | 16 | 6  | 40  | 127 | 138 |
| Detroit   | 43 | 16 | 20 | 7  | 39  | 122 | 148 |
| Ottawa    | 41 | 15 | 21 | 5  | 35  | 129 | 163 |

### METROPOLITAN DIVISION

|                | GP | W  | L  | OT | PTS | GF  | GA  |
|----------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Washington     | 40 | 24 | 12 | 4  | 52  | 141 | 119 |
| Pittsburgh     | 41 | 23 | 12 | 6  | 52  | 144 | 117 |
| Columbus       | 40 | 23 | 14 | 3  | 49  | 131 | 123 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 39 | 22 | 13 | 4  | 48  | 117 | 104 |
| N.Y. Rangers   | 39 | 17 | 15 | 7  | 41  | 113 | 130 |
| Carolina       | 40 | 18 | 17 | 5  | 41  | 103 | 114 |
| New Jersey     | 39 | 15 | 17 | 7  | 37  | 117 | 132 |
| Philadelphia   | 40 | 15 | 20 | 5  | 35  | 114 | 145 |

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

#### CENTRAL DIVISION

|           | GP | W  | L  | OT | PTS | GF  | GA  |
|-----------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Winnipeg  | 40 | 25 | 13 | 2  | 52  | 134 | 115 |
| Nashville | 42 | 24 | 15 | 3  | 51  | 127 | 108 |
| Dallas    | 42 | 22 | 16 | 4  | 48  | 115 | 111 |
| Colorado  | 41 | 19 | 14 | 8  | 46  | 138 | 128 |
| Minnesota | 39 | 19 | 17 | 3  | 41  | 114 | 111 |
| Chicago   | 43 | 15 | 21 | 7  | 37  | 123 | 156 |
| St. Louis | 38 | 16 | 18 | 4  | 36  | 107 | 125 |

#### PACIFIC DIVISION

|             | GP | W  | L  | OT | PTS | GF  | GA  |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Calgary     | 42 | 25 | 13 | 4  | 54  | 150 | 121 |
| Vegas       | 43 | 24 | 15 | 4  | 52  | 130 | 115 |
| San Jose    | 42 | 22 | 13 | 7  | 51  | 145 | 133 |
| Anaheim     | 41 | 19 | 15 | 7  | 45  | 102 | 120 |
| Vancouver   | 44 | 20 | 20 | 4  | 44  | 128 | 138 |
| Edmonton    | 40 | 19 | 18 | 3  | 41  | 114 | 127 |
| Arizona     | 40 | 17 | 21 | 2  | 36  | 101 | 115 |
| Los Angeles | 42 | 16 | 23 | 3  | 35  | 94  | 127 |

2 points for win, 1 point for overtime loss.  
 Top 3 teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

### Thursday's Games

Minnesota 4, Toronto 3  
 Carolina 5, Philadelphia 3  
 Buffalo 4, Florida 3  
 Boston 6, Calgary 4  
 N.Y. Islanders 3, Chicago 2, OT  
 Montreal 2, Vancouver 0  
 St. Louis 5, Washington 2  
 Tampa Bay 6, Los Angeles 2

**Friday's Games**  
 Pittsburgh 4, Winnipeg 0  
 Carolina 4, Columbus 2  
 Detroit 4, Nashville 3, OT  
 Dallas 2, Washington 1, OT  
 New Jersey at Arizona, late  
 N.Y. Rangers at Colorado, late  
 Vegas at Anaheim, late

### Today's Games

Calgary at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Ottawa, 1 p.m.  
 Columbus at Florida, 7 p.m.  
 Vancouver at Toronto, 7 p.m.  
 Nashville at Montreal, 7 p.m.  
 Buffalo at Boston, 7 p.m.  
 N.Y. Islanders at St. Louis, 8 p.m.  
 Edmonton at Los Angeles, 10 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at San Jose, 11 p.m.

### HURRICANES 4, BLUE JACKETS 2

**COLUMBUS** 0 2 0 — 2  
**CAROLINA** 2 1 1 — 4

First Period—1, Carolina, Ferland 12 (Aho, Williams), 5:16. 2, Carolina, Hamilton 5 (McKegg, Maenalanen), 6:38. Penalties—Jones, CBJ, (slashing), 3:16; Wallmark, CAR, (interference), 13:33.  
 Second Period—3, Carolina, McKegg 1 (Pesce, McGinn), 6:52. 4, Columbus, Bjorkstrand 6 (Jones, Werenski), 15:40. 5, Columbus, Panarin 13 (Murray, Duclair), 16:05. Penalties—None.  
 Third Period—6, Carolina, Aho 16 (Slavin), 19:58. Penalties—Dubinsky, CBJ, (hooking), 7:55.  
 Shots on Goal—Columbus 8-9-7—24. Carolina 11-12-8—31.  
 Power-play opportunities—Columbus 0 of 1; Carolina 0 of 2.  
 Goalsies—Columbus, Korpisalo 6-2-2 (14 shots-14 saves), Bobrovsky 17-12-1 (16-13). Carolina, McElhinney 9-5-1 (24-22).  
 A—15,346 (18,680). T—2:23.  
 Referees—Jean Hebert, Chris Rooney.  
 Linesmen—Ryan Daisy, Brad Kovachik.

### RED WINGS 4, PREDATORS 3, OT

**NASHVILLE** 1 1 1 0 — 3  
**DETROIT** 0 2 1 1 — 4

First Period—1, Nashville, Subban 3 (Ekholm, Grimaldi), 17:36. Penalties—Witkowski, DET, Major (fighting), 1:35; Watson, NSH, Major (fighting), 1:35; Arvidsson, NSH, (tripping), 18:49; Ericsson, DET, (interference), 18:49.  
 Second Period—2, Nashville, Smith 12 (Josi, Ellis), 3:01. 3, Detroit, Athanasiou 15 (Hronek), 4:24. 4, Detroit, Vanek 7 (Cholowski), 13:35. Penalties—Cholowski, DET, (tripping), 7:31; Hamhuis, NSH, (delay of game), 15:39; Vanek, DET, (interference), 17:27.  
 Third Period—5, Detroit, Bertuzzi 10 (Nyquist), 11:57. 6, Nashville, Johansen 8 (Jarnkrok), 18:44. Penalties—Ericsson, DET, (holding), 13:41.  
 Overtime—7, Detroit, Larkin 18 (Hronek), 4:34. Penalties—Johansen, NSH, (slashing), 0:51.  
 Shots on Goal—Nashville 6-12-10-2—30. Detroit 14-11-13-1—39.  
 Power-play opportunities—Nashville 0 of 3; Detroit 0 of 2.  
 Goalsies—Nashville, Rinne 15-10-2 (39 shots-35 saves). Detroit, Howard 11-10-5 (30-27).  
 A—19,515 (20,000). T—2:37.  
 Referees—TJ Luxmore, Dean Morton.  
 Linesmen—Mark Shewchuk, Andrew Smith.

### STARS 2, CAPITALS 1, OT

**WASHINGTON** 0 1 0 0 — 1  
**DALLAS** 1 0 0 1 — 2

First Period—1, Dallas, Seguin 14 (Faksa, Radulov), 13:20 (pp). Penalties—Niskanen, WSH, (hooking), 5:28; Ovechkin, WSH, (boarding), 12:46.  
 Second Period—2, Washington, Eller 6 (Burakovsky, Orpik), 10:19. Penalties—Polak, DAL, (interference), 4:31; Radulov, DAL, (hooking), 11:39; Kempny, WSH, (unsportsmanlike conduct), 11:39; Eller, WSH, (high sticking), 16:09.  
 Third Period—None. Penalties—Condra, DAL, (hooking), 9:34; Ritchie, DAL, (slashing), 15:35.  
 Overtime—3, Dallas, Seguin 15 (Radulov, Hintz), 3:37. Penalties—None.  
 Shots on Goal—Washington 5-15-14-3—37. Dallas 15-8-2-4—29.  
 Power-play opportunities—Washington 0 of 3; Dallas 1 of 3.  
 Goalsies—Washington, Copley 9-2-1 (29 shots-27 saves). Dallas, Khudobin 7-7-2 (37-36).  
 T—2:35.  
 Referees—Wes McCauley, Ian Walsh.  
 Linesmen—Trent Knorr, Tony Sericolo.

## COLLEGE FOOTBALL

### SCHEDULE

All times Eastern (Subject to change)

#### Monday's Game

**College Football Championship**  
**At Santa Clara, Calif.**  
 Clemson (14-0) vs. Alabama (14-0), 8 p.m. (ESPN)

### FCS PLAYOFFS

**Championship**  
**Today's Game**  
**At Toyota Stadium, Frisco, Texas**  
 North Dakota State

## GOLF

### PGA TOUR

**TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS**  
 Friday's leaders at Plantation Course at Kapalua, Kapalua, Hawaii. **Purse:** \$6.5 million.  
**Yardage:** 7,518; **Par:** 73 (36-37)

### SECOND ROUND

|                    |           |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Gary Woodland      | 67-67—134 |
| Bryson DeChambeau  | 69-68—137 |
| Rory McIlroy       | 69-68—137 |
| Kevin Tway         | 66-71—137 |
| Marc Leishman      | 68-70—138 |
| Xander Schauffele  | 72-67—139 |
| Cameron Champ      | 71-68—139 |
| Justin Thomas      | 67-72—139 |
| Ian Poulter        | 71-69—140 |
| Jason Day          | 69-71—140 |
| Patton Kizzire     | 69-71—140 |
| Jon Rahm           | 70-71—141 |
| Dustin Johnson     | 67-74—141 |
| Webb Simpson       | 70-72—142 |
| Andrew Putnam      | 69-73—142 |
| Michael Kim        | 71-72—143 |
| Brandt Snedeker    | 75-69—144 |
| Francesco Molinari | 73-71—144 |
| Charles Howell III | 74-70—144 |
| Paul Casey         | 73-71—144 |
| Troy Merritt       | 73-71—144 |
| Andrew Landry      | 69-75—144 |
| Aaron Wise         | 74-71—145 |
| Brice Garnett      | 73-72—145 |
| Matt Kuchar        | 72-73—145 |
| Patrick Reed       | 70-75—145 |
| Keegan Bradley     | 77-69—146 |
| Brooks Koepka      | 76-70—146 |
| Billy Horschel     | 72-75—147 |
| Scott Piercy       | 76-72—148 |
| Ted Potter, Jr.    | 75-73—148 |
| Bubba Watson       | 70-79—149 |
| Satoshi Kodaira    | 77-76—153 |

## TRANSACTIONS

### BASEBALL

**National League**  
**PITTSBURGH PIRATES** — Agreed to terms with RHP Roberto Gomez, LHP Tyler Lyons, C Steven Baron and OF Patrick Kivlehan on minor league contracts.  
**MILWAUKEE BREWERS** — Agreed to terms with INF/OF Cory Spangenberg on a one-year contract.  
**American League**  
**BALTIMORE ORIOLES** — Claimed RHP Austin Brice off waivers from the Los Angeles Angels. Designated INF Breyvic Valera for assignment.  
**NEW YORK YANKEES** — Agreed to terms with SS Troy Tulowitzki on a one-year contract. Designated RHP A.J. Cole for assignment. Designated RHP Oliver Drake from the Toronto for \$70,000. Designated RHP Jaime Schultz for assignment.  
**TEXAS RANGERS** — Claimed RHP Luke Farrell off waivers from the Los Angeles Angels. Agreed to terms with RHPs Adrian Sampson and Rafael Montero on minor league contracts.

### FOOTBALL

**National Football League**  
**PITTSBURGH STEELERS** — Announced the contract of outside linebackers coach Joey Porter will not be renewed.  
 NFL — Named Jon Schwartz senior vice president of communications and public affairs.  
**CHICAGO BEARS** — Signed LB Jameer Thurman to a reserve/future contract.  
**SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS** — Signed DL Kapron Lewis-Moore to a reserve/future contract.

### COLLEGES

**PITTSBURGH** — Fired offensive coordinator Shawn Watson and wide receivers coach Kevin Sherman.

## WEEKEND SPORTS CALENDAR

### Planning ahead Jan. 5-11



**Penguins** · [penguins.nhl.com](http://penguins.nhl.com)  
**Jan. 6:** Blackhawks, 8 p.m., PPG Paints Arena

**Jan. 8:** Panthers, 7 p.m., PPG Paints Arena

**Jan. 11:** Ducks, 10 p.m., Honda Center, Anaheim, Calif.



**Pitt basketball** · [pittsburghpanthers.com](http://pittsburghpanthers.com)  
**Men**

**Jan. 5:** North Carolina, noon, Petersen Events Center

**Jan. 9:** Louisville, 8 p.m., Petersen Events Center.

### Women

**Jan. 10:** N.C. State, 7 p.m., PNC Arena, Raleigh, N.C.



**Penn State basketball** · [gopsports.com](http://gopsports.com)  
**Men**

**Jan. 6:** Wisconsin, 7:30 p.m., Bryce Jordan Center, University Park, Pa.

**Jan. 10:** Nebraska, 9 p.m., Pinnacle Bank Arena, Lincoln, Neb.

### Women

**Jan. 6:** Rutgers, 4 p.m., Louis Brown Athletic Center, Piscataway, N.J.



**West Virginia basketball** · [wvusports.com](http://wvusports.com)  
**Men**

**Jan. 5:** Texas, 9 p.m., Frank Erwin Center, Austin, Texas

**Jan. 9:** Kansas State, 7 p.m., Bramlage Coliseum, Manhattan, Kan.

### Women

**Jan. 6:** Texas, 4 p.m., WVU Coliseum, Morgantown, W.Va.

**Jan. 9:** Oklahoma State, 7 p.m., WVU Coliseum, Morgantown, W.Va.



**Duquesne basketball** · [goduquesne.com](http://goduquesne.com)  
**Men**

**Jan. 5:** Davidson, 6 p.m., John M. Belk Arena, Davidson, N.C.

**Jan. 9:** Fordham, 8 p.m., Palumbo Center.

### Women

**Jan. 5:** St. Bonaventure, 1 p.m., Reilly Center, St. Bonaventure, N.Y.

**Jan. 9:** Davidson, 5 p.m., Palumbo Center.



**Robert Morris basketball** · [rmucolonials.com](http://rmucolonials.com)  
**Men**

**Jan. 5:** Mount St. Mary's, 5 p.m., NAC Student Rec Center

**Jan. 10:** LIU Brooklyn, 7 p.m., Steinberg Wellness Center, Brooklyn, N.Y.

### Women

**Jan. 5:** Mount St. Mary's, 1 p.m., NAC Student Rec Center

**Jan. 7:** Fairleigh Dickinson, 7 p.m., NAC Student Rec Center

### Men's hockey

**Jan. 5:** TBD, Three Rivers Classic, PPG Paints Arena

**Jan. 11:** Bentley, 7:05 p.m., Colonials Arena

## SATURDAY BRIEF

# USA reaches hockey finale

From wire dispatches

Oliver Wahlstrom and Alexander Chmelevski scored, Cayden Primeau made 35 saves and the United States advanced to the world junior hockey final with a 2-1 victory against Russia Friday in Vancouver, British Columbia.

Seeking its fifth title and first since 2017, the United States will face Finland, a 6-1 winner over Switzerland, Saturday in the championship.

“I was just trying to stay calm and composed,” said Primeau, a freshman at Northeastern.

# SCOREBOARD

## PRO BASKETBALL

**NBA**

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**ATLANTIC DIVISION**

|              |    |    |      |    |
|--------------|----|----|------|----|
| Toronto      | 28 | 12 | .700 | —  |
| Philadelphia | 25 | 14 | .641 | 2½ |
| Boston       | 23 | 15 | .605 | 4  |
| Brooklyn     | 19 | 21 | .475 | 9  |
| New York     | 9  | 29 | .237 | 18 |

**SOUTHEAST DIVISION**

|            |    |    |      |    |
|------------|----|----|------|----|
| Miami      | 19 | 18 | .514 | —  |
| Charlotte  | 18 | 19 | .486 | 1  |
| Orlando    | 17 | 21 | .447 | 2½ |
| Washington | 15 | 24 | .385 | 5  |
| Atlanta    | 11 | 27 | .289 | 8½ |

**CENTRAL DIVISION**

|           |    |    |      |    |
|-----------|----|----|------|----|
| Milwaukee | 27 | 10 | .730 | —  |
| Indiana   | 26 | 12 | .684 | ½  |
| Detroit   | 17 | 19 | .472 | 9½ |
| Chicago   | 10 | 29 | .256 | 18 |
| Cleveland | 8  | 31 | .205 | 20 |

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**SOUTHWEST DIVISION**

|             |    |    |      |    |
|-------------|----|----|------|----|
| Houston     | 22 | 15 | .595 | —  |
| San Antonio | 22 | 17 | .564 | 1  |
| Memphis     | 18 | 20 | .474 | 4½ |
| Dallas      | 18 | 20 | .474 | 4½ |
| New Orleans | 17 | 22 | .436 | 6  |

**NORTHWEST DIVISION**

|               |    |    |      |    |
|---------------|----|----|------|----|
| Denver        | 25 | 11 | .694 | —  |
| Oklahoma City | 24 | 13 | .649 | ½  |
| Portland      | 22 | 16 | .579 | 4  |
| Utah          | 19 | 20 | .487 | 7½ |
| Minnesota     | 18 | 21 | .462 | 8½ |

**PACIFIC DIVISION**

|               |    |    |      |    |
|---------------|----|----|------|----|
| Golden State  | 25 | 14 | .641 | —  |
| L.A. Clippers | 21 | 16 | .568 | 3  |
| L.A. Lakers   | 21 | 17 | .553 | 3½ |
| Sacramento    | 19 | 19 | .500 | 5½ |
| Phoenix       | 9  | 30 | .231 | 16 |

### Thursday's Games

San Antonio 125, Toronto 107  
Denver 117, Sacramento 113  
Houston 135, Golden State 134, OT

### Friday's Games

Utah 117, Cleveland 91  
Boston 114, Dallas 93  
Brooklyn 109, Memphis 100  
Indiana 119, Chicago 116, OT  
Miami 115, Washington 109  
Minnesota 120, Orlando 103  
Milwaukee 144, Atlanta 112  
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, late  
New York at L.A. Lakers, late  
Oklahoma City at Portland, late  
**Today's Games**  
Charlotte at Denver, 5 p.m.  
Utah at Detroit, 7 p.m.  
Dallas at Philadelphia, 7:30 p.m.  
New Orleans at Cleveland, 8 p.m.  
Memphis at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.  
Toronto at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.  
Golden State at Sacramento, 10 p.m.  
Houston at Portland, 10 p.m.

### JAZZ 119, CAVALIERS 91

**UTAH (117)**  
Ingles 6-11 1-1 14, Favors 4-9 2-2 10, Gobert 4-4 4-4 12, Rubio 6-13 0-0 15, Mitchell 7-12 1-2 18, O'Neale 2-5 0-0 5, Sefolosha 0-2 0-0 0, Crowder 5-9 3-4 16, Niang 0-0 0-0 0, Udoh 1-2 1-2 3, Exum 4-8 2-2 11, Neto 2-2 0-0 5, Korver 2-6 5-5 10. Totals 43-83 19-22 117.

