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Police mum on Kopy's Bar tab

Undercover expenses fall into a gray area

By Shelly Bradbury
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The surveillance video at Kopy's Bar on the South Side showed undercover Pittsburgh police detectives downing drink after drink before getting into a brawl with members of a motorcycle club in October.

The detectives were there, police said, as part of an official undercover operation. So how much was their tab?

They're not telling. Pittsburgh police are not required to submit receipts to the city controller's office that detail their undercover spending from the bureau's Confiscated Narcotics Proceeds Imprest Fund. But they do have to give a reason when they request money, and those records show police spent at least \$3,000 on "undercover bar investigations" during 2017 and 2018.

That's part of \$56,000 that investigators say they spent on undercover operations, homicide investigations, payments to confidential informants and undercover drug buys, according to expense vouchers filed with the controller's office.

None of that undercover spending was documented with the controller's office through receipts or similar proofs of purchase, and police last week would not release additional details or answer a list of questions posed by the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

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Mylan, Pfizer merger could create generic drug giant

By Michael J. de la Merced and Katie Thomas
New York Times

If the merger of Pfizer's off-patent drugs division with Mylan comes to fruition, it would create a new giant in the business of drugs without patent protections, according to those briefed on the matter.

The proposed deal could be announced as early as Monday.

Pfizer's off-patent division includes best-selling treatments like Viagra. Mylan is the maker of the EpiPen emergency allergy treatment.

The generic-drug industry has suffered for years in the face of falling prices, a trend that is often overlooked as many Americans struggle with paying for brand-name drugs.

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'Nothing is resolved because [Chevron does] what they want and deny that anything happened.'

— Bryan Latkanich, who, along with his son, Ryan, suffers from health problems that Mr. Latkanich believes are caused by shale gas drilling near their home



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Ryan Latkanich, 9, has had numerous health issues, and a toxicologist has told him he can withstand no further exposures to shale gas pollutants.

Father blames Chevron as he and son battle illness

By David Templeton and Don Hopey
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Bryan Latkanich, 48, thumbs through photographs he took showing red welts and rashes all over the body of his son, Ryan, after the boy took a bath in April 2013 in water that he described as feeling "slippery."

"He was fine when he went in the bathtub but came out covered with welts," Mr. Latkanich said.

Over time, Ryan, now 9, developed ear infections, nosebleeds, asthma and problems with pincer movement in the hands. He

also lost the ability to control his bladder and his bowels. The bladder problem resolved itself, but the bowel problem has not.

Mr. Latkanich said the photos, plus a UPMC toxicology report and other information, document Ryan's health impacts linked to two shale gas wells drilled and fracked from 2011 to 2012 about 350 feet behind the family's home in rural Deemston, Washington County. He also blames gas development for contamination in his well water.

Chevron, which drilled and fracked two wells behind the Latkanich house, said repeated

water testing of the Latkanich well conducted by the state Department of Environmental Protection and other organizations showed levels within drinking water standards and refuted any claims that well operations contaminated his well water.

In May, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette documented 67 cases of childhood cancer, many of them rare types, including Ewing sarcoma, in Washington County's Canon-McMillan School District, Westmoreland County and other southwestern Pennsylvania

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The human toll | Risk and exposure in the gas lands

AT&T might sell cable network that airs Pirates, Pens games

By Bill Brink
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

An intersection between the possible sale of a television network and the expiration of a rights agreement could have interesting effects on the Pirates against the backdrop of a shifting media landscape.

AT&T is considering selling its four regional sports networks to reduce debt, according to a report from Bloomberg earlier this month. Among those: AT&T SportsNet Pittsburgh, which broadcasts Pirates and Penguins games.

The Penguins' rights agreement runs through 2029, but the Pirates' contract expires after this season. It is already unusual for

this much time to have passed without a deal in the final year of a contract, and the potential of a sale could add one more moving part.

"Clearly if you're AT&T and you are interested, having the Pirates locked up for a period of time does create more value to be sold," said Ed Desser, who spent 23 years negotiating media rights deals while working for the National Basketball Association and launching NBA TV before founding a media consulting firm. "On the other hand, the Pirates are no doubt looking for a big increase, and if that makes the network less profitable, then that has a negative impact on the valuation."

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Jessie Wardarski/Post-Gazette

MAYOR OF PICKLESBURGH Joe George, of West Mifflin, yells out to the crowd as he's awarded the title of Mayor of Picklesburgh after winning the Picklesburgh pickle juice drinking contest for the second year in a row Sunday in Downtown. George chugged 32 ounces of pickle juice in just over six seconds. Story on **C-1**.

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Humid with sunshine. Daytime high 87, tonight's low 68.

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Ask the Medicare Specialist

by: Aaron Zolbrod



QUESTION:

What do you anticipate for this year's AEP and what do you think plans will look like in 2020? Will the new UPMC and Highmark agreement have any effect on what we can expect? Are there any major changes that we should be worried about?

ANSWER:

Let me begin by stating that the agreement between UPMC and Highmark should not have any effect as Advantage Plan companies had to have their benefits and premiums for 2020 submitted to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) in the Spring, well before the deal was consummated.

Now, what I anticipate happening and how I'm going to advise my current and prospective clients during AEP, which runs from October 1st to December 7th, are two separate topics. I will address both as best I can without having seen specific plan details and pricing.

Only Advantage Plans can have changes in benefits from year to year. Those can be in the form of increases or decreases in co-pays, deductibles, coinsurance, and/or the annual Maximum Out of Pocket (MOOP). Supplements are regulated, and with the exception of one seldom chosen plan, can't have those types of changes year to year.

Let's start with what I anticipate as far as Advantage Plan HMO's and PPO's are concerned. Again, I'm speculating here. I think this could be a very competitive market between the four major players in Southwest PA, which would be great news for consumers. I'm hoping in 2020 we see lower premiums, co-pays, and/or MOOP, as well as better ancillary benefits such dental, vision, and the newly introduced Over the Counter (OTC) allowance in several plans.

My reasoning is twofold. One, Highmark lost tens of thousands of members in 2019 due to what was then the impending "divorce" with UPMC, which would have resulted in the loss of access to UPMC doctors and hospitals for those on Highmark Advantage Plans.

I have written on a number of occasions, that in recent years, I felt Highmark has relied on loyalty rather than making their plans competitive to keep their membership numbers up. If they want those folks who changed to another company to come back, it's my opinion they must "sharpen their pencil" so to speak, get in line with rival companies, and reduce hospital co-pays and MOOP on their lower priced plans.

Secondly, UPMC was likely expecting to be the biggest beneficiary of the exodus from Highmark plans. However, one company in particular who offers network access to both of our major health systems, had a very affordable plan with some of the lowest co-pays for hospitalizations and other services, as well as comprehensive dental and other generous ancillary benefits. A large number of people who would have otherwise chosen UPMC, opted for the plan I'm referring to. If UPMC felt pressure to increase their enrollment in 2020, they may also have determined that lowering premiums and co-pays, as well as supplying these value-added benefits such as comprehensive dental and the OTC allowance might be the best way to achieve their goals.

As far as if I foresee the possibility for major changes in 2020 on Advantage Plans that might be concerning? I don't. If I'm wrong, believe me. I'll discuss it here!

There is one piece of upsetting news. We've been told since 2014 that the dreaded Prescription Drug "Doughnut Hole" was scheduled to end in 2020. However, it's going away in name only. People will still have to pay a lot more for their brand name drugs after they have received \$4,020 worth of medications. Those who do will have to spend more money out of pocket than they did in 2019 before moving out of the Doughnut Hole and into the Catastrophic Stage, when costs are dramatically less. I'm extremely troubled that seniors were led to believe the financial burden for those who take expensive drugs would be reduced, when in fact it's increased. I will discuss this topic more in a future column.

Now, my advice for current and prospective clients who want Advantage Plans will be the same as always. Shop for the plans(s) that have the best combination of premiums, hospital co-pays, and MOOP and stay away from plans that have a higher MOOP, as well those with "per day" hospital co-pays that can result in a bill of over \$1,000 or more for a 5-day or longer stay. If plans have similar value, then compare who has the best dental, vision, and OTC benefits, but don't ever choose a plan based on those factors alone. And for 100th time. Don't let the name of the company or how long you have been with them determine what plan you choose! It has no bearing on what we recommend to our clients every year. Nor should it for you.

As always, myself and the other agents at The Health Insurance Store will be providing no cost consultations this AEP. We can review your current plan, compare benefits side by side, and help guide you to the plan or plans we feel are most worthy of your consideration.



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Patience is required when your last name begins with Z

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Each of us has a story. This one made the paper. To suggest someone, email uscol-umn@post-gazette.com.

Remember the phone book? Its disappearance has deprived me of a favorite pastime — seeing who's last.

As a "T" in school, I always was near the end of the line — in the last homeroom and among the last to receive my high school and college diplomas. Thank goodness for those named Williams, Yanchak and Zofchak.

Behold the alphabetical inequity — the ABCs of discrimination. In a school-house fire, we would be last to leave the building, the bleating sacrificial lambs.

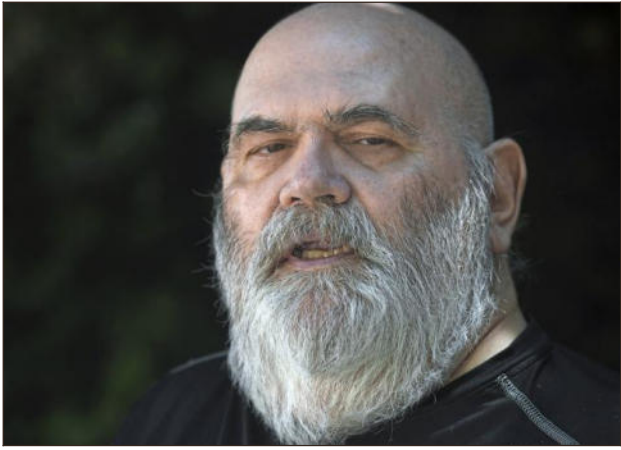
There's some clinical psychology involved here. Culture celebrates the first and shames the last. Alphabetitis should be a disorder on par with restless leg syndrome.

Explain to me why there's no steak sauce named Z-26?

Phone books nowadays are as hard to find as Bigfoot. A search led me to the Carnegie Library in Oakland that had only a 2017 edition of the White Pages that listed a Zywioliek as last. I tried calling the phone number, but it no longer works.

Next to last was a Zy-wiczynski, but Agnes and William of West Mifflin unfortunately have passed away since 2017, Pittsburgh Post-Gazette obituaries indicate.

Third from the end, Mark Zywar answered the phone. He now could be last. But Matthew Zywica of Carnegie Mellon University was a fairly recent arrival to the area, and his name would come after Mr. Zywar's if



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Mark Zywar is used to being last in line for everything.

only he had a landline. His phone number is unlisted on whitepages.com.

(Responding to an email I sent him, Mr. Zywica said he remembers always being last in line but couldn't talk right then. He was busy potty-training his son — a much recommended task given that the little Zywica will forever be farthest from the bathroom.)

So evolution kicks in, with biology demanding patience from those with Z surnames.

Mark Zywar graduated from East Allegheny High School in 1970 — last in the class of 405 to get his diploma. In time, he would join the Navy, where he was last in every official military lineup.

"When they said to get in line in alphabetical order, I would just wait because I knew I was at the end," he said. "Simple as that."

Retiring in March 2018 from Wabtec, Mr. Zywar, 67, was a drill-press operator and a ball-valve maker, with his focus now on caring for his 98-year-old mother, Helen.

A Navy veteran, Mr. Zywar spent most of 1971 through 1973 aboard the USS Detroit, with trips to the four

corners of the world. These days, he enjoys reading "entertaining fiction," including romantic comedies, and painting by numbers with his masterpiece being a large "Last Supper" on canvas.

He once ran two half marathons with a vow to run marathons until he finished one under 4 hours. On his first try, the 1990 Pittsburgh Marathon, he broke the tape at 3:55:23 — about the length of time he waited in line to get his high school diploma.

"I have patience," he boldly declared. "I don't mind waiting. If there was a big line anywhere, I didn't care — and there are big lines everywhere. I take it as it is. People are just in a big hurry to go nowhere."

OK, just a word about those with the surname Aaron. I once interviewed one. Point blank, he said he expected to be first. He graduated first. Enjoyed the most attention. Entered college graduation ceremonies immediately behind the dean. He didn't say he was a prince and Z's were paupers, but I'll bet he said that behind closed doors.

Once when a teacher

switched the order and he was last, he was angry, impatient, psychologically damaged.

"I never heard anyone say, 'Let's start with the letter Z,'" Mr. Zywar said, ruining my reminiscence about the Aaron interview.

When Mr. Zywar votes, he tells the poll worker to hand him the card at the bottom of the stack. When he was receiving unemployment decades ago, his appointment was last, which meant the official was tired and cranky.

Once shy, Mr. Zywar had a heart attack at age 50 and underwent quadruple bypass surgery. He was told the surgery could change his personality, potentially making him angrier or happier. Being a Z, he emerged happier, thankful, more talkative.

"That's why I'm kind of mouthy now," he said. "I'll talk your ear off about any subject."

And after two hours with Mark, I had only one ear.

So, teachers, caseworkers, social scientists, switch it around occasionally. Give the Z's some ease. Let them go first. Make those Aarons stew at the end of a very long line.

Hold a Z festival. Give them keys to cities. Name bridges after them. Make gourmet Z-26 steak sauce.

And like Mr. Zywar, Z's should take full pride in being as special as the final few.

"When it comes to being last, not too many people are going to beat me," Mr. Zywar proclaimed, declaring victory, while I sat there with one ear and a patient smile.

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AT&T might sell network that airs Pirates, Penguins

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One possible reason for the delay in the Pirates' negotiations is the recent activity of Sinclair Broadcast Group, whose acquisitions confirm industry belief in the importance of live sports. When Disney purchased 21st Century Fox, a deal that became official in March, the U.S. Department of Justice required it to sell 22 regional sports networks, known as RSNs. Sinclair purchased them for \$9.6 billion in May.

Sinclair also will partner with the Chicago Cubs to launch an RSN called Marquee Sports Network, which will exclusively broadcast Cubs games beginning next year. Bloomberg reported that Sinclair could be interested in purchasing AT&T's RSNs.

Any acquiring company will perform due diligence on the four RSNs. An expiring contract with the Pirates could lower the value if the team asks for more money, while a long-term deal with the club could increase value.

"It works both ways," said Chris Bevilacqua, who negotiated TV contracts for the Texas Rangers and San Diego Padres and led the creation of the Pac-12 Network during three decades of work in the media industry. "I think you just have to also kind of step back and look at the reality of the marketplace."

The Pirates, Penguins and AT&T declined to comment.

Great importance

AT&T SportsNet Pittsburgh has already changed hands in recent years. In 2006, News Corp. sold the network, then FSN Pittsburgh,



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Stan Savran, left, and Michael McKenry do the AT&T Sportsnet Pittsburgh pregame show Tuesday at PNC Park.

to Liberty Media as part of an asset swap. Liberty formed a new company with DirecTV in 2009 that operated the RSN, and AT&T bought DirecTV in 2015. Not much changed except the logos on the microphones, but this time could be different.

Even if AT&T doesn't sell, the coming negotiations hold great importance for a Pirates team that has lost local revenue in recent years due to declining ticket sales.

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reported in 2013 that the current TV deal, a 10-year contract that took effect in 2010, pays the Pirates in the neighborhood of \$20 million each year. Pirates president Frank Coonelly has disputed that number but said nondisclosure agreements prevent him from providing the actual figures. Though decreased attendance has resulted in less local revenue, that will correspond with larger revenue-sharing receipts after years of decline in that area.

The Pirates have an average attendance of 19,485 per game this year, up about 1,000 per game from last year

but down from 30,847 in 2015. They went 98-64 that year and made the playoffs for the third year in a row, but lost the wild-card game for the second consecutive season. Since then, they went 78-83, 75-87 and 82-79, and after a weekend series against the New York Mets, they were 46-59 and in last place in the National League Central Division.

Their opening-day payroll, which increased from \$34.9 million in 2010 to \$98.8 million in 2016, was \$76.6 million this year.

The collective bargaining agreement between Major League Baseball and the Major League Baseball Players Association assigns each team a market score, based on population, cable households and income, for the purposes of revenue sharing. The Pirates rank 27th out of 30 teams. The San Diego Padres (25th) agreed to a 20-year deal in 2012 with Fox Sports that will reportedly pay them an average of \$50 million a year along with a 20% equity stake in Fox Sports San Diego — a deal Mr. Bevilacqua helped ne-

gotiate. The Cleveland Indians (24th) receive \$400 million on a 10-year deal that began in 2013.

The passage of time could help the Pirates get even more than that, but television realignment does not make renegotiation easy.

"I've got this expiring deal with AT&T, who may or may not be my partner ... when I've got to redo this deal, what do I think about all the potential outcomes here?" Mr. Bevilacqua said. "You're trying to think through all this without having perfect information."

In the end, according to industry experts, a reunion with AT&T SportsNet, whatever its name and parent company, makes a good deal of sense. Splitting up the Pirates and Penguins doesn't do anybody any favors, and given the lack of other local options, a reunion seems plausible. There could be a trade-off — another company acquires the RSNs, but AT&T receives help on the distribution end, for example.

Or, the dark-horse option. "Ever since the three Fox networks, Denver, Pittsburgh and Seattle went to, originally DirecTV and then to AT&T, there has been speculation that since all three of those markets are Comcast cable markets, that it would make sense that Comcast be the buyer," Mr. Desser said. "That hasn't happened for whatever reason. Maybe price, maybe lack of interest, I don't know. And Comcast is still in that business in many other markets, so there's a certain logic to it."

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Marla Williams, of West Mifflin, on Thursday at her home. On the table behind her are several medications that she needs to manage chronic asthma, heart failure and other health ailments. She relies on the state’s General Assistance program, scheduled to end Thursday, to buy her medications.

End of state assistance program will have recipients scrambling to makes ends meet

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still need cash to pay for essential items. Food stamps can’t be used to purchase nonfood items, such as hygiene products.

Her General Assistance went to items such as laundry detergent or other cleaning supplies, toilet paper, copays on her inhalers, and a tithe to her church — “I give the Lord his 10%,” Ms. Williams said.

Similarly, Carolyn Georgia, 61, of Hazelwood, now undergoing immunotherapy for lung cancer, is also awaiting a decision from the Social Security Administration.

The program’s end “leaves me with zero income, period,” she said. She is looking at various local charities to see what other kind of assistance might be available.

She said she used General Assistance funds for things such as cleaning products, toilet paper and bus fare.

But what advocates say makes the program so needed — the flexibility of cash that allows people to buy what they need or can’t obtain through other assistance programs — is likely what doomed it politically.

Republican legislators, the majority party in the House and Senate, attacked the program as being unaccountable and subject to fraud.

“The issue in this program is accountability,” said Rep. Greg Rothman, R-Cumberland, arguing in a House floor debate over ending the cash assistance.

Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf signed the bill to end the program, which was paired legislatively with some hospital funding.

The program will end Thursday, unless advocacy groups Community Legal Services and Disability Rights Pennsylvania succeed in getting a court injunction to halt the program’s demise. Some legislators have introduced a bill to establish a similar program, called the Emergency Relief Program.

Legislators ended General Assistance once before, in 2012. A legal battle ensued then, as well, and after years in the courts, the program was reinstated last year following a state Supreme Court ruling that said legislators had eliminated it in an unconstitutional way.

The program also helps youths aging out of foster care who have no family support, people unable to work due to entering drug or alcohol treatment, and women leaving domestic violence situations.

“Most people who receive General Assistance rely on it as a temporary safety net in times of crisis,” Marc Cherna,

director of the Allegheny County Department of Human Services, said in a sworn statement submitted as part of the litigation filed last week.

“I always worked, up until this happened ... I have always worked. I didn’t exactly plan on being ill,” said Tammi Lawton, 60, another local General Assistance recipient who has also applied for federal disability assistance.

When the program ended in 2012, it led to greater housing instability, people missing appointments because they couldn’t afford transportation or medical copays, and delays in family reunification for families with children in foster care, Mr. Cherna’s statement said.

If it ends again, Mr. Cherna said, his agency “expects to see similar impacts ... residents will have a harder time maintaining stable housing, accessing transportation and critical services, and will see overall negative impacts to their health and well-being.”

“I always worked,” Ms. Williams said. “I always had money to pay my bills, I’m at a loss right now ... the only person who can help me out right now is Jesus.”

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ALMANAC On this day, July 29

1786 In the newly launched Pittsburgh Gazette, Hugh H. Brackenridge wrote about a light fog at the junction of the three rivers in the morning. He observed that it consisted of vapor “which the sun of the preceding day had extracted from trees and flowers and in the evening had sent back into dew ... experienced to be healthful.”

1856 The Pittsburgh, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroad was incorporated and its line was opened to Chicago from Allegheny. 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: Former Sen. Elizabeth H. Dole, 83. Documentary maker Ken Burns, 66. Actor Wil Wheaton, 47. Rhythm and blues singer Wanya Morris (Boyz II Men), 46. Actor Stephen Dorff, 46. Hip-hop DJ/music producer Danger Mouse, 42.

Thought for today: “Great things are not done by impulse, but by a series of small things brought together.”

— Vincent van Gogh (1853-1890)

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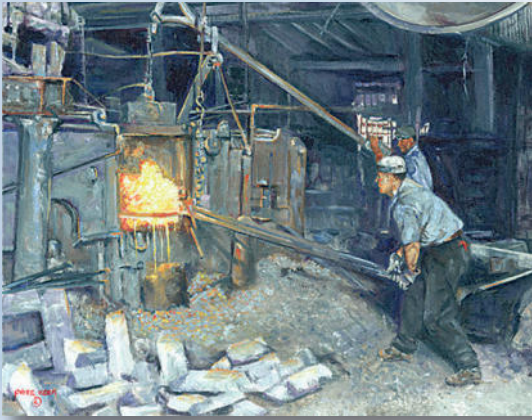
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Family links gas drilling to ill health

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counties where shale gas development is underway.

While there’s no established scientific link between drilling and fracking and rare cancers, the latest Compendium of Scientific, Medical and Media Findings Demonstrating Risks and Harms of Fracking, which includes 1,778 studies, does show that fetuses, infants and children face increased risk of air- and water-pollution-induced health impacts from shale gas development, ranging from preterm births and birth defects to asthma, headaches, nosebleeds, neurological problems, depression and cognitive decline.

It also cites “substantial evidence” that drilling and fracking activities and wastewater disposal “inherently threaten groundwater and have polluted drinking water sources.”

Bolstering Mr. Latkanich’s assertions are test results from a toxicology report in August 2018 by UPMC toxicologist Michael Abesamis that says Ryan’s health issues could be linked to gas wells in their backyard. That assessment involved blood and urine screening in conjunction with air and water tests. Dr. Abesamis declined to be interviewed for this story.

“The patient does have significant risk for toxic exposure given living situation, proximity to drilling sites, and based on air and water testing that has previously been done on the home property,” Dr. Abesamis’ report states.

He noted that Ryan had “no obvious signs of acute toxicity” but identified the cause of his health problems as “hydraulic fracturing exposure ... volatile hydrocarbon exposure.”

“Chemicals identified in the water include chemicals used with hydraulic fracturing ponds,” the report continues. “This could be contributing to symptoms [because] exposure concentrations are high enough. Father’s reported similar symptoms also could suggest this etiology” or causation.

Trapped in a danger zone

For eight years now, Mr. Latkanich has fought with shale gas companies involved with drilling and fracking operations on his property. It started with Phillips Exploration Inc., which bought and then eventually sold his property’s gas-drilling rights to Atlas Energy. Chevron Appalachia LLC acquired Atlas and drilled and fracked two wells behind the brick house Mr. Latkanich finished building in 2001.

Time and again since drilling occurred in 2011 and 2012, rainwater has cascaded from the elevated well pad, flooding his backyard and leaving water pooled against the house’s back wall, Mr. Latkanich said, blaming it for the bowing, cracking and shifting of his home’s double cinder block foundation.

By the time the wells were completed, 18.4 acres of the 33-acre Latkanich farm were so dug up that he said he can’t operate a commercial vegetable farm as he had intended nor build a house for another family member.

He declined to make public how much he was paid for the use of his land or royalties for the gas produced, but he claimed the payments were a small fraction of the millions he says he was promised. The payments, he said, don’t come close to covering the damage to his home and property, his claims of water contamination, or health problems he and Ryan have experienced.

“No money is available to relocate,” said Mr. Latkanich, who is disabled from a benign brain tumor that left him blind in one eye with impaired peripheral vision in the other eye and polycystic kidney disease, problems that developed before the drilling on his property.

But he attributes recent heart problems and other health issues, including asthma and neuropathy, to chemicals and pollution from the drilling operations.

The family could hook up to a public water system. But in addition to the cost of that, Mr. Latkanich said it also could expose him to the water disinfectant chloramine, which subjects people with kidney disease to a risk of ammonia toxicity, according to the web-site chloramine.org.

He buys drinking water but continues using well water for bathing, showering and dish washing, he said.

Chevron spokeswoman Veronica Flores-Paniagua said the family’s well water was compromised by contamination from E. coli, a potentially lethal pathogen, before drilling and fracking got underway in 2011. The company also said his claims of damage to his property, water and home “aren’t based in fact” and added that multiple water tests by the state DEP found no contaminants above safe drinking water standards.

“Chevron has thoroughly investigated Mr. Latkanich’s concerns, tested his water, and demonstrated that its operations have not affected Mr. Latkanich’s water,” she said in an email that also said the DEP tested his water in 2013 then six times between February 2017 and March 2019 in response to his complaints and the water supply was “not adversely affected by oil and gas activities.”

But Mr. Latkanich showed the Post-Gazette one DEP test of his well water with measured levels of bromides, chlorides and salts — common contaminants from oil and gas operations. DEP indicated that the levels were within drinking water standards.

Ryan’s deteriorating health led the family to UPMC, where he underwent toxicology testing in May 2018. The final report, made available to the family in May 2019, states,



Bryan Latkanich stands next to bottled water in his garage. He said chemicals were found in his home’s well water soon after natural gas production started near his house, but the DEP and Chevron say the quality of his well water is within drinking water standards.



Bryan Latkanich pushes his son, Ryan, on his bike at their home in Deemston, Washington County. Mr. Latkanich says Ryan has many health problems that a toxicology report has linked to well drilling and fracking operations near their house.



The Latkaniches live with a shale gas well pad directly behind their home.

“Overall this is an unfortunate situation, however patient and family members have already removed themselves from the source of exposure, which is the definitive treatment,” referring to the fact that the Latkaniches no longer drink well water.

“Certainly [I] agree with DEP/EPA [U.S. Environmental Protection Agency] involvement to address the source of this exposure,” Dr. Abesamis’ report says.

His main recommendation was for the family to stay away from the source of exposure — their house and its air, in addition to the water, as much as possible.

“How do we do that?” Mr. Latkanich said. “The majority of my wealth is invested in this house and property.”

DEP in the middle

The DEP says it thoroughly investigated the Latkanich water complaint and issued findings on May 14, 2019, indicating that no elevated contamination levels were found.

But John Stolz, director of Duquesne University’s Center for Environmental Research and Education, said chemicals now known to be hazardous aren’t restricted by federal drinking water standards established long before shale gas operations got underway in Pennsylvania.

“Bromide showed up in several of Bryan’s water tests and seemed to correlate with an increase in chloride,” he said, having supervised independent water testing on the Latkanich property — at Mr. Latkanich’s request — and having analyzed DEP water test results. “The presence of both can indicate groundwater impacted by brine or produced

water. Why the DEP would discount this is puzzling.”

Product of wastewater — produced water or brine — containing bromide is associated with fossil fuel extraction and utilization, the U.S. EPA states online.

So Mr. Stolz said its presence in the Latkanich well water suggests that shale-produced water — water sometimes referred to as fracking fluids — has infiltrated his well.

“DEP will consider water to be safe even when chemicals are present, if the concentrations are below the maximum contaminant level” established by EPA standards, he said. “These standards are based on the general population and do not consider compromised individuals who may be at greater risk for exposure.

“The DEP also has the tendency to come to a negative determination if the levels of contaminants eventually return to ‘pre-drill’ levels, even if there had been a significant change in water quality,” Mr. Stolz said. “This makes it very difficult to defend a landowner’s claim.”

In response, DEP spokeswoman Lauren Fraley said the DEP has no authority to regulate drinking water supplies and can only determine whether or not oil and gas activity has diminished water quality or quantity. But water tests revealed no evidence that oil and gas activity had impacted Latkanich well water, based on repeated water testing and site inspections.

Brine and bromide were present in the well water at fluctuating but low levels but never exceeding statewide drinking water standards and lacking characteristics typ-

ical of oil and gas activity. Prior to oil and gas activity, she said, testing showed that Latkanich well water had bacterial contamination above drinking water standards, making it unsafe to drink.

Ms. Fraley said Chevron contends that Mr. Latkanich has denied the company access to parts of his property near the well site, preventing it from permanently restoring the site and complying with the storm-water management requirements of its drilling-related permit.

Mr. Latkanich said he’ll continue to block access to his property until he reaches a financial agreement that covers the house and property damages that he claims have occurred.

But Ms. Flores-Paniagua, the Chevron spokeswoman, said an engineering study concluded that problems with the foundation wall resulted from design flaws, not Chevron operations. She said the company cannot complete restoration of the disputed acreage as long as it is banned from the property.

“We will not speculate on the medical condition of a child,” she said, referring to Ryan. “[Dr. Abesamis] is not a water expert. Water quality is tested by the DEP,” which says it has not found harmful levels of contamination.

Mr. Latkanich said Chevron previously offered him \$70,000 to fix the home foundation but also wanted him to sign off on water contamination claims and allow the company to tie up even more of his land by constructing drainage ditches. That caused him to end further negotiations.

“Currently the site is unrestored, and DEP is evaluating options to bring it into compliance,” Ms. Fraley said. “Restoration requirements at the conclusion are applicable to all wells and not related to potential contamination that may be alleged.”

Within days after the DEP responded to Post-Gazette questions about the Latkaniches, the department scheduled a conference with him to resolve their differences.