**CLEVELAND (91)**  
Osman 3-9 2-2 8, Nance Jr. 5-9 0-0 10, Thompson 3-10 2-2 8, Sexton 3-13 4-4 13, Hood 3-6 4-4 12, Jones 1-2 0-0 3, Frye 1-3 2-2 5, Burks 6-13 2-3 17, McCaw 1-5 0-0 3, Clarkson 6-12 0-0 12. Totals 32-82 16-17 91.

**UTAH** 23 25 33 36 — 117  
**CLEVELAND** 20 29 22 20 — 91  
3-Point Goals—Utah 14-35 (Mitchell 3-4, Rubio 3-6, Crowder 3-7, Neto 1-1, Exum 1-2, O'Neale 1-4, Korver 1-4, Ingles 1-5, Favors 0-1, Sefolosha 0-1), Cleveland 11-21 (Sexton 3-4, Burks 3-4, Hood 2-2, McCaw 1-1, Jones 1-1, Frye 1-3, Nance Jr. 0-1, Osman 0-2, Clarkson 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Utah 47 (Ingles 9), Cleveland 39 (Thompson 12). Assists—Utah 29 (Exum 7), Cleveland 14 (Sexton, Frye 3). Total Fouls—Utah 19, Cleveland 21. Technicals—Utah coach Jazz (Defensive three second). A—19,432 (20,562).

### NETS 109, GRIZZLIES 100

**BROOKLYN (109)**  
Kurucs 2-7 1-1 5, Dudley 0-4 0-0 0, Allen 6-11 0-0 12, Russell 7-16 6-6 23, Harris 7-11 1-1 18, Carroll 6-9 3-3 20, Graham 1-4 0-0 2, Davis 3-3 0-1 6, Napier 1-5 7-7 10, Dinwiddie 3-9 6-7 13. Totals 36-79 24-26 109.

### MEMPHIS (100)

Anderson 5-10 1-1 11, Jackson Jr. 9-15 1-1 19, Gasol 6-15 0-1 13, Conley 10-20 8-9 31, Temple 3-9 0-1 6, Casspi 0-1 0-0 0, Green 3-4 1-2 7, Noah 2-4 0-0 4, Carter 1-4 0-0 2, Mack 1-2 0-0 2, Brooks 2-9 0-0 5. Totals 42-93 11-15 100.

### BROOKLYN

26 22 33 28 — 109

### MEMPHIS

26 21 30 23 — 100

### 3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 13-34 (Carroll 5-7, Harris 3-5, Russell 3-7, Napier 1-4, Dinwiddie 1-4, Allen 0-1, Graham 0-1, Dudley 0-2, Kurucs 0-3), Memphis 5-24 (Conley 3-6, Brooks 1-3, Gasol 1-4, Carter 0-2, Jackson Jr. 0-3, Anderson 0-3, Temple 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Brooklyn 45 (Allen 12), Memphis 40 (Anderson 11). Assists—Brooklyn 25 (Russell 10), Memphis 23 (Anderson 10). Total Fouls—Brooklyn 19, Memphis 24. Technicals—Brooklyn coach Nets (Defensive three second), Kurucs, Carroll, Green. A—16,683 (18,119).

### CELTICS 114, MAVERICKS 93

#### DALLAS (93)

Matthews 4-7 1-2 11, Barnes 6-12 4-4 20, Jordan 5-6 2-2 12, Smith Jr. 4-12 1-1 9, Donic 7-16 1-2 19, Finney-Smith 0-2 1-2 1, Powell 3-8 0-0 6, Nowitzki 0-10 0-0 0, Barea 2-8 2-4 6, Harris 3-7 2-2 9, Brunson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-88 14-19 93.

#### BOSTON (114)

Brown 9-15 1-1 21, Tatum 7-21 0-0 18, Horford 4-10 0-0 10, Rozier 2-9 2-2 8, Smart 6-11 0-0 17, Ojeleye 3-5 1-2 8, Theis 2-4 3-4 8, Hayward 6-15 2-16 2, Yabusele 0-0 0-0 0, Wanamaker 3-6 0-0 8, Dozier 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 42-96 9-11 114.

#### DALLAS

23 28 17 25 — 93

#### BOSTON

34 24 26 30 — 114

#### 3-Point Goals—Dallas 11-44 (Barnes 4-7, Donic 4-8, Matthews 2-4, Harris 1-4, Finney-Smith 0-1, Powell 0-3, Barea 0-4, Smith Jr. 0-5, Nowitzki 0-8), Boston 21-45 (Smart 5-8, Tatum 4-11, Wanamaker 2-2, Horford 2-3, Brown 2-4, Hayward 2-6, Rozier 2-7, Theis 1-1, Ojeleye 1-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 49 (Jordan 15), Boston 53 (Theis 13). Assists—Dallas 16 (Donic 4), Boston 35 (Hayward, Horford 8). Total Fouls—Dallas 13, Boston 16. A—18,624 (18,624).

### PACERS 119, BULLS 116, OT

#### INDIANA (119)

Bogdanovic 5-15 3-4 13, Young 8-9 0-2 16, Turner 3-4 0-1 8, Collison 2-5 0-0 6, Oladipo 14-28 4-5 36, McDermott 2-3 0-0 5, Sabonis 9-13 5-5 23, Joseph 1-4 0-0 2, Evans 5-12 0-0 10. Totals 49-93 12-17 119.

#### CHICAGO (116)

Hutchison 2-8 0-0 4, Markkanen 11-20 1-2 27, Carter Jr. 6-9 3-4 15, Dunn 6-9 2-3 16, LaVine 12-21 2-2 31, Parker 2-8 0-0 4, Lopez 1-1 0-0 2, Arcidiacono 0-1 0-0 0, Blakney 5-9 2-2 13, Harrison 2-5 0-0 4. Totals 47-91 10-13 116.

#### INDIANA

18 36 21 30 14 — 119

#### CHICAGO

30 28 20 27 11 — 116

#### 3-Point Goals—Indiana 9-28 (Oladipo 4-13, Turner 2-2, Collison 2-3, McDermott 1-2, Joseph 0-2, Bogdanovic 0-3, Evans 0-3), Chicago 12-28 (LaVine 5-9, Markkanen 4-9, Dunn 2-2, Blakney 1-3, Parker 0-1, Arcidiacono 0-1, Carter Jr. 0-1, Hutchison 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 40 (Sabonis 12), Chicago 40 (Markkanen 9). Assists—Indiana 25 (Joseph 6), Chicago 30 (Dunn 17). Total Fouls—Indiana 17, Chicago 23. Technicals—Bogdanovic. A—21,284 (20,917).

### TIMBERWOLVES 120, MAGIC 103

#### ORLANDO (103)

Isaac 4-7 1-2 10, Gordon 4-8 2-4 10, Vucevic 10-16 1-1 22, Augustin 3-9 0-0 8, Fournier 9-16 1-1 21, Ivundu 2-4 2-2 6, Martin 0-0 0-0 0, Birch 0-1 2-4 2, Bamba 2-2 1-3 5, Briscoe 0-2 0-0 0, Ross 5-14 0-0 13, Grant 0-0 0-0 0, Simmons 3-9 0-2 6. Totals 42-88 10-19 103.

#### MINNESOTA (120)

Wiggins 8-19 0-0 16, Gibson 7-10 0-0 14, Towns 11-20 6-8 29, Teague 8-10 4-8 23, Okogie 2-9 4-4 8, Nunnally 0-0 0-0 0, Saric 4-8 1-1 10, Tolliver 4-7 0-0 11, Dieng 1-1 2-2 4, Jones 2-7 0-0 5. Totals 47-91 17-23 120.

#### ORLANDO

40 28 17 18 — 103

#### MINNESOTA

31 33 31 25 — 120

#### 3-Point Goals—Orlando 9-27 (Ross 3-9, Augustin 2-4, Fournier 2-6, Isaac 1-2, Vucevic 1-4, Gordon 0-1, Briscoe 0-1), Minnesota 9-26 (Teague 3-3, Tolliver 3-5, Jones 1-2, Saric 1-3, Towns 1-6, Okogie 0-3, Wiggins 0-4). Fouled Out—None.

Rebounds—Orlando 35 (Vucevic 7), Minnesota 54 (Towns 15). Assists—Orlando 28 (Simmons 7), Minnesota 29 (Teague 10). Total Fouls—Orlando 20, Minnesota 20. Technicals—Orlando coach Steve Clifford, Ross. A—14,355 (19,356).

### HEAT 115, WIZARDS 109

#### WASHINGTON (109)

Ariza 6-19 4-4 21, Green 4-10 2-2 10, Bryant 5-7 0-0 10, Satoransky 4-9 0-0 8, Beal 10-25 9-11 33, Porter Jr. 7-14 0-1 14, Dekker 2-4 0-0 4, Mahinmi 2-4 0-1 4, Randle 2-6 0-0 5. Totals 42-98 15-19 109.

#### MIAMI (115)

McGruder 2-6 0-0 5, J.Johnson 6-12 2-2 17, Whiteside 9-13 3-5 21, Winslow 5-9 2-4 13, Richardson 6-16 4-4 18, Jones Jr. 2-2 0-0 5, Olymyk 1-3 0-0 3, Adebayo 4-7 3-4 11, T.Johnson 4-12 0-0 8, Wade 5-11 4-6 14. Totals 44-91 18-25 115.

#### WASHINGTON

24 34 28 23 — 109

#### MIAMI

31 30 34 20 — 115

#### 3-Point Goals—Washington 10-36 (Ariza 5-12, Beal 4-11, Randle 1-4, Satoransky 0-1, Green 0-3, Porter Jr. 0-5), Miami 9-29 (J.Johnson 3-6, Richardson 2-8, Jones Jr. 1-1, Olymyk 1-2, Winslow 1-3, McGruder 1-3, T.Johnson 0-3, Wade 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 41 (Beal 9), Miami 48 (Whiteside 18). Assists—Washington 24 (Beal 7), Miami 28 (Winslow 10). Total Fouls—Washington 18, Miami 18. Technicals—Washington coach Scott Brooks, Mahinmi. A—19,600 (19,600).

### BUCKS 144, HAWKS 112

#### ATLANTA (112)

Hamilton 1-1 0-0 2, Collins 4-9 4-6 12, Dedmon 5-11 0-0 14, Young 3-9 5-5 13, Huerter 4-10 1-2 10, Bembry 7-12 3-3 19, Len 4-8 3-9 12, Lin 3-7 6-6 12, Carter 2-3 0-0 6, Dorsey 3-7 2-2 9, Anderson 1-8 0-2 3. Totals 37-85 24-35 112.

#### MILWAUKEE (144)

Middleton 7-8 1-2 19, Antetokounmpo 6-8 4-6 16, Lopez 3-9 2-4 10, Bledsoe 7-13 0-0 14, Brogdon 6-9 7-7 19, Ilyasova 5-8 0-0 10, Wilson 3-4 1-2 8, Smith 3-4 0-0 8, Maker 3-10 1-2 8, Hill 4-7 3-4 12, Connaughton 4-11 0-0 9, Snell 4-9 1-1 11. Totals 55-100 20-28 144.

#### ATLANTA

14 29 36 33 — 112

#### MILWAUKEE

43 33 42 26 — 144

#### 3-Point Goals—Atlanta 14-41 (Dedmon 4-9, Carter 2-3, Bembry 2-4, Young 2-4, Len 1-3, Anderson 1-4, Dorsey 1-5, Huerter 1-5, Lin 0-2, Collins 0-2), Milwaukee 14-40 (Middleton 4-4, Smith 2-3, Snell 2-5, Maker 1-6, Ilyasova 0-1, Antetokounmpo 0-1, Bledsoe 0-2, Brogdon 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 32 (Len 8), Milwaukee 53 (Ilyasova 10). Assists—Atlanta 26 (Young 10), Milwaukee 36 (Antetokounmpo 10). Total Fouls—Atlanta 23, Milwaukee 26. A—17,632 (17,500).

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

#### FRIDAY'S RESULTS

##### EAST

Cornell 76, Johnson & Wales (RI) 61

##### SOUTH

SMU 74, Tulane 65

##### MIDWEST

Ball State 79, Toledo 64

IUPUI 66, Ill.-Chicago 64

Buffalo at E. Michigan, late

##### FAR WEST

Bethesda at UC Riverside, late

Holy Names at Cal Poly, late

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

#### EAST

Georgetown 68, Providence 52

James Madison 68, Delaware 43

Monmouth (NJ) 55, Iona 38

Northeastern 79, Elon 71

Rutgers 73, Brown 52

Siena 84, St. Peter's 57

Towson 55, Drexel 54

William & Mary 60, Hofstra 55

#### SOUTH

Stetson 81, Central State 51

UNC-Wilmington 71, Coll. of Charleston 49

#### MIDWEST

Butler 62, Seton Hall 59

Drake 92, Bradley 63

Illinois St. 66, N. Iowa 64

Marquette 96, DePaul 63

Missouri St. 71, Indiana St. 58

Oakland 74, Detroit 67

S. Illinois 67, Evansville 47

St. John's 76, Xavier 57

Villanova 54, Creighton 52

### SOUTHWEST

Tulsa 63, Wichita St. 49

### FAR WEST

Arizona 69, Colorado 67

Oregon 84, Washington 71

Arizona St. at Utah, late

UCLA at California, late

Washington St. at Oregon St., late

Southern Cal at Stanford, late

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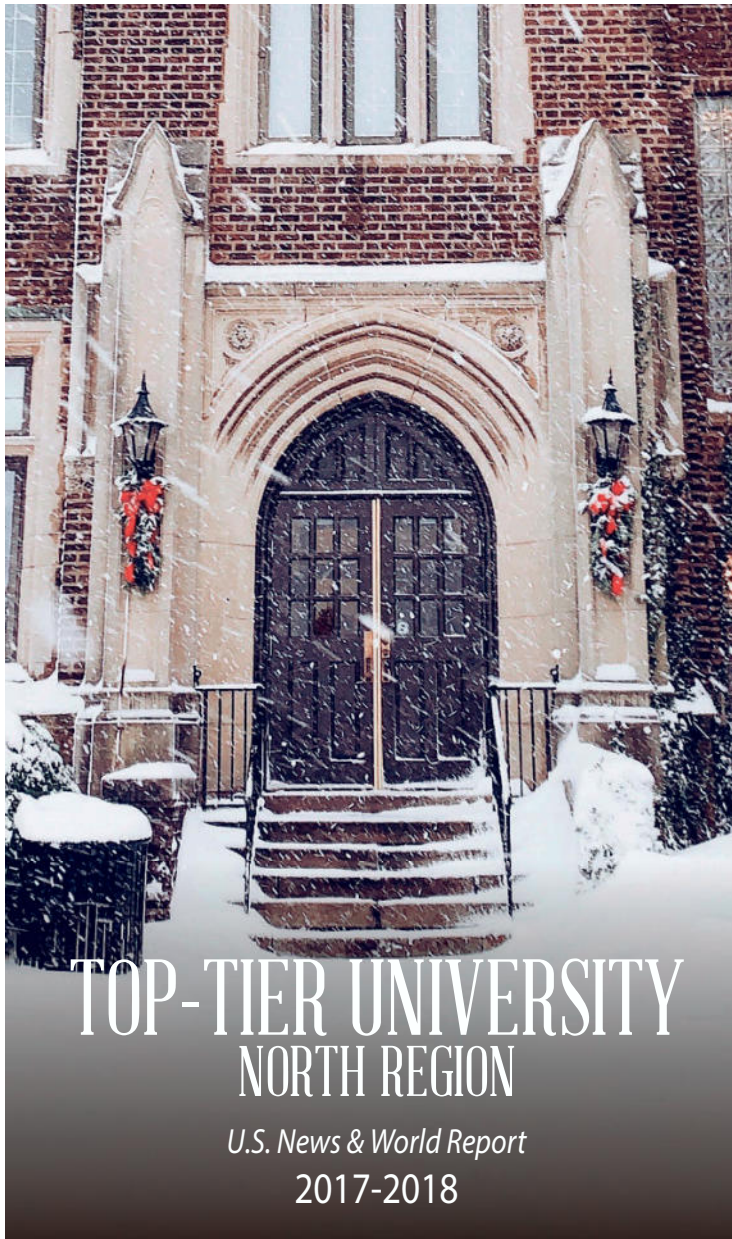
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Huntsman John Tabachka, riding a gray thoroughbred mare named Givintmyall, leads the way through the trails of the Hollow Oak Land Trust's Fifer's Fields Conservation Area on a Sewickley Hunt Nov. 10 in Franklin Park. Behind him is hunt master Brian Daniels on Lance, a bay thoroughbred cross.

## Belonging in nature

Outdoor recreation brings people, dogs and horses to Hollow Oak Land Trust conservation areas

By Linda Wilson Fuoco  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

It would not be an understatement to say the Hollow Oak Land Trust has a presence in Pittsburgh's western and northern suburbs, and a very green one at that.

Meadows and streams, hills and dales, forests and flood plains as well as wild flowers and wildlife inhabit more than 550 acres of the Land Trust owns in six municipalities. There are no plans to ever bulldoze that land to build houses, condos or shopping centers.

The Land Trust, which dates to 1991, is a nonprofit primarily concerned about conservation, but it puts out a welcome mat for recreational activity on its various properties, including cross country skiers, bikers, hik-

ers, hunters and dog walkers.

Its main holdings, called Conservation Areas, include Montour Woods, about 300 acres of land in Moon; Trout Run, also in Moon; Boggs Run, about 60 acres in Moon and Hopewell in Beaver County; Fifer's Fields, a former 60-acre farm in Franklin Park; Kennawr, a 60-acre parcel in Kennedy; and Forestbrooke, a 7-acre wetlands area in North Fayette.

Horseback riding is permitted on the 35-acre Fifer's Fields. In fact, Sewickley Hunt members brought 13 hounds and 15 horses to Fifer's Fields on Nov. 10 for the first-ever fox hunt on Hollow Oak land.

Fifer's Fields teems with foxes, coyotes, deer and other wild animals, but

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Hikers and bikers dig into a free lunch after traveling eight miles of trails in the Montour Woods Conservation Area in the fall of 2014.

## Top stories of 2018 leave indelible mark on region

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The year 2018 was one that saw triumphs and disasters, challenges and opportunities, successes and failures, both nationally and in every neighborhood of every community.

Some of the year's biggest stories occurred in Pennsylvania and in Pittsburgh. The statewide grand jury report on clergy sex abuse continues to roil across the state and the effects of the shooting rampage at the Tree of Life synagogue in Squirrel Hill are still being felt.

But there were hundreds of

other stories over the year that affected residents around the region, and below are some of the top stories that appeared in the Post-Gazette's Local Xtra in 2018.

### Flash floods

So much rain fell so fast on the night of June 20 causing flash floods across the region that a motorist was swept to her death in Upper St. Clair when her car became stuck and she tried to walk home. Diners inside Bethel Park's Trolley Stop Inn had to be rescued in boats.

Even in a year of extraordinary

rainfall across the Pittsburgh region, what transpired in communities south of Pittsburgh late on that night stood out.

In some spots, nearly 4 inches of rain fell in just hours as thunderstorms trained on the same locations in Allegheny and Westmoreland counties, authorities said that night. Water as deep as 4 feet turned roads into rivers, damaged homes and businesses and trapped motorists in and near their cars, in an emergency that intensified after dark as rain totals swelled.

Police and firefighters, backed

by swiftwater teams, made 66 rescues in Allegheny County alone, officials said at the time, and a state of emergency was declared in Bethel Park. Flooding shut down Port Authority light rail service and caused a mudslide at the south end of the Mount Washington Transit Tunnel.

Mt. Lebanon, Bridgeville, Castle Shannon, South Park and West Mifflin were among the areas hardest hit, based on police scanner communications that night, though others were inundated, too.

The cleanup was accompanied

by calls for a regional solution to chronic flooding in areas that include parts of Upper St. Clair and Bridgeville.

For Wendy Abbott, 64, the ordeal proved deadly.

She was in the vicinity of McLaughlin Run Road and Morrow Road when her car got stuck in flooding, township manager Matthew Serakowski said afterward. She is believed to have exited her car and tried to walk the nearly 1½ miles to her home, Upper St. Clair

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**On the Radar** // Four things you need to know in your neighborhood:

### NORTH

#### Parenting seminar

The first of two sessions in a parenting seminar sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Bakerstown will take place from 2 to 4 p.m. Jan. 13 in the church's Fellowship Hall. The session, "The Seven Desires of Your Child's Heart," will focus on discipline. The second, "Behavior Challenges" will be held on March 17. The church is located on Route 8 at Heckert Road in Richland. Details, [www.fpcb.org](http://www.fpcb.org) or 724-443-1555.

### SOUTH

#### Financial fitness presentation

Whitehall Public Library, located at 100 Borough Park Drive, will host the presentation "Financial Fitness: An Informal Money Talk" at 6:30 p.m. Jan. 8. The workshop will discuss some of the fundamentals of establishing a personal budget, setting financial goals and saving for the future, as well as tax-saving retirement strategies and life insurance protection. The program is free. Details or to register, 412-882-6622.

### EAST

#### Energy efficiency program

Monroeville Public Library will hold a program on household energy efficiency from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Jan. 7 in its Gallery space. Representatives from the local nonprofit Conservation Consultants Inc. will provide information on possible upgrades that can improve a home's energy performance. Attendees can bring their energy bills and home size to get an energy evaluation. For more information, 412-372-0500, ext. 113.

### WEST

#### Civil War lecture series

The next program in the 2nd Saturday Civil War Lecture Series at the Andrew Carnegie Free Library & Music Hall will feature Kenneth C. Turner discussing "The Civil War in Pennsylvania: A Photographic History." The free lecture will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Jan. 14 at the library/music hall, located at 300 Beechwood Ave. in Carnegie. For more information, [www.camegiecarnegie.org](http://www.camegiecarnegie.org) or 412-276-3456, ext. 9.



WeekendXtra

# Conservation areas draw people, dogs, horses to nature

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none were chased or harmed. The hunt club sprays a liquid combination of urine and other fox scents and the dogs eagerly follow that trail.

Both sides deemed the hunt a success, and hope to make it an annual event. Hunt members pitch in as stewards of the land, mowing one-third of the big entrance meadow each year.

Since 1991, Hollow Oak Land Trust has been acquiring land and managing it as six conservation areas, “protecting and connecting greenspace” with an emphasis on the Pittsburgh Airport Corridor.

The trust also owns two conservation easements for the 90-acre Sahli Nature Park in Chippewa, Beaver County. The land is preserved in its natural state to protect the plants and animals that live there. But the nonprofit makes the land available for recreational use as long as it does not

harm the land. Thus, pedal-powered bicycles are permitted but motorized vehicles are not.

“You might say that Hollow Oak Land Trust believes that people belong in nature,” said Sean Brady, 50, executive director for seven years.

That’s a big contrast, he said, from “back in the day” when “land trusts sometimes acquired acreage simply to provide a green vista or backdrop for people.”

While dogs are prohibited at many parks, they are permitted on Hollow Oak lands. Among the assets of the nonprofit trust is “an awesome board,” Mr. Brady said. The board includes Catherine Hanna, a biology professor at Robert Morris University.

By “helping to preserve and connect greenspace... we are ensuring a better environment for us all,” Ms. Hanna said. Greenspace preservation includes providing “water and air filtration, flood reduction, pollination and CO2 absorption.”



People ply the trails at Hollow Oak Land Trust's Montour Woods Conservation area in fall 2014.

Bob Donaldson / Post-Gazette photos

By working in the airport corridor to protect watersheds — the land that drains into rivers — “we are also helping communities downstream,” Ms. Hanna said. “By working together to preserve natural areas, we are ensuring a better environment for us all.”

Beyond the ecological value, Hollow Oak Land Trust believes “immersion in nature provides profound benefits for a person’s sense of well being,” Mr. Brady said. “In today’s stressful world, you could call that a medicinal use.”

Hollow Oak properties are “an incredible asset,” especially for people who live near the land, said David Thompson, president of the trust’s board.

Living in Moon, Mr. Thompson had always enjoyed hiking in the Montour Woods conservation area. The next step was to become involved, in 2015, with the preservation and conservation organization.

“Connecting” land and green spaces is another mission, said Mr. Thompson, who works in operations at the Software Engineering Institute at Carnegie Mellon University. The Montour Woods Greenway connects with Moon Park and the Montour Trail.

In what might seem like a departure from the mission of conservation areas, deer hunters armed with bows or firearms are allowed in Montour Woods in Moon and Fifer’s Fields in Franklin Park. Only bow hunting is permitted in the Kenmawr Conservation Area in Kennedy.

Tree stands are permitted if hunters secure them with hooks and straps that do not harm the tree.

Because the deer reproduce rapidly and have no natural predators, they destroy the forest ecosystem, Mr. Brady said. Deer eat small trees, shrubs, wildflowers and other vegetation, removing habitat and food needed by



From left, Alison Hipwell, Rob Henning and their son, Fynn, walk the trails at Hollow Oak Land Trust's Montour Woods Conservation area on Trick or Trails Day in 2014.

## Hollow Oak Land Trust conservation areas and easements



Source: Hollow Oak Land Trust, Esri

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a trust membership, which starts at \$15 student, \$20 individual and \$35 for a family.

Three-hundred households are members of Hollow Oak Land Trust. Other funding comes from foundations, trusts, private donors and government grants. Membership levels from \$20 for an individual or \$35 for a family, or with other benefit levels ranging from \$50 up to \$1,000.

Upcoming events for members include two Owl Prowls, where hikers hear the call of screech owls, barred owls and great horned owls. With a bit of luck, they will see owls.

Both Owl Prowls are in Moon; Friday, Jan. 18, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the Montour Woods Conservation Area and Thursday Jan. 24, from 6:30-8:30 in Trout Run Conservation Area. RSVP is required by emailing jeff@hollowoak.org or calling 412-264-5354.

The Fifth Annual Fat Bike and Hike Fest at Montour Woods Nike Road Trailhead is scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 9. Fat-wheeled bikes and bicycles of all kinds are welcome, as are hikers, runners and dog walkers.

Rides and hikes start at 1 p.m., followed by a campfire and BBQ. People should bring their own beverage. Send questions to info@hollowoak.org and get trail maps at the website.

For further information about the Hollow Oak Land Trust, go to hollowoak.org, where you can get information about upcoming events and directions to all conservation areas.

other species to survive, Mr. Brady said.

Since deer hunting started in 2012, “we’re seeing fewer deer,” said Mr. Brady, who does not have census figures on the number of deer living in the conservation areas.

Deer hunters must get a deer permit from the trust, in addition to a state hunting license. The trust limits the permits to a maximum of 125 each year. All state game laws apply.

There is no charge for the Hollow Oak deer permit, but hunters are encouraged to get

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Homestead

Borough sets meeting to discuss proposal to close road near school

By Anne Cloonan

Homestead will hold a special meeting at 6 p.m. Jan. 10 at Barrett Elementary School to get input from residents on the proposed permanent closure of 12th Avenue in front of Barrett Elementary.

Officials also will answer questions and address residents' concerns about proposed revisions to the borough's zoning map.

In January 2017, Steel Valley School District superintendent Ed Wehrer announced that Homestead had received a \$600,000 grant from the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority to pay for part of the Transforming Twelfth project, a joint endeavor of the borough, the school district and the Western Pennsylvania Conservancy that aims to eventually transform the land around Barrett Elementary into an urban oasis.

As part of the project, 12th Avenue immediately in front of Barrett Elementary would be permanently closed to allow for the eventual creation of a series of outdoor learning areas, including an outdoor classroom with a recirculating waterfall and pond, a butterfly and bird garden, and a weather station; a "build it garden" with fort-building material, a digging area and one raised growing bed per grade; and a rain garden with native plants to filter water.

The Alcosan grant will allow the construction of an underground stormwater containment tank under a new teachers parking lot by the school.

The project would capture water that runs down Ann and Glenn streets, Mr. Wehrer said in January 2017. Former Steel Valley school board member Mike Terrick said the aim was to keep stormwater out of the combined storm and san-

itary sewer system.

Terra Design Studios LLC of the South Side created the plans for the outdoor classrooms and gardens. Officials said in January 2017 that a number of additional grants would be needed to pay for the gardens and outdoor classrooms.

The landscape plans by Terra Design were paid for with a grant the conservancy obtained from the Pittsburgh Foundation of about \$60,000.

An Alcosan representative will be at the Jan. 10 meeting with Homestead council members to answer questions from residents regarding the stormwater containment project by the school.

Homestead building inspector Dan Hanks and borough solicitor Joe Heminger will also attend to answer questions about the planning commission's proposed zoning revisions in the borough, and residents will be able to view a map of those proposed changes.

Mr. Hanks said Wednesday that the four main areas to be rezoned will be: 120 feet on either side of West Street, which will become a C-2 mixed use neighborhood commercial district; lots around Frick Park, which will be changed from R-1 single family residential zoning to R-2 zoning to allow the construction of additional townhomes around the park; lots between Propel School and West Street, which will be changed from R-2 zoning to C3, or commercial zoning; and an area around the former Homestead Hospital would be rezoned to allow a high-rise apartment building to be built there.

Rezoning along West Street would allow for a combination of homes, shops, boutiques and low-rise apartment buildings there, which resembles the mixture of building uses already on West Street, officials have said.

Mr. Hanks said every home in the areas where zoning changes are proposed would be designated as having a "legal nonconforming use," as a home dating from an earlier zoning designation.

Residents would be able to sell their residences as homes in those areas in perpetuity, he said.

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Theater

Radio host to perform one-act play he wrote in tribute to Shakespeare

'Mrs. Shakespeare' also part of program

By Bob Podurgiel



"Stoney" Richards

Most people know radio host Charles David "Stoney" Richards from his successful radio shows on KDKA-AM and Y108-FM, but there is another side to Mr. Richards' smooth-voiced persona that may surprise many of his listeners.

For the past 30 years, Mr. Richards has been fascinated by the life and times of William Shakespeare. He has not only read the works of Shakespeare and acted in several of his plays, including "Hamlet" in Los Angeles, but he has traveled to England, where he visited Shakespeare's birthplace, his grave, and the Globe Theatre in London, where many of Shakespeare's plays were first staged in 1599 and the early 1600s.

Now Mr. Richards has taken his love of Shakespeare one step further and has written his own one-act play in tribute to the playwright called, "Friendship by Shakespeare."

Mr. Richards' play is scheduled for two performances at the Carnegie Stage on West Main Street in Carnegie, at 8 p.m. Jan. 19 and at 3 p.m. Jan. 20.

Appearing with Mr. Richards will be Yvonne Hudson, with her own one-act play, "Mrs. Shakespeare." Ms. Hudson is a Pittsburgh Shakespeare in the Parks board member, an actor, writer and advocate for the performance of Shakespeare's works.

The two shows are linked together for an evening's entertainment titled "All About Will." Proceeds will benefit Pittsburgh Shakespeare in the Parks, the Actors' Equity Foundation and the SAG-AFTRA Foundation.

In his play, Mr. Richards portrays the character John Sincler, "a hired man," or as Mr. Richards describes him, a member of Shakespeare acting company.

"He is the only actor referred to by name in the 'First Folio,'" Mr. Richards

"An average distance run for me is 8 to 10 miles. It's my form of meditation and helps me to reduce stress."

"Stoney" Richards

dressed in breeches and a renaissance-style shirt. He likes that the play will be performed at Carnegie Stage, an intimate 93-seat theater, where he can be close to the audience.

He explained that in Shakespeare's time, the groundlings, or people who paid maybe a penny to see a play, stood on the ground near the stage, while the wealthy and nobles viewed the plays from balcony seats protected from the weather.

"Often the groundling's hands were right on the stage," Mr. Richards said.

The plays were performed in the afternoon and went on, rain or shine. The actors were protected from the elements by a tarp. The groundlings weren't as fortunate and were exposed to the weather, he said.

"I hope people will come away from the play with an appreciation for who this guy Shakespeare was. He took stories from history and told them in a unique way. A way that is still remembered 500 years later."

Mr. Richards brings a long resume of acting credits to Carnegie Stage with his Shakespeare show. He has appeared in the TV series "St. Elsewhere," as well as the movies "Best of Friends," "Predator II" and "Punchline" with Tom

Hanks and Sally Field.

Those roles all occurred during his days in Los Angeles where he also indulged his love of country music, hosting a radio show on KGLX, where he had the chance to meet musicians including Johnny Cash and Waylon Jennings.

In Los Angeles, he studied acting at Playhouse West with Jeff Goldblum, who was a teacher there. Mr. Goldblum, who grew up in West Homestead, attended Carnegie Mellon University before going on to a successful acting career in Hollywood.

Since Mr. Richards moved to Pittsburgh in the 1990s, he has appeared in the TV series, "The Guardian," and hopes that more TV series and movies will continue to be made in Western Pennsylvania.

In his spare time, Mr. Richards enjoys running. He has completed 21 marathons and the McCandless resident often can be seen running in North Park, on the Montour Trail or the Great Allegheny Passage.

"An average distance run for me is 8 to 10 miles. It's my form of meditation and helps me to reduce stress," he said.

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**STORIES, FROM WX-1**

police said. Ms. Abbott's sister, Susan, addressed the need for flood prevention before a late July meeting of the Bridgeville Planning Commission.

"My sister wasn't far from home. She got out of her car in the pouring rain to walk home, and was sucked into a 4-foot-wall of water going 50 miles per hour," she said. "Her body was found 2 miles away, behind the Bridgeville Volunteer Fire Department. This must never happen again."

**School safety**

The 2018-19 school year brought with it lots of new contracts and discussions surrounding school safety as local districts moved to beef up security following the Valentine's Day mass shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla.

School districts across Allegheny County hired more officers or created district police forces.

Others added metal detectors and security vestibules at front entrances to their schools. Many held active shooter drills for students and staff.

The school districts in Plum and West Mifflin were among those that decided to create their own police forces to provide security at their schools. Others, like the Upper St. Clair and North Hills school districts, now have armed officers in schools.

The Mt. Lebanon School District earmarked \$1 million for safety equipment and security upgrades, including surveillance cameras, door locks, communication systems and shatter-proof glass.

**Glass in the trash**

As of Jan. 1, the motto in the South Hills is glass in the trash. Residents living in 18 municipalities that make up the South Hills Area Council of Governments will not be able to place glass and some types of plastics out with their curbside recycling.

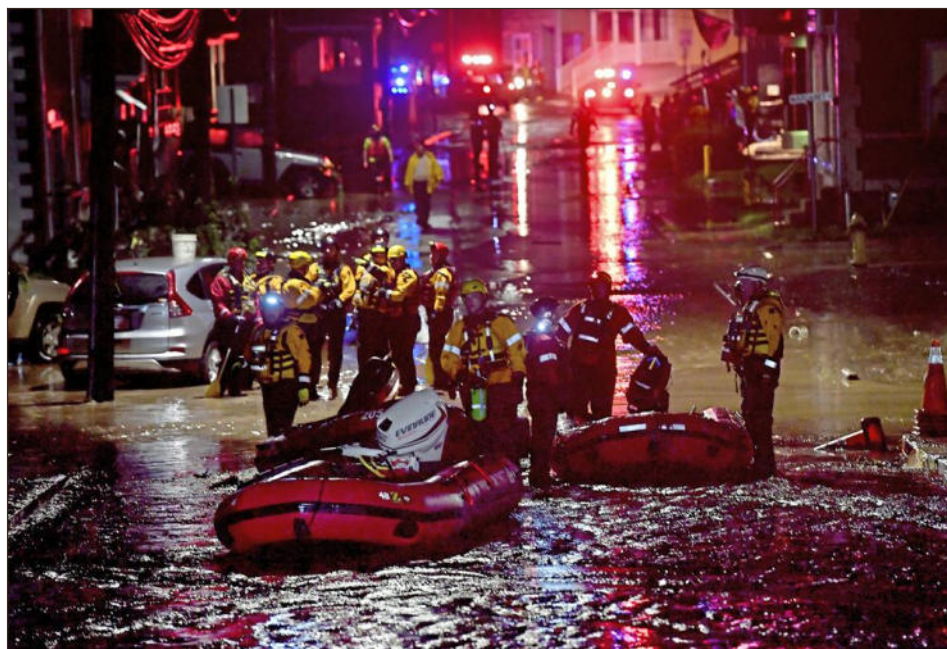
So you can still put things like water bottles, milk jugs and laundry detergent containers in the recycling bin, but you no longer can recycle grocery bags, egg cartons or takeout containers.

Residents of those communities still may recycle paper, cardboard, aluminum, tin and plastics with a No. 1 or No. 2 on the bottom, but plastics with Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 will no longer be taken.

**Woodland Hills**

The former superintendent of the Woodland Hills School District retired in 2018, paving the way for a new administration and a new chapter for the troubled district.

Alan Johnson, who had been with Woodland Hills since 2011, enacted the severance clause of his contract and retired from the district in June. His successor, James Harris, was hired be-



Matt Freed/Post-Gazette

Crews work to clean up from a flood on Baldwin Street after heavy storms pounded the area in Bridgeville on June 20.

fore the start of the 2018-19 school year.

Mr. Johnson headed the school district through a number of controversies — some of which attracted national attention — over the last several years.

Several students sued the district alleging physical mistreatment by school administration and the school resource officer. The Woodland Hills district also was flagged nationally for racial disparities in student discipline, and continues to work with students coping with trauma after a rash of community violence that claimed the lives of six students in two years.

"I'm not God's answer to superintendents, but I think I've done as well as anyone could," Mr. Johnson told the Post-Gazette in February. "I certainly know I've done the best that I could. That's all I want people to remember."

West Mifflin Area schools Even in the most divided communities, it's rare for such deep-seated feuds to unfold as publicly as they have in the West Mifflin Area School District over the past four months.

But since late August, a series of apparently longstanding grudges have played out in dramatic and unusually open fashion as the school board takes steps that would allow it to remove suspended superintendent Dan Castagna for a range of alleged improprieties.

In a series of quasi-judicial proceedings, witnesses have accused Mr. Castagna of various wrongdoing, including alleged mishandling of his two DUI arrests and claims of intimidating political rivals.

The district and the six board members who voted to suspend him currently face a federal lawsuit by Mr. Castagna, who claims they targeted him for reporting misdeeds by several district employees.

Mr. Castagna, who disputes the allegations against him, opted for open hearings so he could publicly respond to the claims and with hopes

of eventually returning to his West Mifflin post, his attorney previously told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

After reviewing a recommendation from the hearing officer, the school board will deliberate in executive session and cast a vote at a public school board meeting, Jan. 17 at the earliest. If removed, Mr. Castagna could

other clinical services, plus conference space and a cafe.