“While there is no formal arbitration or litigation that DEP is aware of, DEP encouraged both parties to discuss site restoration during a conference,” Ms. Fraley said.

Mr. Latkanich said he took his son and a friend — an environmental activist — with him to the conference in early June. But he said the DEP told the activist and Ryan to leave the meeting before it began. That left him alone with a DEP attorney, two DEP managers and a field inspector, two Chevron attorneys and three other company officials — nine people in all.

“I wasn’t prepared,” he said.

But he did offer — off the top of his head, he said — a settlement amount considerably higher than the \$70,000 the company had offered for damage to his house and property. His figure also included losses from the commercial vegetable business he has been unable to start. Within days, he said, he received written notification that Chevron wanted to take the issue to neutral arbitration. Chevron did not comment to the Post-Gazette on settlement amounts.

“It is our hope to amicably resolve all of Mr. Latkanich’s concerns,” Ms. Flores-Paniagua said. “Look, we do care about the community and adhere to local, state and federal regulations and do our best to be responsible operators.”

Mr. Latkanich said if the company were truly amicable, it would have met his price for settling claims of property and house damage, rather than pushing for arbitration.

Ryan still has health issues but has been attending classes in the Bethlehem Center School District.

“Nothing is resolved because they do what they want and deny that anything happened,” Mr. Latkanich said. “I have a sick kid, and a medical professional is telling me why.

“Who do you believe when I have a sick kid and I’m sickened by it, too?” he said. “I’ve just been through hell.”

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News briefs

Trump: Rep. Cummings is racist, not me

Compiled from news services

Facing growing accusations of racism over his incendiary tweets, President Donald Trump tried to deflect the criticism Sunday by labeling a prominent minority congressman as himself racist and accusing Democrats of trying to “play the race card.”

Mr. Trump assailed Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., as a racist after the president’s criticisms of the congressman’s majority-black district in the Baltimore area as a “rodent-infested mess” where “no human being would want to live” drew widespread condemnation from Democrats as race-baiting.

Mr. Trump insisted nothing was racist about his criticism and tweeted back, “If racist Elijah Cummings would focus more of his energy on helping the good people of his district, and Baltimore itself, perhaps progress could be made in fixing the mess that he has helped to create over many years of incompetent leadership.” He offered no detail to back up his accusations against Mr. Cummings.

The president’s comments capped a weekend of attacks on Mr. Cummings, the powerful chairman of the House Oversight and Reform Committee, and marked his latest rhetorical shot against non-white lawmakers, exacerbating racial tensions. Two weeks ago, Mr. Trump caused a nationwide uproar with racist tweets directed at four Democratic congresswomen of color.

Tear gas in Hong Kong

Popular central Hong Kong neighborhoods became foggy battlegrounds Sunday as police, for the second day in a row, fired tear gas and projectiles at thousands of protesters who were again demonstrating without official authorization.

The clouds of gas left bystanders — including children, tourists and the elderly — choking and sputtering, underscoring the growing risks of Hong Kong’s deepening political crisis, now in its eighth weekend.

Police and protesters alike shouted warnings to residents to close their windows and protect themselves from tear gas. But the noxious gas, fired around the trendy Sheung Wan neighborhood near central Hong Kong, seeped into packed residential buildings, hotels and air-conditioning systems.

Hong Kong’s tensions were sparked by a bill that would allow fugitives to be extradited to China and have deepened as the government refuses to fully withdraw the proposal.

Nadler on impeachment

President Donald Trump deserves to be impeached, but the House Judiciary Committee is still investigating to determine whether to report resolutions to the full House, the panel’s chairman said.

“He richly deserves impeachment. He has done many impeachable offenses. He’s violated the law six ways from Sunday,” Rep. Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., said on CNN’s “State of the Union.” “The question is: Can we develop enough evidence to put before the American people? We’ve broken the logjam.”

On Friday, House Democrats took a significant step toward opening an impeachment inquiry as the Judiciary Committee asked a federal court to force the release of grand jury information from Mr. Mueller’s investigation.

Puerto Rico successor

The woman who is supposed to replace Puerto Rico’s embattled governor announced Sunday that she doesn’t want the job.

Justice Secretary Wanda Vazquez tweeted that she hopes Gov. Ricardo Rossello will appoint a secretary of state before resigning Aug. 2 as planned.

Former Secretary of State Luis Rivera Marin would have been next in line as governor, but he is one of more than a dozen officials who have resigned in recent weeks since someone leaked profane messages in which Mr. Rossello and advisers insulted people, including women and victims of Hurricane Maria.

Dan Coats to step down as intel chief

Post-Gazette wire services

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump announced on Sunday that Dan Coats will step down as the director of national intelligence after a tenure in which the two were often at odds over Russian election interference, North Korea and the president’s own attacks on the intelligence community.

“I am pleased to announce that highly respected Congressman John Ratcliffe of Texas will be nominated by me to be the Director of National Intelligence,” Mr. Trump tweeted. “A former U.S. Attorney, John will lead and inspire greatness for the Country he loves. Dan Coats, the current Director, will be leaving office on August 15th. I would like to thank Dan for his great service to our Country. The Acting Director will be named shortly.”

Mr. Ratcliffe has been a staunch defender of Mr.



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Dan Coats, director of national intelligence, testifies during a Senate Armed Services Committee hearing on March 6 in Washington. Mr. Coats, who spent his tenure at odds with President Donald Trump, will leave office on Aug. 15.

Trump. As a member of the House Judiciary Committee, he sharply questioned Robert Mueller, the former special counsel, at last

week’s hearing.

Mr. Coats had long been expected to depart of his own accord, an administration official said, but he

ended up staying on longer so it would not seem as if he was forced out during a time of conflict with Mr. Trump. In a meeting last

Mylan, Pfizer merger could create generic giant

GIANT, FROM A-1

Prices have declined for a range of reasons, in part because fewer blockbuster drugs — like the one-time Pfizer bestsellers like Lipitor and Viagra — are losing their patent protection. (Prices fall more slowly immediately after patents expire, then drop precipitously after that.) Pharmacies and wholesalers have also been banding together to create giant buying groups, creating more leverage against generic drug companies.

As a result, generic drugmakers like Teva and Mylan have struggled, leading some companies to shed their generics units or others to consolidate. Last fall, Novartis sold parts of its Sandoz generics unit to Aurobindo Pharma.

Under the terms of the potential all-stock transaction, Pfizer would spin off the off-patent unit and then merge it with Mylan to form a new publicly traded company, these people said. Mylan shareholders would own about 40% of the combined business. Pfizer would also

receive about \$12 billion in cash from the sale of new debt by the merged business.

Pfizer has focused on drugs that are expected to maintain patent protections for some time, both those it has developed on its own and those it has acquired through takeovers. Last month, for instance, it agreed to buy Array BioPharma, a maker of specialized cancer treatments, for about \$10.6 billion.

That has also meant parting ways with lower-margin businesses. Last year, Pfizer agreed to combine its consumer health

care unit, which includes products like Advil and Centrum multivitamins, with GlaxoSmithKline’s.

Pfizer’s off-patent division, known as Upjohn, reported about \$3 billion in revenue in the first quarter this year. Mylan, which had a market value of \$9.5 billion as of Friday, reported \$2.5 billion in sales during the same period.

Although Mylan is primarily a generic-drug company, it gained notoriety in 2016 in the uproar over the skyrocketing price of the EpiPen. Mylan CEO Heather Bresch was the

target of much of the outrage but kept her job, even as vilified executives from other drug companies that rapidly raised prices — including Martin Shkreli of Turing Pharmaceuticals and J. Michael Pearson of Valeant, now known as Bausch Health — were forced to depart.

But under the terms of the potential deal, Ms. Bresch would step down. The current head of the Pfizer off-patent unit, Michael Goettler, would take over as chief executive. Mylan’s current chairman, Robert Coury, would become executive chairman.

Tab at Kopy’s Bar falls into gray area of undercover policing

TAB, FROM A-1

Chris Togneri, a police spokesman, was unable to say whether police keep an internal ledger to track their undercover spending, whether that ledger includes receipts or similar supporting documentation, or how police ensure that a detective who takes money for an undercover operation doesn’t just pocket the funds.

“In general terms, I can tell you that the process in place for spending money on investigations is heavily audited and includes multiple checks and balances,” Mr. Togneri said, without providing details.

In the wake of the Kopy’s incident, public safety officials discovered several other instances in which undercover detectives drank alcohol on the job. The officials created new guidelines for undercover alcohol use, a police spokeswoman said, although police have declined to release details.

A review of the bureau’s spending from the impost fund — which is funded by money or assets seized during joint federal and local narcotics investigations — shows that police requested funds for “undercover bar investigations” 12 times during 2017 and 2018.

Those withdrawals ranged from \$100 to \$930, according to the vouchers. An additional \$2,000 was requested by Detective David Honick for an “undercover operation” the week that undercover detectives busted two dancers at Blush Gentleman’s Club for prostitution.

Detective Honick, who was at the center of the incident at Kopy’s Bar, requested \$1,000 on July 20, 2017 — the day of the Blush bust — and then asked for an additional \$1,000 on July 26, 2017, saying it was connected to the previous request, records show.

A July 20 form said the money was to be used for an “undercover operation.” On July 26, a second form noted that the cost of that operation was “now 2000.”

An affidavit written by Detective Honick said the two women offered to have sex with two undercover de-



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A woman walks by Kopy’s Bar in the South Side on Friday.

tectives in exchange for \$2,400.

Mr. Togneri would not say Friday whether Detective Honick’s expense requests were related to the operation at the strip club or what the money was spent on.

Tipsy Cow

Seven of the 12 requests for funds to be used for “undercover bar operations” during 2017 and 2018 were made by now-retired Detective Rebecca Meder, who said Thursday that she had been assigned to the nuisance bar task force.

“That’s why all the money went through me,” she said. “I would sign money out, and it was used for the operation.”

Sometimes, the money she signed out would actually be spent by someone else, she said, adding that she kept a close eye on it.

“I had no reason to believe it wasn’t being spent on an investigation,” she said.

In one instance, Ms. Meder used fund money to pay for a glass of sangria and a burger at Tipsy Cow, a Shadyside burger joint, because a “kitchen employee might be involved in drug sales.”

She noted in the \$20 expense voucher that she did not observe any “activity” during her meal.

She said that the meal was part of an official operation in which she assisted narcotics detectives.

Pittsburgh city code says the impost fund should be used for expenses related to

narcotics investigations, as well as other expenses in line with federal guidelines and as approved in writing by the city’s public safety director.

Most of the purchases police made using the fund in 2017 and 2018 were documented with receipts, invoices or bills. A review of records showed that the money is used for a wide variety of expenses, including vehicle repairs, clothing for officers, translation services, training and food.

For undercover operations, police officers, detectives and sergeants requested the money in chunks as small as \$100 or as large as \$3,000, and listed a general reason for the request. Often, detectives wrote, “Funds for CI payments and undercover buys” or “Funds for CI payments and homicide investigations.”

Audit underway

City Controller Michael Lamb said Wednesday that police are not required to submit receipts for undercover expenses because of the confidential nature of the investigations.

“Whenever you’re doing an audit on this kind of stuff, you bump up against these kind of limitations,” he said. “It’s a hard line to draw. For our purposes, we would love to be able to know more. For police purposes, I know they want to keep as much confidential as they can. A lot of it has to do with the investigative nature of their work and the safety of their officers.”

Mr. Lamb said he believes that police previously kept an internal ledger of undercover spending and said his office was able to review that ledger during a 2013 audit of the impost fund. He was not sure if such a ledger still existed.

The controller’s office is currently in the middle of an audit of the fund, which happens every four years.

Mr. Lamb said the police bureau can reduce the likelihood of misuse by ensuring that multiple people within the police department are involved in supervising the money, so that any scheme to misuse funds would be caught.

“You’ve got to rely on the higher-ups within the investigative unit,” he said. “That’s part of their job. They entered into the same kind of ethical oath we all do.”

It can be difficult or impossible to get receipts in some undercover investigations, experts said, but there are a variety of ways officers can keep a detailed account of their spending.

Receipts when possible

Superintendent Coleman McDonough of Allegheny County Police said Friday that his agency keeps a ledger of undercover spending, and the spending is also documented in bank statements and detectives’ reports. Once a month, he said, a narcotics supervisor checks those various documents against each other to ensure money is being spent as it should be.

“If we can get a receipt for something, we do,” he said. “But obviously if you are on the street buying narcotics, you’re not going to ask for a receipt.”

In those scenarios, the spending is documented in other ways, he said. Payments to confidential informants, for example, typically must be witnessed by more than one detective, and usually the informant is asked to sign a form documenting the payment, he said.

“We try to limit the number of people in the agency who have access to the identities of informants, for obvious reason,” Superintendent McDonough said. “Generally speaking, in reporting

they’re not identified by name but by number.”

Harold Johnson, an agent who retired from the attorney general’s office last year after 29 years, said agents there were also required to have confidential informants sign a form acknowledging they had received a payment from police.

“When I did my undercover work, we spent a lot of times in clubs to make connections. Every penny of that was accounted for,” he said. “We would say, ‘This is what we spent’ and sign a receipt, or make a report.”

Richard Odenthal, who retired from the Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department after a 32-year career, said there are times when it can be difficult to verify spending in undercover operations.

“There is no real way to backtrack,” he said. “I’m not going to ask the suspect, ‘Did they give you \$200?’ At some point you have to rely on the fact that the officers and their supervisors are being truthful in what they are doing.”

Superintendent McDonough said need for integrity is one reason why it is important to be careful when selecting detectives who will have undercover duties.

“They may not be as intensely supervised as some of the traditional duties, so you need to pick people with integrity and maturity,” he said.

Elizabeth Pittinger, executive director of Pittsburgh’s Citizen Police Review Board, said Friday she believes that the incident at Kopy’s has already begun to spur needed reforms of the Pittsburgh police narcotics and vice unit.

“We have obviously learned a lot and learned that there were significant deficiencies operationally and accountability-wise,” she said, adding that she believes that the bureau has taken steps to fix the problems. “The illumination on that worked, and they’re fixing all that from the inside.”

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Auto talks rev up

The negotiations are likely to be messy

Prepare for a messy round of national contract talks this summer between the United Auto Workers and the Detroit Three automakers. The crux of the talks will be about job security and what new products will be built at which plants in the next few years.

Talks officially opened about a week ago, with the car firms and the union each talking tough. Framing the talks are the recent big profits by General Motors Co., Ford Motor Co. and Fiat Chrysler Automobiles as well as the pronounced shift in the public buying many more light trucks and sport utility vehicles and fewer small cars, and an ongoing decline in overall U.S. vehicle sales.

The four-year contracts that cover 150,000 workers with the Detroit Three expire the night of Sept. 14, so bargaining likely will be done quietly until late August when the UAW typically picks a target company. It then hammers out an agreement with that automaker and will try to impose most of the wages, benefits, and other terms on the other two companies.

Key issues will range from the use and pay of temporary workers and the amount of worker cost-sharing for health care to the amount of profit sharing and keeping existing plants open. Talks at GM in particular but all three in general will seek explicit commitments to produce new vehicles, and jobs, at U.S. factories, instead of at plants in Mexico or elsewhere. Future use of GM's Lordsburg, Ohio, assembly plant, which was essentially shuttered this year, displacing thousands of workers, likely will be hotly debated.

GM, Ford and Fiat Chrysler all want to cut costs, especially with slumping sales. The Center for Automotive Research in Ann Arbor, Mich., says Fiat Chrysler pays \$55 an hour in wages and benefits to UAW workers, while Ford pays \$61, GM pays \$63 and foreign-owned U.S. plants pay about \$50.

To temper that cost difference with the foreign automakers, automakers will seek the ability to use more temporary workers and pay them well under the \$30 an hour



Carlos Osorio/Associated Press
Gary Jones, president of the United Auto Workers union

made by a full-time UAW worker. This becomes especially critical for the Detroit Three for competitive reasons as many Americans don't shop for a UAW-made vehicle and often don't distinguish between a U.S.-branded car company and those such as Honda and Toyota, which have U.S. plants making vehicles.

Of all the issues, however, the UAW would most likely strike if it does not get what it desires on firm commitments to build products and add jobs. Each automaker presumably will be prepared to address this demand.

A backdrop to this year's talks, particularly at Fiat Chrysler, is the union corruption uncovered since the last national contract. One top UAW official and four other union-related people have been convicted of improper use of money from funds jointly run by Fiat Chrysler and the UAW. A federal criminal investigation into related problems continues.

The scandal could lead some UAW members who might dislike the terms of a tentative agreement to feel their union leadership sold them out for a behind-the-scenes deal. That will make it tougher for the union bargainers to reach a contract acceptable to the rank-and-file.

The outcome of the negotiations is monumental and affects not only the plants and workers of the Detroit Three, but many auto suppliers and their workers. It can have a rippling effect through the economy. Let's hope for earnest discussions and reasonable solutions.



Letters to the editor

Cultural trust helps Downtown safety

I agree wholeheartedly with Kevin McMahon's requests of Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto (July 17, "Downtown Crime Disturbs Cultural Trust"). As a former employee of a company located at Sixth Street and Liberty Avenue, I saw on numerous occasions city police and police dogs trying to peacefully curtail fights, drug exchanges, panhandlers, etc., only to be ridiculed and mocked by the perpetrators, who in turn continued doing what they were doing.

My husband and I are season ticket subscribers to the Pittsburgh CLO and are also frequent visitors to Downtown for business and pleasure. The abhorrent condition of this area was recently brought to the surface with the closing of the parking garage on the corner of Ninth Street and Penn Avenue. We decided to find a garage in that area until, after a CLO performance, we drove down Liberty Avenue and saw how frightfully impossible that would be for anyone who has a concern for his or her well being.

My husband and I are frequent travelers also, and the first thing we notice upon returning from a trip are the news reports about the killings and shootings taking place in various areas of the city. The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust has come a long way in making Pittsburgh a better place, and it should be given everything it has requested to provide safety for the people attending its performances, thus aiding Downtown residents and others as well.

ROSE MARIE LANG
Monroeville

way. But there are many that do; look at his rallies.

It's like the country is on the ledge of a building and considering jumping off into a hate-filled future. It scares me. It should terrify us all.

NICHOLAS BALANDIAT
Baldwin Borough

Choice of two evils

I had a conversation with a friend about the current state of the Republican Party. A Reagan-Bush Republican, he said that Donald Trump has pushed him to consider Democratic presidential candidates. I recognize that his sentiment is not unique, and a number of suburbanite Republicans might agree with him, preparing to break rank next fall.

I will write what I told him. First, the evils of Donald Trump's presidency have been grossly overstated by bad-faith partisan actors. Contrary to what some congressmen might believe, the administration is not holding undocumented immigrants in "concentration camps." Anyone who suggests otherwise has a perverse misunderstanding of history or an ignoble desire to profit off of mankind's most sinister hour.

Furthermore, many detractors fancy calling the president a "fascist," but these critics have little understanding of the word: Mr. Trump has never jailed a critic, or seized control of the economy or forcibly usurped power by violence.

Nevertheless, for Americans like my friend, 2020 will be a choice between two evils. But

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what of this second evil? It's the greatest atrocity of our time: the senseless taking of innocent lives thousands of times over every year, abortion.

We must prioritize those issues so grave that they demand immediate action. I will bear the moral consequences of compromise, the insults hurled at Trump voters and the friendships threatened or lost in order to inch closer toward the inevitable end of this barbaric and murderous institution. I hope you can find the strength to do the same.

DAN FREEMAN
Mount Washington

Start the healing

Pitt, UPMC receive grant to treat sickle cell disease

Sickle cell disease is the result of one mutation in one gene. This slight deviation in the biological course has caused incredible pain for the people whom it afflicts, mostly people of African descent.

The mutation causes red blood cells to have an increased viscosity and an abnormal sickle-like shape. These factors make sickled cells more likely to clog the body's blood vessels.

The disease, which affects approximately 100,000 Americans and 4.4 million worldwide, causes excruciating pain, strokes and often death. The only current remedy for sickle cell disease is a bone marrow transplant, an option that is rarely used due to its expense and danger.

But the University of Pittsburgh and UPMC are exploring a new option known as red cell exchange. Far from simple, the process replaces 70% of a patient's blood with donor blood. But while the procedure has been around since the 1980s, it has never been subjected to rigorous research or trials in the treatment of sickle cell disease.

That's what Pitt and UPMC are hoping to do with a new \$19.2 million grant from the National Institutes of Health. The Pittsburgh researchers will lead a seven-year clinical trial involving 150 patients at 22 medical

sites in the U.S., United Kingdom and France. Some patients will receive conventional methods of care while others will receive the red cell exchange. Dr. Mark Gladwin, Pitt Department of Medicine chair, told the Post-Gazette's Kaisha Jantsch that he expects the red cell exchange to produce positive results, including improved health and organ function.

One patient, 60-year-old Gale Langhorn-Cox, has had her sickle cell disease treated with red cell exchange since 2013. She says the procedure has made her feel better and more energized.

There are concerns about red cell exchange, such as the potential for blood clots and infection. The procedure also requires a lot of blood, which, in turn, requires a lot of time and money.

But the potential to more effectively treat those with sickle cell disease is a worthy expenditure of time and money for Pitt, UPMC and NIH. Due to the disease's concentration in minority communities, treatment for sickle cell disease has not often received adequate funding or attention.

Being at the forefront of treating such a pernicious and deadly disease will not only boost the reputations of the institutions involved, but will help heal those who have so often been overlooked.

Aimed at Pa.?

Looking at the offensive tweets of President Donald Trump, followed by the chants of "send her back" at his rally, I wonder: Is this aimed at us? Can Mr. Trump feel Pennsylvania is like that?

And I wonder, could he be right? People have dark places inside them. People you think are educated, stable, with good incomes aren't like that, right? But then I look at a few neighbors and even people close to me and you see that dark side.

Some of us have embraced that hatred.

I remember a story about lynchings that showed a picture of a Sunday afternoon with kids and parents enjoying the day, right after church. People were smiling and, in the background, you see a person hanging from a tree. This was the past, I thought. And now, the president has embraced and even retweeted others' hateful posts in addition to posting more hate of his own.

I think he is banking on us giving in to that dark place in a person's soul, craving to hate. People feel empowered by it and Mr. Trump says it's OK to feel that power of hate and to act upon it.

He feels we, in an older industrial area, must be older and whiter and think like he does. Do we though?

I am hoping we don't feel that way. I'm hoping Michigan and Wisconsin also don't feel that

Food pantries need extra help in summer

During the school year, 43,000 children rely on free and reduced-price meals throughout Allegheny County. In the South Hills, nearly 4,000 kids qualify for these meals. But what happens during the summer?

During summertime, kids are spending more time at home, they don't have access to school-based meals, and working parents struggle with the costs of providing food along with child care. In short, our kids are hungry.

This has a big impact. Hungry kids are more likely to fall behind, experience developmental delays, and face social or behavioral problems. This is why summer food programs exist for children throughout the county, though locations and transportation are barriers to many.

So, it's not surprising that many families turn to local food pantries to put food on the table. During the summer months, however, food pantry shelves often are bare. Here at South Hills Interfaith



Movement, we see that the food so generously donated by our community during the winter months has long been distributed by the time we reach July.

And right now, the need is astounding. This past June, SHIM's three food pantries served more than 1,900 people in 592 households — a record number — all while augmenting pantry items with fresh produce from our 13 community gardens.

SHIM is not alone. The heat is on nonprofits throughout our region. Help us help the working poor among us: Make an online donation, host a food drive or drop off food items.

Learn more — and see the most-needed items — at shimcares.org.

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Perspectives

Cynthia D. Shapira

Ruben Navarrette Jr.

Tuition freeze gives students a better shot

Any Pennsylvanian should have an opportunity to succeed at a State System university

The board of governors for Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education has watched for years the cost of higher education skyrocket in both the commonwealth and across the country. Annually, at our July meeting, we bemoaned this state of affairs and in the sunshine of public meetings tried to determine how much more tuition our students can tolerate.

This year we did something different—we took a bold stand for our students and a major step in affirming our mission to provide quality, affordable higher education.

The board voted this month to freeze tuition for the upcoming year. This means that the cost for an in-state student to attend one of our 14 universities and earn his or her undergraduate degree will be the same in 2019-20 as it was last year, just \$7,716. The board also froze technology fees at \$478.

Our tuition remains significantly more affordable than even the average public university in the United States, which charged more than \$9,700 in tuition and fees last year, according to U.S. News & World Report.

I’ll be the first to admit that in years past, this board has not always faced tough decisions with firm resolve. But, today I sense a



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remarkably new level of commitment to our students and clear vision for the future.

This is the first time in two decades the board has held the line on tuition year to year. We took this action as a tangible demonstration that we are putting our students first.

We are grateful to Gov. Tom Wolf and the Legislature for being our partners in this endeavor, evidenced in a 2% increase this year in state appropriations for higher education. Now we must prove that we are taking the steps to ensure a return on this investment.

Our students (and parents) have borne the greatest share of the financial burden as tuition and fees have risen to about 47% of the cost of attending a PASSHE

institution.

Each year, as tuition and fees have increased, more and more of the commonwealth’s students seeking to enroll in one of our great schools have been priced out. This cannot continue, from both an ethical perspective and as a business model. Taking the step to freeze tuition is the first bold move to signal we are serious about redesigning our operations.

We want to imagine prospective students and their families across our commonwealth seated at kitchen tables this summer, crunching numbers in the hope of affording a college education and realizing that a PASSHE school is a great option.

Any Pennsylvanian, regardless of financial circumstances, should have an opportunity to apply to,

and succeed at, a State System university. “Success” means that students graduate on a timely basis with the ability to enter a career and lead productive lives.

And with 90% of our students residing in Pennsylvania and so many remaining here after graduation — one-third of whom are pursuing STEM or health care degrees badly needed — we serve the commonwealth as well. This is our mission and this is why we’re freezing tuition for 2019-20.

There are many crossroads ahead for the State System and our universities, many decisions which cannot be put off any longer. These choices on costs, leadership, and sharing resources will have a direct impact on the State System’s viability and sustainability. The board is prepared to make the right choices on behalf of our students.

Today, through the tuition freeze, we’ve sent a clear message to every future and current student. We’re committed to your success. We are taking this stand — here and now — and pledging to do what we must do to keep high-quality education affordable.

Cynthia D. Shapira is the chair of the board of governors of Pennsylvania’s State System of Higher Education.

Kenneth I. Moch

Scientists can beat Alzheimer’s

Will short-sighted politicians stand in their way?

More than 4,000 Pennsylvanians will lose their battle to Alzheimer’s disease this year. This debilitating condition is the sixth-leading cause of death in our state. Pennsylvania will spend an estimated \$342 billion treating this disease between 2017 and 2030.

Nationwide, someone in the United States develops Alzheimer’s disease every 65 seconds. Nearly 6 million Americans currently live with this devastating condition. By 2050, that number could skyrocket to nearly 14 million, costing the country well over \$1 trillion annually.

To avoid this societal tsunami, we need to find a cure for Alzheimer’s. Unfortunately, our leaders in Washington are considering policies that would make it nearly impossible for scientists to develop such treatments.

The path to discovering the next breakthrough for Alzheimer’s is paved with peril. Innovative companies of all sizes have tried, but not one of the 87 programs undertaken over the past 15 years has succeeded. The cumulative estimated cost of developing a new Alzheimer’s drug is

nearly \$6 billion — twice the cost of developing the average drug.

Despite these astronomical costs and disheartening odds, many are striving to conquer this disease. For example, my team at Cognition Therapeutics, a clinical-stage neuroscience company based in South Side, is working on a novel approach to protecting and restoring synapses — the brain’s electrical circuitry — in Alzheimer’s disease.

According to a recent report, there are 74 clinical-stage Alzheimer’s research programs underway today. These trials seek to stop, prevent or slow the progression of the disease. Small biotech companies like mine account for almost 80% of these programs.

Several government proposals threaten to stifle these advances by making it virtually impossible for research companies to attract investment dollars.

The Trump administration wants to tie Medicare drug reimbursements to the reimbursement rates in other developed countries, where government officials use price controls to keep drug costs artificially low.

Meanwhile, some in Congress want to overhaul how Medicare

pays for drugs. Right now, Medicare drug prices are set through negotiations between drug makers and private payers, like insurers and hospitals. But under a proposed system known as “binding arbitration,” the government would appoint supposedly neutral arbiters to determine reimbursements.

In practice, arbiters would likely side with the government officials who appointed them and set prices well below a drug’s fair market value. Since arbiters’ decisions would be final and legally binding, companies would have no recourse to appeal these decisions.

These policies would prove disastrous for Alzheimer’s researchers, who already struggle to attract funding for their projects. From 2008 to 2017, U.S. biotech startups that research Alzheimer’s drummed up just one-16th as much venture capital funding as startups researching cancer, even though Alzheimer’s currently costs our health care system over twice as much as cancer.

It’s important to ensure that medicines are affordable. But there won’t be any breakthrough medicines at all if we adopt policies that dissuade investors from taking a

chance on risky research projects.

Brilliant scientists and savvy entrepreneurs are working tirelessly to deliver new treatments to patients in need. Painting these innovators as villains may be good politics, but it hinders their ability to save and improve lives.

We also can never lose sight of the needs of our family and friends who are suffering from Alzheimer’s disease — or will in the years to come. There are millions of people who, like me, have watched as the essence of a loved one slips away, as vibrancy turns into days spent staring at walls without recognizing the world around them. As we live longer, thanks in part to modern medicines, all of us face the potential that we or someone we love will be afflicted with this disease.

We are on the cusp of medical breakthroughs that will benefit current and future generations — as long as our leaders don’t discourage scientists and investors from tackling the world’s most devastating and debilitating diseases.

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The cost of renting a public park

When a public park closes and people aren’t sure why, nobody likes it.

I began getting email and text messages in the middle of last week about the big white tent going up in the middle of Schenley Plaza. Workers had fenced it off; security had been set up; and cryptic little green signs were posted on the fencing, saying only: “This Plaza is Reserved For a Private Event.”

The queries were all in “what the ... why of all the ... you oughta” variety. I contacted the city and the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy to find out what was up.

Two University of Pittsburgh alumni were having a wedding in the big tent Saturday. The neighboring restaurant, The Porch, provides the catering for such events and it was closed Friday and Saturday, too. Anyone with enough money could do what this couple was doing. The conservancy advertises the rental rates on its website.