The center is scheduled to open in the fall of 2020.

**Papa J's Ristorante fire**

On March 2, a massive fire destroyed Papa J's Ristorante, a well-known and popular restaurant in the heart of Carnegie's business district.



Jessie Wardarski/Post-Gazette

Fire crews worked into the early-morning hours to put out flames at Papa J's Ristorante and the above apartments on March 3 in Carnegie.

challenge the ruling in Common Pleas Court.

**St. Clair Hospital**

St. Clair Hospital in Mt. Lebanon in July announced plans for a \$142 million expansion, including a 280,000-square-foot outpatient center at its main campus.

Hospital officials said the outpatient center is needed as the number of patients treated there has increased 130 percent since 2006.

The six-story facility, part of which is located in Scott, which will have underground parking, will be located on North Wren Drive and connect to the main hospital.

The center will include 10 operating rooms for outpatient surgery, medical imaging, physical and occupational therapy, an infusion center, a pharmacy as well as

Indiana Township, decided not to participate.

Braddock's rebirth

In August, Braddock resi-

One man was killed and 25 people, who lived in apartments above the restaurant, were left homeless by the fire. The fire started in an upstairs apartment and quickly spread to the rest of the building.

Restaurant employees and patrons had to quickly flee the building, although some Papa J's workers went to upper floors of the building to alert residents.

Volunteers organized a spaghetti dinner that raised \$15,000 to help residents who were displaced by the fire. But the future of the restaurant remains unknown. Michael Troiani, the owner of Papa J's, told the Post-Gazette in June that he was considering a possible new development in the Strip District, which could include a hotel, four to five floors of offices, an event

center, a grocery and integral parking on the 1½-acre site he owns.

He said at the time he was open to the possibility of moving Papa J's Ristorante to the Strip, but he said recently that his plans are still up in the air.

**Community cooperation**

The past year saw a renewed spirit of cooperation among many communities, particularly along the Allegheny River Valley.

The towns of Etna, Millvale and Sharpsburg, which formed what they call the TriBoro EcoDistrict, held a series of town meetings on topics of mutual concern. Among their issues was making their communities more walkable and friendly to pedestrians, bicyclists and disabled people and finding ways to conserve energy.

Another group of four Allegheny Valley communities, Aspinwall, Blawnox, O'Hara and Sharpsburg, signed on to plans to complete a feasibility study on forming a regional police force. But some communities are not sold on the idea.

Two other communities that were invited to join the study, Fox Chapel and

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The Obama Academy band marches in a parade during a celebration marking the grand opening of the Braddock Civic Plaza on Aug. 11.

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## NBA prospect playing at Kennedy

Western Pennsylvania has a high school basketball player who will be an NBA lottery draft pick in two years.

Go ahead and laugh. But that's what is being said of the talent, body, athleticism and potential that Oscar Tshiebwe possesses.

Tshiebwe plays at Kennedy Catholic in Hermitage, just outside the boundaries of the WPIAL. He's the kid with the last name that's hard to pronounce (SHE-bwee). Check that. He's a man. What else do you call a 6-foot-9, 245-pound mature-looking, high school senior who has a chiseled body that already seems suited for the NBA.

Tshiebwe has signed with West Virginia University, but he might not be with coach Bob Huggins for long. Tshiebwe is that good, a possible one-and-done player.

NBA draft.net recently did a mock draft and had Tshiebwe going with the No. 13 pick in the 2020 NBA draft. Lottery picks are the first 14. Other publications have predicted Tshiebwe to go in the 2020 draft, or be in the NBA by 2021.

Of course, there is the rest of this season yet for Tshiebwe and at least a year at West Virginia. A lot could happen between now and the 2020 NBA draft. But for right now, Tshiebwe is simply one of the most dominant players in Western Pennsylvania in a long time.

Tshiebwe averages 23.3 points a game for a team that is ranked No. 2 in the state in Class 6A. He also averages double figures in rebounds — and is probably leading the state in jaw-dropping plays. Tshiebwe is a freakish athlete and a dunking machine.

Tim Tyree is Vincentian's coach whose team played a game at Kennedy Catholic Dec. 28 immediately before Kennedy played ISA of Ohio.

"That one dunk where he caught a long alley-oop pass with one hand? How did he catch that and do that," said Tyree.

Besides seeing Tshiebwe play last week, Tyree also saw Tshiebwe play in AAU games last summer.

"There are certain athletes that people need to see in person. He's one of them," said Tyree.

Tshiebwe has been in Western Pennsylvania less than two years. He is from the Democratic Republic of Congo and came to the U.S. only a few years ago. He attended a high school in Virginia before enrolling at Kennedy Catholic for the 2017-18 school year. The Kollar family near Kennedy Catholic took in Tshiebwe and Jeff Kollar and his wife became Tshiebwe's guardians. The Kollars have taken in students and Kennedy Catholic basketball players before, including current West Virginia player Sagaba Konate.

"I've told people he's a once-in-a-generation type of player," said Tyree. "He has some physical skills

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Handout photo Oscar Tshiebwe is a 6-foot-9, 245-pound senior averaging 23 points for Kennedy Catholic.

## High school wrestling



Marc Billett/Tri-State Sports & News Service

North Hills junior Sam Hillegas already has won two PIAA wrestling championships. Two more and he'll become only the 14th wrestler in Pennsylvania history, and the seventh from the WPIAL, to win four PIAA championships.

# Slammin' Sammy

North Hills junior wrestler transforms into phenom on mat

By Mike White  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Sam Hillegas looks to be a most unassuming student at North Hills High School. A 5-foot-6, bespectacled teenager who considers pottery one of his favorite hobbies, Hillegas hardly cuts an imposing figure.

"A lot of people call him Harry Potter," said Jason Hillegas, Sam's father.

But put Hillegas on a wrestling mat and something happens. The kid who is a big fan of Avengers movies becomes a Transformer. He goes from nice little Sammy to Slammin' Sammy. He throws kids to the mat, twists them into human pretzels and, to put it bluntly, just dominates.

Wrestling is Hillegas' gig. And as great wrestlers go in Western Pennsylvania, Hillegas got next.

Hillegas is a junior at North Hills with the brightest of fu-

tures. He has a legitimate chance at becoming only the 14th wrestler in Pennsylvania history (seventh from the WPIAL) to win four PIAA championships. He has accepted a scholarship to Virginia Tech.

Sam I Am is already an accomplished wrestler, winning two state championships as a freshman and sophomore. Hillegas has only one loss in his high school career and last week won the 132-pound division at the prestigious Powerade Tournament.

Western Pennsylvania has had some great wrestlers, like Cary Kolat of Jefferson-Morgan and, most recently, Franklin Regional's Spencer Lee. No one is giving Hillegas legendary status now, but the greatness needle might already be pointing toward him.

And about that

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Sam Hillegas, one of the top high school wrestlers in Western Pennsylvania, takes advanced pottery classes at North Hills.

## On the Radar

Teams to watch & athletes to look for in district high school sports

**Luke Cochran** // Highlands basketball

Cochran scored 28 of his 31 points in the second half to help Highlands rally to defeat Blackhawk, 77-67, in the Highlands tournament championship. A junior guard, Cochran was named tournament MVP. He's averaging 17.6 points per game.

**Alejandro Herrera-Rondon** // Seneca Valley wrestling

A sophomore, Herrera-Rondon won his first Powerade title after a thrilling 2-1 win against Kurt McHenry of St. Paul's, Md. in the 113-pound final. Herrera-Rondon won a PIAA Class 3A title at 106 pounds last season when he was the WPIAL runner-up.

**Reilly Sunday** // Moon basketball

No matter the day of the week, Sunday has been a difference maker for the Tigers and leads all WPIAL freshmen in scoring with 21.1 points per game. She scored 35 points last week in a 67-60 win against Howard School of Technology, Del.

## Pro football

# Boyd's best season cut short

By Ed Bouchette  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Tyler Boyd's breakout season ended more in heartbreak just as the Clairton native ascended the ranks of some of the NFL's best wide receivers.

While the Cincinnati Bengals slogged through another disappointing season, Boyd was among their few bright spots right up until a knee injury with three games left ended his participation the rest of the way.

He reached his first 1,000-yard season midway



Tyler Boyd Former Pitt, Clairton star caught 76 passes, 7 of them TDs, for Bengals

through Cincinnati's 14th game when a knee sprain ended competition for him in 2018. He finished with 1,028 yards, 76 receptions and seven touchdowns.

He also missed playing at Heinz Field in the season finale, a venue where he romped for Pitt from 2013-15

before the Bengals drafted him in the second round in 2017.

While this was Boyd's best season, it also was the second straight marred by an MCL sprain. It occurred earlier in 2017, in October, and limited him to playing in 10 games that year. He also missed playing in Heinz Field then.

Before his late injury this season, Boyd, 25, duplicated the kind of play-making he performed at Clairton High School and Pitt.

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# Who will put on a slam-dunk show?

*What a play! That was The Dribbler's initial reaction Tuesday after witnessing one of the best plays he's ever seen in person.*

*No, this wasn't some pretty inbounds play after a timeout or a brilliantly designed backdoor cut that led to a winning basket. The Dribbler was talking about Hamilton, the Broadway musical that is making a month-long stop in the Steel City.*

*The Dribbler admits he was a little caught off guard by the focus of the play. He was expecting it to be about legendary Blackhawk football coach Joe Hamilton. Well, it wasn't. Nor was it about former NBA All-Star Richard "Rip" Hamilton, who played in the McDonald's All-American Game in Pittsburgh in 1996.*

*It turns out this particular show was about Alexander Hamilton, one of the Founding Fathers of this country and one of the best rappers of 19th century. There were no basketball references—Hamilton came around long before Dr. Naismith—but there were some incredible songs and dances.*

*The Dribbler said it was a slam-dunk performance. Or as he rapped to a stranger after the show, "The play was crazy good, my son. Call it Alexander Slamilton."*

*After going 5-3 last week, The Dribbler is 18-5 (.782) for the season.*

*Here are his thoughts on this week's top games:*

**Boys**

**Bethel Park at Peters Township, 7:30 p.m. Friday**—Bethel Park pumped in seven wins before the new year. Even better, the Black Hawks should have a lot of gas left in their tank. The Dribbler means that literally. For only the third time this season, Bethel Park will play a road game. Granted, it's only a 15-minute drive to Peters Township, but still, it's an away game nonetheless. Don't expect the Indians to be hospitable hosts. **Winner: Peters Township.**

**Latrobe at Penn-Trafford, 7:30 p.m. Friday**—Latrobe played in a tournament in Elmira, N.Y. last weekend. Elmira is the hometown of fashion designer Tommy Hilfiger. The Dribbler is no Tommy when it comes to sense of style, but he does give Latrobe's orange-and-white striped warmup pants two thumbs up. They are outstanding. This Latrobe team is really good, too. Well, unless they're playing Allerdice. The Wildcats will pick up a big section win Friday. **Winner: Latrobe.**

**Quaker Valley at New Castle, 7:30 p.m. Friday**—Speaking of Elmira (congrats to anyone who predicted there would be even one Elmira reference in this column this week), it's only a few hours from Buffalo, which is where Shane Conlan was a Pro Bowl linebacker for the Bills. His son, Danny, is one of Quaker Valley's top players. Dad knows

**The Dribbler**

a good defense when he sees one, and he'll see two of them Friday. In what should be a great game. **Winner: Quaker Valley.**

**Butler at Pine-Richland, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday**—Props to both of these teams for playing strong non-section schedules. Butler has already played Allerdice, Mt. Lebanon, Peters Township, Sewickley Academy, Aliquippa and McDowell. Pine-Richland has faced Upper St. Clair, Mt. Lebanon, Lincoln Park, Highlands, Fox Chapel and Beaver Falls. But this is a section game between two rivals, so this is more meaningful than any of those others. **Winner: Pine-Richland.**

**Canon-McMillan at Upper St. Clair, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday**—Man, is Class 6A Section 2 loaded or what? These teams, along with Mt. Lebanon, Bethel Park and Peters Township, entered the week with a combined record of 37-9. Whatever parents have been feeding teenage basketball players in the South Hills, it's apparently been working. At 10-0, Upper St. Clair is the only undefeated team in Class 6A. They'll remain unbeaten after this one. **Winner: Upper St. Clair.**

**Girls**

**Norwin at North Allegheny, 6:30 p.m. Friday**—Ali-Frazier, Leonard-Hearns, North Allegheny-Norwin. OK, so this heavy-weight matchup might not be in the same class as the other two, but neither of those other two showdowns matched opponents with unbeaten records. North Allegheny is 10-0. Norwin is 8-0. As far as early-season WPIAL games go, this is pretty big. Norwin winning would be an upset, but not a complete shock. **Winner: North Allegheny.**

**Central Valley at Blackhawk, 7:30 p.m. Monday**—Blackhawk's M.O. is getting the ball to M.A.—both of them. Mackenzie Amalia and Mady Aulbach are the straws that stir the drink, so to speak, and form one of the WPIAL's top guard tandems. As terrific as the Cougars are overall, they're not undefeated. That distinction, however, does apply to Central Valley. The Warriors are 8-0 and split a pair of meetings with Blackhawk last season. **Winner: Blackhawk.**

**Carlynton at Shady Side Academy, 7:30 p.m. Monday**—The Dribbler doesn't have a shady side. Well, except for that one time when he went to Shady Side for a game and snuck in without paying. Truth be told, he still feels kind of bad about that. He forgot his wallet at home, and didn't have time to go home and get it. To make amends, he should probably just pay double the next time he's there. That or pick Shady Side to win this game. **Winner: Shady Side Academy.**

**Scouting Report**

*The Post-Gazette asks an anonymous coach for insight on a particular hot topic.*

**Q:** North Allegheny and Norwin meet Friday in a girls basketball showdown of undefeated teams. Who will win and why?

**A:** North Allegheny. Mostly because of size, experience and their guard play. I think Norwin is going to have to try to pressure the ball full court, which it's pretty good at doing, to try to minimize the game a little bit. NA is so good at what they do, but if you shorten the game and they have a semi-off night shooting, you have a better chance. NA makes a lot of 3-pointers. If you take away one player, they have other ones to go to. They're a tough team to defend.

**Game Balls**

**Dante Gianfrancesco, Burgettstown:** Gianfrancesco's school-record nine 3-pointers accounted for all 27 of his points in a 64-28 win against Avella.

**Sierra DeAngelo, Oakland Catholic:** DeAngelo's double-double of 19 points and 19 rebounds helped the Eagles defeat Thomas Jefferson, 58-47.

**Dan Petcash, Pine-Richland:** Petcash scored 28 points to help the Rams rally from a double-digit deficit to beat Lincoln Park, 87-78.

**Boys basketball notebook**

# S.S. Beaver plays in historic gym

By Brad Everett  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

South Side Beaver is nicknamed the Rams, but for a few days last week they became Hoosiers.

The team played in a tournament at historic Hoosier Gym in Knightstown, Ind., home of the Hickory Huskers in the classic 1986 movie "Hoosiers." Built in 1921, the gym hosts tournaments and events throughout the year. South Side Beaver went 2-1, splitting a pair of games Friday and winning one Saturday. But really, the experience went well beyond wins and losses.

"Sitting on the sideline, there were times I would lose focus on the game and start looking around the gym," South Side Beaver coach Robert Harrison said. "For me, it was like a dream come true. I've seen that movie 1,000 times. It was surreal. Just walking the sidelines. The locker room was exactly the same as it was in the movie. I would have flashes of the coach talking to the kids and the officer coming down to cause havoc."

Harrison first inquired about playing in the tournament last season, but there were no spots available. So when he was told this past March that there would be a spot open for his team this season, he jumped on it.

That excited senior guard Jake McDougal, who said he's watched Hoosiers with his dad several times over the years. McDougal and his baseball teammates also watched the movie on the bus ride to Penn State when they played for a PIAA title last season.

"It was really cool," recalled McDougal, who said the gym was even smaller than he expected. "Just watching it on TV, it was like, 'Wow, I'm going to be playing there.' When we got there, it was so cool. I had some expectations going in, but it was still so different."

McDougal said that some of the players had never seen the movie as recent as two months ago, but the team held a fundraiser that included a showing of the movie in the school's auditorium.

"It was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," McDougal said, "and something I'll remember for the rest of my life."

**Cancer Research Classic**

If you want to watch some



South Side Beaver takes a team picture in the gym where the movie "Hoosiers" was filmed.

| PG BOYS BASKETBALL RANKINGS |      |                   |     |  |
|-----------------------------|------|-------------------|-----|--|
| WPIAL                       |      |                   |     |  |
| CLASS 6A                    |      | CLASS 5A          |     |  |
| 1. Latrobe                  | 8-2  | 1. Mars           | 8-1 |  |
| 2. Mt. Lebanon              | 8-2  | 2. Moon           | 9-0 |  |
| 3. Upper St. Clair          | 10-0 | 3. Woodland Hills | 7-1 |  |
| 4. Pine-Richland            | 8-2  | 4. Penn Hills     | 6-2 |  |
| 5. Butler                   | 7-2  | 5. Shaler         | 7-3 |  |
| CLASS 4A                    |      | CLASS 3A          |     |  |
| 1. Quaker Valley            | 8-0  | 1. Lincoln Park   | 7-1 |  |
| 2. New Castle               | 7-1  | 2. Aliquippa      | 5-3 |  |
| 3. Ambridge                 | 6-4  | 3. Seton LaSalle  | 7-1 |  |
| 4. Highlands                | 5-2  | 4. North Catholic | 5-3 |  |
| 5. Uniontown                | 4-3  | 5. Washington     | 3-4 |  |
| CLASS 2A                    |      | CLASS 1A          |     |  |
| 1. O.L. Sacred Heart        | 8-0  | 1. Union          | 9-1 |  |
| 2. Sewickley Academy        | 4-3  | 2. Vincentian     | 3-5 |  |
| 3. Serra Catholic           | 6-2  | 3. Nazareth Prep  | 5-1 |  |
| 4. Jeannette                | 6-3  | 4. Cornell        | 8-2 |  |
| 5. South Side Beaver        | 7-3  | 5. Monessen       | 3-4 |  |
| CITY LEAGUE                 |      |                   |     |  |
| 1. Allerdice                | 7-2  |                   |     |  |
| 2. Carrick                  | 5-5  |                   |     |  |
| 3. Obama Academy            | 4-2  |                   |     |  |

of the top high school teams and players in the country, all you have to do is take a trip to Wheeling this weekend.

WesBanco Arena will host the Cancer Research Classic, which is in its 12th year and is annually one of the top tournaments in the country. Duke freshman phenom R.J. Barrett was the tournament MVP last season. Ben Simmons and Jayson Tatum were there four years ago.

This year's event will take place Friday and Saturday and features the top four

teams and seven of the top 13 teams in USA Today's national rankings. That includes No. 1 La Lumiere (Ind.), No. 2 McEachern (Ga.), No. 3 DeMatha Catholic (Md.) and No. 4 Montverde Academy (Fla.). Nine players ranked as five-star recruits by Rivals.com are on participating teams. Among them are La Lumiere's Isaiah Stewart (No. 6 senior) and Roselle Catholic's Kahlil Whitney (No. 8 senior). Whitney is a Kentucky recruit.