The entire plaza was closed only Saturday, but most of it was closed for the better part of last week. The conservancy’s advertised rental rates include \$2,250 for a wedding ceremony and reception under a tent on the 1-acre Emerald Lawn, and \$7,500 for taking the entire plaza for the day.

The event received a permit from the city’s special events committee,



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and there’s a \$200 fee for that. There’s also a daily site fee of \$75 “for events of more than one consecutive day.” It was unclear from the list what other fees might have been levied, but it says “all times include set-up and clean-up,” and tables, chairs, a stage, lights, tents and such need to be rented separately.

“They paid a rental fee for the day of the event, and made an additional donation equivalent to the cost of use for all additional days,” John Pepper, director of marketing and communications for the conservancy, said in an email. “All revenue will support the maintenance and operations of Schenley Plaza.”

Even if I could find them, I had no interest in calling anyone in the wedding party the day before the wedding to see how big a check went to the city and conservancy. They evidently filled out all the necessary forms and paid all the required fees, so I wish the couple nothing but happiness.

But one wonders what kind of sense it makes for a prominent public park to be wiped out peri-



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Public parts of Schenley Plaza were closed this past weekend due to a wedding ceremony.

odically so it can be transformed by the moneyed into their own private party spaces.

The conservancy has devoted \$200,000 to finance the gathering of petition signatures for a November referendum (not yet written) on whether to raise property taxes by a half-mill and devote the roughly \$10 million raised each year to parks. Some of us believe City Council should devote more of the city’s growing revenue to park maintenance and improvements before raising any taxes, but there’s no question the parks need better care.

Keeping the public out of the better part of this plaza for most of a week is not a good way to finance the parks in the interim.

“The cost to operate and maintain this beloved public space is not insubstantial,” Mr. Pepper wrote. “Apart from last year, the

plaza has run in the red each year since its opening.”

The plaza opened in the spring of 2006. Before that, it had been a 240-space parking lot. Though the Pittsburgh Parking Authority built other parking spaces nearby and reported a net loss of only 68 spaces, the transformation still inconvenienced commuters to Oakland. Pittsburghers accepted that inconvenience because the promise was a little gem of a park, and we got one.

Snatching that green away on an irregular basis with no warning and little explanation is no way to treat the citizenry. The city ought to decide soon that some private events are just too big to hold in Schenley Plaza. It’s a park, not a reception hall.

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Living and learning

America can address the grievances of its citizens

What do I have to complain about anyway?

That’s what a nosy reader wanted to know. I had just marked the Fourth of July by penning a love letter to America, in which I noted that — as a Mexican American — the country I adore doesn’t always adore me back.

I’m not alone. A friend from Venezuela, who is a U.S. citizen, says she is “starting to feel like I have PTSD from all this malignancy.” Another friend, whose parents came from Mexico, warns me that we haven’t hit bottom and “someone is going to get hurt.”

Nonetheless, the reader, a self-identified white male, was skeptical that my *compadres* and I have any legitimate beefs.

“I would like to understand your grievances,” he said.

I smelled a trap. I suspected he just wanted to dismiss my objections and inform me that I had nothing to gripe about. Some people can be so helpful.

“Some of my best friends are Hispanic,” the reader said. “And none have ever mentioned the discrimination you allege.”

So what? All I know is what I’ve gone through during my half-century walking the planet with brown skin. It hasn’t been a stroll in the park. In the past few decades, the explosive demographic growth of the Latino community has caused many Americans to fear and loathe the nation’s largest minority.

This episode is a rerun. In the 1770s, Benjamin Franklin worried that German immigrants would “Germanize” the Colonies.

Since 1990, Latinos have been targeted by at least six fear-mongering politicians who treated them like piñatas — former California Gov. Pete Wilson, former presidential candidate Patrick Buchanan, former Rep. Dana Rohrabacher, R-Calif., Rep. Steve King, R-Iowa, former Rep. Tom Tancredo, R-Colo., former Arizona state Sen. Russell Pearce and, of course, President Donald Trump.

I’ve been told to “go back” where I came from since I started writing columns in 1989, back when Mr. Trump was busy running an airline into the ground.

It’s odd to see liberals get worked up over the “go back” controversy because they know how to dish that insult. A couple years ago, after I bashed Barack Obama for record numbers of deportations, an angry liberal told me: “Go back to Mexico — and take Donald Trump with you.”

As for grievances, I didn’t think I had any. I’ve got a great family and a good life — not to mention, a profession I love. But now that I think about it, I do have a few bones to pick.

There’s the constant “othering” of Latinos intended to deny us opportunities, limit our influence and put us in our place. There’s the scourge of white privilege, where those with light skin are treated differently by everyone from employers to police officers. There’s the insanity of the “imposter syndrome” where we have to over-achieve in a system where the children of the rich and famous can under-achieve. There’s cultural appropriation by those who try to impersonate us — whether it’s in Hollywood, the restaurant business or the current presidential race. Finally, there’s an attempt to silence us by claiming we’re oversensitive, biased or hateful.

These are dizzying times. If someone says or does something racist, and you call him on it, then *you’re* the racist. If someone victimizes you and you holler, then you’re clinging to victimhood. The actual bigots want to be able to say and do whatever they like. And if some people give them grief for it, those who do the complaining are the ones with the problem.

Remember when conservative Republicans sermonized us on taking responsibility for our actions. Now they want a free ride on their bigotry.

Meanwhile, Mr. Trump is still obsessed with attacking the four freshman congresswomen who make up “The Squad.” As he sees it, any person of color who is serving in Congress rather than, say, serving lunch is just “lucky.”

That’s rich coming from a guy who was raised with a silver spoon, dodged the Vietnam War, inherited millions from his father, avoided hefty taxes, ran for president against possibly the most unpopular Democrat in America, and got the New York-based media to hand him the GOP nomination over a dozen more seasoned candidates. Talk about lucky.


How about that? It turns out I do have grievances. Many of us do. Luckily, we live in a place where we get to air them — so that they can be addressed, and a great country can become even greater.

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Today

87

68



A.M.
RUSH
69
LUNCH
82
RUSH
85

Humid with sunshine
mixing with some clouds.
Winds SW at 7-14 mph.

Tomorrow

79

65




Mostly cloudy, a heavy
t-storm; humid. Winds
SW at 6-12 mph.

Wednesday

79

62




Clouds and sun with a
thunderstorm; humid.
Winds SSW at 4-8 mph.

Thursday

82

62




Mostly sunny. Winds NNW
at 4-8 mph.

Friday

82

63



Sunshine with a shower
or thunderstorm. Winds
ENE at 4-8 mph.

Weather outlook

Humid with sunshine mixing with some clouds today. Partly cloudy tonight. Mostly cloudy and humid tomorrow with a shower or heavy thunderstorm around starting late morning on. Chance of precipitation 55%. Wednesday: times of clouds and sun with a shower or thunderstorm around; humid. Chance of precipitation 55%. Thursday: mostly sunny.



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	Today			Tomorrow		
	Hi/Lo	W		Hi/Lo	W	
Albany	89/69	t		91/69	s	
Albuquerque	94/69	pc		93/70	pc	
Allentown	92/70	s		94/69	s	
Anchorage	68/56	pc		70/57	pc	
Atlanta	89/72	pc		88/71	t	
Atlanta City	87/75	s		86/74	s	
Baltimore	94/69	s		95/70	t	
Birmingham	92/72	pc		90/71	t	
Boise	96/66	s		96/64	pc	
Boston	90/75	pc		92/73	s	
Buffalo	86/70	s		78/65	t	
Charleston, S.C.	90/70	s		90/72	s	
Charleston, W.Va.	90/68	s		81/66	t	
Charlotte	91/66	pc		91/68	pc	
Chicago	82/65	t		77/62	pc	
Cincinnati	87/69	s		82/66	t	
Cleveland	89/70	s		82/66	t	
Columbus	89/69	s		82/65	t	
Dallas	92/74	c		97/76	s	
Dayton	87/69	pc		82/64	t	
Denver	92/64	s		96/64	t	
Des Moines	84/59	s		77/58	c	
Detroit	86/69	t		83/64	t	
Erie	87/71	pc		79/67	t	
Fairbanks	70/52	sh		70/53	c	
Grand Rapids	79/65	t		79/57	pc	
Greensboro	89/67	s		90/69	pc	
Hartford	92/71	t		95/69	s	
Harrisburg	94/70	s		94/70	s	
Honolulu	89/77	pc		89/77	pc	
Houston	93/77	pc		91/76	t	
Indianapolis	85/68	pc		82/62	t	
Jackson, Miss.	90/72	t		86/70	t	
Kansas City	87/61	s		78/62	pc	
Las Vegas	111/86	pc		105/83	pc	
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Louisville	91/71	pc		85/68	t	
Memphis	88/73	t		87/71	t	
Miami	91/77	t		91/79	t	
Milwaukee	83/65	t		73/61	pc	
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Norfolk	91/70	s		90/72	s	
Oklahoma City	95/69	c		95/70	s	
Omaha	85/60	s		75/63	pc	
Orlando	91/74	t		90/74	t	
Philadelphia	93/75	s		94/73	s	
Phoenix	109/88	pc		102/81	c	
Portland, Maine	86/68	c		88/69	s	
Portland, Ore.	84/58	s		81/59	s	
Providence	89/72	t		90/70	s	
Richmond	93/69	s		92/70	s	
Sacramento	87/57	s		86/55	s	
St. Louis	84/68	t		83/64	s	
Salt Lake City	100/74	pc		100/77	s	
San Diego	76/67	pc		75/67	pc	
San Francisco	69/56	pc		69/56	pc	
San Juan	87/80	t		89/79	t	
Seattle	82/58	s		76/59	pc	
Spokane	88/60	s		86/58	s	
Syracuse	88/70	t		87/67	t	
Tampa	90/76	t		89/76	t	
Toledo	88/68	t		85/62	t	
Tucson	103/79	pc		95/75	c	
Washington, D.C.	94/75	pc		94/75	s	
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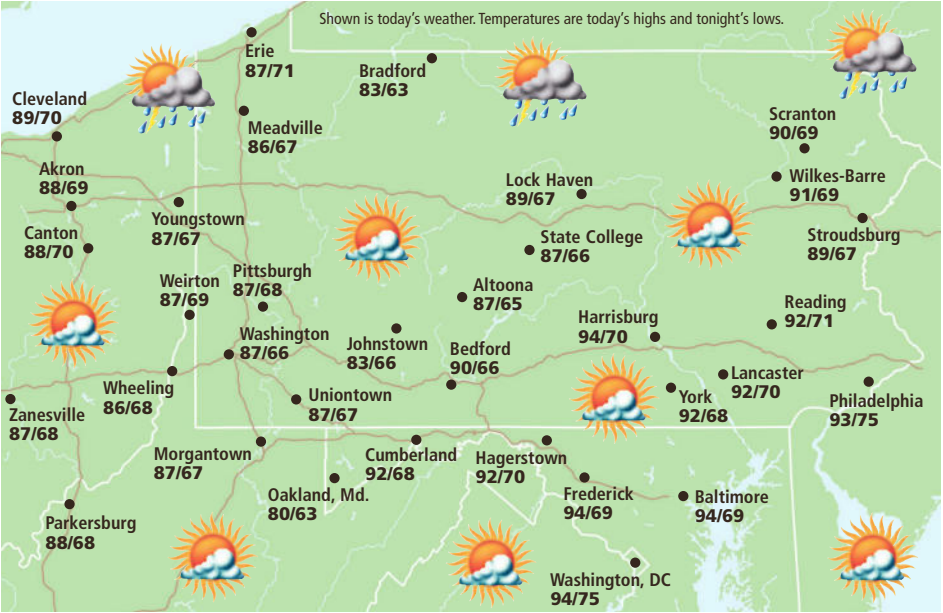
Yesterday's Record

Readings from the Pittsburgh Int'l. Airport through 5 p.m. July 28, 2019

TEMPERATURE	
High	85
Normal high	82
Year ago	77
Record high	96 (1993)
Low	70
Normal low	63
Year ago	60
Record low	47 (1962)
DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	
Yesterday	+4.9
Month to date	+2.2
Year to date	+1.0
HUMIDITY	
High	78 (at 5 a.m.)
Low	45 (at 5 p.m.)
PRECIPITATION (inches)	
24 hours ending 5 p.m. yest.	0.00
Month to date	6.79
Normal month to date	3.48
Departure from normal	+3.31
Year to date	32.18
Normal year to date	22.88
Departure from normal	+9.30
BAROMETER	
Yesterday's high	30.20
Yesterday's low	30.11

Skywatch today

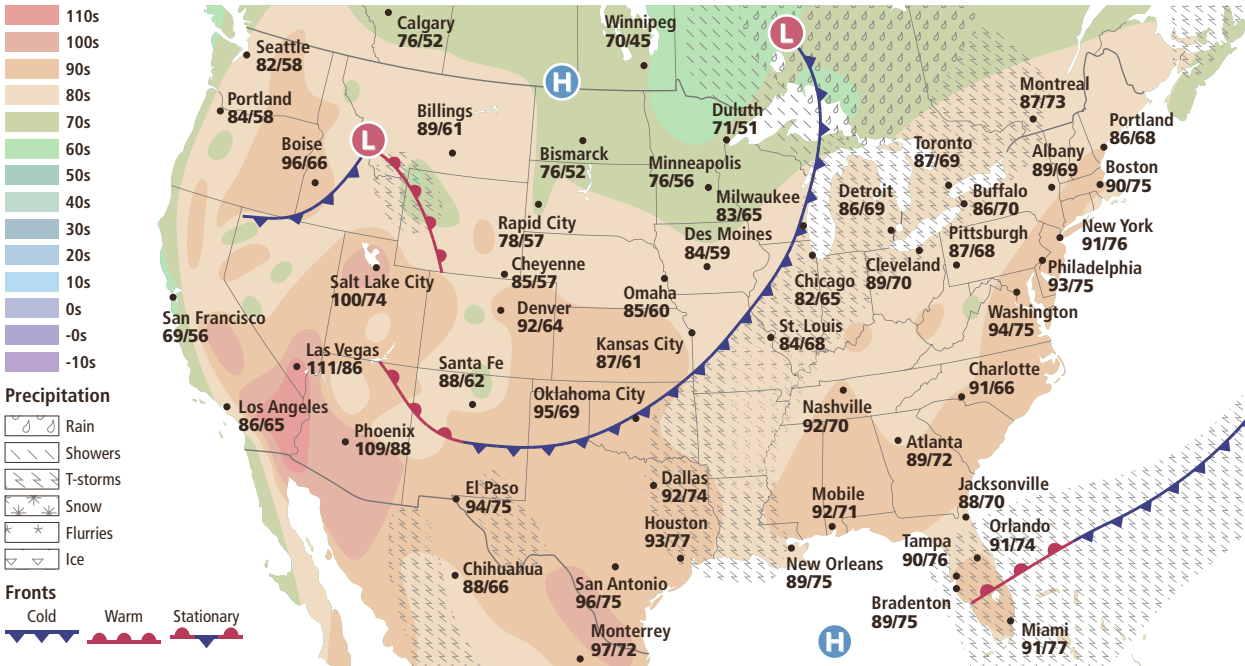
Sunrise	6:15 a.m.
Sunset	8:39 p.m.
Moonrise	3:25 a.m.
Moonset	6:40 p.m.



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.



River Stages

ALLEGHENY	
Franklin, Pa.	3.70 S
Parker, Pa.	3.00 F
Sharpsburg, Pa.	11.00 S
MONONGAHELA	
Gray's Landing, Pa.	10.30 F
CHEAT	
Parsons, W.Va.	3.90 F
WEST FORK	
Clarksburg, W.Va.	1.52 F
YOUGHIOGHENY	
Sutersville, Pa.	4.10 F
BEAVER	
Beaver Falls, Pa.	5.90 F
OHIO	
Pittsburgh, Pa.	16.30 R
Dashields Dam	14.40 F
Montgomery Dam, Pa.	12.60 F
Pike Is. Lock and Dam, W.Va.	14.10 F

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

Moon Phases



World Cities

	Today			Tomorrow		
	Hi/Lo	W		Hi/Lo	W	
Athens	93/76	s		91/74	s	
Auckland	63/51	pc		59/48	sh	
Baghdad	113/84	s		114/83	s	
Beijing	84/73	t		95/74	pc	
Berlin	89/70	t		82/64	pc	
Bermuda	86/79	sh		86/79	pc	
Bogota	67/49	t		68/49	c	
Buenos Aires	60/44	c		66/50	s	
Cairo	97/78	s		100/78	s	
Copenhagen	80/65	t		76/61	t	
Dublin	67/54	pc		66/54	sh	
Frankfurt	81/63	pc		86/62	pc	
Hong Kong	91/81	sh		91/82	t	
Jerusalem	85/62	s		89/66	s	
Johannesburg	73/43	s		73/42	s	
Kinshasa	86/68	pc		83/67	pc	
London	76/60	pc		70/60	t	
Madrid	93/62	s		89/63	s	
Manila	86/78	t		87/78	sh	
Mexico City	72/54	t		73/54	t	
Montreal	87/73	t		85/69	pc	
Moscow	61/46	c		58/47	c	
Nairobi	75/55	s		74/57	c	
Nassau	89/80	t		89/80	pc	
New Delhi	93/81	pc		93/80	pc	
Oslo	83/59	pc		63/52	t	
Paris	84/61	pc		78/58	sh	
Rio de Janeiro	79/67	s		83/69	s	
Rome	85/69	pc		86/68	s	
Seoul	87/78	sh		86/77	t	
Singapore	90/79	pc		89/80	pc	
Sydney	69/53	pc		60/51	r	
Tokyo	87/79	pc		87/79	pc	
Toronto	87/69	t		81/62	t	
Vancouver	74/57	s		72/58	c	
Vienna	79/68	t		85/69	pc	
Warsaw	90/68	pc		86/62	t	

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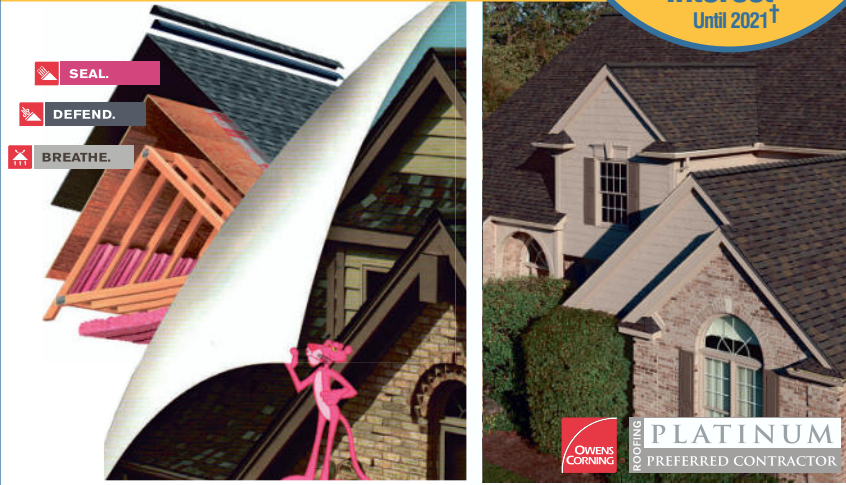
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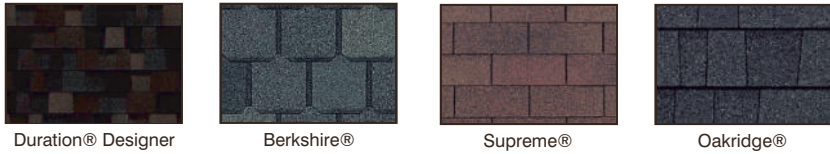
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‘A complete tragedy’

Braddock mourns loss of street preacher, anti-violence crusader after fatal shooting

By Ashley Murray
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Braddock is mourning the loss of a community fixture after the shooting death Saturday of the neighborhood’s well-known street preacher, boxing coach and activist, the Rev. Sheldon “Sarge” Stoudemire.

A 19-year-old Braddock resident has been charged in the killing of the ordained Baptist minister in the North Side’s California-Kirkbride neighborhood.

“Rev. Stoudemire would have been the first one to forgive him,” Sgt. Pedro Valles, of the neighboring Rankin Police Department, said of the suspect. “If he would have survived this, his first meeting would have been with that kid.”

Rev. Stoudemire, a former Army Ranger, boxing champion and social worker, made his mark on the Mon Valley communities east of Pittsburgh, often standing at Sixth Street and Braddock Avenue, preaching to anyone who would listen. Police officers knew to call him if a family found themselves in the crosshairs of neighborhood violence.

“If something happened, and we thought a family needed

counseling, he would show up at 2 or 3 in the morning to comfort them, to pray with them, whatever,” said Sgt. Valles, who bonded with Rev. Stoudemire two decades ago over boxing and discussing community issues. “It’s going to be hard to get somebody to fill that role.”

It was about 3:20 a.m. Saturday when violence took the life of Rev. Stoudemire, 57. During his overnight shift across town at the Northside Common Ministries men’s homeless shelter, the reverend refused entry to Gerard Adams, 19, based on after-hours protocol. Adams fired a gun through the shelter door, striking Rev. Stoudemire in the chest. He died roughly an hour later at Allegheny General Hospital. Adams is charged with homicide and gun and drug offenses.

“When I heard about it, I was like, ‘No, it can’t be him.’ But unfortunately it was,” Braddock Police Chief Guy Collins said. “In reality, it’s a double loss: You have a young man who more than likely [will] end up spending his life behind bars.”

That’s exactly the situation Rev. Stoudemire tried to help

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FINISHING TOUCHES



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Sita Choun, 22, of Harrisburg, sits atop the makeup counter backstage Sunday to apply her lipstick as she and others prepare for the Miss Bhutan U.S. pageant at the sixth annual Himalayan Festival USA at Stage AE on the North Shore. The young women from across the country prepared for a week together, learning about how to participate in a pageant and building a community with one another. “I think it’s a doorway to different opportunities to be able to help my community,” said pageant participant Susmita Subba, 19, of Cleveland.

City fears cable access channel funding loss

By Ashley Murray
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Santiago Garces, Pittsburgh’s director of Innovation and Performance, points to the cable box connected to a small TV in his office in the City-County Building. A live look at a public hearing in City Council chambers is playing on the flat screen.

“There’s boxes like that throughout the city, in community center[s] so people can watch TV and whatnot,” Mr. Garces said. “In our case, we have them in the office so that we can actually tune in to the city channel [to] see if the council is talking about the department.”

The boxes and internet connectivity in 52, or roughly half, of the city’s buildings are provided free of charge by Comcast and Verizon. Mr. Garces estimated the value of free cable services from Comcast to be roughly \$68,000 a year. The companies also give hundreds of thousands in grants each year for public, education and government cable services.

Now Mr. Garces and others fear that those in-kind services could be deducted from fees, or rent, that the big cable players pay to the city for access to run cable and maintain their systems in the public right of way — for example, to lay cable under city streets — space that is a “limited resource,” Mr. Garces said.

The Federal Communications Commission is set to vote Thursday on the proposed rule change.

“What the ruling would do is basically say, ‘Hey, these things you’ve been getting on top of the rent, now Comcast and Verizon are going to be able to deduct that from the rent.’ And the reality is we’ve been using the rent to pay for the city channel and PCTV,” Mr. Garces said.

The city channel — channels 13 and 14 on Comcast and 44 and 45 on Verizon — airs City Council meetings, public hearings and mayoral news conferences, and Mr. Garces’ department streams and archives the content online. Pittsburgh Community Television, or PCTV, located on the city’s North Side, is open to any Allegheny County

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Fifth annual festival celebrates city’s roots in pickle production

For the weekend, we were Picklesburgh

By Bob Batz Jr.
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

People seemed as pleased as a pregnant woman at a pickle festival.

Heather Leighlitner was a pregnant woman at the Picklesburgh festival.

As she strolled on a sunshiny Sunday afternoon from the North Shore toward Downtown on the Clemente Bridge, which was absolutely packed with people and purveyors of all things pickled, she split with her mother-in-law, Beth Leighlitner, a pickled chicken pretzel.

“It’s REALLY good,” said

Heather Leighlitner, a festival first-timer from York, Pa., who noted that she’s due to deliver on Sept. 2.

“Labor Day,” noted her mother-in-law, who lives in Cheswick and who agreed about the pretzel and the festival, “It’s REALLY good!”

People came from across the region and beyond for this year’s fifth-annual party to celebrate Pittsburgh’s “deep pickle roots” going back to the 1800s and H.J. Heinz. Having been named this spring the Best Specialty Food Festival in the U.S. in a USA Today reader popularity poll, the festival-on-the-bridge was pumped to also push into Downtown along

Fort Duquesne Boulevard, doubling its footprint.

“I think we doubled the crowd. That’s what it feels like,” said Jeremy Waldrup, president and CEO of the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership, which co-sponsors the event with Kraft Heinz Co.

He said the PDP used geofencing this year to measure attendance — they’ll know later this week — based on the number of cell phones inside the fest, which is fenced in in part because people are partaking of pickle beer, spirits and cocktails.

But what was in their plastic green Picklesburgh cups wasn’t why, in the mid-80s heat, South

Fayette’s Dale and Donna Clark were sporting knit “Pickles” caps. Their son lives in Portland, Maine, home of the Portland Pickles baseball team. Could there be a better occasion to wear such hats than this fest?

“We love it. It’s Pittsburgh!” he said, between explaining to other Pittsburghers where they got the swag.

People wore this year’s free gold-colored Heinz pickle pins (marking the company’s 150th year) and all kinds of pickle T-shirts — “Dill with it” — and hats — “PGHKLE” — and much more

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Jessie Wardarski/Post-Gazette

SAFETY FIRST Ramona Greco, 5, of Sewickley, checks on her doll riding in the seat behind her Sunday as she pedals her bike through the Armstrong Tunnel with her mom and sister during OpenStreetsPGH. Story, Page **B-3**.

Target to roll out pickup service in 18 area locations

By Stephanie Ritenbaugh
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

As competition among brick-and-mortar stores gets tighter, retailers are offering more ways to bring shoppers to their doors — but often they don’t need to leave the parking lot.

On Monday, Target is rolling out its pickup service, dubbed DriveUp, at stores across the country, including 18 locations in southwestern Pennsylvania — from Butler and Cranberry to the north, Homestead and East Liberty around the city, as well as Monroeville, Harmar, Upper St. Clair and Washington.

Customers can place an order through the Target app and go to

their local store the same day. An employee will bring the order to their car. There’s no charge for the service, which is available at more than 1,550 stores. That’s just shy of the Minneapolis-based retailer’s total of 1,850 locations.

“We did 2 million DriveUp orders in 2018, and it’s been a popular feature,” spokeswoman Jill Lewis said. “Customers use it when there is bad weather or they have young kids they don’t want to take out of car seats or just want to make a quick Target run between other errands.”

The DriveUp expansion is being timed for the back-to-school shopping season, Ms. Lewis said.

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McKees Rocks’ Roxian Theatre gets a second life

First set foot in the Roxian Theatre in 2012 to take a “before” tour with Taris Vrcek, executive director of the McKees Rocks Community Development Corp. This was the theater of his childhood in the Rocks.

Built in 1928 as a vaudeville theater, it played several roles through its century. It was a movie theater for years before it became a banquet hall. It once had a nightclub in the basement, and duckpin



Walkabout
DIANA NELSON JONES

bowling. The projector room was a time capsule, with a calendar turned to December 1979.

The MRCDC bought the property, at 425 Chartiers Ave., in 2011. The original plan for its reuse was drawn up in 2001-03 by the late Jack

Johnston. He was a socially conscious developer with a great imagination, and he fancied this quote: “A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they know they shall never sit in.”

He died in 2018 from heart failure. It was his vision that turned the key in this cumbersome vehicle.

“Seems like two lifetimes ago,” Mr. Vrcek said.

The plan was to restore the Roxian to function as a live-music venue. On my first walk-through, it

was grungy, musty and scuffed up. It smelled of water damage from a basement flood in 2005.

“This is something McKees Rocks needs,” Mr. Vrcek told me then. “This is a catalyst project.”

If there was any building in McKees Rocks that called for attention, it was the Roxian. Old theaters have entertainment in their bones. They were designed for the spotlight.

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McKees Rocks theater gets new life

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When they go dark in small towns, they embody small-town loss. There's a theater like the Roxian in my own childhood — the Robinson Grand Theater in Clarksburg, W. Va. Like the Roxian, it has an "after." Today, the Robinson Grand Performing Arts Center is breathing new life into Clarksburg. One day recently, I toured the "after" version of the Roxian with Mr. Vrcek and Jennifer Szczesniak, an architect with Perfidio Weiskopf Wagstaff + Goettel. This project was her baby, starting in 2015.

Seeing the Roxian is worth the price of going to a show. The blade sign approximates the original, with Deco lettering in yellow and blue. Stucco on the facade was removed to reveal terracotta reliefs and bands. The cool, clean palette inside is light gray.

Everything that's original is beautiful again — decorative bands on the proscenium wall, original plaster grills on the ceiling above the stage and grill work along the side walls in front. The lights are set inside large plaster ceiling discs, rosettes made from a mold to match the old ones.

The original proportions were perfect for sound — a shallow front of house and a balcony in which the furthest seat feels surprisingly close to the performer. It has 32,000 square feet. The theater holds 1,470 people at legal capacity.

Since it opened in April, the Roxian has brought bands including Toots and the Maytals, the Snarky Puppies and Bruce Hornsby, with Common and Bad Religion on the upcoming schedule. Visit roxianlive.com for schedule information.

John Pergal, owner of the Thunderbird Cafe in Lawrenceville, bought the Roxian with partners. They invested \$2 million. Hollywood Music of McKees Rocks created the sound system.

"This project cost \$9 million from day one, in 2004," with the first grants for exploratory work, Mr. Vrcek said. "We drastically underestimated the scope of the complexity."

Underestimating is a good thing. Otherwise, all the great stuff might not be started.

"We spent days crawling through this building doing laser measures," Ms. Szczesniak said. "There were no existing drawings. If a column wasn't revealed above where it was below, we had to figure out where it was. An elevator tower was planned where there was a massive beam."