Two of the WPIAL's top

teams will also play in the event. Moon (9-0) plays Wheeling Park at 1 p.m. Friday and Butler (7-2) will face Wheeling Central Catholic at 10 a.m. Saturday. Another local team, First Love Christian from Washington, takes on Roselle Catholic at 11:40 a.m. Saturday. Philadelphia power Imhotep Charter plays Friday and Saturday night.

A complete schedule can be found at [www.cancerresearchclassic.org](http://www.cancerresearchclassic.org).

**New Castle**

One of the best games on Friday's slate will take place at New Castle when the Class 4A No. 2 Red Hurricanes (7-1, 2-0) play No. 1 Quaker Valley (8-0, 2-0) in Section 2. New Castle defeated Quaker Valley in the WPIAL championship each of the past two seasons.

New Castle has prided itself on its pressure defense under coach Ralph Blundo, and this team is following in line with many of the ones that have come before them. The Red Hurricanes are forcing 23.1 turnovers per game. They've forced 185 while committing only 117 themselves.

That ball-hawking defense has been critical, considering New Castle is shooting just 22 percent (34 of 154) from 3-point range and 54 percent (73 of 133) from the free-throw line.

The Red Hurricanes have been led in scoring by senior Drew Cox and junior Demetris McKnight. Both are averaging 14.1 points a game.

**Girls basketball notebook**

# Fox Chapel staying cool in close games

By Ed Phillippis  
Tri-State Sports & News Service

After numerous close games and comeback wins, Fox Chapel isn't exactly the cardiac kids, despite evidence to the contrary. It's actually quite the opposite.

Take the Dec. 28 matchup against then-Class 3A No. 1 Shady Side Academy at the Peter Sauer Memorial tournament. The Indians took off to a 14-0 lead. That had to be a cause for concern, right? Not really.

"We were down, but I wasn't panicking," said Fox Chapel coach Jennifer O'Shea. "This group does not panic. They just keep their composure and pick it up as they go along."

The Foxes went on to squeak out a win, 42-38, and improve to 7-2, 2-1 in Class 6A Section 1. They continue their section schedule at 6 p.m. Friday against Shaler.

Fox Chapel trailed by double digits to Butler and Pine-Richland earlier this season. In each game, it chipped away and rallied back to win. Without a clear No. 1 scorer, the Foxes get points from an array of players. Gabby Guerrieri (12 points per game), Claire Fenton (11), Ellie Schwartzman (10) and Jessica Paper (9) are all capable of becoming the go-to player on any given night.

That balance is one of the reasons the Foxes are able to dig themselves out of those holes.

"Some of the games, it was Claire that got us going. Against Butler, it was Ellie.

| PG GIRLS BASKETBALL RANKINGS |      |                       |     |  |
|------------------------------|------|-----------------------|-----|--|
| WPIAL                        |      |                       |     |  |
| CLASS 6A                     |      | CLASS 5A              |     |  |
| 1. North Allegheny           | 10-0 | 1. Chartiers Valley   | 8-0 |  |
| 2. Peters Township           | 8-0  | 2. Mars               | 8-1 |  |
| 3. Bethel Park               | 8-0  | 3. Oakland Catholic   | 8-1 |  |
| 4. Norwin                    | 8-0  | 4. Penn Hills         | 6-3 |  |
| 5. Fox Chapel                | 7-2  | 5. Gateway            | 7-2 |  |
| CLASS 4A                     |      | CLASS 3A              |     |  |
| 1. North Catholic            | 6-1  | 1. Washington         | 8-0 |  |
| 2. Blackhawk                 | 7-2  | 2. Beaver             | 7-1 |  |
| 3. Central Valley            | 8-0  | 3. Shady Side Academy | 7-1 |  |
| 4. Freeport                  | 7-1  | 4. Neshannock         | 7-2 |  |
| 5. Apollo-Ridge              | 7-1  | 5. Carlynton          | 7-1 |  |
| CLASS 2A                     |      | CLASS 1A              |     |  |
| 1. Bishop Canevin            | 7-2  | 1. West Greene        | 7-1 |  |
| 2. Serra Catholic            | 6-1  | 2. Greensburg C.C.    | 7-1 |  |
| 3. O.L. Sacred Heart         | 5-3  | 3. Rochester          | 7-3 |  |
| 4. South Side Beaver         | 6-3  | 4. Clairton           | 6-2 |  |
| 5. Laurel                    | 6-3  | 5. Sewickley Academy  | 4-2 |  |
| CITY LEAGUE                  |      |                       |     |  |
| 1. Allerdice                 | 4-6  |                       |     |  |
| 2. Obama Academy             | 4-4  |                       |     |  |
| 3. Westinghouse              | 2-4  |                       |     |  |

This past weekend, it was Gabby who got some steals," said O'Shea. "It definitely plays to our advantage. I don't even know how you would scout us."

Guerrieri missed the first four games with an injury and returned for the Butler game. Her presence has solidified the lineup as well as the bench. O'Shea has nine players that she rotates in. That depth has come in handy, especially when the Foxes have had to utilize full-court pressure defense during those comebacks.

"We know we can wear teams down," said O'Shea. "I just tell them get at it, get at it, get at it."

**Laurel Highlands**

Just seven games into the season, the Fillies have won as many games as they did all of last season. Junior point guard Taylor Smith is a big reason why.

Smith is averaging 24 points and has registered three double-doubles. Her best performance so far came in a 64-30 win against Monessen Dec. 28. Smith poured in 36

points and pulled down 11 rebounds to put the Fillies' record at 3-4 and halt a three-game losing skid.

Laurel Highlands went 3-19 last season and 2-20 the season before. Smith averaged 17 points as a junior and rounded out her game to become an all-around scoring threat. "She does a little bit of everything," said coach Rebecca Capozza. "She creates her own shots, she drives it in, she pulls up for jumpers, she shoots 3s."

Capozza took over the program this year after being an assistant at Albert Gallatin. Having a player like Smith who can score and also coach up her teammates has smoothed the transition.

"It is a relief, especially with a good player with a good attitude like her," Capozza said. "Taylor can't do it all and she knows that. She talks her teammates up and tells them if they're open, shoot it."

Smith has seen every kind of defense, but she finds a way to get her points. "It doesn't faze her because she still averages more than 20 points," said Capozza.

**Allerdice**

As the boys team continued to knock off top WPIAL competition last week, the Allerdice girls decided to get in on the action as well.

The Dragons competed at the Oakland Catholic tournament and knocked off Thomas Jefferson, 52-51, Dec. 29. The Jaguars (6-3) are a good team in the WPIAL's loaded Class 5A. The Dragons improved to 4-5.

VarsityXtra

# Penn-Trafford much improved from last season

By Sarah K. Spencer  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

With a win against McKeesport Dec. 28, the Penn-Trafford boys basketball team has already surpassed its win total from last season.

The Warriors, who are 7-2 and undefeated against WPIAL teams, combined for an 11-32 record in 2016 and 2017, missing the playoffs both years.

This year, though, they look to be writing a different story.

"It's a very good feeling," junior point guard Zach Rocco said of Penn-Trafford's strong start this year. "I love winning and I really hate losing. That's just how I am as a competitor. And our team is enjoying it. I think the main difference was our chemistry... this year, it's a lot better."

Penn-Trafford, averaging 66.7 points per game and allowing 54.4 ppg, is experienced, returning four starters from last year's squad, and could make some noise in Class 6A Section 3.

Jim Rocco, who was the coach for 19 seasons at Penn Hills, where he won two WPIAL titles, a PIAA title

## Boys basketball

and 257 games, is now in his fourth year as coach at Penn-Trafford. P-T went 15-7 in the 2015 season, his first year, falling to Gateway in the first round of the WPIAL Class 4A playoffs. But this may be the season where it all comes together for the Warriors, even though it's a pretty similar crew to last year's.

It's a much improved group, though, he said.

"We have the players," Jim Rocco said. "We had the same players last year, and predominately the same players the year before, I just think kids grow and develop and they just get better. We've got good players. I can go on down the road. Our kids just worked really hard, they improved their athleticism... When kids buy in, they improve their skill level and they improve their athleticism, and they're also willing to compete at a high level, we go to various spring camps and compete all spring and summer long, you just get better."

As a team, the Warriors share the ball well, averaging 20.5 assists per game. On



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Penn-Trafford's Kevin Stinelli, left, congratulates Cam DePalma, center, after DePalma's 3-pointer against McKeesport in a home game Dec. 28.

offense, they're led by three returning starters: Zach Rocco, son of the coach (15.5 ppg, 9.5 assists per game, 5 rebounds per game), senior wing Kevin Stinelli (16 ppg) and senior guard Brayden

Puskar (10 ppg, 8.5 rpg). The Warriors may be guard-oriented and shooting 44 percent from 3, but a pair of 6-4 players in Puskar and returning starter Chris Abreu combine to give them

some size. "Offensively, we share it really well," Jim Rocco said. "Our assists, the baskets that we score, predominantly, most of them are assisted. So we share it very

well. I think we also do a really good of taking really, really good shots. We're not a team that's going to come out and take awful shots. We rarely take contested shots. I think our kids understand their strengths and they play to their strengths... We believe in the metrics that a lot of the college and professional teams use."

It won't be an easy road for Penn-Trafford, which will have to go through a tough opponent in Latrobe (8-2) if it wants to win the section. The Warriors, who went 1-2 in the Kreul Classic in Coral Springs, Fla., have one section win against Connelville but begin their long stretch of conference games when they play host to Latrobe 7:30 p.m. Friday.

"Our goal is to win," Zach Rocco said. "We want to do very well. We want to try to win it all, if we can. And we're just going to try and go as far as we can. We believe that we can win every game that we play, and we're going to play our best to win that game, just one step at a time."

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## HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL STANDINGS

(Through Wednesday)

### BOYS

#### CITY LEAGUE

| League        |   | Overall |    |
|---------------|---|---------|----|
| W             | L | PF      | PA |
| Allerdice     | 0 | 0       | 0  |
| Obama Academy | 0 | 0       | 0  |
| Carnick       | 0 | 0       | 0  |
| Perry         | 0 | 0       | 0  |
| Westinghouse  | 0 | 0       | 0  |
| Brashear      | 0 | 0       | 0  |

#### WPIAL CLASS 6A

##### SECTION 1

| Section          |   | Overall |    |
|------------------|---|---------|----|
| W                | L | PF      | PA |
| Pine-Richland    | 1 | 0       | 81 |
| Butler           | 1 | 0       | 72 |
| Central Catholic | 1 | 0       | 77 |
| North Allegheny  | 0 | 1       | 65 |
| Seneca Valley    | 0 | 1       | 57 |
| North Hills      | 0 | 1       | 64 |

##### SECTION 2

| Section         |   | Overall |    |
|-----------------|---|---------|----|
| W               | L | PF      | PA |
| Upper St. Clair | 1 | 0       | 86 |
| Mt. Lebanon     | 1 | 0       | 72 |
| Canon-McMillan  | 1 | 0       | 71 |
| Bethel Park     | 0 | 1       | 45 |
| Peters Township | 0 | 1       | 81 |
| Baldwin         | 0 | 1       | 43 |

##### SECTION 3

| Section       |   | Overall |    |
|---------------|---|---------|----|
| W             | L | PF      | PA |
| Latrobe       | 1 | 0       | 66 |
| Penn-Trafford | 1 | 0       | 77 |
| North         | 1 | 0       | 69 |
| Hempfield     | 0 | 1       | 57 |
| Fox Chapel    | 0 | 1       | 62 |
| Cornellsville | 0 | 1       | 51 |

#### WPIAL CLASS 5A

##### SECTION 1

| Section          |   | Overall |     |
|------------------|---|---------|-----|
| W                | L | PF      | PA  |
| Woodland Hills   | 3 | 0       | 194 |
| McKeesport       | 3 | 0       | 222 |
| Penn Hills       | 2 | 0       | 130 |
| Albert Gallatin  | 1 | 1       | 115 |
| Gateway          | 0 | 2       | 104 |
| G'burg Salem     | 0 | 3       | 167 |
| Laurel Highlands | 0 | 3       | 143 |

##### SECTION 2

| Section          |   | Overall |     |
|------------------|---|---------|-----|
| W                | L | PF      | PA  |
| Moon             | 3 | 0       | 192 |
| Charities Valley | 3 | 0       | 211 |
| Trinity          | 2 | 1       | 171 |
| Montour          | 1 | 1       | 138 |
| West Allegheny   | 1 | 1       | 103 |
| South Fayette    | 1 | 2       | 149 |
| Thomas Jefferson | 0 | 3       | 160 |
| West Mifflin     | 0 | 3       | 150 |

##### SECTION 3

| Section       |   | Overall |     |
|---------------|---|---------|-----|
| W             | L | PF      | PA  |
| Mars          | 3 | 0       | 202 |
| Franklin Reg. | 2 | 1       | 169 |
| Shaler        | 2 | 1       | 211 |
| Hampton       | 2 | 1       | 177 |
| Armstrong     | 1 | 2       | 136 |
| Kiski Area    | 1 | 2       | 146 |
| Plum          | 1 | 2       | 152 |
| Indiana       | 0 | 3       | 139 |

#### WPIAL CLASS 4A

##### SECTION 1

| Section        |   | Overall |    |
|----------------|---|---------|----|
| W              | L | PF      | PA |
| Freeport       | 1 | 0       | 65 |
| Highlands      | 1 | 0       | 61 |
| Knock          | 1 | 0       | 49 |
| Derry Area     | 0 | 1       | 59 |
| Yough          | 0 | 1       | 48 |
| Mount Pleasant | 0 | 1       | 30 |

##### SECTION 2

| Section        |   | Overall |     |
|----------------|---|---------|-----|
| W              | L | PF      | PA  |
| Quaker Valley  | 2 | 0       | 124 |
| New Castle     | 2 | 0       | 136 |
| Ambridge       | 1 | 0       | 53  |
| Central Valley | 1 | 1       | 102 |
| Blackhawk      | 1 | 2       | 189 |
| Hopewell       | 0 | 2       | 88  |
| Beaver Area    | 0 | 2       | 90  |

#### SECTION 3

| Section           |   | Overall |    |
|-------------------|---|---------|----|
| W                 | L | PF      | PA |
| Ringold           | 1 | 0       | 66 |
| Waynesburg        | 1 | 0       | 77 |
| Uniontown         | 1 | 0       | 70 |
| Elizabeth Forward | 1 | 0       | 53 |
| South Park        | 0 | 1       | 55 |
| Belle Vernon      | 0 | 1       | 72 |

#### WPIAL CLASS 3A

##### SECTION 1

| Section      |   | Overall |     |
|--------------|---|---------|-----|
| W            | L | PF      | PA  |
| Lincoln Park | 2 | 0       | 142 |
| Beaver Falls | 2 | 0       | 108 |
| Aliquippa    | 2 | 1       | 194 |
| Neshannock   | 1 | 1       | 115 |
| New Brighton | 1 | 1       | 107 |
| Riverside    | 0 | 2       | 97  |
| Elwood City  | 0 | 3       | 131 |

##### SECTION 2

| Section        |   | Overall |     |
|----------------|---|---------|-----|
| W              | L | PF      | PA  |
| Seton LaSalle  | 3 | 0       | 236 |
| Keystone Oaks  | 2 | 0       | 139 |
| Avonworth      | 1 | 1       | 87  |
| North Catholic | 1 | 1       | 147 |
| Freedom        | 1 | 2       | 127 |
| Carlynton      | 0 | 2       | 92  |
| Fort Cherry    | 0 | 2       | 112 |

##### SECTION 3

| Section          |   | Overall |     |
|------------------|---|---------|-----|
| W                | L | PF      | PA  |
| Deer Lakes       | 2 | 0       | 103 |
| Valley           | 2 | 0       | 147 |
| Shady Side Acad. | 2 | 1       | 189 |
| Burrell          | 2 | 1       | 122 |
| Steel Valley     | 1 | 2       | 178 |
| East Allegheny   | 0 | 2       | 74  |
| South Allegheny  | 0 | 3       | 113 |

##### SECTION 4

| Section       |   | Overall |     |
|---------------|---|---------|-----|
| W             | L | PF      | PA  |
| McGuire       | 3 | 0       | 190 |
| Washington    | 2 | 0       | 115 |
| Charleroi     | 2 | 1       | 175 |
| Southmoreland | 1 | 1       | 106 |
| Frazier       | 1 | 2       | 174 |
| Beth-Center   | 0 | 2       | 81  |
| Brownsville   | 0 | 3       | 123 |

#### WPIAL CLASS 2A

##### SECTION 1

| Section           |   | Overall |     |
|-------------------|---|---------|-----|
| W                 | L | PF      | PA  |
| Springdale        | 2 | 1       | 160 |
| Win. Thurston     | 2 | 1       | 171 |
| Riverview         | 2 | 1       | 182 |
| Apollo-Ridge      | 2 | 1       | 162 |
| Summit Academy 2  | 1 | 2       | 118 |
| Sto-Row           | 1 | 2       | 187 |
| Northgate         | 0 | 3       | 126 |
| Prop. Brad. Hills | 0 | 3       | 159 |

##### SECTION 2

| Section        |   | Overall |     |
|----------------|---|---------|-----|
| W              | L | PF      | PA  |
| Serra Catholic | 3 | 0       | 229 |
| Jeannette      | 2 | 0       | 129 |
| California     | 1 | 1       | 121 |
| Chart-Houston  | 1 | 1       | 115 |
| Chart-Houston  | 1 | 2       | 147 |
| Brentwood      | 1 | 2       | 164 |
| Bentworth      | 0 | 3       | 96  |

##### SECTION 3

| Section         |   | Overall |     |
|-----------------|---|---------|-----|
| W               | L | PF      | PA  |
| O.L. Sac. Heart | 3 | 0       | 220 |
| Sewickley Acad. | 2 | 0       | 140 |
| S. Side Beaver  | 2 | 1       | 181 |
| Laurel          | 1 | 1       | 137 |
| Shenango        | 1 | 2       | 136 |
| Burgestown      | 0 | 2       | 97  |
| Mohawk          | 0 | 3       | 134 |

#### WPIAL CLASS 1A

##### SECTION 1

| Section          |   | Overall |     |
|------------------|---|---------|-----|
| W                | L | PF      | PA  |
| Union            | 3 | 0       | 225 |
| Nazareth Prep    | 2 | 1       | 224 |
| Cornell          | 2 | 1       | 242 |
| Eden Christian   | 2 | 1       | 167 |
| Vincennes Acad.  | 2 | 1       | 228 |
| Western Beaver   | 1 | 2       | 126 |
| Quigley Catholic | 0 | 3       | 133 |
| Rochester        | 0 | 3       | 137 |



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Brynn Serbin and North Allegheny meet Norwin Friday night in a battle of unbeaten teams.