"We would measure, draw and figure out where to remeasure. It was like piecing a puzzle together."

A large girder truss supports the balcony, which has new seating and handrails, but concertgoers climbing to balcony seats are using the original wood steps.

"We wanted to keep the spirit of the existing theater but with new pieces that gave it some rock 'n' roll," Ms. Szczesniak said.

"Jennifer stood firm for the integrity of the building," Mr. Vrcek said.

"We had to give on some things," she said.

"Things you can't see," he added. "That's the beauty of it. I am so proud taking people on a tour of this place."

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Target rolls out DriveUp pickup service

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Though it's still a relatively small portion of overall sales, click-and-collect is becoming an important part of retailers' business models, Jennifer Bartashus, a Bloomberg Intelligence analyst, wrote in a research note on July 12.

"Walmart, Target and Kroger are rapidly expanding buy-online, pick-up-at-store services, which resonate with young families," Ms. Bartashus noted. "Finding parking and navigating large stores with children can make it hard to keep trips quick and on budget."

"The service attracts an incremental set of customers, costs less and often prompts in-store purchases," she said. "This all helps lock in customer loyalty and enable retailers to capture a greater portion of monthly food budgets."

Meanwhile, Walmart this month unveiled a new Pickup Tower at its Greensburg Supercenter, allowing customers to use a sort of high-tech vending machine near the entrance to pick up online orders rather than walking to the back of the store. The Greensburg store also plans to add grocery pickup on Aug. 20.

To use the Pickup Tower, customers place their order online. When the item arrives in the store, a Walmart employee loads the item into the tower and a bar code is sent to the customer's smartphone. When they arrive, shoppers scan the bar code to receive their order. The service is free.

"The Pickup Tower is a dynamic system that can store a wide range of items of varying sizes," the Bentonville, Ark.-based company said in a statement. "The number of items and their size ultimately determine the how many items it can hold. On average, the Pickup Tower can hold about 300 items, ranging up to the size of a medium-sized microwave."

The upgrades are part of Walmart's estimated \$83 million investment in Pennsylvania this fiscal year, the company said.



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City fears funding loss from cable TV access

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resident to take classes or produce a television show.

Currently, Comcast and Verizon pay the city 5% of gross revenues earned from cable subscriptions in city households and businesses as a rent payment, or franchise fee, in exchange for access to public right of way. The amount is capped by Congress.

In 2018, the city received nearly \$5.2 million in rent. In 2019, the city has received just under \$2.6 million and expects \$5.3 million by the end of the year. The city projects the amount to go down slightly over the next five years “due to fewer subscriptions,” according to the 2019 operating budget.

Mr. Garces estimated that companies could deduct at least \$700,000 annually from those payments if the FCC approves the rule change. An exact total was not readily available as the city doesn’t publish cable grants as part of its operating budget, according to the Office of Management and Budget.

“It’s hard to say exactly how it will affect PCTV,” said John Patterson, executive director of the station.

Eighty-five percent of PCTV’s funding comes from cable company grants given to the city by Comcast and Verizon. In 2018, that amounted to \$618,004 for PCTV.

Community television advocates say that multi-billion-dollar cable giants are trying to take money back from public services in the interest of profit. According to Forbes, Comcast was expected to make \$54 billion from its cable services in 2018.

“Suddenly the city has to cough up money or get bids to replace its networking infrastructure because

the cable company wants to make more money,” said Mike Wassenaar, president and CEO of the Washington, D.C.-based Alliance for Community Media. “It’s not like consumers in Pittsburgh are going to see their fees drop. It just means the operating margin for the cable operator goes down so they can profit more.”

Comcast and Verizon did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

The D.C.-based Internet & Television Association, one of the industry’s largest trade groups, maintains that local governments have taken advantage of “substantial ‘in-kind’ contributions, like free services, free advertising, free channels for their programming, and even for extra ‘voluntary’ cash contributions,” according to a November 2018 blog post that spokeswoman Joy Sims highlighted.

“Together, these requirements add up to an amount well beyond the fee cap that Congress established,” the post read. “The process that was intended to encourage the deployment of services to strengthen communities is instead placing an unnecessary burden on cable operators that threatens to hinder their ability to innovate and expand their services.”

Ms. Sims declined to comment further.

But Mr. Garces said a ruling in favor of the cable companies would be a “ruling against the city’s ability to control its destiny and maintain the thing the city was created for, which is controlling public right of way and public space and resources that benefit all residents.”

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“Suddenly the city has to cough up money or get bids to replace its networking infrastructure because the cable company wants to make more money.”

— Mike Wassenaar, president and CEO, Alliance for Community Media

For a weekend, we were Picklesburgh

PICKLES, FROM B-1

green than you would expect at a Pittsburgh event that’s not the St. Patrick’s Day Parade.

Nemi Shulz sported a really green dress as she, like everybody else it seemed, had her photo taken beneath the giant Heinz pickle balloon floating over the middle of the bridge.

Unlike everybody else, she also took a photo of her friend David Watkins holding two jars of chilled pickles that he brought with him in an insulated bag from Columbus, Ohio, where he’s president of Ben’s Best kosher pickles.

“I’ve been in the pickle business since 1977,” said Mr. Watkins, who explained that when he realized he didn’t have to harvest cucumbers Sunday, he decided to drive over and check out the fest.

The couple said they had split a pickle in a waffle cone — what? — and picked up her jar of pickles pendants.

The Godsave family of Canada found themselves in a pickle fest having come from Burlington, Ontario, to Pittsburgh for the Dude Perfect show (those guys hit Picklesburgh, too). Twelve-year-old Alexandra got first crack at a local organic pickle on a stick.

“That’s so salty!” she exclaimed before handing it to her 10-year-old brother, Harrison, who at first didn’t bite, and then when he did, made a sour face and spit.

There were unusual tastes, for sure — peanut

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butter pickle cookies, hot pickle popcorn, pickled nachos, pickle egg rolls, pickled dill pierogies, chocolate-covered pickles. The Pittsburgh Pickle Co. offered a Cinn-a-Pickle Parfait, made with vanilla pudding, graham-cracker crust and its cinnamon-apple cider pickles.

“It’s kind of a crazy idea,” the young man at the pickle sampling station acknowledged, “but it will change your life.”

That local company supplied the 32-ounce jars of “pickle juice” that 10 finalists chugged Sunday afternoon while vying for the title of “Mayor of Picklesburgh.” Even presented ice cold, company co-owner Will Patterson said, a quart of pickle brine is “a LOT.” Hence, every jar was accompanied by a barf bag.

West Mifflin’s Joe George downed his jar in 6.12 seconds to retain his title, bestowed on him with appropriate drama by Pittsburgh Mayor Bill Peduto.

Mr. George whooped it up but was humble in victory, thanking his family for supporting him and the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership for providing this great event.

The PDP’s Mr. Waldrup thanked him for not throwing up.

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SUPER DAD Cash Branson, of Wexford, plays with his son Kent, 3, on Sunday during Wizard World Comic Con at David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Downtown. Visit [post-gazette.com](#) for a video highlighting actor Zachary Levi’s visit to the event.

Bikers, skaters and swordsmen take over South Side roadways for July’s OpenStreets

By Molly McCafferty
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Bikers, runners and skaters took to the city’s roadways Sunday in the summer’s final installment of OpenStreetsPGH, an event series that promotes outdoor activity.

OpenStreets was started five years ago by nonprofit BikePGH. For three days in the summer, OpenStreets closes a select number of city streets to car traffic and opens them up to free exercise classes, kids’ activities and vendors peddling food and fitness services along the route.

Sunday’s event featured a 3.6-mile loop through Downtown, Uptown and the South Side. Along the route, circus artists did acrobatic stunts on the Birmingham Bridge as the Rollaway Dog Cafe served gourmet treats to pet owners along Forbes Avenue.

At 14th Street and East Carson Street, instructors from Pittsburgh Sword Fighters spent the morning performing demonstrations, showing off their collection of longwords and rapiers to curious passers-by. Instructor Josh Parise said the group has been attending



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David Vesely, 4, of Dormont, pedals quickly past a doorway Sunday as he rides through the Armstrong Tunnel toward Forbes Avenue. David was accompanied by his mother.

OpenStreets for three years in hopes of spreading “the philosophy of the sword” among Pittsburgh residents.

“It’s just an interesting way to show people what opportunities they have if they are interested by the swords,” Mr. Parise said. “If your inner 12-year-old doesn’t want to stop at this booth, then you’ve basically killed your child inside.”

“We’re just kind of bringing the pointy things to the people, you know?” he added.

Among the other groups

tabling near the South Side’s main hub of activity was Steel City Roller Derby, Pittsburgh’s only women’s flat-track roller derby league. Team members skated the route and passed out flyers in hopes of encouraging Pittsburghers to attend their monthly matches at Pittsburgh Indoor Sports Arena in Harmar.

“This is a great place to share what we love and get other people interested in joining and coming to our games,” team member Alissa Millenson said.

Braddock copes with reverend’s death

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young people avoid, close friends say.

Lee Davis, 49, of East Pittsburgh, said he remembers as a teenager seeing Rev. Stoudemire jogging around Braddock.

“We were always curious who was this black man jogging through the neighborhood. Why was he staying in shape? You didn’t see a lot of black men jogging through certain neighborhoods,” Mr. Davis, a group violence intervention expert and CEO of Lee Davis & Associates Consulting, said. “We started hearing whispers that he was a boxer. That was inspiring. After a while, he started talking to us.”

Mr. Stoudemire achieved success in boxing as a young man, including while he was stationed in Germany for two years as an Army Ranger in the 1980s.

According to a 2005 Pittsburgh Post-Gazette report, Mr. Stoudemire held a 126-6 amateur record, earned 14 titles and went undefeated in his professional career. He left the sport in 1992.

Tika Hemingway, 33, of Tarentum, the 2009 Team U.S.A. National Boxing champion, credits Rev. Stoudemire for her initial interest in the sport. Ms. Hemingway won the 2019 national Golden Gloves title.



The Rev. Sheldon “Sarge” Stoudemire

“My first coach, Sheldon Stoudemire, got me involved and I’ve been in the ring ever since,” she said in her Team U.S.A. bio.

In 2006, Rev. Stoudemire became the first street patrol director for the Pittsburgh chapter of MAD DADS — Men Against Destruction Defending Against Drugs and Social Disorder — looking out for neighborhood violence in Wilkinsburg, East Pittsburgh and other bordering towns. He helped run the program in Clairton for a brief time.

“You have a man who was an Army Ranger, had experience [in] several pro fights and dedicated his calling to the ministry but continued training fighters. He was a perfect fit for MAD DADS because he had the balance to bring courage with also the right

temperament,” said George Spencer, of Wilkinsburg, who heads the local chapter.

Gisele Fetterman, who runs the Braddock Free Store, said she and her husband, Lt. Gov. John Fetterman, a former mayor of Braddock, lived across the street from Rev. Stoudemire and his wife, Karol, for several years.

Rev. Stoudemire unsuccessfully ran for mayor in the borough after Mr. Fetterman left.

“He was a really fascinating man. He had so many interesting stories. He was just always around. He would pop in to the boxing gym, the Free Store. [Not seeing him] is going to be hard to get used to,” Ms. Fetterman said. “And to know his life was taken while he was doing service is a complete tragedy.”

Rev. Stoudemire was still training kids and teens in boxing at the time of his death. Sgt. Valles said his 8-year-old son had just been taking lessons with him. Mr. Davis had also been in talks with the reverend about a new local boxing academy.

“If you listened, he’d talk,” Sgt. Valles said. “Now that he’s gone, you [realize you] kind of took it for granted.”

Ashley Murray: 412-263-1750 or amurray@post-gazette.com.

EAST

Firefighters injured at Penn Hills blaze

Several firefighters were injured Sunday night while battling a blaze that badly damaged three businesses at a Penn Hills shopping center.

The fire broke out around 7:30 p.m. at Churchill Center at Frankstown Road and Pennoak Drive. The roof collapsed about 9:45, injuring at least four firefighters, according to KDKA-TV. They were being treated at hospitals.

Fire crews said the blaze was being fueled by a gas line. The fire apparently began at Big Shot Bob’s House of Wings.

WEST

Two shot at apartment complex in McKees Rocks

A 27-year-old man and a 17-year-old boy were injured in a shooting Saturday at the Hays Manor Apartment Complex in McKees Rocks. Police said they have no suspects.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Allegheny County Police tip line at 833-ALL-TIPS (833-255-8477).

CITY

No arrests made after three stabbed

No arrests have been made Sunday after three men were stabbed outside a restaurant Saturday night in Overbrook, police said.

City officers responded about 11 p.m. in the 2600 block of Library Road, according to a news release issued Sunday.

News Obituaries

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. 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

ALVIN, Benjamin M., Squirrel Hill
BECKER, Mary D., formerly of Pittsburgh
BELSTERLING, Elfriede, Mt. Lebanon
CAPOZZI, Theresa A., formerly of

the Lower Hill
CARRABIA, Giuseppe "Joe," Stowe
CERTO, Natalie, M., O'Hara
CERQUA, Camella Quattrociochi "Cam," Clairton
CHARAPP, Jeffrey Alan
FITZHENRY, Regis, Hazelwood
GILLIS, Carolyn F. Zoltak, North Braddock
GREBNER, Frances B. Bachman "Cissie," Beechview
GREENBERG, Harry Charles
HEINZ, William J., Shaler
KECK, Karen D. Carrick
KECK, Thomas E., Bridgeville
LEDONNE, Jeffrey Anthony Sr., Polk
LOCKE, Edward E. Trafford
LOCKE, Leonard J. "Tim," Versailles
MARTIN, Lynn, Johns Creek, Ga.
McELHINNEY, Arthur R. Jr., Plum

MIHAL, Ida Orosz, North Versailles
MOSER, Geraldine E. Karcher "Gerry," McCandless
NIEMAN, George E., Banksville
RAPOLTI, Rose, Munhall
RAVENSTAHL, Jona Ann Robesh, Allison Park
REIMOND, Johanna Johns "Sis," formerly of the South Side
RODGERS, Sylvia Jean Thomas, Westmoreland City
RUFFALO, Ronald F., formerly of Mount Washington and Whitehall
SEGAL, Liddie
SHAPIRO, Arlene P.
SIENICKI, Thaddeus A. "Ted"
STOLZE, Edna Mae Hopkins, Bethel Park
TKACH, Mildred F. Wargo, Fayetteville, formerly of Braddock Hills
VASLOWSKI, Dorothy Kosko
ZITELLI, Kraig E., Penn Hills

Rev. Ben Kinchlow, co-host of 'The 700 Club'

The Rev. Ben Kinchlow, a Methodist minister's son who belatedly became a believer and preached to a global congregation as a host of "The 700 Club" with fellow television evangelist Pat Robertson, died July 18 in Virginia. He was 82.

His death was announced by the Christian Broadcasting Network, which still produces the program that he co-hosted from 1975 to 1988 and again from 1992-96. CBN, which is based in Virginia Beach, did not say specifically where he died.

Other deaths

By his own account, Rev. Kinchlow was a black nationalist firebrand and a philanderer before he became a born-again Christian in his mid-30s, in the early 1970s. He went on to found a youth ministry and a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center in Killeen, Texas, about 75 miles north of Austin.

Those adolescent success stories came to the attention of Mr. Robertson, who invited Rev. Kinchlow to be a guest on his live, three-hour "700 Club" program. Im-

posing at 6-foot-5 and engaging as a son of the segregated South, Rev. Kinchlow was an immediate hit.

Rev. Kinchlow, a Republican, wrote several books, including a memoir, "Plain Bread" (1985, with Bob Slosser); "You Don't Have to if You Don't Want To: The Marvelous Power to Choose" (1995), and "Black Yellowdogs: The Most Dangerous Citizen Is Not Armed, but Uninformed" (2008), in which he compared black Democrats to "house slaves" who vote not by principle but by the party that has bought their loyalty with economic benefits.

BENJAMIN M. ALVIN

Age 43, of Squirrel Hill, on Wednesday, July 24, 2019. Beloved son of John D. Alvin and Rose Alvin; brother of Carl Alvin. Also survived by three nephews. A memorial service will be held at **MCCABE BROS., INC. FUNERAL HOME**, 6214 Walnut St., Shadyside on Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Condolences may be left at mccabebrothers.com.

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MARY D. BECKER

Age 93, of Mars, formerly of Pittsburgh, peacefully embarked on her next adventure on July 26, 2019. Mary is survived by two daughters, Nancy Jane (William) Grega, Barbara Ann Verano; grandchildren, Anthony (Lisa) Verano, Melinda (Tom) Couper, Shawna (Marc) Verano, Amy Adelman; great-grandchildren, Ella Couper, Landon Verano, Brandon Verano, and Julianna Adelman; great-great-grandchild, Thompson Verano; as well as many nieces, nephews, and friends. She was preceded in death by her father, Nicholas Fabio; mother, Catherine Fabio; spouse, Robert F. Becker; and nine siblings. Visitation will be held on Thursday, August 1, 2019, 2:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at **JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 301 Curry Hollow Rd., Pleasant Hills 15236. A Blessing Service will be held at 12:00 p.m. at Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home Chapel, Inc., 301 Curry Hollow Rd., Pleasant Hills 15236. Condolences may be left at www.jeffersonmemorial.biz.

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ELFRIEDE BELSTERLING

Age 78, of Mt. Lebanon on Saturday, July 27, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Edward; loving mother of Robert (Beth), Donald (Jeanine) and Ronald (Julie) Belsterling; sister of Dr. Clara Nosratti and the late Charlotte and Gisela; also 11 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Interment service Tuesday, at Jefferson Memorial Park Chapel. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Camp Sequanota, Jennerstown, PA 15547. Arrangements entrusted to **WILLAM SLATER II FUNERAL SERVICE**, Scott Twp., (412-563-2800) www.slaterfuneral.com

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THERESA A. CAPOZZI



Formerly of the Lower Hill District, on Friday, July 26, 2019. Dear sister of Nicholas Capozzi and the late Angelo, Anthony, Henry and Patsy Capozzi, Mimi Gross, Elizabeth Thomas-Palmetto, and Rosemarie Moneck. Theresa is also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, great-nieces and nephews, and friends. Family and friends will be received at the **FRANK DEBOR FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, INC.**, 1065 Brookline Blvd., 412-561-0380, on Tuesday only, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Divine Liturgy on Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Our Lady of Victory Church, 1000 Lindsay Rd., Scott Township. Service of Incease on Tuesday at 7 p.m. Memorial contributions should be made to the St. Clair Hospital Breast Care Fund. www.deborfuneralhome.com.

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GIUSEPPE CARRABIA "JOE"



Age 82, of Stowe Twp., passed away peacefully on Friday morning, July 26, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Connie Carrabbia; brother of Carlo (Lina) Carrabbia, and Frank (the late Marie) Carrabbia; brother-in-law of Maria (Angelo) Ciaschi; uncle of Anna Maria, Guy, Amelia, Carlo, Jr., Roseanne, Tony, Robert, Frank, Jr., Ray, Timmy, Marco, Orsola, Diana and Linda. Also survived by several other family members. Joe worked for P.C. & Y Railroad for over 40 years. Family and friends are welcome for visitation on Tuesday and Wednesday, 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Kennedy Twp. Location of the **ANTHONY M. MUSMANNO FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 941 McCoy Rd., Kennedy Twp., PA 15136. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday 10 a.m. in St. Malachy Church., Kennedy Twp. Please view the family's online guestbook www.musmannofh.com

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NATALIE M. CERTO, PhD.



Of O'Hara Township, was called home to be with the Lord on July 27, 2019. Daughter of the late Louis and Mary (Antonuccio) Certo. Natalie is survived by her loving sister, Josephine Certo; brother, Peter Certo; and her many dear nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, Dr. Salvatore A. Certo. Natalie was a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh School of Pharmacy, magna cum laude. Natalie was the Director of Pharmacy at Children's Hospital for over 25 years. She was devoted to her profession and was loved and respected by her staff and everyone with whom she worked. Natalie served on the National Board of Trustees of the American Pharmacists Association. She was a dedicated volunteer at St. Francis Hospital, West Penn Hospital and St. Margaret Hospital. Natalie was a parishioner and active participant at Mass at St. Scholastica Church in Aspinwall. A past member of Churchill Valley Country Club, Natalie loved to golf and also loved to travel, especially cruising. Friends received Monday, July 29, 2019, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m., at **WEDDELL-AJAK FUNERAL HOME**, 100 Center Ave., Aspinwall, where a parting prayer will be held Tuesday, 9:30 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Scholastica Church. Entombment will follow in Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Little Sisters of the Poor, 1028 Benton Ave., Pgh., 15212, or a charity of your choice.

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CARMELLA (QUATTROCIOCCHI) CERQUA "CARM"

Age 92, of Clairton, passed away on Saturday, July 27, 2019. For more information visit our website at www.finnefuneralhome.com. Send condolences post-gazette.com/gb

JEFFREY ALAN CHARAPP



On Sunday, July 28, 2019. Son of the late Bernard and Rhoda Charapp; beloved brother of Abbyelee (late Peter) Baumhardt; devoted "Uncle" of Heather Baumhardt and Brad (Angela) Baumhardt; adoring great-"Uncle" of Brayden and Addilyn Baumhardt. It's hard to describe a man as special as Jeffrey. He was the kind of man that you could never say a bad thing about. He had so many friends whom he adored and who loved and revered him in return. He was an avid sports fan who loved boxing and the Pittsburgh Steelers. He was a late night TV watcher and loved the sun and warm weather. He was cherished by his entire family and will be deeply missed. Services at **RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC.**, 5509 Centre Avenue, Shadyside, on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at 12:00 Noon. Visitation one hour prior to services (11:00 a.m. - 12:00 Noon). Interment Tiphereth Israel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Jeffrey's memory may be made to the Scleroderma Research Foundation at www.srfcure.org. www.schugar.com

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REGIS FITZHENRY



Age 90 of Hazelwood. Peacefully left this earth to be with our heavenly father on Friday, July 26, 2019. Survived by his loving wife of 66 years Naomi. Beloved Dad of Naomi, Kathy (Jim) Eisenbart, Judy (Joe Casciato), Eileen, Diane (Ray) Kielur, Janet and Regina. Preceded in death by his infant son Regis and brothers Bill, Jack, Tom, Eddie, Jimmy and Joey. Pap of 22 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. Also survived by brother Ronnie, best friend Tony Mazza, sister-in-law Dora Lee and numerous nieces and nephews. Friends will be received on Sunday and Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. in the **EDWARD P. KANAI FUNERAL HOME**, 500 Greenfield Ave., 15207. Funeral Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. with Funeral Mass at 10 a.m. in St. Stephens Church.

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CAROLYN F. (ZOLTAK) GILLIS

Of North Braddock, age 57, suddenly on Saturday, July 27, 2019. Beloved wife of Raymond D. Gillis for 32 years; loving mother of James David Gillis of North Versailles, Leah Hope (Dan Lynch) Gillis of North Braddock and Raymond David Gillis, Jr. of Forest Hills; treasured grandmother of Karla and Carolyn; sister of Alex (Linda) Zoltak, Adrienne (Andy) Bradshaw and the late Dean (surviving spouse, Peg) Zoltak. Carolyn enjoyed woodworking and rooting for the Pittsburgh Steelers. She was a devoted and loving mother, grandmother and exceptional wife. Carolyn was a selfless persona s she always thought of the welfare of others before herself. Friends are welcome on Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at **PATRICK T. LANIGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, INC.**, 700 Linden Ave. at Cable, East Pittsburgh, PA 15112, 412-824-8800 where a Funeral Service will be held on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Memorial donations may be made directly to Carolyn's family.

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FRANCES B. (BACHMAN) GREBNER "CISSIE"



Age 84, of Beechview, on Saturday, July 27, 2019. Cherished wife of the late Robert J. Grebner; beloved mother of Kathy (late Ken) Gremba, Sherry (Scott) Stepling, Joyce (Bill) Oliverio; loving grandmother of Bill (Nicole) and Gregory (Ashley) Klepal, Jessica Werling (Jason) Ross, Samantha and Jonathan Stepling, Shannon (Ben Gersch), Anthony and Bobby (Amber) Oliverio; great-grandmother of Alissa, Nicholas, Alexis, Dominic, Collin, Caleb, Carson, Cassidy, Olivia, Tyler and Logan; sister of the late Joan (Michael; still surviving) Gentile; daughter of the late Joseph G. and Frances (Baklarz) Bachmann. Fran will be deeply missed by her loving fur baby, Oliver. Friends and family received Monday, 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday, 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at **BRUSCO-NAPIER FUNERAL HOME, LTD.**, 2201 Bensonia Ave., Pgh., PA 15216. Mass of Christian Burial on Wednesday at 10 a.m. in St. Teresa of Kolkata Parish, St. Pamphilus Church. Burial to follow in Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visit us at: www.brusco-napierfuneralhome.com

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HARRY CHARLES GREENBERG

Age 76, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 28, 2019. He was preceded in death by his parents, Bernard J. (Buzzy) Greenberg and Rosalie (Sissy) Greenberg; and his sister, Jane Shefler. Survived by brothers, William (Peri) Greenberg and John (Sherry) Greenberg; sister, Lois (Jim) Sunseri; and brother-in-law, Dan Shefler; beloved uncle of many dear nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. Harry also will be missed by friends who knew him throughout his lifetime. He was a high school athlete who played tennis, football, basketball and squash and was city tennis champ. He was racquetball champion as a freshman at Penn State. Harry enjoyed success in various business ventures. Services at **RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC.**, 5509 Centre Avenue, Shadyside on Tuesday, July 30, 2019, at 2:00 p.m. Visitation one hour prior to services, 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Interment private. Contributions may be made to the Tree of Life Congregation Building Fund, 5898 Wilkins Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217. www.schugar.com

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WILLIAM J. HEINZ



Age 90, of Shaler Twp. on July 24, 2019, our beloved husband and father was called home to be with his Heavenly Father and the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. He leaves behind his dedicated wife of 58 years, Joan Palumbo Heinz; daughter, Maureen J. Juliano, son William C. Heinz; grandchildren Zachary Thomas Juliano, Brandon William Juliano, and Christian William Heinz; brother, Donald E. Heinz (Anne Duffy); many nieces, nephews, and hugging friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Mercedes (Klein) Heinz; sisters, Merilda (Henry) Collet, Bernice (Raymond) Schumacher, Mercedes "Betty" (Roy) Kunning; and brother, John "Jack" (Margaret Baer) Heinz. Bill worked as a cost control engineer having graduated from Penn State. He served as an usher, money counter and was on the finance council at St. Mary's. The family never met anyone who didn't think highly of Bill. He had a quirky sense of humor, made up nonsensical sayings and started a hugging club. It was a privilege to be considered a hugging buddy. He was a great role model to his children and their friends. He was nicknamed the mayor of Hartwood Acres. Rain or shine, he walked from Middle Road to Saxonburg Blvd. and back making a stop at his favorite spot near the Mansion. He was instrumental in getting a walk way paved from the parking lot to the grounds so mothers pushing strollers didn't have to walk on Middle Road. He will be dearly missed! The family thanks the dedicated nurses and aides that took care of him while he was on Home Hospice. Memorials in Bill's honor are suggested to Good Samaritan Hospice, 146 Neely School Rd., Wexford, PA 15090, or St. Mary of the Assumption Church. Relatives and friends received Tues., July 30th from 2-8 p.m. at **NEELY FUNERAL HOME**, 2208 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw. Mass of Christian Burial Wed. 10 a.m. at St. Mary of the Assumption Church, 2510 Middle Rd., Glenshaw, PA 15116. Please visit us at neelyfuneralhome.com.

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KAREN D. KECK



Age 70, on Wednesday, July 24, 2019, of Carrick. Beloved wife of the late Howard R. Keck; loving mother of Michelle A. (Darren) Cox; daughter of the late John Howard and Mary Dorothy "Dottie" (Petrichek) Hughes; sister of the late John "Mickey" Hughes. Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us everyday. Unseen, unheard but always near, still loved, still missed, and held so dear. Visitation and services were held privately. Arrangements made by **JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 412-881-4100, 4201 Brownsville Road, Brentwood 15227. If desired, family suggests contributions to Humane Animal Rescue 1101 Western Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233. Please send condolences to www.johnfslater.com.

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THOMAS E. KECK



Age 90, of Bridgeville, formally of Bethel Park, passed away surrounded by his family, on Friday, July 26, 2019. Born on December 16, 1928 in Dayton, Ohio. He is the son of the late Sarah and Edward Keck. Thomas is survived by his beloved wife, Joanne of 62 years. Loving father of Mark (Susan) Keck, Michelle (David) Francesconi, Joseph Keck, Kathleen Hickey and Kerri (Christopher) Dzinglski. Thomas was the proud grandfather of nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Charles, James, Jack, Victor, Larry and Helen. Thomas was a devoted Catholic and proud member of St. Louise de Marillac. Thomas proudly served in the Korean War as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army. Thomas enjoyed 39 years as an employee with Travelers Insurance. Thomas enjoyed time at the Meadows and playing cards. Thomas cherished spending time with family and friends. Thomas' love for Special Olympics was most important to him, because of his son Joseph. Thomas will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him. Friends and Family are welcomed on Wednesday, July 31, 2019, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m., at **PITTSBURGH CREMATION & FUNERAL CARE**, 3287 Washington Road, McMurray, PA 15317. A mass of Christian burial will be celebrated on Thursday, August 1, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Louise de Marillac, 320 McMurray Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15241. EVERYONE PLEASE MEET AT CHURCH. A burial will follow at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies with honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Thomas' name to Partners for Quality, 250 Clever Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136. Please view and sign the family's online guestbook at pittsburghcremation.com.

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JEFFREY ANTHONY LEDONNE, SR.

Age 59, of Polk, passed away Saturday July 27, 2019. Husband of Joyce Johnston LeDonne; father of Billy Joe LeDonne, of Pittsburgh. Born June 27, 1960, son of the late Herman and Marie Hartman LeDonne. Retired from Medure Development of New Castle. Visitation August 1, 2019, from 6-8 p.m. Blessing Service, at 8 p.m., at **EDWARD L. RAISLEY FUNERAL HOME**, 387 Main Street, Prospect. For more information or to make a donation to the family please go to www.raisleyfuneralhome.com.

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CLASSIFIED OBITUARIES

EDWARD E. LOCKE



Age 87, of Trafford, on Friday, July 26, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Patricia A. Locke; loving father of Cheryl A. Sullenberger (husband, Thomas); grandfather of Anthony Castelli, Brandon, Tyler and Lexi Sullenberger; two great-grandchildren; brother of Margaret Locke Andrews (the late Charles), James Locke (Jeanne), Thomas Locke (the late Helen, surviving wife, Pat), Norman Locke (Cindy) and the late Rita Locke Kain (the late James); brother-in-law of Mary Ann Shortley. He was a US Army Korean War Veteran, and retired from Westinghouse Airbrake. Ed enjoyed camping in Ohio, gardening, playing cards and enjoyed music and singing. Friends will be received on Wednesday, July 31st from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the **GENE H. CORL INC. FUNERAL CHAPEL AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE**, 4335 Northern Pike (412-372-2100), and where a service will be held on Thursday, August 1, 2019 at 11 a.m. Interment private. www.corlfuneralchapel.com

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LEONARD J. "TIM" LOCKE



Age 71, of Versailles, died Sunday, July 28, 2019 at home. Born December 27, 1948 in McKeesport, he was a son of the late Leonard J. and Juanita (Wilson) Orzel Locke. A retired Yardmaster with more than 41 years of experience with the Union Railroad, Tim was a member of the Allegheny County Transit Council. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Linda (Dennison) Locke; his children, Timothy (Jeanne) Locke of White Oak and Jennifer (Justin) Locke of Urbana, IL; his six grandchildren, James and June Leiby, Derek Tokosh, Christine Locke, and Justin and Michael Cheeseman; his sister, Lucinda Tonkovic of Greer, SC; and also his nephew. Friends received in the **DANIEL F. BEKAVAC FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY**, 4504 Walnut St., Versailles Boro, McKeesport, PA 15132 (412-678-3454) on Wednesday, July 31, 2019 from 2-4 p.m. and 6 until a 7:30 p.m. Funeral Service with Rev. Scott McCormick officiating. Memorial contributions in Tim's name should be made to the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum, 1 Museum Rd., Washington, PA 15301. www.bekavacfuneralhome.com

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LYNN MARTIN

Age 89, of Johns Creek, GA, passed away on Friday, July 26, 2019. Lynn was a United States Navy Veteran. He served his country faithful during the Korean War. He later retired from the United States Navy as a Master Chief Petty Officer. Lynn was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend to all. He was preceded in death by his wife, Carole Martin; daughter, Kimberly Martin; parents, Don and Agnes Martin; sister, Ann Wilson; and brother, Jimmy Martin. He is survived by his children, Robert (Sally Nichols) Martin, Scott (Lori) Martin, Doug (Lesley) Martin; siblings, David (Dorothy) Martin, Donna Senich, Faye (Ed) Givens, and Alan (JoEllen) Martin; grandchildren, Ryland Martin, Imogen Martin, Tyler Martin, Evan Martin, and Reid Martin; along with many other loving relatives and friends. A visitation for Mr. Martin will be held Thursday, August 1, 2019, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at **INGRAM FUNERAL HOME** in Cumming, GA. Inurnment will be in the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, GA with a memorial service being held at a later date. Ingram Funeral Home and Crematory, 210 Ingram Ave., Cumming, GA 30040 is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be made at www.ingramfuneralhome.com.

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ARTHUR R. MCELHINNEY, JR.



Age 64, of Plum, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, July 26, 2019. Beloved husband of Elizabeth "Beth" (Shaffer) McElhinney; son of Jean and the late Arthur R. McElhinney, Sr.; loving father of Aaron (Gretchen) McElhinney, Alisha (Joseph) Altieri and Adrienne (Andrew) Butterfield; proud grandfather of Joshua, Christopher, Joseph III (Christianna), Kailee (Logan), Rachael, Isabella, Jacob and Wyatt; great-grandfather of Lucca and Maverick. Brother of Dennis (Kate) McElhinney, Linda (Monty) Webb and Darlene (Gene) Rauch. Art also had an extended family at his long-term, successful business in Murrysville. He opened the doors of McElhinney's Service in 1983 and continually earned loyal clientele and dedicated employees through his honest hard work, fair business practices, and friendly service. Art had an adventurous spirit and an unmatched work ethic. He enjoyed racing cars, building things by hand, and spending time with his family. A man of strong Christian faith, Art was a member of Word of Life Church in Greensburg, PA, where he served faithfully as a volunteer and an Elder. Countless lives were touched by his joyful and generous spirit. Loved by all, he will be deeply missed. Friends received from 1-3 and 5-8 p.m. on Monday at **MAURICE L. KNEE, LTD. FUNERAL HOME**, 7663 Saltsburg Rd. (across from S & T Bank) Plum, PA 15239 where a funeral service will be held on Tuesday at 11 a.m. Interment will follow in Plum Creek Cemetery.

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IDA (OROSZ) MIHAL

On Saturday, July 27, 2019 of North Versailles, PA. Wife of the late Robert C. Mihal; loving mom of Pamela (late Ben) Oliver of South Carolina and Diane (Paul) Nowakowski of Greensburg; special grandma of Kimberly (Ben) Morehouse of Amelia, OH, Timothy (Megan) Nowakowski of Largo, FL and Matthew Nowakowski of Greensburg; sister of John Orosz of North Carolina and the late Irene Balogh; also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Family and friends welcome in **ALFIERI FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, Wilmerding on Tuesday from 3-8 p.m. A blessing service will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. in Penn Lincoln Memorial Park, North Huntingdon. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Delmont Public Library in Ida's memory. Please visit us at www.alfierifuneralhome.com for online condolences.

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GERALDINE E. (KARCHER) MOSER "GERRY"

Of McCandless, formerly of Ross, passed away on her 97th birthday on Wednesday, July 24, 2019; Wife of the late Wade L. Moser; Loving mother of Ron (Dot) and Chuck (Jane) Moser; Proud grandmother of Gary (Gina) Moser, Shari (Mike) Mehal, and Christopher (Shira) Moser; Treasured great-grandmother of Marissa and Jacob Mehal, Jessica, Amanda, Matthew and Emma Moser; Also survived by a niece and nephews; Gerry was the daughter of the late Joseph and Elizabeth (Mirage) Karcher and sister of the late Ruth Alliman and Joseph T. Karcher; Friends will be received on Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 806 Perry Hwy., Ross Twp. A Mass of Christian Burial will be in St. Teresa of Avila Church on Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Angels in Overalls, 900 Avila Court, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

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GEORGE E. NIEMAN

Of Banksville, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, July 27, 2019. Husband of the late Eileen; beloved father of George J. (Shannon) and Robert J. (Ashley); grandfather of Haley, Lindsay, Madison, Robbie, and Noah; cousin of Sue Lauffer, Butch, and the late Paul Klinkner. Family and friends will be received at the **FRANK DEBOR FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICE, INC.**, 1065 Brookline Blvd., 412-561-0380, Monday only, 1-3 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Traditional Latin Mass of Christian Burial in St. James Church, 326 S. Main St., Pittsburgh, 15220, Tuesday at 10 a.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Central Catholic Highschool, where George was a proud graduate in 1961. He was also passionate about Alabama Football and Duke Basketball. "ROLL TIDE!" A special thank you to the great care at Paramount Senior Living, Bethel Park, and their Hospice team. www.deborfuneralhome.com.

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ROSE RAPOLTI

Of Munhall, on July 22, 2019 Age 95. Daughter of the late Aaron and Karoline (Kerty) Rapolti; sister of the late William Rapolti, Julia Virostek, Margaret Grecco, Elizabeth Szabajowski, Alex, Zoltan, and Andrew Rapolti; loving aunt of Paul (Barbara) Virostek. Graveside Service Wednesday July 31, 2019, 11 a.m., at Hungarian Reformed Cemetery, Munhall. Arrangements entrusted to **SAVOLSKIS-WASIK-FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 3501 Main St., Munhall. www.swgfuneralhome.com

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JOAN ANN (ROBESH) RAVENSTAHL



Age 91, died peacefully on July 27, 2019 with those she loved close by. Loving wife to the late Robert for 63 years; devoted mother of Robert (Cindy), Kurt (Cathy), Linda (Raymond) Gruss, Daniel (the late Maureen) and Joanne (Ned) Feeney. Joan was grandmother to 16 and great-grandmother to 15 (+2). Joan was preceded in death by her parents, Leo and Anna Robesh, and her twin, Jean Heidenreich Reubelt and sister, Betty Wilhelm. She was aunt and friend to many. Joan was a remarkable and energetic woman. She lived life to the fullest and never wanted to miss a thing! She was an active member of Annunciation and Incarnation of the Lord Parishes, both on the Northside. Joan was a resident of Cumberland Woods (Allison Park) and kept the staff at Garden Way Place (Hermitage) on their toes. She died at St. John XXIII Home (Hermitage) under the care of Sharon Regional Hospice. To all who encountered and helped with Joan's care, we say thank you! Although Joan's life events were confused at the end, she left with spry and grace. She walked with purpose, cared about others and lived a good life. She will be deeply missed. Family and friends can gather Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 806 Perry Hwy., North Hills. Mass of Christian Burial Celebrated Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Incarnation of The Lord Parish. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Willow Women's Center, PO Box 145, Transfer, PA 16154.

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JOHANNA JOHNS REIMOND "SIS"



Peacefully at home on Friday, July 26, 2019, formerly of South Side. Wife of Robert J. Reimond; mother of Coleen (Randy) Cumer; Darlene Schubert, Thomas Reimond, and the late Robert Reimond, Jr. Also survived by six grandchildren. Friends received at the **JOHN J. GMITER FUNERAL HOME, LTD.**, 119 South 15th Street, South Side on Monday, July 29, 2019 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Funeral Services on Tuesday, July 30, 2019. Please call funeral home at (412) 431-0867 for time of Funeral Mass.

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SYLVIA JEAN (THOMAS) RODGERS

Age 92, of Westmoreland City, on Saturday, July 27, 2019, at Westmoreland Manor, Greensburg. Born December 12, 1926 in Greensburg. Daughter of the late Charles and Barbara (Champedo) Thomas. Prior to her retirement, Sylvia was employed as a waitress at the former Jacktown Hotel and Ben Gross Restaurants. She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church of Irwin, and previous member of the former St. Boniface Church of Penn, where she was active in the Christian Mothers, Funeral Choir, and the Silver Threads. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel Rodgers; a half-brother Kenneth Nolan and a half-sister Janet Thomas. Loving mother of Robert (Mary Donna) Rodgers of Irwin, and Samuel (Marybeth) Rodgers, of Westmoreland City; grandmother of Michael, Cory and Christopher Rodgers; 11 great-grandchildren. Friends will be received at the **OTT FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 805 Pennsylvania Avenue on Wednesday, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Parting prayers will take place on Thursday at 9:00 a.m. in the funeral home followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 a.m. celebrated in the Immaculate Conception Church. Interment will follow in the St. Boniface Cemetery, Penn. To send on line condolences please visit www.ottfuneralhome.com.

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RONALD F. RUFFALO



Age 74, formerly of Mt. Washington and Whitehall, passed away surrounded by his "two favorite girls" on Saturday, July 27, 2019. Beloved husband of 52 years to Donna (Tripodi) Ruffalo; loving father of Ranae Ruffalo (Scott) Emreschak; beloved son of the late Miro and Beatrice Ruffalo; brother of Raymond (Carol) Ruffalo and Regina "Sis" (James) Hawkins; son-in-law of Catherine "Rene" and the late Anthony J. Tripodi, Sr.; brother-in-law of Anthony (Michele) Tripodi, Jr. and Jeffrey Tripodi; also survived by nieces and nephews. Ronald was a dedicated driver for Laidlaw Transit for over 20 years and proudly founded the "Liberty Loop". He loved to shop for bargains at Macy's and looked forward to vacationing in Florida with his family each year. He had a very giving heart that touched many people and will be greatly missed by all. Family and friends welcome Tuesday, 6-8 p.m., Wednesday, 2-8 p.m., **WM. SLATER & SONS, INC.**, (412-381-3345) 301 Virginia Ave., Mt. Washington 15211. Funeral Mass in St. Mary of the Mount Church, Thursday, 10 a.m. Entombment to follow in Queen of Heaven Cemetery. www.slaterfuneral.com

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LIDDIE SEGAL

On Thursday, July 25, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Alan H. Segal; mother of Fred Segal and Dr. Jane Segal; sister of the late Johnnie Owens and Rilda Brutchen; grandmother of Samuel Segal, Dr. Nicole Segal and Adina Segal; aunt of Bill Brutchen and Lisa and Kimberly Owens. Graveside Service and interment was held at the Tree of Life Memorial Park. Contributions may be made to American Heart Association, PO Box 417005, Boston, MA 02241 or Temple O'hav Shalom, 8400 Thompson Run Road, Allison Park, PA 15101. Arrangements entrusted to the **RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC.**, family owned and operated. www.schugar.com

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ARLENE P. SHAPIRO



On Saturday, July 27, 2019; beloved wife for 56 years of Lester F. Shapiro, MD. Loving mother of Carolyn Shapiro and Nanci (Daniel) Kane; daughter of the late Louis and Beatrice Port; sister of Steven (Brenda) Port; sister-in-law of Edward Shapiro; grandmother of Florence Wyatt, Alex Kane, and Sarah Kane. Arlene earned a Masters Degree in Religious Education from the University of Pittsburgh at the age of 40 and continued to pursue Jewish education for the remainder of her life. She was a Principal, Educator and Administrator at Beth Samuel Congregation for ten years. She was a member and Co-Chair of The Garden Club for four years. She was on the Executive Committee and a longtime member of Congregation Beth Shalom. She was a teacher for many years and also tutored elementary school children. She taught at Osher as well as being very active in the resettlement of Russian Jewry. She was an active volunteer for NCJW and took art classes at the JCC for many years. Services at **RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC.**, 5509 Centre Avenue, Shadyside on Monday at 10 a.m. Visitation one hour prior to services (9 - 10 a.m.). Interment Beth Shalom Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. www.schugar.com

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THADDEUS A. "TED" SIENICKI

Peacefully on Saturday, July 27, 2019. Beloved husband of 70 years to Sarah (Previte) Sienicki; loving father of Robert (Sheila) Sienicki and Donna (John) Mitchell; dear brother of Loretta (Leonard) Szafranski, Edward (Marlene) Sienicki, Richard Sienicki and Stella (Kenneth) Szafranski. Ted was preceded in death by his parents, John and Emilia Sienicki and brothers, Walter, Joseph, Stanley, John and Leo and sisters, Anna Siepiela, Marion Mazur, Jane Popivchak, Stephanie Henke and Lottie Sienicki; brother-in-law of Sophie Sienicki, Raymond Henke and Frances Sienicki; proud grandfather of Kathryn (Richard) Mucci, Frances Sienicki, Jacqueline and Emily Mitchell; great-grandfather of Vera Frances Mucci; also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and great-great-nieces and nephews. Friends received Wednesday, 2-4 and 6-8 at the **SZAFRANSKI-EBERLEIN FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 101 Third St., Carnegie. Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of Grace Church on Thursday at 10 a.m. Burial in St. Ignatius Cemetery with Full Military Honors. Contributions may be made to the Carnegie Free Library, 300 Beachwood Ave., Carnegie, PA 15106.

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EDNA MAE (HOPKINS) STOLZE

of Bethel Park, on Thursday, July 25, 2019, age 88, beloved mother of Leslie Colwell (Bob), Robert Stolze, Jr. (Terri), Danette Crichfield and the late Daniel Stolze, sister of Dorothea Hadsell, also nine grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and four nieces. A Memorial Service will be Thursday at 11:00 a.m. in First Bethel United Methodist Church. EVERYONE PLEASE MEET AT CHURCH. Arrangements entrusted to **DAVID J. HENNEY FUNERAL HOME**, Library. www.davidhenneyfuneralhome.com

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MILDRED F. (WARGO) TKACH



Of Fayetteville, formerly of Braddock Hills, age 92, went to see Jesus, on Sunday, July 28, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Richard Tkach, Sr.; loving mother of Richard (Deborah) Tkach, Jr. of Fayetteville and Ronald (MaryAnn) Tkach of Penn Hills; cherished grandmother of Amy Jo, Melissa, Leah, Roni Lynn, Richard (Amber) III, and the late Michele Tkach; cherished dancey-dancey partner of her great-grandson, Kainan Richard Tkach. Preceded in death by her sisters, Dolores Nowakowski, Gerry (surviving spouse, Mike) Mrazik, and Betty Anne Prantl. Mildred was preceded in death by her parents, Andrew and Anna Wargo. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins and the late couch-mate, Danica. Former clerk at Woolworth's and Hollander Pharmacy, devout Catholic, and avid bingo and slot player. Friends welcome Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at **PATRICK T. LANIGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, INC.**, 700 Linden Ave. at Cable, East Pittsburgh, PA 15112, 412-824-8800. Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday at 10 a.m. in Good Shepherd Church, Braddock. Mildred will be laid to rest with her husband in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies.

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DOROTHY (KOSKO) VASLOWSKI



Age 97, passed away peacefully, on July 25, 2019. Born April 25, 1922. Beloved daughter of the late Joseph and Mary (Fetzko); wife of the late John; and sister of the late Robert J. (Mary), Eugene (Anna), Joseph F. (Betty), Carl, and William. Survived by Lois (Carl) Kosko; loving mother of John T. (Rachelle) and Nancy Barley (Charles); and grandmother of Eric Barley, Dana Barley, Kyle, Nicole Barley, and Benjamin Barley. Gram will always be remembered for her pie crust and pierogi recipes, as well as her ingredients for a long, happy life - deep love, simplicity, joy, and compassion. Visitation will be held at **BEINHAUERS**, 2828 Washington Road, McMurray, PA, on Tuesday, July 31, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 1 p.m. at St. John Capistran Church, with a luncheon immediately following in the church hall. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to littlesistersofthepoor.org. Please add or view tributes at www.beinhauer.com.

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KRAIG E. ZITELLI

Age 58, of Penn Hills, died suddenly on Saturday, July 27, 2019. Beloved son of Helen Rita Pomerantz; brother of Kurt (Kari) Zitelli; uncle of Kameron (Jen) Zitelli and Kollin (Phil) Trombetta. Kraig loved the Steelers and Golfing. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the family to assist with funeral costs. Interment private. Arrangements by **WILLIAM F. GROSS FUNERAL HOME, LTD.**

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In Memoriam

MARY MARCINIEC

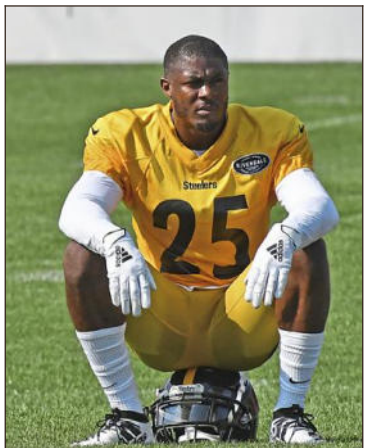
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"Beautiful Lady"

In our hearts your memory lingers, always tender, fond and true. There's not a day goes by dearest mother, that we do not think lovingly of you.

"Love you more",

Darlene, Sonny & Ronald.



Peter Diana/Post-Gazette
Steelers cornerback Artie Burns is not being guaranteed a roster spot.

STEELERS TRAINING CAMP
SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE • 54TH SUMMER

Former No. 1 pick Burns receives bonus

There were no Brinks trucks in sight, no bank deposit slips. The Steelers made a substantial payment Sunday to a former No. 1 draft choice, an investment that would appear to ensure their interest in retaining his services. Cornerback Artie Burns, a No. 1 draft choice in 2016 who has started 31 of 48 games with the Steelers, was paid the \$800,000 roster bonus he was due, on the third day of



On the Steelers
GERRY DULAC

training camp. But that does not guarantee the payment will buy his way on to the 53-man roster.

Burns lost his starting job last season after a couple of disastrous gaffes in Cincinnati in October and never regained the confidence of the coaching staff — or in himself, according to those same coaches. He comes to training camp with a new role: Backing up new starter Steven Nelson and hoping he can contribute as an extra defensive back in sub-package defenses. It is a different assignment for

Burns, who spent his previous three seasons working mostly with the first-team defense. Not anymore. “I’m just here to compete for the job that I want,” Burns said before the first day of practice with pads at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe. “That’s pretty much it. I already know what they have for me.”

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Top obstacle in Pirates curse might be owner

There is a curse associated with working for Bob Nutting, the cheapest owner in sports. If you are his general manager or manager, you don’t have access to top players because he won’t pay the going rate. His Pirates payroll is near the bottom of baseball every year. You know what that means. This is America. You almost



Ron Cook

always get what you pay for. But there also is a blessing that goes with working for Nutting. No matter what you do or how poorly you do your job, your chances of being fired are minimal. The last thing Nutting wants to do is to pay someone for not working and then have to pay his replacement to do the same job. That would cut down on his profits, heaven forbid. So it is with Neal Huntington and Clint Hurdle.

The two always should be remembered well here because they did what I thought was impossible under Nutting by leading the Pirates to three consecutive playoff appearances from 2013-15. But their work since has been mostly awful. This latest of many collapses under their watch would get most general managers and managers fired, but they are safe because they have contracts through the 2021 season. The team could lose its next 20 games and they still would be safe. It is brutal to watch these Pirates.

Maybe this collapse isn’t as bad as the one in 2011 when the team started 53-47 and finished 19-43. Certainly it isn’t as bad as the one in 2012 when it was 63-47 on Aug. 8 and still managed to finish below .500 for the 20th consecutive year with a 79-83 record. That might have been the worst collapse in major league history. But these Pirates are awful. They can’t catch a popup. They can’t get a bunt down. They can’t get a big hit. Their starters can’t go more than five innings. Their relief pitchers keep giving up home runs. Their best player, Josh Bell, is

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Steve Mellon/Post-Gazette
Former Pitt fullback Lousaka Polite has returned to his alma mater to serve as a mentor for current Pitt athletes with their Life Skills Program.

Polite comes back home to guide others in ‘Life’

Lousaka Polite stroked his beard and shook his head as his best friend, former Pitt teammate Penny Semaia, pulled a customized Chicago Bears jersey out from behind a Petersen Events Center office door. The number? Thirty-nine. The name on the back? Polite. “Out of all the teams, he pulls out the one where I had the shortest stint and the least impact,” Polite, a former Pitt fullback said, unable to contain a smile. “He wore it to a staff meeting, too. Like, bro, what are you doing?” Semaia was messing with his old college roommate. But even an attempt to (slightly) embarrass Polite, head of Pitt athletics’ Life Skills Program, reminded everyone else in the office where



On the Panthers
JOHN MCGONIGAL

Polite, his pal and co-worker, came from. Polite, a Pitt player from 1999-2003, played for five NFL teams in a nine-year career. Now, he’s back in Oakland, connecting with Panthers of the past and shaping the futures of current Pitt athletes. Polite works with Semaia and a team of 10 in the Cathy and John Pelusi Family Life Skills Program, helping run Pitt athletics’ alumni group, the Varsity

Letter Club, and guiding current athletes through the department’s Panthers to Pros mentorship program. Polite, a North Braddock native, said his role “aligned perfectly” with what he cared about. He realized that when his phone rang in November 2017. “Penny gives me a call and says, ‘Hey man, I think it’s time to come home,’” Polite recalled last week. “And he was 100 percent correct. ... I came back home to follow my passion. This is the best situation for me, the best fit. It didn’t even feel weird coming back. This is home.” When Polite got the call from Semaia, he was in his other home: Miami. After spending three seasons with the Dolphins

in the mid-2000s, the organization brought him in to guide the franchise’s youth programs after his retirement from football. It was in Miami that Polite met his wife, Jasmine, and where the two had their daughter, Luna. Polite’s wife actually was pregnant when Semaia reached out, which made the decision difficult on the former fullback. But after interviewing for the position in Pittsburgh, Polite decided to join the Panthers Life Skills Program — living in the area during the week and flying to Miami on the weekends. To Semaia’s excitement, Polite pulled it off. “When we were expanding

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Huntington jumping ship with deadline looming

NEW YORK — With the Pirates (46-59) amid a eight-game losing streak and holding a 2-15 record since the All-Star break, it was clear that they aren’t in a great spot to close the 10-game deficit in the National League Central Division. On Sunday, Pirates general manager Neal Huntington verbally waved the white flag on his radio show before the Pirates lost to the New York Mets, 8-7, at Citi Field. “Unfortunately, the way the club has played, the way the club I put together has played coming out of the All-Star break. And this is



On the Pirates
NUBYRAS WILBORN

the fourth or fifth year we’ve struggled coming out of the break,” Huntington said on 93.7 The Fan. “This is the third time we’ve been in an extended losing streak, and we haven’t found ways to shorten those. We also haven’t gotten on an extended winning streak.”

The trade deadline is 4 p.m. Wednesday. Huntington said the words he and the team were hoping he didn’t have to state. “We’re in the process of looking at adding to future clubs,” Huntington said. In summary, the Pirates are looking to sell at the deadline. “We haven’t overcome the challenges presented to us, and somebody has to be accountable for that — and it falls on me,” Huntington said. “I am accountable for everything that goes on in baseball operations. When it doesn’t work, we

Monday
Game: Pirates vs. Cincinnati Reds, 7:10 p.m., Great American Ball Park, Cincinnati.
TV: AT&T SportsNet.
Inside: Rally falls short in 8-7 loss to Mets. **Page C-3.**

have to address why it doesn’t work. At the end of the day, this is a club I felt good about when we put it together.” Huntington addressed some of

the strategies the Pirates will use in possible moves. “A lot of it will depend on the market. Just because a player is on an expiring contract that doesn’t mean there isn’t an opportunity to retain that player,” Huntington said. “That doesn’t mean it’s the right thing just to grab a nickel if that’s all you can get. The player may have more value to us if he continues to perform. There is still a value you need to get on a deal; otherwise, it may be best to hold on

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First look at Devin Bush
Keith Butler praised the first-round pick on his first day at training camp. **Page C-4**

Hamlin takes Pocono
Denny Hamlin won his third race of the season Sunday at Pocono Raceway. **Page C-6**

Bernal brings it home
Egan Bernal becomes Colombia’s first Tour de France champ at just 22. **Page C-6**

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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION										
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	
New York	67	38	.638	—	—	5-5	W-1	38-17	29-21	
Tampa Bay	60	48	.556	8½	½	4-6	W-1	28-26	32-22	
Boston	59	48	.551	9	1	6-4	L-1	27-26	32-22	
Toronto	40	67	.374	28	20	4-6	L-1	20-34	20-33	
Baltimore	35	70	.333	32	24	6-4	L-1	15-36	20-34	
CENTRAL DIVISION										
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	
Minnesota	64	41	.610	—	—	5-5	W-1	31-21	33-20	
Cleveland	62	43	.590	2	—	7-3	L-1	32-21	30-22	
Chicago	46	57	.447	17	12	4-6	L-1	27-25	19-32	
Kansas City	40	67	.374	25	20	5-5	W-1	23-32	17-35	
Detroit	30	71	.297	32	27	1-9	L-6	13-36	17-35	
WEST DIVISION										
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	
Houston	68	39	.636	—	—	8-2	W-2	38-15	30-24	
Oakland	60	47	.561	8	—	5-5	W-2	33-22	27-25	
Los Angeles	55	52	.514	13	5	5-5	W-1	28-26	27-26	
Texas	53	53	.500	14½	6½	3-7	L-2	31-21	22-32	
Seattle	46	63	.422	23	15	7-3	W-5	26-32	20-31	

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION										
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	
Atlanta	62	44	.585	—	—	4-6	L-1	30-23	32-21	
Washington	56	49	.533	5½	—	5-5	W-1	30-23	26-26	
Philadelphia	55	50	.524	6½	1	6-4	W-1	31-23	24-27	
New York	50	55	.476	11½	6	6-4	W-4	28-20	22-35	
Miami	40	63	.388	20½	15	5-5	W-1	20-33	20-30	
CENTRAL DIVISION										
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	
Chicago	56	49	.533	—	—	5-5	W-1	36-18	20-31	
St. Louis	56	49	.533	—	—	7-3	L-2	29-22	27-27	
Milwaukee	56	51	.523	1	1	6-4	L-1	33-24	23-27	
Cincinnati	48	55	.466	7	7	5-5	W-2	27-25	21-30	
Pittsburgh	46	59	.438	10	10	1-9	L-8	23-27	23-32	
WEST DIVISION										
TEAM	W	L	PCT.	GB	WCGB	L10	STR	HOME	AWAY	
Los Angeles	59	38	.645	—	—	6-4	L-1	40-14	29-24	
San Francisco	54	52	.509	14½	2½	7-3	W-1	25-28	29-24	
Arizona	53	53	.500	15½	3½	4-6	L-1	23-26	20-27	
San Diego	49	56	.467	19	7	3-7	L-1	24-29	25-37	
Colorado	49	57	.462	19½	7½	3-7	L-2	26-24	23-33	

SCORES/SCHEDULE (all times Eastern)

SUNDAY'S GAMES										
American League										
Tampa Bay 10, Toronto 9										
Minnesota 11, Chicago White Sox 1										
Kansas City 9, Cleveland 6										
L.A. Angels 5, Baltimore 4										
Oakland 6, Texas 5										
Seattle 3, Detroit 2, 10 innings										
N.Y. Yankees 9, Boston 6										
National League										
Philadelphia 9, Atlanta 4										
Cincinnati 3, Colorado 2										
Miami 5, Arizona 1										
N.Y. Mets 8, Pittsburgh 7										
Washington 11, L.A. Dodgers 4										
San Francisco 11, Milwaukee 4										
San Francisco 7, San Diego 6										
Interleague										
Houston 6, St. Louis 2										
Arizona at Miami, 7:10 p.m.										
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.										
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.										
Baltimore at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.										
TUESDAY'S GAMES										
American League										
Houston at Cleveland, 7:10 p.m.										
Tampa Bay at Boston, 7:10 p.m.										
Seattle at Texas, 8:05 p.m.										
Toronto at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.										
Detroit at L.A. Angels, 10:07 p.m.										
National League										
Atlanta at Washington, 7:05 p.m.										
San Francisco at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.										
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.										
Chicago Cubs at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.										
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.										
Interleague										
Arizona at San Diego, 3:40 p.m.										
Boston at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.										
Minnesota at Miami, 7:10 p.m.										
N.Y. Mets at Chi. White Sox, 8:10 p.m.										
Milwaukee at Oakland, 10:07 p.m.										