#### SECTION 2

| Section        |   | Overall |     |
|----------------|---|---------|-----|
| W              | L | PF      | PA  |
| Monessen       | 2 | 0       | 138 |
| Gebel Catholic | 2 | 1       | 209 |
| Bishop Canevin | 2 | 1       | 188 |
| Avella         | 1 | 1       | 88  |
| Jeff-Morgan    | 1 | 1       | 94  |
| West Greene    | 1 | 2       | 176 |
| Mapletown      | 0 | 3       | 117 |

##### SECTION 3

| Section           |   | Overall |     |
|-------------------|---|---------|-----|
| W                 | L | PF      | PA  |
| St. Joseph        | 3 | 0       | 184 |
| Leechburg         | 2 | 0       | 159 |
| Greensburg C.C.   | 2 | 1       | 184 |
| Cairton           | 1 | 1       | 108 |
| Imani Christian   | 1 | 2       | 130 |
| Trinity Christian | 0 | 2       | 69  |
| Propel Andrew St. | 0 | 3       | 121 |

#### GIRLS

##### CITY LEAGUE

| League        |   | Overall |    |
|---------------|---|---------|----|
| W             | L | PF      | PA |
| Obama Academy | 0 | 0       | 0  |
| Brashear      | 0 | 0       | 0  |
| Allerdice     | 0 | 0       | 0  |
| Carnick       | 0 | 0       | 0  |
| Westinghouse  | 0 | 0       | 0  |
| Perry         | 0 | 0       | 0  |

#### WPIAL CLASS 6A

##### SECTION 1

| Section         |   | Overall |     |
|-----------------|---|---------|-----|
| W               | L | PF      | PA  |
| North Allegheny | 3 | 0       | 178 |
| Norwin          | 3 | 0       | 209 |
| Fox Chapel      | 2 | 1       | 153 |
| Butler          | 2 | 1       | 137 |
| Seneca Valley   | 1 | 2       | 144 |
| Shaler          | 1 | 2       | 108 |

##### SECTION 2

| Section         |   | Overall |     |
|-----------------|---|---------|-----|
| W               | L | PF      | PA  |
| Bethel Park     | 3 | 0       | 158 |
| Peters Township | 3 | 0       | 187 |
| Canon-McMillan  | 2 | 1       | 141 |
| Mt. Lebanon     | 2 | 1       | 135 |
| Baldwin         | 2 | 1       | 119 |
| Upper St. Clair | 1 | 2       | 116 |
| Hempfield       | 0 | 3       | 133 |
| Cornellsville   | 0 | 3       | 16  |

## VarsityXtra

### Boys athlete of the week // The Post-Gazette's top male performer from the past seven days



**Dan Petcash**  
Pine-Richland  
basketball

**The past week:** Petcash helped Pine-Richland win the championship of the Blue Division at the C.J. Betters Tournament at Community College of Beaver County. He scored 28 points against Lincoln Park and 16 in the title game against Beaver Falls.

**Check this out:** The kid known on the Pine-Richland team as Boss Baby is one of the head honchos among WPIAL guards. A 6-foot-4, 190-pound senior Petcash is averaging 21.3 points and 4 rebounds, shoot-

ing 54 percent from the field and 82.9 from the free-throw line. He has a 3.9 grade-point average. Petcash's brother, Andrew, was a standout at Pine-Richland two years ago and now plays at Boston University. Youngest brother, Joe, is a sophomore for the Rams and their father, Bob, is a Pine-Richland assistant. Dad played at Ambridge High.

**Your game went up a level last year. Has it gone up again this year?** I definitely think so. I feel like I got a little

bigger and stronger [20 pounds since last year] and just from a confidence standpoint, I feel better. I worked a lot this summer and I've started to use a lot more dribble moves.

**Without inside guys from the last few seasons, is this team totally different?** Oh, 100 percent. We're trying to play as fast as we possibly can because of a lack of height. We want the tempo as fast as possible and I think we've done that so far.

**You're left-handed. Best left-handed player?** The first one that comes to mind is James Harden [of the NBA's Houston Rockets].

**Is he one of your favorites?** Definitely. Love the beard.

**But no beard for you? I wish. Do you think you're a Division I college player?** Yeah, definitely. I'm in contact with some schools right now, like Cornell, Elon, Bowling Green, Mount St. Mary's. None of them have offered, but they're recruiting me. It's been my

goal since day one to go Division I. I really feel like I can get there.

**With four guys in the house, does your mom ever get to watch anything but sports?**

We usually watch what she's watching, like "The Real Housewives" or "The Voice."

**Not sports?** Oh she likes sports, too, but we'll watch whatever she wants.

**Any hidden talents?** I'm the best Fortnite player you'll ever meet.

— By Mike White

## Kennedy boasts more D-I players

POINTS, FROM WX-5

that you can't coach and are just God-given. He has a high motor, too. Kids in this generation just don't play as hard as him. He's an awesome rebounder and he's starting to develop that 14- or 15-foot shot. ... Going into a program like WVU with coach Huggins, once he gets coached up to his highest ability, I very much could see him getting drafted."

Kennedy Catholic won the PIAA Class 1A championship the past three seasons, but voluntarily moved up to Class 6A this season. There's a good chance Kennedy Catholic will be in the PIAA playoffs and go up against WPIAL teams, or the City League representative, most likely Allerdice. Kennedy Catholic plays host to Franklin Regional Jan. 12 in the only regular-season game against a WPIAL team.

Another Kennedy standout

Tshiebwe isn't the only Division I player for Kennedy Catholic. Maceo Austin is a 6-5 shooting guard who is having an excellent season. Austin seems to have taken his game to a higher level this year in a number of areas. He is averaging 20 points a game. Austin has signed with Duquesne and is looking like a nice catch for coach Keith Dambrot.

Kennedy Catholic also has 6-8 Mattia Acunzo, who has signed with Toledo. Acunzo came to Kennedy in the 2017-18 school year as a foreign exchange student from Italy. Acunzo has not played for Kennedy Catholic recently because of an injured foot.

### Sunday schools opponents

The Moon girls have a star of the future. Then again, Reilly Sunday already is a star as a freshman.

Sunday entered Moon with a big reputation. That's the way it goes when Duquesne offers a scholarship when you're in eighth grade. Through last weekend, Sunday was averaging 22.1 points a game. A 5-foot-9 guard, Sunday has been especially impressive lately, scoring 31, 23, 22 and 35 in the past four games. It's a pretty safe bet that Duquesne won't be the only scholarship offer for Sunday in the future.

### They average only 7

It's hard to believe the Cornell girls basketball team won a section title and made it to the WPIAL Class 1A championship game only two years ago. Now, Cornell averages 7 points. Not for a quarter or a half. For the entire game!

Cornell started the season 0-8 and the Raiders averaged 7.9 points. They have scored double figures just once. This from a team that made the WPIAL playoffs from consecutive seasons (2010-18) and won 21 games in the 2016-17 campaign.

It is somewhat astonishing to see a team fall so far, so fast. But it's also hard to believe what some opponents still do to teams that struggle mightily. The Rochester Rams must have felt pretty good after they put it on Cornell for a 92-3 victory earlier this season. Rochester led at halftime, 68-1. Seriously.



Marc Billett, Tri-State Sports & News Service

Christian Clutter of McGuffey, left, wrestles in the Powerade Tournament Finals.

### Wrestling notebook

## Two-sport standouts will have to pick one

By Ken Wunderley  
Tri-State Sports & News Service

Max Shaw and Christian Clutter were two of the top running backs in the WPIAL this past season.

Shaw, a Thomas Jefferson senior, ranked third in the WPIAL with 1,971 yards on 214 carries. Clutter, a McGuffey senior, was 12th with 1,548 yards on 135 carries, but ranked second in yards per carry at 11.5.

With the football season behind them, Shaw and Clutter have turned to their other favorite sport: wrestling. And both are among the top grapplers in the WPIAL.

Both competed in last weekend's Powerade Christmas Tournament, held at Canon-McMillan High School, which is considered one of the top three regular season tournaments in the country.

Both advanced to the finals in the 52-team field. Shaw dominated the 195-pound weight class and recorded a 7-2 victory in the title match against Cedar Cliff's Donovan Bell. Clutter advanced to the 170-pound final before dropping a 4-2 decision in overtime to Chestnut Ridge's Jared McGill, who won his second title.

Shaw and Clutter want to continue their athletic and academic careers in college, and both are being recruited by coaches in both sports, but both are having a tough time choosing a sport.

"A lot of people have been asking me," Shaw said. "I'm still weighing my options. It's a hard decision because they are two completely different sports. I love both sports, but have to make a choice. I should have a decision soon."

Clutter has found himself in the same predicament.

"I have not picked a sport yet. I'm still deciding," Clutter said. "It's hard to concentrate on recruiting during the season. Right now, my mind is on

wrestling. How I do in the WPIAL and PIAA tournaments will play a part in my decision, so I may wait until the end of the season."

Both will have to pick a sport before they can decide which college to choose.

### Greensburg Salem

Greensburg Salem won the Southmoreland Holiday Classic, held Dec. 27-28. The Golden Lions accumulated 162 points and had nine entries place among the top eight in their weight class.

"The Southmoreland Tournament isn't as strong as some of the other tournaments, but it does have good individuals at each weight class," Greensburg Salem coach Randy Parsley said. "We wrestled well. I'm happy with our performance."

Trent Patrick, Dajauh Hertzog, and Ian Ewing advanced to the finals for Greensburg Salem.

Patrick recorded three pins in the 220-pound weight class, including one in the finals against Beth-Center's Jacob Baker. Hertzog won at 138 with an 11-3 major decision of Northern Bedford's Ian Sherlock. Ewing dropped a heartbreaking 7-5 decision in overtime to North Star's Alec Supanick in the 152-pound final.

"It was a close race for the team title," Parsley said. "Only 25 points separated the top five in the team standings."

Mt. Pleasant finished second with 153 points. The Vikings had three champions: Noah Gribus (113), Noah Teeter (120), and Dayton Pitzer (182).

### Peters Township

Peters Township claimed the team title at the Steve DeAugustino Holiday Classic, held Dec. 27-28 at West Mifflin High School. The Indians had seven entries place among the top eight in their weight class and finished with 189.5 points.

Six Peters Township en-

tries advanced to the finals. Bryce Wilkes, Donovan McMillon, Jeff Markert, and Brandon Matthews won titles for the Indians, while Will Kail and Coltin Jezioro placed second.

Wilkes claimed the 120-pound title by pinning Charles Trimmer. McMillon won at 152 by injury default over Ambridge's Jacob Dunlap. Markert pinned Portage's Cole Sosong in the 170-pound final. Matthews posted a 10-7 win in the 182-pound final over Blairsville's Garrett Henig.

Kail dropped a 14-11 decision to Blairsville's Jack Bruce in the 126-pound final. Jezioro was pinned by Mars' Jake Richardson in the 160-pound final.

### Weekend tournaments

The Westmoreland County Coaches Association Tournament will be held at Norwin High School. Six individuals are returning champions: Norwin's Kurtis Phipps, Hempfield's Kyle Burkholder, Kiski Area's Darren Miller, Franklin Regional's Colton Camacho, Belle Vernon's Scott Joll, Derry's Dominic DeLuca, and Valley's Dave Schuffert.

The Tri-County Tournament will be held at Trinity High School. Canon-McMillan has three returning champs: Jimmy Baxter, Tanner Rohaley, and Gerrit Nijenhuis. The other returning champs are: Trinity's Gianni Martini, Frazie's Thayne Lawrence, McGuffey's Christian Clutter, and South Fayette's Quentin Franklin.

The Midwestern Athletic Conference Tournament will be held at Freedom High School. Freedom has three returning champs: Kenny Duschek, Jake Pail, and Bryson Miller. Quaker Valley has three returning champs: Conner Redinger, John Rocco Kazalas, and Geoff Magin. Other returning champs are: Hopewell's Jacob Ealy, West Allegheny's Ty McGeary and Mars' Jake Richardson.

## Hillegas already has two PIAA titles

HILLEGAS, FROM WX-5

transformation when Hillegas gets on a mat ...

"It's all about training, the mental attitude and how he handles the grind," said North Hills wrestling coach Jose Martinez. "You'll see champions where that light bulb turns on after the second or third year of varsity. They get hungry. But Sam was hungry in middle school."

Hillegas has a reputation at North Hills as the nicest, most courteous of kids. He is studious, carrying a 3.6 grade-point average. He likes going to movies with his grandma and singing made-up songs with his friends next to a campfire. Many mornings before school, you might see Hillegas carrying heavy bags of clay to a classroom. Jason Hillegas is a longtime pottery teacher at North Hills and also is a volunteer assistant coach for the wrestling team. Sam has taken a liking to pottery and takes advanced pottery classes at North Hills.

"I carry 100-pound bags," Sam Hillegas said of the clay.

When it comes to wrestling, Jason Hillegas says his son is wired a little differently than most kids. That's evident when Sam talks about his mindset in his early years on the mat.

"Honestly, it was to make a kid cry," said Hillegas. "I started realizing at a young age that if I can get after this kid and get in his head, I'm good from there. It was my goal: If I could make a kid cry, that was awesome."

Sam is the oldest of four children to Jason and Leigh Hillegas. Dad wrestled as a freshman and sophomore at Baldwin High School, but was more into football. He played on coach Don Yanness's first team at Baldwin in 1989 and went on to play football at Mercyhurst University.

Sam was young when Dad decided to sign him up for a youth wrestling program in Shaler (the Hillegas family lived in Shaler until moving to the North Hills School District when Sam was in sixth grade).

"At Shaler, you could start wrestling at 6 years old," said Jason Hillegas. "He needed something to do in the winter. He was our first kid and he was so active. He was always climbing onto things and getting into something."

Sam remembers that first practice as a 6-year-old.

"I thought it was going to be like the WWE," said Sam. "It was nothing like I thought and I remember I was the smallest one there."

It wasn't long before Sam Hillegas was large in wres-

ting. By third grade, he won a state junior championship. Since third grade, he has been a state champion every year, either in juniors or the PIAA. He is a two-time WPIAL champ.

During his elementary school years, Hillegas wrestled on a junior team with some of the top wrestlers around Western Pa., including Lee, a three-time state champ who lost once in his high school career and is now one of the top collegiate wrestlers in the country at the University of Iowa.

"It's been kind of cool," said Sam Hillegas, "being able to grow up at the same time as [Lee], wrestling with him, following him and saying, 'OK, if he's doing this and working at the highest level, I've got to do the same thing.' I just want to dominate from everywhere."

In other words, greatness rubbed off on Hillegas.

"You also have to give tribute to Sam's dad for taking him to top-notch tournaments when he was younger," said Martinez. "Because you either get whooped at those things or you get hungrier and hungrier. Sam just got hungrier. Now he's so hungry."

But Sam is modest also. Although he talks about goals of winning state titles, NCAA titles and possibly making the Olympics someday, he professes the one-match-at-a-time theme.

"For sure I want to be one of the greats," said Hillegas. "But sometimes people get ahead of themselves and say some things that are hard to believe."

Martinez has been a believer for a while. In the fall of Hillegas' freshman year, Martinez was telling people at North Hills that Hillegas had the makings of a four-time state champ and possibly another Spencer Lee. Some laughed, but not now.

Hillegas has molded himself into a star wrestler, kind of like those vases, cups and mugs he makes in pottery class.

"I made a nice chalice this year, too," said Hillegas.

At North Hills, Hillegas breaks the mold. "Everyone says they want to win four state titles. So many come up short," said Hillegas. "When you win the first one, you start believing in yourself more and then the second one happens. There are things to focus on. Anything can happen, like an injury tweak in practice. You just have to take one step at a time."

And then transform.

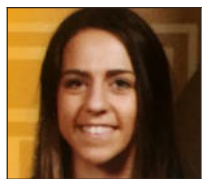
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### PG WRESTLING RANKINGS

| WPIAL                |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| CLASS 3A             | CLASS 2A             |
| 1. Kiski Area        | 1. Burrell           |
| 2. Hempfield         | 2. Freedom           |
| 3. Seneca Valley     | 3. Derry             |
| 4. Canon-McMillan    | 4. Quaker Valley     |
| 5. Franklin Regional | 5. McGuffey          |
| 6. Waynesburg        | 6. Burgettstown      |
| 7. Thomas Jefferson  | 7. Beth-Center       |
| 8. Norwin            | 8. Elizabeth Forward |
| 9. Peters Township   | 9. Keystone Oaks     |
| 10. Trinity          | 10. Valley           |

## VarsityXtra

Girls athlete of the week // The Post-Gazette's top female performer from the past seven days



Megan Kallock

Greensburg  
Salem

**The past week:** Kallock made the all-tournament team at the Mt. Pleasant tournament after she netted 34 points, including five 3-pointers, against Woodland Hills Dec. 27. She had another 18 points in a hard-fought game against Derry the following night.

**Check this out:** Kallock is averaging 26.8 points per game and has 1,540 career points. The senior guard is averaging 4.6 steals per game.

**What makes playing in holiday tournaments so much fun?**

Knowing the teams we play aren't in our section is fun. We don't know a lot about them and they don't know a lot about us.

**So, you had an injury against Derry?** At the end of the third quarter, I got hit in the nose and didn't realize it was bleeding. I wiped it up with some paper towels. We got that taken care of. We ended up winning, which was great.

**After being the point guard for three seasons, what's it been like moving to shooting guard?**

Freshman Abby Mankins came up and she's a great point guard. Being the two guard, that's a better position for me — in AAU I'm not a point guard. When Abby came I was like, 'Yes, please take it.' I'd rather be on the run than bring the ball up the court.

**You talked about improving defense and 3-point shooting. How's that going?** I needed to get my 3-point shot down better and I knew there was a little more defensive energy in me. I worked on getting in shape and

I shot a lot of shots in the gym this summer. Going into college, I knew I needed a little spark. I got about 500 shots up per day with my dad in the gym.

**What's better, a steal or 3?** I definitely like making a steal. But it's really good to have both weapons.

**You decided to play at St. Vincent recently. Why commit mid-season?** I wanted to make my decision as soon as I knew it. The timing didn't really matter to me. It's just when I felt comfortable making it.

**Get any good Christmas presents?** I got air pods [ear buds] for Christmas. Because every time I was warming up and shooting, the cord would get stuck.

**What do you have going on besides basketball?** I am a very family-oriented person. I love being together for the holidays. Having a couple days off basketball, it was nice. I like to stay in and watch movies. I said, 'Coach, no texts over breaks. Nothing related to basketball.'

— Ed Phillipps

## Hockey notebook

## Continuity is key for Peters Twp.

By Keith Barnes  
Tri-State Sports & News Service

A lot of names remain the same for Peters Township this season, compared to the team that won it all in 2017 and made the Penguins Cup finals last season.

And that continuity has the Indians poised to make another run at a championship.

"Actually I think, compared to last year's team, there's probably a lot of similarities," Peters Township coach Rick Tingle said. "A lot of the same folks that were a little bit younger in prior years, we now have a group that has been here for their third year. ... So they were there two years ago when we had a really nice March."

It couldn't have been much better in 2017 when the sixth-seeded Indians pulled off upsets of the top three seeds in the tournament - No. 3 Canon-McMillan, No. 2 North Allegheny and No. 1 Central Catholic - to win the Penguins Cup before knocking off Holy Ghost Prep to win their second state championship in four years.

Last season, however, Peters Township fell two goals short in its quest to become the first team to repeat since Bethel Park won three straight from 2000-02. Peters Township, the top seed, was ousted by No. 2 Seneca Valley, 4-2, in the Penguins Cup final. But with the bulk of a very talented group back, it's easy to see why the Indians went into the holiday break 9-2-0 and two points behind first place North Allegheny (10-2-0), with a game-in-hand on the Tigers.

One of the reasons for Peters Township's success is that the scoring comes from so many different places. The two leading scorers, Jeremy Anthos and Ryan Luppe, only have 13 points each, but 14 different players have scored at least one goal for the Indians and 18 players have at least one point.