TODAY'S PITCHING COMPARISON

NATIONAL LEAGUE										
TEAMS	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA		
Atlanta	Keuchel (L)		3-3	3.50	3-4	1-1	18.2	3.38		
Washington	Corbin (L)	7:05p	8-5	3.25	13-8	1-0	17.0	2.65		
AMERICAN LEAGUE										
TEAMS	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA		
Arizona	Kelly (R)	7:10p	7-10	4.22	8-13	0-2	14.1	5.65		
Miami	Smith (L)		6-4	3.30	9-7	2-0	18.0	2.50		
INTERLEAGUE										
TEAMS	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA		
Pittsburgh	Lyles (R)		5-7	5.36	8-9	0-2	8.0	14.63		
Cincinnati	Gray (R)	7:10p	5-6	3.29	11-9	0-1	19.0	1.89		
LAST THREE STARTS										
Los Angeles	Maeda (R)		7-7	3.81	10-10	0-2	12.0	4.50		
Colorado	Gray (R)	8:40p	9-7	4.05	12-9	0-1	16.1	4.96		

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TEAMS	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA
Toronto	Pannone (L)		2-4	6.39	0-3	0-3	9.1	14.46
Kansas City	Keller (R)	8:15p	7-9	3.95	9-13	3-0	21.1	1.27

TEAMS	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA
Detroit	Zimmermann (R)		0-8	7.57	3-10	0-2	12.0	12.75
Los Angeles	Barria (R)	10:07p	4-3	6.63	3-1	2-0	15.0	2.40

INTERLEAGUE

TEAMS	PITCHERS	TIME	W-L	ERA	REC	W-L	IP	ERA
Baltimore	TBD		0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.00	0.00
San Diego	TBD	10:10p	0-0	0.00	0-0	0-0	0.00	0.00

KEY: 2019 TEAM-Team's record in games started by today's pitcher.

ROUNDUP

NATIONALS 11, DODGERS 4: Stephen Strasburg tossed seven masterful innings.

PHILLIES 9, BRAVES 4: J.T. Realmuto hit a grand slam, three other Phillies went deep and Philadelphia avoided a three-game sweep.

CUBS 11, BREWERS 4: Kyle Schwarber hit a first-inning grand slam and later added a three-run shot for Chicago.

TWINS 11, WHITE SOX 1: Miguel Sano hit a three-run homer in Minnesota's five-run first inning.

REDS 3, ROCKIES 2: Tucker Barnhart hit a tiebreaking single in the sixth inning for Cincinnati.

MARLINS 5, DIAMONDBACKS 1: Rookie outfielder Harold Ramirez homered.

RAYS 10, BLUE JAYS 9: Joey Wendle drove in the tie-breaking run with a bases-loaded groundout.

ROYALS 9, INDIANS 6: Indians pitcher Trevor Bauer suddenly heaved the ball from just past the mound over the center field wall while being taken out of the game.

ASTROS 6, CARDINALS 2: George Springer led off the game with a home run, Jose Altuve and rookie Yordan Alvarez also connected for Houston.

GIANTS 7, PADRES 6: Madison Bumgarner won his final start before the trade deadline and Mike Yastrzemski had four hits, two RBIs and scored the go-ahead run.

ANGELS 5, ORIOLES 4: Matt Thaiss hit his second home run of the game in the bottom of the ninth inning to lift Los Angeles.

MARINERS 3, TIGERS 2, 10 INNINGS: J.P. Crawford hit a walkoff single with one out in the 10th inning and the Mariners extended their winning streak to five games.

ATHLETICS 6, RANGERS 5: Khris Davis drew a bases-loaded walk in the bottom of the ninth as Oakland rallied past Texas

YANKEES 9, RED SOX 6: Didi Gregorius and Austin Romine each hit a two-run homer off Chris Sale, and Domingo Germán struck out nine to help the New York Yankees avoid a four-game sweep with a victory over the Boston Red Sox.

BOX SCORES

PHILLIES 9, BRAVES 4

ATLANTA	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.
Acuna Jr. rf	4	0	1	0	0	1	.295
Culberson rf	1	0	0	0	0	1	.333
Albies 2b	3	0	2	0	1	0	.285
Freeman 1b	3	0	0	0	1	0	.303
Donaldson 3b	3	1	0	0	1	2	.257
McCann c	4	1	1	0	0	2	.278
Duvall lf	4	0	1	0	0	2	.444
Inciarte cf	4	1	2	3	0	0	.276
Camargo ss	4	1	1	1	0	0	.217
Freeman 1b	2	0	0	0	0	0	.038
a-Joyce ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.273
Newcomb p	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Tomlin p	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
c-Riley ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.244
TOTALS	34	4	8	4	3	10	
PHILADELPHIA	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	AVG.
Kingery cf-ss	5	1	1	0	0	3	.278
Segura ss	3	1	2	0	0	0	.281
Quinn cf	2	0	0	0	0	0	.130
Harper rf	3	2	1	1	2	2	.254
Hoskins 1b	4	1	1	2	0	0	.260
Realmutco c	4	1	1	4	0	2	.267
Hernandez 2b	4	1	2	0	0	0	.281
Francis 3b	3	0	0	0	1	3	.232
Haseley lf	4	1	2	2	0	0	.259
Nola p	3	1	2	0	0	1	.071
Morgan p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
b-Williams ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.160
Pivetta p	0	0	0	0	0	0	.083
TOTALS	36	12	12	9	3	12	
ATLANTA	30	0	10	4	0	8	
PHILADELPHIA	101	040	30X	-	912	0	
a-fied out for Gausman in the 7th. b-struck out for Morgan in the 7th. c-struck out for Tomlin in the 9th							

Baseball

Pirates lose 8th in a row

Mets score 6 runs in first off Archer, sweep series, 8-7

By Nubyjas Wilborn
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

NEW YORK — A little over an hour after general manager Neal Huntington acknowledged that the team wouldn't be looking to add to the current roster, last year's significant addition — Chris Archer — struggled in a first inning everyone involved with the Pirates would surely like to forget.

"I came out extremely passive. I wasn't pitching like myself," Archer said Sunday after an 8-7 loss to the New York Mets at Citi Field. "My stuff was flat. It wasn't a matter of my delivery; it was my mentality. Unacceptable. I know how to come out and attack. I've done a good job of that in the last month but I took a step back today."

Archer is 0-2 with a 5.87 ERA in four starts since the All-Star break.

The Pirates (46-59) almost overcame a six-run first inning in the loss, their eighth in a row and 10th in the past 11 games. The Pirates got swept by the St. Louis Cardinals (four games) and the Mets (three) in back-to-back series.

Archer hit leadoff hitter Jeff McNeil with his third pitch of the game. McNeil later exited the game with a shin contusion but not before rounding the bases on a Michael Conforto two-run home run. Archer followed with a walk to Peter Alonso, and then got Robinson Cano to ground into a force out when Jung Ho Kang threw out Alonso at second.

But Archer walked Wilson Ramos and then threw a wild pitch in Todd Frazier's at-bat to move the runners to second and third. Frazier drove in Cano with a single, and Ramos scored on J.D. Davis' single for a 5-0 lead with one out. By the time the inning was over Archer had allowed six runs, walked two, hit a batter and allowed a home run. Archer threw 48 pitches and faced 10 hitters in the inning.

Archer's chances also



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The Mets scored six in the first, and two more in the sixth to finish off a 3-game sweep.

were hurt when Kang didn't properly field a throw to third when Jason Vargas bunted toward the mound. Instead of having two outs and runners at first and second, the bases were loaded. Sure enough, Aaron Altherr, pinch-hitting for McNeil, hit a sacrifice fly to drive in Vargas for the sixth run. The inning finally ended when Archer struck out Conforto.

"I was trying to place the ball instead of trying to drive the ball through the strike zone," Archer said. "When you do that even if you do have decent movement, it isn't as crisp. The pitches don't have as much bite. The fastball doesn't have that late bite.

"In the big leagues these guys are too good. You have to be on from pitch one, not turn it on 50 pitches later."

As brutal as the first inning was, Archer was able to go five innings, throwing 107 pitches but didn't surrender a run in his final four innings.

"They were trying to push him off the mound and he put his foot down and didn't let that happen," Pirates manager Clint Hurdle said. "He threw strikes and kept

us from having to overuse the bullpen. We were able to save some key pitchers for the next series."

Jacob Stallings got the Pirates on the board with a solo home run off Vargas in the third. Stallings also singled in the fourth, moving Adam Frazier, who singled, to third and he scored on Conforto's throwing error. Stallings advanced to second on the error, but hesitated on Archer's ground-ball single to left field and could not score.

"The shortstop broke for a back-pick from the catcher," Hurdle said. "There was a voice command for him to get back. If there is a swing and miss there is a chance he gets picked off so he has to go back."

Archer's single rolled past where Amed Rosario would've been without the pickoff attempt.

Melky Cabrera doubled in the fifth to drive in Starling Marte to make it 6-3, but the Mets added two runs in the sixth.

Facing an 8-3 deficit, the Pirates scored four runs in the ninth on two-run home runs from Bryan Reynolds and Jose Asuna, but could not pick up the tying run as

Cabrera fouled out and Frazier grounded out.

Once again the Pirates dug a hole and nearly got out of it. Doesn't that sound like the theme of the 2019 season?

"You have to have a sense of reality, but you need to remain optimistic. The harsh reality is we haven't played well for two weeks," Hurdle said. "The optimism is, as I said, there's been six games that we could have won along the way and that flips the record with one hit or one well-placed out."

Around the horn

Josh Bell didn't play Sunday, but was in the on-deck circle in the ninth inning. Hurdle confirmed that the off day was preplanned. ... Corey Dickerson, who was injured Friday, would've been able to pinch-hit. The Pirates are hoping Dickerson can be a bench player Monday, and he is hoping to return to the starting lineup Tuesday. ... Marte's ninth-inning single was the 1,000th hit of his career. He is the 11th player to collect at least 1,000 hits and 100 home runs with the Pirates.

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Pirates GM: Selling at deadline likely plan

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otherwise, it may be best to hold on to that player."

Players such as Corey Dickerson, Francisco Liriano, Jordan Lyles and Melky Cabrera could get traded since there is interest and they're on expiring deals. Based on Huntington's comments, the team could decide to hold onto Dickerson, who was 12 for 29 with seven walks in his past 11 games before leaving a loss Friday against the Mets with left groin discomfort. Dickerson and the team are hoping he can return to the field soon.

Lyles will start Monday against the Cincinnati Reds in what could be an audition for teams in need of starting pitching. But Lyles

has given up 16 runs in his past three starts and only pitched a combined eight innings. If the Pirates are to get any value for Lyles, he needs to show some positive signs Monday.

Liriano has been strong bullpen arm, and Cabrera has been a good hitter this season. The Pirates might trade both if the price is right.

Felipe Vazquez has been the subject of several trade rumors. Huntington continuously has said that they're not looking to trade Vazquez, since the team has him under control for the next four seasons. Huntington also is aware that he will get offers and that it would be wise to listen.

"We feel he's one of the premier relievers in the

game, and we have the opportunity have him this year and four years into the future. It is correct that having a wipe-out on a team that isn't expecting to be very good decreases the value of that reliever," Huntington said. "He has been really good. He has multiple pitches that can get nearly any hitter out. If we were not intending to be a competitive club, then the right move would be to explore trades for Felipe. But we like our young core.

"We like what we have coming up in the minor leagues. We feel that can add to this club appropriately in the offseason, and Felipe will play a key role in that. At the same time, every general manager's job is to look for opportunities to

improve the team in the immediate term, middle term and long term. The rumors exist because the player is really good and a lot of teams feel that the player can help them win. We intend to be a competitive club going forward, and we want Felipe to be part of that. But we will always be open to ways to make the team better."

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette has spoken to several team executives over the past two weeks, and the prevailing thought is that the Pirates will only trade Vazquez if the offer is incredible. We'll see how it goes leading into Wednesday.

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Owner Nutting may be toughest curse to overcome for Pirates

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producing less than he did last season, has hit .184 with two RBIs since the All-Star break and hasn't hit a home run since July 5. They are bad on the bases and bad in the field.

"It's our third time this year we've been in an extended losing streak," Huntington said Sunday on his radio show on 93.7 The Fan. "Our record, obviously, indicates that there are a number of areas that we need to be better, are working to get better and will have to be better."

Worst of all, the Pirates are playing as if they don't care.

They should be ashamed. That final indictment is on Hurdle, whose message appears to have stopped getting through to the players. The same thing happened to him with the Colorado Rockies before he was fired in 2009 after seven-plus seasons.

The rest of the deplorable mess is on Huntington, who hasn't done nearly enough with what little Nutting has given him to work with.

"I am accountable for everything that goes on in baseball operations," Huntington acknowledged Sunday. "This is the club that I put together. This is the club that I felt good about."

Give Huntington credit

for getting Bryan Reynolds and Kyle Crick in a trade for Andrew McCutchen. It hurt everyone to see the popular McCutchen go, but that deal had to be made. Also give Huntington credit for signing Melky Cabrera as a free agent. Cabrera should be attractive as a bench player to every contending team before the 4 p.m. Wednesday trade deadline.

But Huntington's trade for Gerrit Cole looks bad. I like Colin Moran and love Joe Musgrove's want-to, but they haven't been good enough. The trade for Chris Archer looks worse. He has been less-than-mediocre after the Pirates were expecting a top-of-the-rotation

starter. The signing of free-agent Jordan Lyles was great for two months but now must be considered a mistake. Lyles has been really bad and still wouldn't be in the rotation if Hurdle had other options.

But Huntington's two biggest blunders were trading for Keone Kela and signing Lonnie Chisenhall as a free agent. Kela's anger-management issues with the Texas Rangers should have been well-known to Huntington, but he still made the trade. Kela was suspended for two games last week after a reported confrontation with a Pirates staff member, an inexcusable act at a time when the team still was fighting to

Pirates report

Monday



Game: Pirates vs. Cincinnati Reds, 7:10 p.m., Great American Ball Park, Cincinnati.

TV, Radio: AT&T SportsNet, KDKA-FM (93.7).

Probable starters: RHP Jordan Lyles (5-7, 5.36

ERA) for the Pirates; RHP Sonny Gray (5-6, 3.29) for the Reds.

Key matchup: Lyles vs himself — he could be making his final start in a Pirates uniform as the trade deadline approaches on Wednesday. While he has struggled of late, the start on Monday could be an audition for interested teams.

Hidden stat: Starling Marte has just one hit with two walks in 12 plate appearances against Gray.

On deck



Tue. vs Reds, 7:10
Joe Musgrove (7-9) vs.
Tanner Roark (6-6)
AT&T/KDKA-FM (93.7)



Wed. vs Reds, 12:35
Dario Agrazal (2-1)
vs. Luis Castillo (9-4)
AT&T/KDKA-FM (93.7)



Fri. vs. Mets, 7:05
Trevor Williams (3-4)
vs. Steven Matz (6-6)
AT&T/KDKA-FM (93.7)

Sunday's game

Mets 8, Pirates 7

	ab	r	h	bi	bb	so	avg.
Pirates							
Newman ss	4	0	0	1	1	1	.313
Reynolds rf	4	1	2	1	0	0	.326
Marte cf	5	2	2	0	0	0	.283
Osuna 1b	5	1	1	2	0	2	.274
Cabrera lf	5	0	1	1	0	0	.303
A.Frazier 2b	4	1	1	0	1	0	.281
Stallings c	4	0	0	0	0	4	.170
Kang 3b	4	1	2	1	0	0	.316
Archer p	1	0	1	0	1	0	.129
b-Musgrove ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.152
Liriano p	0	0	0	0	0	0	1.000
Feliz p	0	0	0	0	0	0	—
Kela p	0	0	0	0	0	0	—
d-Moran ph	0	1	0	1	0	0	.288
Totals	37	7	9	6	5	8	
New York	ab	r	h	bi	bb	so	avg.
McNeil rf	0	1	0	0	0	0	.336
a-Altherr ph-of lf	3	1	1	1	0	1	.070
Conforto cf-rf	4	1	2	1	1	1	.251
Alonso 1b	3	0	0	1	2	1	.258
Cano 2b	5	1	0	0	2	2	.240
Ramos 3b	3	1	1	0	1	0	.259
T.Frazier 3b	4	1	1	1	0	0	.246
Davis lf	3	2	2	1	1	1	.301
Wilson p	0	0	0	0	0	0	—
Bashlor p	0	0	0	0	0	0	—
Ed.Diaz p	0	0	0	0	0	0	—
Rosario ss	3	0	1	1	0	0	.270
Lugo p	0	0	0	0	0	0	—
c-Lagares ph-of	1	0	0	0	0	1	.190
Vargas p	2	0	0	0	0	0	.071
Hechavarria ss	1	1	1	0	0	0	.235
Totals	32	8	8	7	5	7	

Pirates	001	110	004	—	7	9	3
New York	600	002	00x	—	8	8	1

a-out on sacrifice fly for McNeil in the 1st. b-advanced to 1st on strikeout for Archer in the 6th. c-struck out for Lugo in the 7th. d-walked for Kela in the 9th. E—Marte (4), Osuna (1), Kang (8), Conforto (3). LOB—Pirates 8, New York 8. 2B—Cabrera (16), Hechavarria (7). HR—Stallings (2), off Vargas; Reynolds (8), off Bashlor; Osuna (6), off Ed.Diaz; Conforto (20), off Archer. RBIs—Reynolds 2 (42), Osuna 2 (15), Cabrera (35), Stallings (5), Conforto 2 (54), Alonso (77), T.Frazier (41), Davis (29), Rosario (47), Altherr (3). SB—Marte (14), Davis (1). SF—Altherr. DP—Pirates 1 (Osuna, Newman, A.Frazier).

Pirates	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	era
Archer, L, 3-8	5	6	5	4	4	4	5.58
Liriano	1	2	2	0	0	0	3.06
Feliz	1	1	0	0	0	1	4.41
Kela	1	0	0	0	1	2	3.68
New York	ip	h	r	er	bb	so	era
Vargas, W, 6-5	5.5%	6	3	3	3	5	4.01
Lugo	1%	0	0	0	0	2	2.77
Wilson	1	0	0	0	1	1	3.06
Bashlor	1	2	3	3	1	0	5.87
Ed.Diaz, S, 23-27	1/3	1	1	1	0	0	4.95

Umpires—Home: Todd Tichenor; First, Jordan Baker; Second, Marvin Hudson; Third, Hunter Wendelstedt. T—3:21. A—32,976 (41,922).

How they scored

Mets first. Jeff McNeil hit by pitch. Michael Conforto homers to center field. Jeff McNeil scores. Pete Alonso walks. Robinson Cano reaches on a fielder's choice to shortstop. Pete Alonso out at second. Wilson Ramos walks. Robinson Cano to second. On Chris Archer's wild pitch, Wilson Ramos to second. Robinson Cano to third. Todd Frazier singles to center field. Wilson Ramos to third. Robinson Cano scores. J.D. Davis singles to right center field. Todd Frazier to third. Wilson Ramos scores. Amed Rosario singles to left field. J.D. Davis to second. Todd Frazier scores. Jason Vargas reaches on a fielder's choice to shallow infield. Amed Rosario to second. J.D. Davis to third. Fielding error by Jung Ho Kang. Aaron Altherr pinch-hitting for Jeff McNeil. Aaron Altherr out on a sacrifice fly to deep center field to Starling Marte. Amed Rosario to third. J.D. Davis scores. Michael Conforto called out on strikes. 6 runs, 4 hits, 1 error, 2 left on. Mets 6, Pirates 0.

Pirates third. Jacob Stallings homers to left field. Chris Archer walks. Kevin Newman flies out to center field to Aaron Altherr. Bryan Reynolds flies out to center field to Aaron Altherr. Starling Marte singles to left field. Chris Archer to second. Jose Osuna flies out to deep right field to Michael Conforto. 1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 2 left on. Mets 6, Pirates 1.

Wild Things report



Sunday: Washington 5, Schaumburg Boomers 0. **Recap:** Four pitchers combined for the shutout against the Boomers (35-30). Cameron Baranek hit a solo home run, his sixth of the season, and added a sacrifice fly. Hector Roa pitched in with a two-run homer (12th).

Record: 27-39. **Next:** vs. Windy City ThunderBolts (28-38), 8:05 p.m. Tuesday, Ozinga Field, Crestwood, Ill.

Felipe Vazquez or Starling Marte? If he does move one, are you confident he will get enough value in return?

It doesn't matter, I guess. There is no pressure on Huntington. Like Hurdle, he is safe with Nutting.

On second thought, maybe that, too, is a curse. Getting fired, taking some time off, getting paid and then looking to work for a better owner might not be such a bad thing.

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Pro Football

CB Burns receives roster bonus, but spot is not guaranteed



Photos: Peter Diana/Post-Gazette
Cornerback Artie Burns needs to prove himself during camp.

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But the Steelers are going to wait, use training camp as a gauge to see if Burns can put some of his past issues behind him and help the secondary.

For that reason, defensive coordinator Keith Butler called it “a huge camp” for Burns.

“I’m hoping he can come back that if something happens to him that’s not good, that he can shake it off and play,” Butler said.

That has been the biggest problem for Burns, who started only six games last season — just one after he got beat on a long third-down sideline pass in Cincinnati that led to the tying touchdown.

His only other start came in Week 15 against the New England Patriots, but that assignment didn’t last long. He appeared for only four plays and never returned to the game after the Patriots scored on a 63-yard touchdown pass to a wide-open Chris Hogan on their first possession.

Burns is scheduled to count \$3,051,677 against the salary cap in 2019. If he failed to make the team, he still would count nearly \$2.1 million against the cap.

“I don’t know if it’s a problem, it’s a problem for everyone, not just him,” Butler said of Burns. “If you’re a corner, man, it’s a tough position. You got to be an iron head. We’ll see how it goes.”

Burns said he has never had a problem with confidence. His first day of practice in pads got off to a good start when he intercepted a deflected pass on the fourth play of the opening goal-line drill.

“I feel like I’ve always been good with it, for sure,” Burns said.

It is a foregone conclusion this will be Burns’ final year with the Steelers. They did not exercise the fifth-year option on his rookie contract, not like they did a year earlier with outside linebacker Bud Dupree, which means Burns will be a free agent after the 2019 season (if not sooner).

Barring an unforeseen circumstance, he will be just another a long line of cor-

nerbacks who flamed out and never lived up to expectations. Burns will be the 13th of 14 cornerbacks drafted by Mike Tomlin who never received a second multiyear contract with the Steelers

“He’s worked his butt off,” Butler said. “He’s done a lot of good things. But he still gets beat every now and then. That’s the thing that’s tough for him.”

Said Burns: “I just need to show consistency, show my talent, my understanding, to get back out there with the 1s.”

There are no guarantees with Burns, despite his bonus payment.

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Bush shows why he was No. 1

Rookie LB had big role on first day with pads

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Devin Bush had been hearing about this day from the time he was drafted by the Steelers in April. Sure, Bush went through a month’s worth of practices in the spring, but those practices were light, or as coach Mike Tomlin refers to them, “football in shorts.”

On Sunday, after two light practices without pads to open training camp, the Steelers got to play real football for the first time in seven months. And all eyes were on Bush, a 5-foot-11, 234-pound inside linebacker, who was selected with the No. 10 overall pick in the draft.

“He looked good,” defensive coordinator Keith Butler said. “It’s what we expect out of him. He’s still learning. He made a couple mistakes here and there, but he’s a sharp kid. The good thing about him I think he’s going to be very coachable in terms of not making the same mistake twice. Most of the time those guys turn out to be good players.”

Bush played every snap with the first-team defense alongside veteran Vince Williams during the team periods. Veteran Mark Barron, who was signed to a two-year, \$12 million contract in March, was given the day off.

Bush didn’t flash with any spectacular plays Sunday. He made a few tackles, but he also dropped an interception in the final team period. The Steelers believe the impact plays that made him one of the top linebacker prospects in his draft class will come in due time. They feel that way because he has been so astute in the classroom and on the field with his ability to communicate and learn the defense.

“He always looks good,” second-year linebacker Ola Adeniyi said. “He’s really good. The Steelers defense is not the easiest. I heard a lot of rookies don’t play like that their first year. But he’s coming out here and showing he can do it. That says a lot about him.”

By the time the regular season rolls around the expectation is for Bush to start and play on almost every down. But early in camp the coaches have divided the reps evenly among Bush, Williams and Barron. He has been paired with Williams and Barron, and Barron has played dime linebacker in the sub-packages. On some occasions, the Steelers have used cornerback Cameron Sutton as the dime linebacker and paired him alongside Bush.

“It’s a good rotation,” Bush said. “You get to learn a lot watching as well. With Mark and Vince being veterans, you get mental reps, stand alongside them and ask questions.”



The Steelers got their first look at top pick Devin Bush in pads Sunday. Coaches said the linebacker “looked good.”

The depth at inside linebacker is nice for the Steelers, who went through last season with Williams playing 71 percent of the defensive snaps. Williams, who has 47 career starts under his belt, remains an important part of the defense, but he might not play as much because Bush and Barron are the hybrid linebackers that are in demand to play against the NFL’s spread offenses.

The Steelers felt so confident in the acquisition of Barron and Bush that they immediately released Jon Bostic, a starter last season alongside Williams.

Bush has not disappointed. He has demonstrated an ability to quickly learn the defense, but his teammates are making sure he’s up to speed by forcing him to make every defensive call when he’s on the field.

“We’re kind of like making him make the calls so he won’t get lackadaisical with it because he is that guy,” outside linebacker Bud Dupree said. “We have to make sure he’s on top of that, and he’s doing a pretty good job with it.”

Dupree said Bush is further along than most rookies, commenting that Bush is “beyond his years.” Barron also has been impressed with Bush’s

football savvy and ability to comprehend defensive schemes.

“He came in from the jump and did it,” Barron said. “He doesn’t make a lot of mistakes. He’s doing a great job. I want to commend him.”

Ola impresses again

The first day in pads always includes the competitive backs on backers drill, and Adeniyi was the standout performer Sunday.

The drill pits running backs and tight ends against linebackers. The backs must block the charging backers, who can either attempt to run over the offensive player with a bull rush or sidestep them by using their athleticism and pass-rushing technique.

The NFL this year outlawed the Oklahoma drill and “bull in the ring,” two old-school football drills that were deemed too barbaric because of the head-to-head collisions. The backs on backers drill remains, but the Steelers scaled it back a bit Sunday compared to previous years. Bull rushes were at a minimum and defenders honed their technique with finesse moves.

Nonetheless, Adeniyi’s quickness and his ability to bend around his offensive counterparts was impressive.

“Ola is flashing and showing some burst and finishing some rushes,” Tomlin said.

Adeniyi flashed some a year ago as well, but he was injured in the final preseason game and spent most of the season on injured reserve. He was elevated to the 53-man roster late in the season, but he’s hoping to earn a bigger role this season.

For as impressive as he has been early on, the coaches have yet to elevate Adeniyi to any reps with the first-team defense. Anthony Chickillo, the top reserve last season, has been running with the starters with T.J. Watt on the physically unable to perform list.

“I’m just being patient and doing what I need to do with the second team and third team,” Adeniyi said. “Whatever I have to do to get that opportunity, I’ll do it.”

Injuries

Safety Sean Davis left practice early with a finger injury. Tomlin said it might be dislocated. Kameron Kelly, who was signed in the spring after playing in the Alliance of American Football, replaced Davis on the first-team defense.

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Final
Brooks Koepka (550), \$1,745,000

68-67-64-65=264
Webb Simpson (315), \$1,095,000

69-66-68-64=267
Marc Leishman (200), \$602,000

69-69-63-67=268
Tommy Fleetwood (120), \$384,333

68-70-65-66=269
Matthew Fitzpatrick, \$384,333

67-64-69-69=269
Rory McIlroy (120), \$384,333

69-67-62-71=269
Jon Rahm (95), \$273,000

62-71-68-69=270
Ian Poulter (89), \$242,000

66-69-67-69=271
Billy Horschel (81), \$205,000

67-66-69-70=272
Bubba Watson (81), \$205,000

65-70-68-69=272
Justin Rose (73), \$183,000

67-68-70-68=273
Rafa Cabrera Bello (59), \$143,625

70-71-67-66=274
Patrick Cantlay (59), \$143,625

65-68-73-68=274
Alex Noren (59), \$143,625

66-69-66-73=274
Aaron Rai, \$143,625

72-69-66-67=274
Patrick Reed (59), \$143,625

73-66-67-68=274
Cameron Smith (59), \$143,625

65-68-73-68=274
Jordan Spieth (59), \$143,625

70-70-66-68=274
Justin Thomas (59), \$143,625

68-69-69-68=275
Dustin Johnson (48), \$113,500

66-70-71-68=275
Nate Lashley (48), \$113,500

69-69-67-70=275
Haotong Li, \$113,500

73-69-66-67=275
Louis Oosthuizen (48), \$113,500

71-70-67-68=276
Adam Long (40), \$103,000

71-70-67-68=276
Andrew Putnam (40), \$103,000

66-71-72-67=276
Matthew Wolff (40), \$103,000

72-70-65-69=276
Paul Casey (28), \$86,250

70-71-69-67=277
Corey Connors (28), \$86,250

67-71-70-69=277
Tony Finau (28), \$86,250

70-71-68-68=277
Jim Furyk (28), \$86,250

74-65-70-68=277
Shugo Imahira, \$86,250

65-69-71-72=277
Kevin Kisner (28), \$86,250

77-67-66-67=277
Thorbjorn Olesen, \$86,250

66-71-65-75=277
Chez Reavie (28), \$86,250

68-70-68-71=277
Xander Schauffele (28), \$86,250

69-70-69-69=277
Brandt Snedeker (28), \$86,250

69-73-69-66=277
Henrik Stenson (28), \$86,250

70-70-65-73=277
Matt Wallace, \$86,250

73-70-71-64=278
Keith Mitchell (19), \$76,000

72-69-68-70=279
Jason Day (17), \$74,000

69-71-70-69=279
Sergio Garcia (17), \$74,000

70-68-74-67=279
Adam Scott (17), \$74,000

72-70-64-74=280
Justin Harding (13), \$70,000

66-71-69-74=280
Tyrrell Hatton (17), \$70,000

70-70-71-69=280
Matt Kuchar (13), \$70,000

70-70-71-69=280
Hideki Matsuyama (13), \$70,000

65-71-72-72=280
Kevin Na (13), \$70,000

70-66-70-74=280
Bryson DeChambeau (10), \$66,000

67-74-72-68=281
C.T. Pan (10), \$66,000

72-70-70-69=281
Danny Willett (10), \$66,000

69-72-70-70=281
Lucas Bjerregaard, \$63,000

69-74-72-69=284
Phillip Eriksson, \$63,000

73-72-72-67=284
Eddie Pepperell, \$63,000

70-74-66-74=284
LPGA TOUR

THE EVIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

Sunday's leaders at Evian Resort Golf Club, Evian-les-Bains, France.