"If you go back to every year I've coached, that's been the case and it isn't a condition of the players, but a condition that we use four lines so they get less ice time," Tingle said. "The guys that are the top of the scoring board, if I played them every other shift, they would have more points, but we might not have the same number of wins and losses."

Junior goaltender Alex Wilbert (4-1-0, 2.84 goals-against average and .914 save percentage) backstopped the

| PG HOCKEY RANKINGS  |        |
|---------------------|--------|
| PIHL                |        |
| CLASS 3A            |        |
| 1. Peters Township  | 9-2-0  |
| 2. North Allegheny  | 10-2-0 |
| 3. Mt. Lebanon      | 6-4-0  |
| 4. Bethel Park      | 5-4-0  |
| 5. Central Catholic | 5-6-1  |
| CLASS 2A            |        |
| 1. Pine-Richland    | 11-0-0 |
| 2. Latrobe          | 8-2-0  |
| 3. Mars             | 10-2-0 |
| 4. Upper St. Clair  | 7-1-2  |
| 5. Hempfield        | 8-3-0  |
| CLASS 1A            |        |
| 1. Montour          | 11-0-0 |
| 2. South Fayette    | 10-1-0 |
| 3. West Allegheny   | 9-2-0  |
| 4. Meadville        | 9-2-0  |
| 5. South Park       | 8-2-   |

team to the 2016 title, but he has split time in the net this season with Brock Sharbaugh (5-1-0, 2.12 GAA, .910 SP), as Peters Township continues to employ a goaltender rotation system that has worked for several years.

"I basically think if anybody's fighting for a job, they're going to be better and I think human nature is, when something is given to you, it becomes easy and you're not as committed," Tingle said. "To me, the rest of the team is working for their jobs and it shouldn't be easy for the goaltenders."

## Montour

It shouldn't be much of a surprise that Montour is the only remaining undefeated team in Class 1A this season. Not only are the Spartans beating teams. They're beating them up.

Through 11 games, Montour (11-0-0) has scored 100 goals — the only team to reach triple digits in the PIHL so far — which means the team is averaging 9.1 goals per game. The Spartans have racked up at least 10 goals in a game four times, with a high of 13 in a win against Freeport. They have not been involved in a one-goal game all season and the only squad that played them as close as two goals was Meadville in an 8-6 Bulldogs loss.

Somewhat surprisingly, Montour has only two players in the top-10 in scoring in the classification as Richard Froehlich is second with 17 goals and 39 points while Michael Felsing is third with 20 goals and 38 points.



Brenna Wise, center, a Pitt transfer and former Post-Gazette Player of the Year, is Indiana University's second-leading scorer. IU Athletics

## College basketball

## Vincentian grad fits Hoosiers

By Joe Bendel  
Tri-State Sports & News Service

The mere mention of Indiana University basketball conjures images of Hoosiers history.

The national championships. The candy-striped warmups. Assembly Hall. Isiah Thomas. Victor Oladipo. Bob Knight.

Each day, Brenna Wise, a Pitt transfer and Vincencian High School graduate, is gaining a better understanding of what it means to don the crimson and cream as a member of the Indiana women's team.

"These people live and die basketball," said Wise, a 6-foot redshirt junior small forward. "Women's basketball isn't at the level of the men's, but it's on the rise here and it gets great priority, too. We have amazing fans who fill Assembly Hall. You walk in and you see the banners hanging. You have the tunnel leading to the court. You feel like a basketball player here. It's a very special place, and it's hard to put into words. I'm proud to be a Hoosier."

Hoosier Nation is surely proud to call Wise, a former Post-Gazette Player of the Year, one of their own.

In this, her debut season (she sat out 2017-18 per NCAA transfer rules), Wise is the second-leading scorer (14.1 points) for a team that is 13-1, 2-0 Big Ten Conference.

She tops the Hoosiers in rebounding (6.9), 3-pointers made (22), 3-point percent-

age (.468) and free-throw percentage (.914, 53 of 58). She's scored in double figures 10 times, including 18 points or more on five occasions, and posted double-doubles versus Florida (18 points, 10 rebounds) and Butler (22, 11).

It's been a smooth transition for a player who left Pitt after leading the Panthers in scoring and rebounding in each of her two seasons.

"I've been around great people here," Wise said of her new basketball family in Bloomington, Ind. "That's really helped me to adjust."

Asked what compelled her to leave what appeared to be a blossoming career at Pitt (which was coached by Suzie McConnell-Serio at the time), Wise said she was in search of new challenges.

"First off, Pitt was amazing," said Wise, a 2016 ACC All-Freshman Team selection who started all 61 games for the Panthers and averaged 14.3 points and 6.4 rebounds as a sophomore. "If it wasn't for my first two years there, I wouldn't be the person I am today. The relationships I built and the experiences I had - getting to play in my hometown and in the ACC - helped me to improve as a person and as a player. I also had loftier goals for myself as I continued to develop and grow. I had to take a leap of faith."

Pitt went 26-35, including 8-26 in the ACC, in Wise's two seasons. McConnell-Serio was fired last spring.

Indiana, meantime, is coming off a WNIT championship and is 80-38 the past three-plus seasons under coach Teri Moren. The Hoosiers reached the NCAA Tournament in 2016.

A two-time All-ACC Academic Team selection who carries a 3.88 grade point average in marketing at Indiana's prestigious Kelley School of Business, Wise said Indiana meets her needs, on and off the court.

"I wanted to go to a respected conference and play at a respected school that had the best of both worlds," Wise said. "Indiana offers an elite academic curriculum and a basketball team that's on the rise with a great coaching staff. I'm challenged both academically and athletically here and that's what I wanted. Every school has an amazing gym and they wear amazing gear, but that's not what is important. It's who you're going to battle with every day, the people you're around, the environment."

Wise and fellow transfer Ali Patberg, formerly of Notre Dame, have formed a potent one-two punch for the Hoosiers. Patberg, a 5-11 guard, leads the Hoosiers in scoring (18.4) and assists (4.9) and is second to Wise in rebounding (6.6).

In an 83-75 victory against visiting Penn State on New Year's Eve, the talented transfers combined for 46 points, with Wise connecting on 13 of 14 free-throw at-

tempts and Patberg contributing 26 points and 8 boards.

The two stars, who formed a bond while sitting out last season, have served as tone-setters for a team that lost its top two players to graduation and features five sophomores and three freshmen.

"The two of us had to grind it out every day last season," said Wise, part of a Pittsburgh-to-Indiana connection that also features 23rd-ranked Hoosiers men's coach Archie Miller, a Blackhawk grad whose father coached Wise in AAU. "And when I wasn't positive, she would be. And, maybe, when she wasn't as positive, I was. We picked each other up and it made the transition much easier."

For those who remember Wise as a prep, it will come as no surprise that her goal is to win championships at Indiana. At Vincencian, she led the Royals to four WPIAL Class A titles and two PIAA crowns. Vincencian lost only eight games during a career that saw Wise amass more than 2,000 points and 1,000 rebounds while twice being named the PIAA Class A Player of the Year.

"We're a team capable of making a (NCAA) tournament run," Wise said of the Hoosiers. "We have a goal of winning the Big Ten and getting deep into the tournament. I don't have any personal numbers that I want to reach, I just want to be the best player I can be."

## Boyd showed play-making ability before injury

BOYD, FROM WX-5

"Tyler has ascended so much as a player, his confidence," former Bengals coach Marvin Lewis said. "As a rookie he did some great, positive things. A year ago with injury and different things that occurred he didn't get the same opportunity. When he got a chance at the end of the season, the last few games he really did a nice job, and he picked up where he left off during the offseason program, training camp and obviously did a great job during this season."

Boyd did not get a second chance to match the success he had against his hometown team earlier this sea-

son. He caught two touchdown passes in Cincinnati's 28-21 loss to the Steelers on Oct. 14 at Paul Brown Stadium.

He will enter the fourth and final year of the \$4.3 million contract he signed with the Bengals as a rookie, then become an unrestricted free agent in 2020 if Cincinnati does not sign him to a new deal before then.

They had visions of teaming him with A.J. Green the way the Steelers use their tandem of Antonio Brown and JuJu Smith-Schuster. Injuries to both receivers, though, have thrown that plan off course. Green, 30, is scheduled to earn a \$12 million salary next season as the team's highest paid

player. It also is his last under contract. Green was limited to nine games this season before the Bengals placed him on injured reserve with turf toe. He had 46 receptions for 694 yards.

Boyd hit his stride as a receiver this season before his injury. Previously their slot receiver, they used him more on the outside after they cut veteran Brandon LaFell, who previously played on the outside.

"We made the moves we made during our camp to free space and make sure he wasn't topped any more," Lewis explained.

Boyd topped 100 yards three times in 2018, his best 132 yards against Carolina Sept. 23. He followed with 11

receptions for 100 yards against Atlanta as he and the Bengals got off to a fast start.

Cincinnati won four of its first five games to lead the AFC North Division after four weeks. But, despite Boyd's two touchdowns against the Steelers, the Bengals lost that game by a touchdown and it began a downward spiral for them. Injuries and losses piled up as Cincinnati sank to the bottom of the division.

Boyd, though, is one of the many injured, including Green and quarterback Andy Dalton, the Bengals are counting on to return and put them back in contention in 2019.

"No question he had a



Tyler Boyd caught two touchdowns against the Steelers in October in Cincinnati. Matt Freed/Post-Gazette

great season this year," Lewis said before the Bengals concluded their disappointing season against the Steelers. "I wish he had the last two weeks to continue to keep playing and finish the season and he were healthy

throughout and he hadn't missed [three] games. But that's the way it goes.

"He'll come back into next season fully prepared to really play with the confidence and so forth that we had in him."



**North Bids and Proposals**

REQUEST FOR BIDS  
Notice is hereby given that specifications and proposal forms are available from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. weekdays at the office of the North Hills Council of Governments (NHCOG) hereinafter, for the following projects:  
Borough of Sharpsburg – CD 43 2.2.4 Commercial Revitalization Business District Phase I (Guyasuta Island Reconstruction Project)  
In the case of all the above listed CD projects, NHCOG shall act as Agent for each respective municipality. A nonrefundable fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), payable in advance, will be charged for each of the above specification(s) if they are obtained at the office or Fifty-Five Dollars (\$55.00) if they are to be mailed (all checks must be made payable to the North Hills Council of Governments). No documents will be distributed within 24 hours of the scheduled receipt of bids. Bids will be received at the NHCOG office at 300 Wetzel Road, Suite 201, Glenshaw, PA 15116 until 11:00 A.M. prevailing time on Thursday, January 17, 2019. All bid proposals will be opened and read at that time at the NHCOG office. The NHCOG reserves the right to reject any

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and all bids in whole or in part and to waive any informalities. Bid Recipient List and Bid Tab available at [www.northhillscog.org](http://www.northhillscog.org) Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Bond, Cashier's Check, or a Certified Check made payable, without condition, to the NHCOG in an amount no less than 10% of the bid. Cash will not be accepted. Compliance is required with the Davis-Bacon Act and other Federal Labor Standards Provisions; Title VI and other applicable provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; the Department of Labor Equal Opportunity Clause (41 CFR 60-1.4); Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; Executive Order 11625 (Utilization of Minority Business Enterprise); Executive Order 12138 (Utilization of Female Business Enterprise); in compliance with Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; and the Allegheny County MBE/WBE Program enacted July, 1981, which sets forth goals of 13 percent Minority and 2 percent Female Business Enterprise; and the Allegheny County Ordinance #6867-12, setting forth goals of 5 percent Veteran-Owned Small Businesses. Further,

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notice is hereby given that this is a Section 3 Project under the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (as amended) and must to the greatest extent feasible, utilize lower income residents for employment and training opportunities and Section 3 Business concerns and all contracts and subcontracts for this project shall contain the "Section 3 clause" as set forth in 24 CFR, Part 135.38. Moreover, compliance is required by the prime contractor and all subcontractors with the Federal General Conditions included in the contract documents between ACED and the operating agency. These Federal General Conditions are to be incorporated by reference into all construction contracts between operating agency and contractor, contractor and subcontractor(s), and subcontractor(s) and lower tiered subcontractor(s). By order of the Board of Directors of the North Hills Council of Governments  
Wayne E. Roller  
Executive Director

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POST GAZETTE ADVERTISE: December 28, 2018 & January 4, 2019  
BIDS DUE: January 29, 2019  
Separate and sealed proposals will be received by the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments, 2700 Monroeville Boulevard, Monroeville, PA, 15146 until One (1:00) PM prevailing time on Tuesday, January 29, 2019. At that time, bids will be publicly open and read for the following project(s):  
2018-CITF-120, Braddock Ave. Reconstruction, Braddock Borough  
Copies of drawings, specifications and other contract documents may be examined or obtained for bidding purposes from Glenn Engineering and Associates, Ltd., 14920 Lincoln Highway, North Huntingdon, PA 15642. Fees for each document are Sixty (\$60.00) Dollars (non-refundable) payable to Glenn Engineering and Associates, Ltd. Requests for mailing will be honored with an additional fee of Eight (\$8.00) Dollars for postage and handling. A pre-bid meeting for this project is scheduled on January 22 at 11:00 AM at the Braddock Borough Building. For additional information you may visit [www.glennengr.com](http://www.glennengr.com). NO

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DOCUMENTS WILL BE ISSUED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE SCHEDULED BID OPENING.  
2018-CITF-123, Oakmont Area Drainage Improvements, Plum Borough  
Copies of drawings, specifications and other contract documents may be examined or obtained for bidding purposes from KU Resources Metall Division, 117 Sagamore Hill Road Pittsburgh PA, 15239. Fees for each document are Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars (non-refundable) payable to KU Resources Metall Division. Requests for mailing will be honored with an additional fee of Seven (\$7.00) Dollars for postage and handling. For additional information you may email Mr. George Anderson at [ganderson@kuresources.com](mailto:ganderson@kuresources.com). Bids will be opened and read aloud on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 1:00 PM at the office of the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments, 2700 Monroeville Boulevard, Monroeville, PA 15146. Compliance is required with the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act of 1961, PL 987, No. 442; Title VI and other applicable provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; the Department of Labor Equal Opportunity Clause (41 CFR 60 -1.4); Executive Order 11625 (Utilization of Minority

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Business Enterprise); Executive Order 12138 (Utilization of Female Business Enterprise); in compliance with Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; the Allegheny County MBE/WBE Program enacted July, 1981, which sets forth goals of 13 percent Minority and 2 percent Female Business Enterprise; and the Allegheny County Ordinance #6867-12, setting forth goals of 5 percent Veteran Owned Small Businesses. Each bid must be accompanied by a Bid Bond or Certified Check payable to the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments in an amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the Base Bid. No bidder may withdraw his or her bid within sixty (60) days after the actual bid opening thereof. The TCVOG reserves the right to reject any or all bids, alternates or parts of bids.  
Amanda Settlermaier  
Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments  
2700 Monroeville Boulevard  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
412-858-5115 - phone  
412-858-5118 - fax

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GAZETTE ADVERTISE: January 4, 2019  
BIDS DUE: January 29, 2019  
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CD 44-7.7b Airbrake Ave. Park Renovations, Wilmerding Borough  
Copies of drawings, specifications and other contract documents may be examined or obtained for bidding purposes from Glenn Engineering and Associates, Ltd., 14920 Lincoln Highway, North Huntingdon, PA 15642. Fees for each document are Sixty (\$60.00) Dollars (non-refundable) payable to Glenn Engineering and Associates, Ltd. Requests for mailing will be honored with an additional fee of Eight (\$8.00) Dollars for postage and handling. For additional information you may visit [www.glennengr.com](http://www.glennengr.com). NO DOCUMENTS WILL BE ISSUED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE SCHEDULED BID OPENING.  
CD 44- 7.7c Annie's Place Memorial Playground, Pitcairn Borough  
Copies of drawings,

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specifications and other contract documents may be examined or obtained for bidding purposes from the EADS Group, 11045 Parker Drive, North Huntingdon, PA 15642. Fees for each document are One Hundred and six (\$106.00) Dollars (non-refundable) payable to the EADS Group. Price includes 6% Pennsylvania sales tax. Requests for mailing will be honored with an additional fee of Ten (\$10.00) Dollars for postage and handling. For additional information you may contact Dan Coffman at 412-754-0801.  
CD 44-3.12.16 Highland Ave. Waterline Replacement, WPJWA  
Copies of drawings, specifications and other contract documents may be examined or obtained for bidding purposes from Mackin Engineering, 117 Industry Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15275. Fees for each document are One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars (non-refundable) payable to Mackin Engineering. Requests for mailing will be honored with an additional fee for postage and handling. For additional information please call 412-200-5915 or you may email Mr. John Balewski at [jbalewski@mackinengineering.com](mailto:jbalewski@mackinengineering.com).

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**OFFICIAL BOROUGH OF WALL ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**

Notice is hereby given that separate and sealed proposals will be received by the Borough of Wall, Allegheny County, PA for the following project:

**COLLECTION, REMOVAL, AND DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE**

Copies of Information for Bidders, Contract, Form of Proposal and Bid Forms, Plans and Specifications may be examined or obtained for bidding purposes from GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOCIATES, LTD., 14920 Lincoln Highway (Route 30), North Huntingdon, PA 15642. Requests for mailing will be honored for a fee of Five Dollars (\$5) for postage and handling. NO documents will be issued within 48 hours of the scheduled bid opening. Sealed proposals will be received by the Borough of Wall daily from 9:00 AM until 3:00 PM prevailing time at the Secretary's Office, Borough of Wall, 413 Wall Avenue, Wall, PA 15148. All bids must be received by the Borough Secretary by 11:00 AM, Tuesday, January 15, 2019. The scheduled bid opening is January 15, 2019 at 11:00 AM prevailing time. All proposals must be clearly marked with the name of the project as it appears above. All bidders must submit a bid bond in the form of a certified check, bank cashier's check, or other form of negotiable instrument which is guaranteed by a commercial bank. Bid bond must be drawn to the order of Wall Borough in the sum of 10% of the first year and must be submitted with the proposal. The Borough reserves the right to accept or reject any form of a bid bond which, in the sole opinion of the Borough, does not provide sufficient security for the bid. The Borough reserves the right to reject any or all bids or any portion of any bid, waiver informality or irregularity of any bid or in the bidding and/or negotiate with the receipt of bids. The Borough reserves the right to increase or decrease any or all quantities. No bid will be accepted after the time herein specified whether or not the bidder has a time other than the official Borough time.

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THOMAS WRATCHER  
President of Council

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ROUTE 8 SELF STORAGE, LLC, in order to satisfy its statutory lien pursuant to 73 P.S. 1901 et seq., will sell at PUBLIC SALE all personal property stored in its facility placed by:

Donald G. Smith 0106  
Matthew J. Burnett 8418  
Kelly E. Morrissey 3022  
At 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at Route 8 Self Storage, 5301 N. Pioneer Road, Gibsonia, PA, 15044. Route 8 Self Storage, LLC reserves the right to bid at Public Sale, reject any and all bids, and cancel or adjourn the sale. Cash only. Bidder deposit required. To resolve any claim call 724-443-1133.

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**  
HAMPTON SHAHER WATER AUTHORITY

The regular monthly meeting of the HAMPTON SHAHER WATER AUTHORITY will take place at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time, each month in 2019 on the following dates: January 28, February 25, March 25, April 22, May 20, June 24, July 22, August 26, September 23, October 28, November 25, December 23. The meetings will be held at the Hampton Shaler Water Authority located at 3101 McCully Rd., Allison Park, PA 15101.

**OFFICIAL BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK NOTICE**

TAKE NOTICE that the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, has scheduled a special meeting/information session on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. prevailing local time at the Blueberry Hill Park Activity Center, 1604 Blaine's Way, Sewickley, PA 15143, to inform the public and obtain input from Franklin Park residents regarding a proposed Marcellus Shale gas lease for Linbrook Park.

CATHY L. KRUMMERT  
BOROUGH SECRETARY

**OFFICIAL NOTICE BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK**

TAKE NOTICE that the Zoning Hearing Board of the Borough of Franklin Park, Allegheny County will meet on Thursday, January 10, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. prevailing local time, in the meeting room of the Municipal Building, 2344 West Ingomar Road, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237 to hold a public hearing to hear the following appeals:

Appeal No. ZH 19-01-01 An application has been filed by Edward & Lynn Peters for a zoning variance to allow an encroachment into the required front yard of a rear porch enclosure at the property located at 1552 Lenora Dr. in the R-2 zoning district.

The application may be examined weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the offices of the Building and Zoning Department. All persons interested in said application are invited to be present at the above time and place and you will have an opportunity to be heard.

Timothy R. Phillips  
Building Inspector/  
Zoning Officer

**OFFICIAL ROSS TOWNSHIP NOTICE**

The regular meeting of the Ross Township Zoning Hearing Board will be held at the Ross Township Municipal Building, 1000 Ross Municipal Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237, on Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. to review the following applications:

ZHB-32-18 Kossman Development Company is requesting a variance to Chapter 27-1403.1.D for structures within a buffer yard and a variance to 27-1403.1.H.(2) for the elimination of a 50 ft buffer yard for a proposed Mixed-Use Development on property located at L/B # 611-L-60, 7910-7920 Perry Highway in a C-1 Zoning District of the 9th Ward.

ZHB-35-18 Thomas Somerville is requesting a variance to Chapter 27-1010.2 for the finished side of a fence to face inward on property located at L/B # 349-G-198, 3 Sunsetview Drive in an R-1 Zoning District of the 4th Ward.

ZHB-1-19 3 Rivers Sign LLC is requesting a 3 sq ft size variance to Chapter 27-1603.B.(2) for a proposed digital display on property located at L/B # 219-B-60, 2125 Babcock Blvd. in a C-2 Zoning District of the 1st Ward.

ZHB-2-19 3 Rivers Sign LLC is requesting a 23 sq ft size variance to Chapter 27-1603.1.B.(2) for a proposed digital display on property located at L/B # 163-A-308, 238 West View Avenue in a C-1 Zoning District of the 7th Ward.

Beth A. Schellhaas,  
Chairwoman

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**BRENTWOOD BOROUGH SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2019**

The Brentwood Borough School District has approved meeting dates for 2019 for the Brentwood School District Board of Directors as follows (all meetings are held on Mondays unless noted otherwise):

Agenda Planning Meetings (starting at 7:00 p.m.): January 14, February 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11, and Tuesday, December 3, 2019 (Agenda Planning Meeting will follow the Organization meeting).

Organization Meeting (starting at 7:00 p.m.): Tuesday, December 3, 2019.

General Purpose Meetings (starting at 7:00 p.m.): January 21, February 18, March 18, April 29, May 20, June 24, July 15 (combined Agenda/General Purpose Meeting), August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18, and December 9, 2019.

Committee Meetings (starting at 7:00 p.m.): Tuesday January 28, February 25, March 25, August 26, September 23, and October 28, 2019.

Notice is further given that the School Board may take action or conduct business for any particular or general purpose at any of the above Agenda, Organization, General Purpose or Committee Meetings.

Joint School Board/Borough Council Meetings (starting at 7:00 p.m.): Tuesday, January

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**OFFICIAL TOWN OF MCCANDLESS ORDINANCE NO. 1483**

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF MCCANDLESS, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PA AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 1470 APPROPRIATING CERTAIN MONIES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018. ORDAINED AND ENACTED INTO LAW THE 26TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2018, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE MCCANDLESS TOWN HALL DURING NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS.

TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF MCCANDLESS  
TOBIAS M. CORDEK  
SECRETARY

**OFFICIAL TOWN OF MCCANDLESS PUBLIC NOTICE**

THE TOWN OF MCCANDLESS PERSONNEL BOARD WILL HOLD ITS REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ON JANUARY 9, 2019 AT 3:00 P.M. AT MCCANDLESS TOWN HALL.

TOWN COUNCIL  
TOWN OF MCCANDLESS  
TOBIAS M. CORDEK  
SECRETARY

**PUBLIC NOTICE TOWN OF MCCANDLESS ZONING HEARING BOARD**

Notice is hereby given the Town of McCandless Zoning Hearing Board will meet at the Town Hall, 9955 Grubbs Road, Wexford, PA 15090 at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, January 23, 2019, to consider the following:

1. Mark Wood for Richard Bazy

- 500 Wildwood Avenue, Verona, PA 15147
- The property is located at 10401 Perry Highway, Wexford, PA 15090
- The appeal is to reduce the setback for a sign.

The applications are available for review Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. All those present at the hearing will be permitted to comment on the applications.

Bruce G. Betty, AICP  
Land Use Administrator

**PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF RICHLAND AT A PUBLIC MEETING ON JANUARY 16, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M. IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 4019 DICKEY ROAD, GIBSONIA, PA THE RICHLAND TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN ALL WAY STOP INTERSECTION AT FAIRWINDS DRIVE AND LYNN LANE.**

The title and summary of the proposed Ordinance are as follows:

**TITLE**  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF RICHLAND AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 278 AND THE TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ESTABLISH AND IMPOSE STOP INTERSECTIONS, WITH STOP SIGNS, ON BOTH APPROACHES OF FAIRWINDS DRIVE AT THE INTERSECTION WITH LYNN LANE.

**SUMMARY**  
The proposed Ordinance would establish and impose stop intersections on: Fairwinds Drive (East and West approaches) at the intersection with Lynn Lane. A full copy of the Ordinance is available for public inspection at the Richland Township Municipal Building: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday.

Township of Richland  
Dean E. Bastianini

**OFFICIAL BOROUGH OF JEFFERSON HILLS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing of the Zoning Hearing Board will be held in Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, 925 Old Clairton Road, Jefferson Hills, Pennsylvania 15025 on Thursday, January 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. for a hearing before the Zoning Hearing Board.

Appeal No. ZN-14-2018 Group of 104 Jefferson Hills Residents, in care of Marcus and Shapira, LLP, 301 Grant Street, 35th Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, are appealing the Jefferson Hills Borough Zoning Officer's granting of a Zoning Permit to AUUE, Inc. with its principal offices located at 600 Grant Street, 60th Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, and with a business name of UPMC, for the building of a Medical Center comprised of a Hospital, Medical Clinic, Medical Professional Offices and a Helipad as an Accessory Use, for property located at the corner of State Route 51 and Elliott Road, Jefferson Hills, PA 15025, Block and Lot Nos. 767-G-200; 767-D-375; 767-H-14; 660-L-67; and, 660-S-40. A portion of the property is zoned O-P, Office Park District and a portion of the property zoned R-1, Residential-Agricultural, with said Zoning Permit limited to the parcels and portions of parcels in the O-P, Office Park District pursuant to 712, Sections 701.1 thru 701.8 of the Jefferson Hills Borough Zoning Ordinance.

Persons having an interest in the proceeding are invited to attend and take part as they deem advisable. The hearing location is accessible to persons having disabilities. Any person requiring special accommodations is requested to contact the Borough at (412) 655-7760 at least three (3) working days prior to the date of the hearing.

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29, 2019 (Brentwood High School Cafeteria, 3601 Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15227) and Tuesday, August 27, 2019 (Brentwood Borough Council Office, 3624 Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15227).

All meetings (except the Joint School Board/Borough Council Meetings) will be held in the Board Room of the Superintendent's Office, Brentwood Middle/High School, 3601 Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15227-3117.

Mrs. Donna J. Werner  
Board Secretary

**NOTICE: TOWNSHIP OF COLLIER**

Following are the meeting dates for the COLLIER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS for 2019. The regular meeting is held the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. additional meetings may be every Wednesday.

Meetings will be held at the Collier Township Municipal Building, 2418 Hilltop Road, at 7:00 p.m.

The COLLIER TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD meetings for 2018 will be held (if necessary) at the Collier Township Municipal Building, 2418 Hilltop Road, at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month.

The COLLIER TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION meetings for 2018 will be held at the Collier Township Municipal Building, 2418 Hilltop Road, at 7:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Special meetings may be held on the first Thursday of the month if necessary.

The COLLIER TOWNSHIP CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION meetings for 2018 will be held (if necessary) at the Collier Township Municipal Building, 2418 Hilltop Road, at 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month.

The COLLIER TOWNSHIP PARKS & RECREATION BOARD meetings for 2018 will be held at the Collier Community Center, 5 Loughan Road, at 6:30 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month.

Valerie A.Salla  
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3, lot and blocks 769-S-141, 884-D-123 and 884-D-121. The properties are zoned R-2, Low Density Residential District. The appellants are requesting a variance to Zoning Ordinance 712, Section, 202.2.e - Front Yard Setbacks, applicants are requesting a front yard setback of 25' feet, rather than the minimum 35' setback required.

Persons having an interest in the proceeding are invited to attend and take part as they deem advisable. The hearing location is accessible to persons having disabilities. Any person requiring special accommodations is requested to contact the Borough at (412) 655-7760 at least three (3) working days prior to the date of the hearing.

BOROUGH OF JEFFERSON HILLS ZONING HEARING BOARD

**OFFICIAL BOROUGH OF JEFFERSON HILLS NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing of the Zoning Hearing Board will be rescheduled and held in Council Chambers of the Municipal Center, 925 Old Clairton Road, Jefferson Hills, Pennsylvania 15025 on Thursday, January 24, at 7:30 p.m. or prevailing time, for a hearing before the Zoning Hearing Board.

Appeal No. ZN-15-2018 AUUE, Inc. UPMC Corporate Construction & Real Estate, 600 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219, owners of property located at Elliott Road & State Route 51, Jefferson Hills, PA 15025 are requesting a variance to Zoning Ordinance 712, section 701.5 - Buffer Area, ordinance requires all property lines which adjoin residential zoning classification, must have a buffer area which is at least thirty (30) feet in depth as measured from the property line and which shall be comprised of two (2) rows of plantings creating a high level and low level screen, consisting of a mix of at least sixty-five percent (65%) evergreen and thirty-five percent (35%) deciduous plant materials. The low level screen shall be a minimum of three (3) feet in height at the time of planting and the high level screen shall be a minimum of six (6) feet in height at the time of planting. Plant materials shall be staggered in such a manner as to provide a minimum of sixty percent (60%) opaque visual barrier. The Appellants are requesting to be allowed to preserve the existing vegetation in lieu of the buffer area requirements of the Ordinance along residential boundaries where said existing vegetation is present and provides an adequate buffer.

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BOROUGH OF JEFFERSON HILLS ZONING HEARING BOARD

**OFFICIAL TOWNSHIP OF COLLIER**

The Zoning Hearing Board of Collier Township has scheduled a public hearing for Tuesday January 15, 2019. The hearing will begin at 7:00 pm at the Collier Township Municipal Building, 2418 Hilltop Road, Presto, PA 15142. The hearing is requested by the following applicant:

ZHB-2019-0001 - Applicant Maronda Homes, Inc., 11 Timberglen Drive, Imperial, PA 15126 is requesting a variance from Collier Township Zoning Ordinance #687, Section 503.4.A.2 Front Yard Setback. The applicant is requesting a variance to reduce the minimum front yard setback from 25 feet to 20 feet for lots 611, 612 and 613 of Amalfi Ridge Phase 3, Oakdale, PA 15071. The property is located in the R-1 Zoning District.

Any and all interested persons wishing to be heard should appear at the hearing at the above specified time and date.

Zoning Hearing Board

**OFFICIAL NOTICE C & D TOWING & RECOVERY, INC.**

Unclaimed Abandoned Vehicles

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**East Legal Notices**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

In accordance with the Borough Code of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, the BOROUGH OF HOMESTEAD, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA submits the following financial statements and data for the year ended December 31, 2017

**GENERAL FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - MODIFIED CASH BASIS**  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

| REVENUES   |                     | EXPENDITURES                 |                     |
|--|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Real Estate Taxes                                  | \$ 1,599,666        | General Government           | \$ 394,677          |
| RAD Sales Tax                                      | 90,471              | Public Safety                | 1,788,376           |
| Other Taxes  | 526,867             | Public Works- Streets        | 564,145             |
| Licenses and Permits                               | 213,417             | Public Works- Sanitation     | 1,323,686           |
| Fines and Forfeitures                              | 6,923               | Public Works- Other Services | 105,374             |
| Interest Earnings                                  | 11,004              | Culture and Recreation       | 65,220              |
| Intergovernmental Revenues                         | 233,252             | Employer Paid Benefits       | 218,490             |
| Charges for Services                               | 1,939,615           | Debt Service                 | 8,180               |
| Miscellaneous                                      | 25,665              | Insurance                    | 80,530              |
|  |                     | Community Development        | 29,608              |
|  |                     | Other Financing Uses         | 14,736              |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>                               | <b>\$ 4,646,880</b> | <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>    | <b>\$ 4,593,022</b> |
| <b>Excess of Revenues over Expenditures</b>        |                     |                              | <b>53,858</b>       |
| <b>General Fund Cash, December 31, 2017</b>        |                     |                              | <b>3,180,685</b>    |
| <b>Taxable Assessed Valuation, January 1, 2017</b> |                     |                              | <b>179,540,545</b>  |

**DEBT STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

| Issue                   | Year of Issue | Original Issue Amount | Outstanding Jan 1st or Issued during the year | Principal Paid During Year | Principal Outstanding December 31, 2017 |
|-------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|---|----------------------------|---|
| General Obligation Note | 2006          | \$105,934             | \$33,424                                      | \$7,533                    | \$25,891                                |
| Firetruck Loan          | 2013          | \$270,000             | \$56,321                                      | \$56,321                   | \$-                                     |
| USDA Rural Development  | 2013          | \$250,000             | \$239,798                                     | \$3,300                    | \$236,498                               |
| USDA Rural Development  | 2013          | \$1,100,000           | \$1,055,112                                   | \$14,519                   | \$1,040,593                             |

The audit of the Borough of Homestead has been filed at the Department of Court Records - Civil Division, Allegheny County, and with the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development. A copy of the audit report which includes all Borough funds may be reviewed at the Borough Office at 221 East 7th Avenue, Homestead, PA 15120

**BOROUGH MANAGER**

**South Legal Notices**

**OFFICIAL MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Bethel Park Municipal Council will hold a Public Hearing on January 28th, 2019 at 7:45 PM in the Bethel Park Municipal Building, 5100 West Library Avenue, Bethel Park PA to consider the following:

ABATEMENT OF NUISANCE - PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 5358 ELM ST., 5437 WILLOW ST. & 5424 ELM ST., BETHEL PARK, PA 15102, PARCEL ID NUMBERS 567-C-112, 567-G-254 & 567-G-206. THE OWNERS OF THE PROPERTIES AND PERSONS HAVING AN INTEREST IN THE PROPERTIES SHALL APPEAR AND SHOW CAUSE WHY THE BUILDING SHOULD NOT BE REPAIRED, VACATED OR DEMOLISHED.

Those present at the hearing will be permitted to comment on this matter. A copy of the Abatement of Nuisance Notices are available for review at the Bethel Park Municipal Building at 5100 West Library Avenue, Bethel Park, PA 15102 during regular office hours. Any questions regarding the request may be made to Mr. Dennis Smith, at 412-831-6800.

Shawn Arbaugh, Manager, Municipality of Bethel Park

**OFFICIAL MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Bethel Park Municipal Council will hold a Special Meeting on January 28th, 2019 directly following the Public Hearing at 7:45 PM in the Bethel Park Municipal Building, 5100 West Library Avenue, Bethel Park PA to consider and potentially make a determination as to whether properties located at 5358 Elm Street, 5437 Willow St. & 5424 Elm St Bethel Park, PA 15102, constitutes dangerous buildings under the Code of the Municipality of Bethel Park, and to consider any other business which may lawfully come before Council.

Shawn Arbaugh, Manager, Municipality of Bethel Park

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**OFFICIAL NOTICE TOWNSHIP OF SOUTH FAYETTE**

The South Fayette Township Zoning Hearing Board will hold a Public Hearing at 7:00 PM on

**West Legal Notices**

Wednesday, January 23, 2019 at the Township Building, 515 Millers Run Road, Morgan, PA. The purpose of the hearing is to review the following application(s):

APPLICATION 1-2019: A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE TO TOWNSHIP CODE SECTION 240-23(D) MINIMUM FRONT YARD SETBACK OF 35 FEET FOR A FRONT PORCH ROOF. THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 531 HICKORY GRADE ROAD IS ZONED R-2 AND IS THE SITE OF A SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING. THE APPLICANT IS MARK AND LINDA HERRON. Anyone requiring additional information and/or needing special accommodations to attend this meeting should contact Gary Hartz, Zoning Officer at 412-221-8700.

**WEST ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD MEETING DATES - 2019**

All meetings will begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise notified.

Committee Meetings\*  
January 9, 2019  
February 13, 2019  
March 13, 2019  
April 10, 2019  
May 9, 2019  
June 12, 2019  
July 17, 2019  
August 14, 2019  
September 11, 2019  
October 9, 2019  
November 13, 2019  
December 4, 2019

Board Meetings  
January 16, 2019  
February 20, 2019  
March 20, 2019  
April 24, 2019  
May 15, 2019  
June 19, 2019  
July 24, 2019  
August 21, 2019  
September 18, 2019  
October 16, 2019  
November 20, 2019  
December 11, 2019

\*Committee Meetings are normally held for discussion purposes; however, action may be taken on matters when necessary.

\*\*Reorganization Meeting followed by Committee Meeting

Alyssa K. Athanas  
Board Secretary

**East Legal Notices**

North Versailles Township Sanitary Authority will have a meeting on Friday January 4, 2019 at 6:30pm at 401 Greensburg Ave Suite 4 North Versailles PA 15137 in the Sanitary Authority office. This meeting will serve as the purpose to have reorganization of the board.

**BOROUGH OF PLUM OFFICIAL NOTICE ZONING HEARING BOARD**

The Borough of Plum Zoning Hearing Board has scheduled a hearing for Wednesday, January 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building located at 4575 New Texas Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15239. The hearing is as follows:

1. ZHB-2019-01 - A request from Jason McLaughry, owner of 409 Kathryn Lynn Dr. zoned SR, single family residential, for a size variance of 165 squared feet for a proposed detached garage. The request does not conform to ordinance 916-17 section 322.14.

Plans are available for review at the Plum Borough Municipal Building during normal business hours.

**MONROEVILLE FINANCE AUTHORITY NOTICE OF MONROEVILLE FINANCE AUTHORITY'S REGULAR 2019 MEETINGS**

Notice is hereby given that the Monroeville Finance Authority will hold its scheduled regular meetings for 2019 on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 (alternate date - January 22, 2019), April 16, 2019 (alternate date - April 23, 2019), July 16, 2019 (alternate date - July 23, 20

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