Purse: \$4.1 million. **Yardage:** 6,527; **Par:** 71 (35-36) (a-denotes amateur)

Final
Jin Young Ko, \$615,000

65-71-66-67=269
Jennifer Kupcho, \$290,778

66-70-69-66=271
Shanshan Feng, \$290,778

69-66-68-68=271
Hyo Joo Kim, \$290,778

69-64-65-73=271
Ariya Jutanugarn, \$172,316

70-71-64-68=273
Moriya Jutanugarn, \$129,498

68-72-66-68=274
Sung Hyun Park, \$129,498

67-66-66-75=274
Megan Khang, \$98,169

68-70-67-70=275
Inbee Park, \$98,169

65-68-69-73=275
Carlotia Giganda, \$84,591

70-69-67-70=276
In-Kyung Kim, \$75,712

74-66-68-69=277
Ally McDonald, \$75,712

71-68-69-69=277
Lizette Salas, \$64,469

74-67-69-68=278
Mirim Lee, \$64,469

71-68-70-69=278
Mi Jung Hur, \$64,469

68-71-67-72=278
Brooke M. Alexander, \$57,229

71-67-70-71=279
Brooke M. Alexander, \$50,045

72-70-68-70=280
Jessica Korda, \$50,045

70-70-70-70=280
Sei Young Kim, \$50,045

68-68-70-74=280
Caroline Hedwall, \$50,045

72-64-68-76=280
Mi Hyang Lee, \$50,045

65-67-71-77=280
Brittany Altomare, \$43,027

72-69-66-74=281
Bronte Law, \$43,027

65-73-71-72=281
Chella Choi, \$43,027

71-70-72-69=282
Eun-Hee Ji, \$36,970

67-74-72-69=282
Austin Ernst, \$36,970

73-70-69-70=282
Nelly Korda, \$36,970

72-71-67-72=282
So Yeon Ryu, \$36,970

Pajaree Anannurakorn, \$36,970

68-68-72-74=282
Hannah Green, \$29,122

72-72-69-70=283
Yu Liu, \$29,122

70-73-70-70=283
Katherine Kirk, \$29,122

70-71-72-70=283
Jing Yan, \$29,122

68-70-72-73=283
Charley Hull, \$29,122

68-71-70-74=283
Annie Park, \$29,122

70-66-73-74=283
Amy Olson, \$29,122

69-73-73-69=284
Georgia Hall, \$22,683

70-73-70-71=284
Ashleigh Buhai, \$22,683

71-70-70-73=284
Wei-Ling Hsu, \$22,683

69-73-68-74=284
Xiyu Lin, \$22,683

66-72-72-74=284
Mel Reid, \$22,683

70-69-75=284
a-Yuka Yasuda

72-66-71-75=284
a-Albane Valenzuela

74-69-71-71=285
Su Oh, \$18,506

71-72-70-72=285
Yaelini Noh, \$18,506

73-71-68-73=285
Pavarisa Yoktuan, \$18,50

71-69-72-73=285
Amy Yang, \$18,506

74-67-70-74=285
Gerina Pillier, \$18,506

73-71-72-70=286
In Gee Chun, \$15,873

70-70-72-71=286
Jeong Eun Lee, \$15,873

73-70-70-73=286
Hye-Jin Choi, \$15,873

71-73-72-71=287
Sakaya Yokomine, \$14,203

69-74-71-73=287
Stacy Lewis, \$14,203

72-71-69-75=287
Anne van Dam, \$14,203

71-67-70-66=274
Bernhard Langer, \$314,330

67-71-67-71=276
Paul Broadhurst, \$209,590

72-71-74-66=277
Retief Goosen, \$106,125

74-68-67-68=277
Tim Petrovic, \$106,125

69-69-73-67=278
Doug Barron, \$72,960

70-70-68-70=278
David McKenzie, \$72,960

68-70-68-73=279
Woody Austin, \$48,637

72-67-73-67=279
David Frost, \$48,637

67-67-73-72=279
Wees Short, Jr., \$48,637

70-68-73-69=280
Roger Chapman, \$31,922

68-68-73-71=280
Darren Clarke, \$31,922

68-69-70-73=280
Ken Duke, \$31,922

70-71-74-65=280
Bob Estes, \$31,922

72-69-69-72=282
Miguel Angel Jimenez, \$31,922

71-68-74-67=280
Thomas Levett, \$31,922

74-68-71-67=280
Paul Lawrie, \$25,870

70-69-72-70=281
Miguel Angel Martin, \$25,870

70-75-70-66=281
Bart Bryant, \$22,577

69-68-73-72=282
Stephen Dodd, \$22,577

73-66-73-70=282
Stephen Leaney, \$22,577

73-67-73-69=282
Mark McNulty, \$22,577

72-69-69-72=282
Mauricio Molina, \$22,577

68-70-73-71=282
Colin Montgomerie, \$22,577

73-71-72-67=283
Billy Andrade, \$19,040

68-73-70-72=283
Magnus P. Atevi, \$19,040

74-69-66-74=283
Paul Eales, \$19,040

70-72-70-71=283
Dan Olsen, \$19,040

67-71-76-69=283
Scott Parel, \$19,040

74-69-71-70=284
Stephen Ames, \$15,581

67-68-75-74=284
Scott Dunlap, \$15,581

68-73-73-70=284
Tom Gillis, \$15,581

73-66-71-74=284
Jerry Kelly, \$15,581

73-69-72-70=284
Billy Mayfair, \$15,581

70-75-69-70=284
Jarmo Sandelin, \$15,581

74-69-72-70=284
Thaworn Wiratchant, \$15,581

74-69-72-70=284
Dudley Hart, \$12,817

70-70-74-71=285
Tom Lehman, \$12,817

71-67-70-77=285
Phillips Idrotts, \$13,017

FLORIDA STATE LEAGUE

NORTH DIVISION
x-Dunedin (Blue Jays) 21 17 .553 —
Daytona (Reds) 19 20 .487 2½
Tampa (Yankees) 19 21 .475 3
Clearwater (Phillies) 19 21 .475 3
Lakeland (Tigers) 17 23 .425 5
Florida (Braves) 14 25 .359 7½

SOUTH DIVISION
Charlotte (Rays) 28 11 .718 —
St. Lucie (Mets) 25 15 .625 3½
Bradenton (Pirates) 22 17 .564 6
x-Fort Myers (Twins) 20 18 .526 7½
Jupiter (Marlins) 18 22 .450 10½
Palm Beach (Cardinals) 13 26 .333 15
x-first-half division winner

Sunday's Games
Daytona 6, Florida 4, 11 innings
Bradenton 7, St. Lucie 3
Lakeland 7, Fort Myers 3
Clearwater 2, Charlotte 1
Dunedin 10, Palm Beach 6, 11 innings
Jupiter 5, Tampa 2

Today's Games
None scheduled

NEW YORK-PENN LEAGUE
MCNAMARA DIVISION
W L PCT. GB
Brooklyn (Mets) 25 16 .610 —
Hudson Valley (Rays) 24 17 .585 1
Aberdeen (Orioles) 25 18 .581 1
Staten Island (Yankees) 21 21 .500 4½

PINCKNEY DIVISION
W L PCT. GB
Batavia (Marlins) 25 18 .581 —
West Virginia (Pirates) 22 19 .537 2
State College (Cardinals) 22 21 .512 3
Mahoning Val. (Indians) 22 21 .512 3
Auburn (Nationals) 17 25 .405 7½
Williamsport (Phillies) 14 28 .333 10½

STEDLER DIVISION
W L PCT. GB
Lowell (Red Sox) 26 15 .634 —
Connecticut (Tigers) 19 23 .452 7½
Tri-City (Astros) 16 25 .390 10
Vermont (Athletics) 16 27 .372 11

Sunday's Games
Staten Island 3, Lowell 2
Auburn 10, Mahoning Valley 5
Hudson Valley 3, Aberdeen 0
Connecticut 3, Tri-City 0
Batavia 5, Williamsport 4
Brooklyn 9, Vermont 1
West Virginia 5, State College 2

Today's Games
None scheduled

GULF COAST LEAGUE
EAST DIVISION
W L PCT. GB
Marlins (Marlins) 18 11 .621 —
Mets (Mets) 17 12 .586 1
Astros (Astros) 13 15 .464 4½
Cardinals (Cardinals) 12 17 .414 6
Nationals (Nationals) 12 17 .414 6

NORTH DIVISION
W L PCT. GB
Phillies West (Phillies) 15 9 .625 —
Tigers West (Tigers) 15 10 .600 .52
Phillies East (Phillies) 12 10 .545 2
Blue Jays (Blue Jays) 12 13 .480 3½
Yankees West (Yankees) 11 13 .458 4

SOUTH DIVISION
W L PCT. GB
Orioles (Orioles) 18 8 .692 —
Red Sox (Red Sox) 13 11 .542 4
Rays (Rays) 13 13 .500 5
Twins (Twins) 12 14 .462 6
Braves (Braves) 10 14 .417 7
Pirates (Pirates) 10 16 .385 8

Sunday's Games
G1: Mets 4, Nationals 3, 8 innings
G2: Nationals 5, Mets 3, 8 innings
G3: Nationals 6, Cardinals 4
Today's Games
Astros at Marlins, noon
Cardinals at Nationals, noon
Red Sox at Orioles, noon
Phillies West at Phillies East, noon
Rays at Twins, noon
Tigers East at Yankees East, noon
Yankees West at Blue Jays, noon
Pirates at Braves, noon

FRONTIER LEAGUE
EAST DIVISION
W L PCT. GB
Lake Erie 35 29 .547 —
Schaumburg 35 30 .538 .52
Windy City 28 38 .424 8
Washington 27 39 .409 9
Joliet 26 39 .400 9½

WEST DIVISION
W L PCT. GB
Florence 41 27 .603 —
Evansville 38 27 .585 1½
River City 37 29 .561 3
Southern Illinois 33 32 .508 6½
Gateway 27 37 .422 12

Sunday's Games
Washington 5, Schaumburg 0
G1: Gateway 3, Joliet 2, 7 innings
G2: Gateway at Joliet, late
Evansville 11, Windy City 4
River City 3, Lake Erie 2
Today's Games
River City at Schaumburg, 7:30 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP WORLD TOUR
BB&T ATLANTA OPEN
(U.S. Open Series)
Sunday at Atlantic Station, Atlanta.
Purse: \$694,995 (WT250); **Surface:** Hard-Outdoor

Men's Singles
Championship
Alex de Minaur (3), Australia, def. Taylor Fritz (2), United States, 6-3, 7-6 (2).

J. SAFRA SARASIN SUISSE OPEN GSTAAD
Sunday at Roy Emerson Arena, Gstaad, Switzerland.
Purse: \$588,200 (WT250); **Surface:** Clay-Outdoor

Men's Singles
Championship
Albert Ramos-Vinolas, Spain, def. Cedrik-Marcel Stebe, Germany, 6-3, 6-2.

HAMBURG EUROPEAN OPEN
Sunday at Rothenbaum Sport GmbH, Hamburg,

Sports

Former Pitt FB teaches life skills

POLITE, FROM C-1

our Life Skills Program to touch our alumni, there was no one else I thought of who could do the job of that magnitude,” said Semaia, Pitt’s senior associate athletic director for student life. “He embodies the best part of the city of Pittsburgh, and that’s the people. He embodies the genuine nature of helping people.”

Added former Pitt football coach Walt Harris: “It was a coup for Pitt to get Lousaka to come back to Pittsburgh. To get a man of his caliber as a student-athlete, as a professional football player and as a professional to work with your new football players, it’s just a tremendous accomplishment.”

Of course, Harris was around for Polite’s playing days. At 72 years old, the eight-year leader of the Panthers can’t recall every game. But he could never forget what happened on Nov. 8, 2003 — one of Polite’s finest moments on the field.

Pitt played host to No. 5-ranked Virginia Tech, a team eyeing at least a Bowl Championship Series berth, perhaps more. But the Panthers upset the Hokies thanks to a 70-yard, game-winning touchdown drive in the waning seconds of the fourth quarter. Larry Fitzgerald snagged three passes on that late-game march, but it was Polite who punched in the go-ahead, 2-yard score.

“I’m not sure we blocked anyone,” Harris said laughing. “But I was extremely excited that he scored because I didn’t want to make the fourth-down call. Somehow, he got in.”

Harris — while nervous about a possible final play — trusted Polite in that moment. He had every reason to, too.

Polite, a Woodland Hills High School standout before donning the blue and gold, was named a captain as a red-shirt sophomore, as voted on by his teammates. He reprised that role as a junior and senior, becoming the program’s first three-year captain.

Polite wasn’t expecting that distinction when he arrived on campus. He was just trying to be himself. But when he was thrust into captaincy, he made sure the team felt like “a real family and a brotherhood.”

Polite did that, at least partially, by welcoming teammates over to his house. As an upperclassman, he lived with Semaia and tight end Kris Wilson in a four-bedroom place in North Oakland, just off Melwood Avenue. Polite, Semaia and Wilson had guys over for cookouts and put a mattress



Former Pitt fullback Lousaka Polite (32) is back on campus, now as a mentor for Pitt athletes.

in their spare bedroom in case someone needed to crash.

“Our house was always the house, not so much about partying, but about fellowship,” Polite said. “We took that seriously. It was a place to feel like home away from home. ... We took pride in making sure that house represented what we represented, and that’s family.

“Every once in a while I drive past that house just to look at it and reminisce. It’s still there. Full circle, man. Full circle.”

Polite now preaches fellowship and family a mile away, at the Petersen Events Center.

On a daily basis, in-season and in the summer, Polite, Semaia and the Life Skills team field questions and conversations from any number of Pitt’s 475 student-athletes.

Polite said the Life Skills Program is in the “everything else category.” Athletes have academic support for studies and coaches for their respective sports. But Polite handles off-the-field concerns and inquiries about what lies ahead.

“Guys come in here daily, even if it’s just to sit on that couch and talk about life,” Polite said. “What’s going to happen when I’m done? What’s my career look like? How am I preparing for these things? How does my resume look? It’s important that we’re able to meet our student-athletes where they are. That’s our motto. We meet you where you are, find out where you want to go, and we build a plan to get there.”

Polite tells that to recruits and their families, too.

“By the time you leave here, you’re going to know what’s next,” Polite added, eyes wide, leaning forward in his chair. “A lot of schools

talk about graduation rate; we don’t talk about that because it’s an expectation. It’s the standard. It’s nothing to brag about. We’re going to talk about placement rate. Do you have a job when you walk out of here? What’s next? We’re pushing the envelope here.”

The Life Skills’ various programs and events back up Polite’s words.

The program can promote its professional etiquette training, a three-part series open to all athletes which, if completed, results in a gift card to purchase formal interview attire. It can advertise its career networking night, in which representatives from 150 local companies meet with Panther athletes in a speed dating setting. And it can boast its Panthers to Pros mentorship program, which pairs current athletes with alumni from the same sport and same field of study, to offer advice and guidance through their college experience.

But an integral part to those programs and events are the people behind them. And those in the Life Skills Program believe Polite’s experience and personality to be invaluable.

Sam Clancy, a Pitt Hall of Fame football and basketball player from 1977-81 and now the Varsity Letter Club coordinator, said Polite brings “organization, smarts, and he’s someone who cares about us.”

Lisa Auld, a nine-year assistant AD for student life, identified Polite as someone who “measures twice and cuts once.”

“He’s the sit-back, analytical guy who’s steady, calm and wants to get it right,” Auld said. “He has walked the walk and talked the talk. ... It’s motivating to hear him

tell the story about getting cut, getting added back to the roster, not leaving a locker room for 24 hours until he learned a playbook. His tenacity, his grit, I hear it when he talks.”

So do Pitt’s athletes, especially Pat Narduzzi’s Panthers.

When football players come and chat with Polite about the future — about Plan A being the NFL — the fullback offers them a dose of reality. Sure, he played nine seasons in the league. He was also cut, waived or released eight times. On any given week, there’s only ever 1,696 active-roster players in the NFL, 53 for 32 teams.

Polite, rattling off those numbers, stopped and chuckled. “What do they say? NFL stands for Not For Long?” The former pro exhaled and gazed out the window.

Polite knew life in the NFL wasn’t going to be forever. He knew he needed a plan in place when teams stopped signing the bruising blocker. That post-football plan — working for the Dolphins, attaining his MBA from Miami, keeping in close contact with those at Pitt — paid off in the form of his current gig.

Now, current Panthers can benefit from the former three-time captain and Woodland Hills star who came back home.

“What I take pride in is using this platform to engage them and help them along the way,” Polite said. “It would be all for naught if I didn’t use what I learned by passing it down to the next crop, the next generation. That’s what we have to do to keep this thing going in the right way.”

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Tour de France

Bernal’s victory signals new era

The Associated Press

PARIS — The skies over Paris were yellow, ignited by a glorious golden sunset. But the yellow that counted most was the iconic jersey that fit so snugly on the slim shoulders of Egan Bernal.

His crowning Sunday as the Tour de France’s youngest post-World War II champion, and its first from South America, heralded the birth of a new supernova in the cycling universe.

“I am the most happy guy in the world,” Bernal said.

Winning a Tour at age 22 immediately prompted the question: How many more might he win?

Get this: He’s younger than the Tour’s greatest champions — five-time winners Jacques Anquetil, Eddy Merckx, Bernard Hinault and Miguel Indurain — were when they all were first crowned at the Tour.

The slightly built Colombian with a killer instinct on the road proved to be the strongest of the 176

strong men who started the 2,092-mile odyssey that delivered the most absorbing, drama-packed Tour in decades.

Cheered by Colombian fans who were partying even before he rattled up the cobblestones of the Champs-Elysees, Bernal crossed the finish line with teammate Geraint Thomas, the 2018 champion who finished second. Steven Kruijswijk completed what organizers said was the tightest podium finish in the race’s 116-year history, with just 1 minute, 31 seconds separating Bernal from Kruijswijk.

Keeping with tradition on the final day, the 155 riders who survived the Tour rode at a pedestrian pace and in a joyful atmosphere before hitting the Champs-Elysees. Bernal chatted with French rival Julian Alaphilippe and raised a glass of champagne as he rode.

At the finish, Bernal fell into the arms of his family.

“I cannot believe it. It’s just incredible,” Bernal said.

NASCAR

Hamlin saves enough to triumph at Pocono

The Associated Press

LONG POND, Pa. — Denny Hamlin had enough speed in his Toyota, enough confidence in his crew chief, and just enough fuel to reach the finish line. Hamlin got the win Sunday at Pocono Raceway — his fifth at the tri-oval track nestled in the mountains — but so much more could be on the horizon.

At 38, Hamlin is having one of the best seasons of his career for Joe Gibbs Racing. He has a Daytona 500 victory, and two other wins and just maybe, his best shot at a NASCAR Cup Series championship since he fell short in 2014.

“I feel as long as we keep putting the effort in what we’re doing, I have as good a shot as any,” Hamlin said.

The Cup championship has eluded Hamlin but not much else has over a fantastic career that took off as a rookie in 2006 when he swept two Pocono races. He won two consecutive races

at Pocono over the 2009 and 2010 seasons, but often struggled in recent years to seriously compete for a win on the tri-oval track.

He needed a bit of everything to go right over the final laps Sunday to reverse his fortune and win for the first time since March in Texas. Hamlin had to clear JGR teammates Erik Jones and Martin Truex Jr., then had to conserve fuel in the No. 11 for when he needed it on two late restarts, including the final one in overtime.

Hamlin is coming off his first full winless season of his career and split with crew chief Michael Wheeler, with JGR giving the reins to Chris Gabehart. Hamlin said he has full faith in the first-year Cup crew chief and followed his directives on fuel. Gabehart made all the right calls atop the pit box.

“I just let him go, get the lead,” Gabehart said. “Then as soon as he got out front, I pulled the reins ... started putting some in the bank.”

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Avenue in Aspinwall Borough, and Sharpsburg Borough, Allegheny County. The report identifies areas of the site with soil and groundwater impacted by volatile organic compounds associated with historical industrial operations at the property. The site-specific standard will be applied to the identified impacts and the remediation will be elimination of potential exposure pathways using activity and use limitations thereby demonstrating attainment of the selected standard. This notice is made under the provision of the Land Recycling and Environmental Remediation Standards Act, the Act of May 19, 1995, PL#4, No.2.

CITY OF CLAIRTON PUBLIC NOTICE Public Notice is hereby given that the City of Clairton will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 6th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m., prevailing time in Clairton City Hall, 551 Ravensburg Blvd. Clairton, Pa., pursuant to the requirements of the Pennsylvania Liquor Code on the request of Barberick, LLC’s request to transfer a restaurant liquor license from Glassport Borough to Barberick, LLC’s location at 320 Waddell Avenue, Clairton, Pa. 15025. City Council may consider a resolution authorizing the request at a regularly scheduled Legislative Council meeting to be held on Tuesday, August 13th, 2019 at 7:00 p.m., prevailing time. All

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interested parties are invited to attend both meetings. Howard J. Bednar City Manager

CITY OF CLAIRTON ZONING HEARING PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice is hereby given that the City of Clairton Zoning Hearing Board will meet on Monday, August 5th, 2019 at 6:30 p.m., prevailing time in Clairton City Hall, 551 Ravensburg Blvd. Clairton, Pa. to conduct a hearing on an Application for a Variance from the terms of the Zoning Ordinance, Section 337-29 – Projections into yards filed by Dean and Tammy Maksin, 653 Pine Lane, Clairton, Pa. seeking a variance to be allowed to construct a carport in the front yard of a residential property. The public is welcome to attend.

Howard J. Bednar City Manager

LEGAL NOTICE BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY ORDINANCE NOTICE

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE REZONING BLOCK AND LOT NO. 421-A-27, 527 BEAVER STREET, FROM A RESIDENTIAL R1-A ZONING DISTRICT AND A GENERAL COMMERCIAL C-1, VILLAGE OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICT TO A GENERAL COMMERCIAL C-1 ZONING DISTRICT

The title and summary of the proposed ordinance are as follows: TITLE AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REZONING BLOCK AND LOT NO. 421-A-27, 527 BEAVER STREET, AND BLOCK AND LOT

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NO. 421-B-118-0-1, 529 BEAVER STREET, FROM A RESIDENTIAL R1-A ZONING DISTRICT AND A GENERAL COMMERCIAL C-1, VILLAGE OVERLAY ZONING DISTRICT TO A GENERAL COMMERCIAL C-1 ZONING DISTRICT

SUMMARY

The proposed ordinance will amend the Official Zoning Map contained in Chapter 330, §330-201, Attachment 1 of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Sewickley to show that Block and Lot No. 421-A-27, commonly known as 527 Beaver Street, has been rezoned from a Residential R1-A Zoning District to a General Commercial C-1 Zoning District and that Block and Lot No. 421-B-118-0-1 has been rezoned from a General Commercial C-1 Village Overlay Zoning District to a General Commercial C-1 Zoning District. A copy of the proposed ordinance may be examined in the office of the Borough Secretary during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY Maria P. Marcinko Borough Manager

LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY ORDINANCE NOTICE THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 330, THE BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY ZONING ORDINANCE, RELATING TO SIGNS AT A PUBLIC MEETING TO BE HELD IN THE BOROUGH BUILDING, 601 THORN STREET, SEWICKLEY, BOROUGH, PENNSYLVANIA ON AUGUST 13, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M. The title and summary of the proposed ordinance are as

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follows: TITLE

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 330, THE BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY ZONING ORDINANCE, RELATING TO SIGNS.

SUMMARY The proposed ordinance will amend Chapter 330, Sections 330-303, 330-902, 330-909, 330-913 and 330-914 of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Sewickley and add Chapter 330, Sections 330-915 and 330-916 and Appendix C to the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of Sewickley amending, adding and clarifying definitions relating to signs, amending what signs are prohibited, amending the requirements relating to temporary signs, adding provisions relating to A-frame and sculptural feature signs and wayfinding signs, and adding an Appendix C with examples of sign types provided. A copy of the proposed ordinance may be examined in the office of the Borough Secretary during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY Maria P. Marcinko Borough Manager

LEGAL NOTICE

BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Borough Council of the Borough of Sewickley will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, beginning at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter at the Sewickley Borough Building, 601 Thorn Street, Sewickley, PA 15143 to consider the application of John Edson to have the two

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lots designated as Block and Lot No. 421-A-79 and Block and Lot No. 421-A-80 and located at 428-430 Beaver Street, Sewickley, PA 15143 consolidated into a single lot. The lots are owned by 4SGL LP and are located in the Commercial C-1 Village Overlay Zoning District.

A copy of the application is available for inspection at the Borough Manager’s Office at the Sewickley Borough Building, 601 Thorn Street, Sewickley, PA 15143, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. All persons wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the above place at the time specified.

Maria P. Marcinko Borough Manager

LEGAL NOTICE BOROUGH OF SEWICKLEY PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Borough Council of the Borough of Sewickley will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 13, 2019, beginning at 7:00 p.m. or shortly thereafter at the Sewickley Borough Building, 601 Thorn Street, Sewickley, PA 15143, as a parking lot and to confirm and ratify the consolidation of the properties subject to the Zoning Code having been amended for such properties to a Commercial C-1 Zoning District wherein a parking lot is permitted as a conditional use upon compliance with the conditions set forth in Sewickley Borough’s Zoning Code.

A copy of the application is available for inspection at the Borough Manager’s Office at the Sewickley Borough Building, 601 Thorn Street, Sewickley, PA 15143, from

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9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. All persons wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the above place at the time specified.

Maria P. Marcinko Borough Manager

NOTICE IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA V. \$13,026.00 U.S. CURRENCY; TWO (2) CELL PHONES; ONE (1) PINK IPHONE; ONE (1) BLACK IPHONE; ONE (1) IPAD; TWO (2) GOLD CHAIN NECKLACES; and ONE (1) BLACK DIGITAL SCALE PUBLIC NOTICE

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania did seize, \$13,026.00 U.S. CURRENCY; TWO (2) CELL PHONES; ONE (1) PINK IPHONE; ONE (1) BLACK IPHONE; ONE (1) IPAD; TWO (2) GOLD CHAIN NECKLACES; and ONE (1) BLACK DIGITAL SCALE on December 27, 2018 from Fabiola Romero-Dorantes at 3026 Texas Avenue (top floor apartment), Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania 15216. Any claimants to the above are hereby directed to file a claim with the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas, under Docket 2099 MD 2019, and send a copy of said claim to the Office of Attorney General, Asset Forfeiture & Money Laundering Section, 10950 Route 30 North Huntingdon, PA 15642 Attention: Margaret J. Ross, Senior Deputy Attorney General.

If no claim is filed on or before thirty (30) days from the date of the second publication of this notice, the above mentioned item shall be summarily forfeited to the

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Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Office of Attorney General. This notice is published in accordance with the Judicial Code, Chapter 58, Forfeiture of Asset, 42 Pa. C.S.A. §5801 et. seq.

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION NOTICE

Application of Dynamis Energy, LLC dba United Energy Services For Approval To Offer, Render, or Furnish Natural Gas Services as a Supplier, Aggregator, or Marketer/Broker Engaged In The Business Of Supplying Natural Gas Supply Services, To The Public In The Commonwealth Of Pennsylvania. Dynamis Energy, LLC will be filing an application with the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission (“PUC”) for a license to provide natural gas supply services as a broker/marketer engaged in the business of providing natural gas services. Dynamis Energy, LLC proposes to sell natural gas and related services in Columbia Gas, National Fuel Gas, PECO (gas), Peoples - Equitable, Peoples Natural Gas, Peoples Gas Company, Philadelphia Gas Works, UGI Utilities - Gas Div., and Valley Energy under the provisions of the new Natural Gas Choice and Competition Act.

The PUC may consider this application without a hearing. Protests directed to the technical or financial fitness of Dynamis Energy, LLC may be filed within 15 days of the date of this notice with the Secretary of the PUC, 400 North Street, Harrisburg, PA 17120. You should send copies of any protest to the Company’s representative Michelle Castro at the address listed below.

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By and through Representative: Michelle Castro, Dynamis Energy, LLC 9150 SW 49th Place, Unit A, Gainesville, FL 32608 PH 855-506-6474 FAX 877-792-7042

PENNSYLVANIA PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED

Application of Laurel Pipe Line Company, L.P., Buckeye Partners, L.P. and Hercules Intermediate Holdings LLC for all of the Authority and Necessary Certificates of Public Convenience for the Indirect Transfer of Control of Laurel Pipe Line Company, L.P. from Buckeye Partners, L.P. to IFM Global Infrastructure Fund. Docket Number: A-2019-3011685. Formal protests and petitions to intervene must be filed in accordance with Title 52 of the Pennsylvania Code, on or before Tuesday, September 3, 2019. All filings must be made with the Secretary of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, 400 North Street, 2nd Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17120, with a copy served on the Applicant. The documents filed in support of the Application are available for inspection and copying at the Office of the Secretary between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, on the Commission’s website at www.puc.pa.gov, and at the Applicant’s business address.

Applicants: Laurel Pipe Line Company, L.P. Buckeye Partners, L.P. Hercules Intermediate Holdings, LLC Through and By Counsel: For Hercules: David P. Zambito, Esquire Jonathan P. Nase, Esquire Cozen O’Connor Suite 1410 17 North Second Street Harrisburg, PA 17101

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For Laurel Pipe Line and Buckeye Partners: David B. MacGregor, Esquire Lindsay A. Berkstressor, Esquire Post & Schell, PC 17 North Second Street, 12th Floor Harrisburg, PA 17101-1601 BY THE COMMISSION Rosemary Chiavetta Secretary

SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT Special Board Meeting The South Fayette Township Board of School Directors has scheduled a Special Meeting for Tuesday, August 6, 2019, at 7:30 PM in the Pride Room in the Administration Building located at 3680 Old Oakdale Road, McDonald, PA, to discuss the feasibility study presented by the Hayes Design Group + WMF, and other general purposes.

Cynthia Geisler Board Secretary

Trust Notice The Trustees named below give notice of the death of Irene Hartman of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania on June 3, 2019. The said Decedent was the Grantor of the Hartman Revocable Living Trust dated May 22, 1998. The Successor Trustees, Bernard M. Durkin and Roger J. Asti request all persons having claims against the Decedent to make known the same to their Attorney in writing and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payment to them without delay: Bernard M. Durkin or Roger J. Asti, Trustees c/o Anthony R. Fantini, Esq., Fantini Law Firm, P.C., 661 Andersen Drive, Ste. 220, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

Trust Notice The Trustees named below give notice of the death of Marilyn L. Wilkinson of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania on May 30, 2019. The said Decedent was the Grantor of the Wilkinson Revocable Living Trust dated December 8, 2016. The Successor Trustees, Jay Vidovich and Julie Vidovich request all persons having claims against the Decedent to make known the same to their attorney in writing and all persons indebted to the Decedent to make payment to them without delay: Jay Vidovich or Julie Vidovich c/o Anthony R. Fantini, Esq., Fantini Law Firm, P.C., 661 Andersen Drive, Ste. 220, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

WEST JEFFERSON HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT The Board of Directors of the West Jefferson Hills School District has scheduled a Special Board meeting for Wednesday, July 31, 2019 for purposes of General Business and other matters that may come before the board. The meeting will be held at 7:00 PM in the Cafeteria at Thomas Jefferson High School, 310 Old Clairton Road, Jefferson Hills, PA. By Order of the Board, Tracy A. Harris Director of Finance

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NOTICE IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA Notice is hereby given to the following persons, their heirs, successors or assigns, and to all persons whatsoever, that the City of Pittsburgh by Celia B. Liss, Assistant City Solicitor, 328 City County Building has petitioned the Court for Orders quieting title to the following tax acquired real estate, pursuant to Act No. 171, Approved December 11, 1984.

1. CITY OF PITTSBURGH vs Jimmie McWilliams; Estelle Rose Mae McWilliams; Grant Builders, Inc.; Laurel Savings Bank; National Tax Funding; Allegheny County Economic Development Dept RAAC Liens; their heirs, successors and assigns. GD-2019-9335 4th Ward, Pittsburgh. 116 Burrows Street. E H Watkins Plan 5. Lot 26 x 100. Block & Lot 11-H-57. SUBJECT TO ALL matters shown on the Plan as recorded in the Dept of Real Estate Office of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania in Plan Book Volume 10, Page 172. SUBJECT TO ALL ADDITIONAL EASEMENTS, ENCROACHMENTS, AGREEMENTS, ETC. OF RECORD.

2. CITY OF PITTSBURGH vs Ibraheem Ghafoor, Ghafoor Realty, Inc.; Elinore Sherwood; Charles Edward Ponds; Benjamin Riles; Rosa Klein; Rosalyn Silverman; Commonwealth of PA Dept of Labor & Industry; PA Dept of Revenue Compliance Lien Section; PA Attorney General; United States Attorney; Internal Revenue Service; GLS Capital, Inc.; Causis Negris; National Tax Funding; their heirs, successors and assigns. GD-2019-9337 13th Ward, Pittsburgh. 1503 North Lang Avenue. Kedron Plan 291. Lot 28.95 Slant x average 101.96 x 25 Rear. Block & Lot 173-N-309. SUBJECT TO ALL matters shown on the Plan as recorded in the Recorder's Office of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania in Plan Book Volume 17, Pages 12-15. SUBJECT TO ALL ADDITIONAL EASEMENTS, ENCROACHMENTS, AGREEMENTS, ETC. OF RECORD.

3. CITY OF PITTSBURGH vs Charles H Taylor; Shirley E Taylor; New World Bank; National Tax Funding; Allegheny County Family Division Domestic Relations Office; Allegheny County Economic Development Dept RAAC Liens; their heirs, successors and assigns. GD-2019-9339 10th Ward, Pittsburgh. 5175 Kincaid Street S W Brown Plan 24. Lot 20 x 110. Block & Lot 50-L-61. SUBJECT TO ALL matters shown on recorded Plan at Plan Book Volume 7, Page 77, laid out for Miss Susanna W Brown. SUBJECT TO ALL ADDITIONAL EASEMENTS, ENCROACHMENTS, AGREEMENTS, ETC. OF RECORD.

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4. CITY OF PITTSBURGH vs Vicki A Sheffey; Ira Ritter; GLS Capital, Inc.; Commonwealth of PA Dept of Labor & Industry; PA Attorney General, their heirs, successors and assigns. GD-2019-9341 14th Ward, Pittsburgh. 6824 5th Avenue. J D Simen Plan Pts 43-44. Lot 50.16 (slant front) x avg 96.36 x 48.5 ft. Block & Lot 125-K-60. SUBJECT TO ALL rights of the public and others entitled thereto, in and to the use of that portion of the premises. ANY and ALL matters as shown on the Boulevard Place of Plan of Lots, recorded in the Department of Real Estate of Allegheny County, Plan Book Volume 8, Pages 208 & 209. SUBJECT TO ALL ADDITIONAL EASEMENTS, ENCROACHMENTS, AGREEMENTS, ETC. OF RECORD.

5. CITY OF PITTSBURGH vs Pittsburgh Brothren NC, Inc. aka Pittsburgh Brothers NC, Inc.; Charles C Sanders, deceased; US Small Business Administration; United States Attorney; GLS Capital, Inc.; National Tax Funding; Causis Negris, their heirs, successors and assigns. GD-2019-9343 13th Ward, Pittsburgh. 7003 Apple Avenue. Irreg Lot 40 x avg 226 x 127.01 Chaucer St thru to Apple Ave. (l) Story C B Bldg (UNF) (l) Story Brick & CB off Bldg (UNF). Block & Lot 173-N-150. SUBJECT TO ALL roads, public or private, affecting said premises. SUBJECT TO ALL ADDITIONAL EASEMENTS, ENCROACHMENTS, AGREEMENTS, ETC. OF RECORD.

6. CITY OF PITTSBURGH vs Estate of Theodore E Palm; Lola Cooper; Willia Palm; Samuel Palm; Dahl C. Palm; Theodore L Palm; Eileen E Williams; Administratrix; Venetia L Palm; Faith M Palm; AmeriCredit Financial Services, Inc.; William H Richardson; Anna L Richardson; Anna Belle Hazard; Israel E Hazard; Allegheny County Economic Development Dept RAAC Liens; GLS Capital, Inc.; National Tax Funding; their heirs, successors and assigns. GD-2019-9344 13th Ward, Pittsburgh. 1010-1012 Decatur Street. Rev Overseers of the Poor Plan Pt 20. Lot 24 x 65. Block & Lot 22-L-185. 1008 Decatur Street Lot 20 x 80. Block & Lot 22-L-186. 1014 Decatur Street Lot 12 x 52. Block & Lot 22-L-184A. 1016 Decatur Street. Overseers of the Poor Plan Pt 19. Lot 12 x 62. Block & Lot 22-L-184. SUBJECT TO ALL ADDITIONAL EASEMENTS, ENCROACHMENTS, AGREEMENTS, ETC. OF RECORD. WHEREUP the Court granted a rule on the aforesaid persons, and all persons, whatsoever, to appear and show cause within thirty days from this notice why the title of the CITY OF PITTSBURGH to the aforesaid real estate should not be adjudicated and decreed valid and indefeasible as against all mortgages, ground rents, rights, title,

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interest in or claims against the aforesaid real estate, and to further show cause why the sale of the said real estate should not be made free and clear of all the aforesaid claims whatsoever.

CELIA B. LISS Assistant City Solicitor City of Pittsburgh

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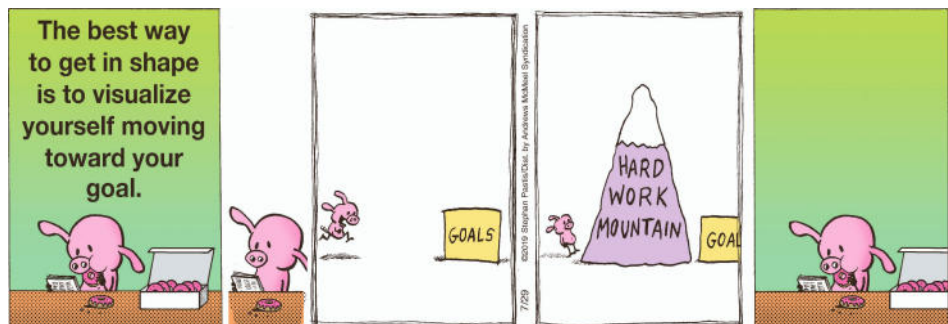
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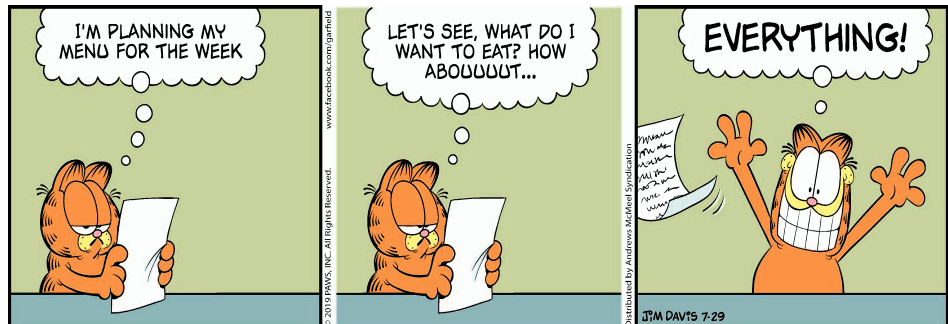
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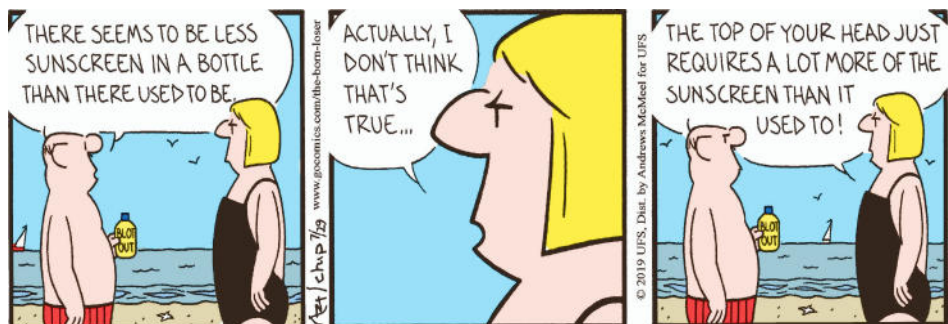
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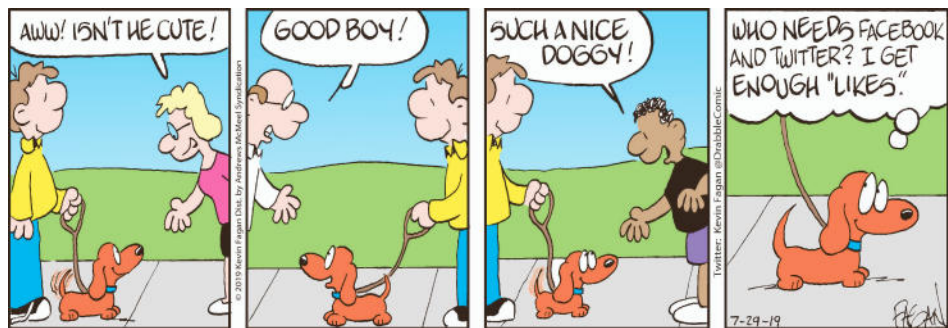
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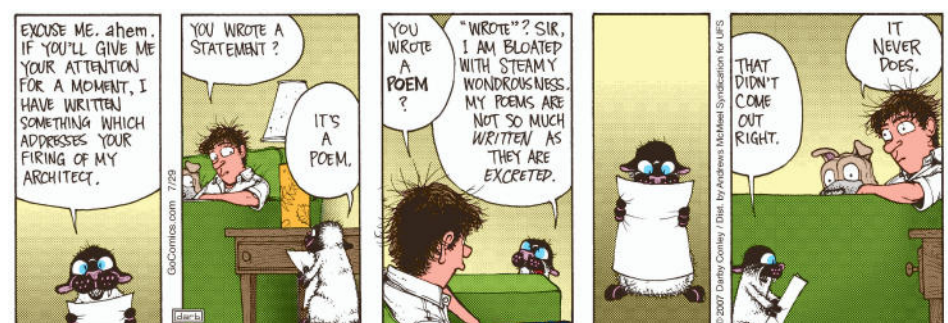
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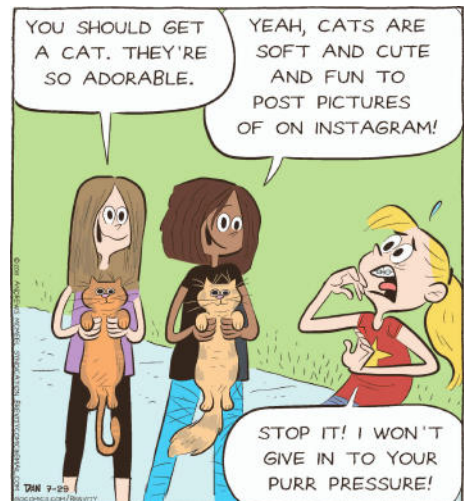
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Looking good!

Stores upgrade fitting rooms with uplifting messages



1. Inside an Aerie fitting room is a curtain that covers the mirror. It reads, "Before you love what you see on the outside, you have to love who you are on the inside." (Aerie)
2. A sign in the window of urbanfitco in Sewickley. (Christian Snyder/Post-Gazette)
3. Store clerk Emily Dazen, 25, of Scott Township, arranges clothes in the fitting room of urbanfitco in Sewickley. (Christian Snyder/Post-Gazette)
4. "Flawless, Darling" is spelled out in the floor in black tile inside one of the fitting rooms in No. 14 Boutique in Lawrenceville. (Brianna Conley/No. 14 Boutique)
5. Hand-painted artwork by Erin Liposky inside the fitting room of urbanfitco. (Christian Snyder/Post-Gazette)

By Sara Bauknecht
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A store's fitting room is a small space that can have a big impact on how shoppers feel not only about the clothes they try on, but also about themselves.

"Some women would make self-deprecating comments while trying on items," says KC Kaluhiokalani, owner of urbanfitco boutique in Sewickley, which specializes in stylish activewear. "Due to societal pressure there is sometimes a lot of stress and anxiety when trying clothing on."

So she decided to try to do something about it. With the help of local artist Erin Liposky of Erin Art Design, she changed her shop's two fitting rooms to make them more welcoming, uplifting spaces — something that several retailers have been working on these days.

"When women shop, we want them to celebrate the skin they are in and feel beautiful," Ms. Kaluhiokalani says.

She enlisted Ms. Liposky to add murals to the walls of her store's fitting rooms. Colorful, hand-painted flowers now bloom on the walls, while body-positive quotes encircle the mirrors. Customers also are invited to pen their own encouraging words on small adhesive slips of paper and stick them to the walls.

The murals were completed in late June, and shoppers started adding their messages to the walls in mid-July. Most shoppers have commented about these additions, Ms. Kaluhiokalani says.

"It seems that the fitting room makeover has created a positive environment that is encouraging shoppers to take their time rather than making them want to hurry up and run," she adds. "I think it also created some mindfulness of the self talk we all have in our head when trying on clothes."

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Summer Safari



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Morton Stanfield, left, and Sally Wiggin at the Summer Safari event on Friday at the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium.



Emiko MacKillop, of Ben Avon, meets Rihanna, the prehensile-tailed Porcupine, at Summer Safari.

Accessible YOUNiverse's interactive workshop



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From left Tom Tomko, Jessica Tomko, Patrick Neff, Carol Tomko and founder Heather Tomko at the Accessible YOUNiverse's interactive workshop on Saturday in East Liberty.



Illustrator Emily Marko helps represent ideas visually at the event.

'Four Weddings and a Funeral' reboots this week

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Actress/writer Mindy Kaling ("The Mindy Project") is a huge fan of romantic comedies — so when the company that owns the rights to the classic 1994 film "Four Weddings and a Funeral" approached her about writing a limited series reboot, she was wary. "We didn't think there was that much more to say, because it's so perfect," Kaling said Friday at the Television Critics Association summer 2019 press tour. "And then when MGM approached me about it, I was thinking, 'Well, what would make it worth it would be to probably show a love

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story through the lens that I would like to see a love story, which is an African American woman and a British Pakistani man falling in love. I would love to see that."

This new 10-episode "Four Weddings and a Funeral," debuting Wednesday on streaming service Hulu, follows a New York woman, Maya (Nathalie Emmanuel, "Game of Thrones"), who

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From left, Katy Tufts with Jim and Donna Hudson.



From left, Mandy Wilson, Tim Syciarz, Kyle Tanczos and Amber Ricci.

Summer Safari

The Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium in Highland Park, was the place to be Friday night for the annual Summer Safari, a sold-out event with more than 1,400 guests. Partygoers enjoyed libations and light bites from 24 city vendors before snapping selfies with an alpaca, giraffes, a prehensile-tailed porcupine and more. “This event is always a lot of fun, and more importantly, it’s an opportunity to educate people about many disappearing species. That’s the mission of today’s modern zoo,” said longtime supporter Sally Wiggin. As everyone made their way through the park, they enjoyed interacting with elephants, watching the tigers roam and dancing to seven bands. “This is Pittsburgh’s wildest party,” said board chair Ed Goncz. “What the zoo represents both locally

and internationally with respect to conservation and education is unparalleled. We have something really special here.” And new to the #SEEN is a young professionals’ group dubbed Young Friends of the Zoo. This organization is hoping to encourage younger people in our communities to take an interest in wildlife conservation and the many educational experiences that the zoo has to offer. “I personally have a passion for animals and great memories of the zoo. Five years ago, when I moved to Pittsburgh, I knew this was one of the places I wanted to support on a deeper level,” said member Katy Tufts. To learn more about the activities and conservation efforts that the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium supports, visit pittsburghzoo.org.



Ed Goncz with O'Henry, his new alpaca friend.

Accessible YOUNiverse Ramping the Divide

Heather Tomko, the founder of Accessible YOUNiverse, decided to mark the 29th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act with The inaugural Ramping the Divide Summit: Accessibility in Pittsburgh. The event took place Saturday at Ascender in East Liberty. “The purpose of the summit is to bring the disability community in Pittsburgh together to talk about what the city does well and to see where there is room to grow and identify the priorities of accessibility in the city,” said Ms. Tomko. The group talked about the barriers they face as well. “Each group worked on solutions for a barrier they identified,” she added. “We talked about what we need to do to eliminate the barriers.”

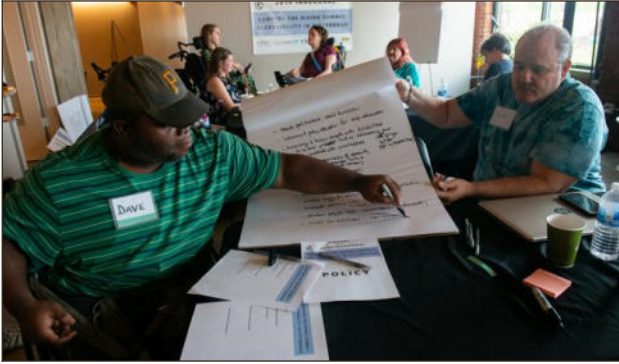
Illustrator Emily Marko created a graphic using key discussion points as the

afternoon wore on. “This has brought people from diverse backgrounds and disabilities who wrestle with the same issues together,” said Paul O’Hanlon. “I mostly came because this could be worthwhile and something could happen — there are good ideas here and good energy,” he noted. Dave Tinker, the vice president of advancement for Achieva, said transportation is key for people with disabilities. “The bottom line here is what can we do to make transportation more accessible — this can’t be understated,” he said. Among those participating were Mark Steidl, Dave Hale, Alisa Grishman, Jeff Parker, Sally Stadelman, Amanda McCoy, Josie Badger, Monica Alberts Still and Lee-Anna Upperman, Cori Frazer, and Kendra Vaughn.

— Patricia Sheridan



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From left, Amanda McCoy, Lee-Anna Upperman, founder Heather Tomko, Josie Badger, Monica Alberts Still and Donna Ancypa Holmes.



Dave Hale and Jeff Parker write down ideas.

Ice Cream Fundae preview party



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Ron Gruca and Susanne Cole, president and CEO of Pressley Ridge.



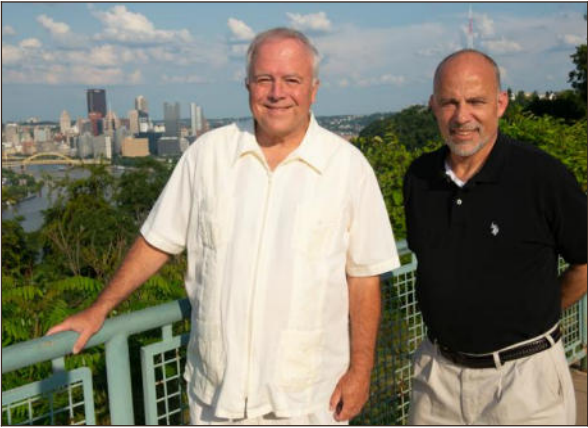
Mary Graaff, left, and Sandi Tomlinson.

#PartyWithAPurpose: On Wednesday night, more than 120 sponsors and friends of Pressley Ridge’s Ice Cream Fundae gathered at the Hotel Monaco, Downtown, to enjoy libations as a thank you for their continued support at a preview of Ice Cream Fundae on Aug. 11 at the Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium in Highland Park. Guests enjoyed magic by Christopher Welch, a silent auction and signature cocktails made with Graeter’s Ice Cream. Want to make one yourself? Try a “Dreamsicle” made with coconut rum, vanilla-infused Grand Marnier, pineapple juice, and Graeter’s Orange & Cream Ice Cream. Also tantalizing taste buds was the Salted Caramel cocktail infused with Salt Wash Bourbon, brown-butter banana reduction and Graeter’s Salted Caramel Ice Cream. “We are so grateful for the tremendous community support we have received over the past 25 years of Ice Cream

Fundae, said Susanne Cole, president and CEO of Pressley Ridge. “The funds raised allow us to continue providing services for children and families who face significant challenges. The VIP event is our chance to honor and thank the sponsors and donors who support Ice Cream Fundae and our mission to strengthen communities.” Each year, nearly 8,000 families find the strength to succeed through Pressley Ridge’s 70-plus innovative programs — all of which share a common goal of establishing stable families and lifelong relationships. For more information: <https://www.pressleyridge.org/>. **#SEEN:** Emcee Sally Wiggin, Jim Altman, Tom Grealish, Jeremy Gill, Bridget Baranyai, Mary Graaff, Sandi Tomlinson, Ron Gruca, Doug Mullins, Michael Stratos, Peter Horne, Melanie and Jim Crockard.

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Natalie Bencivenga’s seen



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Executive director Mike Dawida and assistant director David Demko.

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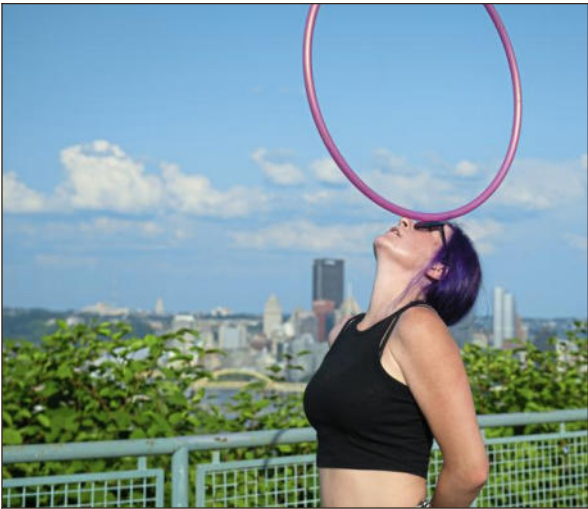
#PartywithaView: Scenic Pittsburgh on Friday picked one of the most spectacular vistas for their annual fundraiser. The sold-out gathering to help keep Pittsburgh beautiful by eliminating excessive billboards was held at the West End Overlook. Executive director Mike Dawida (with Audrey) and assistant director David Demko mingled with guests enjoying live bluegrass music, fire juggling and Hula-Hoop performances by Adam Schuster and Leah Munnell. “This is our fifth year at the West End Overlook, and this year we sold out,” said Mr. Demko. The food featured classic Pittsburgh cuisine including cabbage rolls, kielbasa and pierogies. “I started this organization because people in Pittsburgh are proud of Pittsburgh and

the beauty it has and it needs to be protected,” said former state senator Mr. Dawida. “This view is a hidden jewel. Our motto is, ‘Beauty is good for business,’” Mr. Dawida said. **#SEEN:** Melissa and Brendan Gebler were engaged at the party last year and were back to celebrate with Scenic Pittsburgh as a married couple. Also enjoying the views were Jessica and Patrick Daley, Bob Frankowski, Robin Geisler, Susan Rosa and Britt Bowman, Stephanie Velasquez, Abby Katsos, Kelly and Carmine Bellini, Aaron Ballish, Jessica and Ken Wolfe with their 6-month-old daughter Gwendoline, Ashley Chu, Jackie Thiemman, Ali Gatlin, Dee and John Seiffer, and Will Bowser with Danielle Recker.

— Patricia Sheridan



Ashley Chu, Jackie Thiemman and Ali Gatlin.



Leah Munnell performs.



Will Bowser and Danielle Recker.

Boyfriend’s sister doesn’t like you — and she lives with him

DEAR NATALIE: I am in my mid-70s, and my significant other is in his early 80s. We are both widowed and have been dating for a few years. Everything was great. We enjoy most of the same things and always seem to have a good time together. He has sisters and brothers, and mostly I get along just fine with them. They are just happy that he is happy again.

However, he has one sister who came upon hard times. Because he is comfortable financially and has a big home, he invited her to live with him for free. The problem is, she totally dislikes me. It has gotten to the point that if he wants to call me he has to go out to the garage. I used to visit him occasionally at his home, but I can no longer go there unless I ride past the house to see if her car is there or not. She is not even civil to me. I’ve told him to talk to her in a nice manner about it and suggest that because I mean a lot to him — his words — and make him happy, she should at least be cordial toward me. He says he did talk to her but nothing has changed. She has told him he could do better than me. A few times he has been extremely upset and said he just can’t take it anymore from her, but he still allows it.

I don’t know what to do. Am I missing something? Please help. — **SAD GIRLFRIEND**

DEAR SAD GIRLFRIEND: It is always sad when family comes in the middle of things for no reason. She should be happy

Ask Natalie NATALIE BENCIVENGA

if her brother is happy. The only other thing you can do is make it clear to your boyfriend one more time that this is really upsetting you. But don’t expect much. Family is complicated, and he clearly feels compelled to support his sister by bringing her into his home.

It sounds to me that she may have some deeper issues going on and is projecting them on to you. If she is unhappy with her own life, maybe she doesn’t want her brother to be happy, either. I feel bad for him that he feels as though he can’t stand up for himself against this woman, who he has taken in out of the goodness of his heart. In any case, plan dates that are outside of the home or meet at your space, if that is possible. It isn’t a perfect situation, but at least for the time being, it’s a Band-Aid.

DEAR NATALIE: I recently got engaged and now realize it was a mistake. I don’t think that I am in love with my fiancé or if I ever was. I felt really pressured by her family to propose, and now I think I want out.

Any suggestions? I’m afraid to bring up wanting the ring back, too, which I know she’s going to flip out about. What should I do, and when? — **TAKING IT BACK**

DEAR TAKING IT BACK: End things sooner rather than later. If you really did feel pressured into

proposing and you’re now regretting this whole situation, you need to tell her. Yes, she is most likely going to freak out. Yes, she probably won’t want to give you the ring back. Yes, she may try to keep it out of spite. You have to decide how much money and sleep you are willing to lose over this.

Also meditate on why you allowed someone to push you into proposing in the first place. Are you a people pleaser? Do you love her but just aren’t ready to get married? Are you going through some other internal struggle but don’t know how to address it?

Whatever the situation is, once you end the engagement, you need to take some time for yourself and regroup. Let her down gently, too, and put the blame on yourself. Say something like this: “This is such a hard thing to do because I care about you so much, but I rushed this engagement. I realize that I am not ready to get married and need to be on my own for a while.” It won’t be pretty, but you’re doing her a favor by ending things before they go any further. No one wants to be with someone who doesn’t want to be with them.

Natalie’s Networking Tip of the Week: Never treat people as though they are “unimportant.” Sure, there will always be a few VIPs floating around a networking event, but everyone else has value and insight as well. Nurture all connections with the same level of respect and interest.

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And without resentment
Or verbal assaults

And could you love me
If times got tough
And even when
You've had enough

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All of your will

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addressed to
I wish you all of the best
And may all that you've
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Turn out to be more than less

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And if your happiness
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Then let begin the tears

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How hard they all splash down
Like the strong on-coming wave
And how they chill my body
Like the love you never gave

And how the flying seagulls
Flap their wings of Dover
And how the seashells
below me
Whisper that it's over

And how the sand so soft
Turns into a pile of stone
Reminding me of a love
A love I had never known

And how the boats on the water
All drift way out to sea
And disappear into the night
Just like you did with me

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"When A Loved One Passes Away"

It sure is a heavy burden
And so very hard to take
And so you bow your head
in sorrow
And cry the tears of a lake

And to console yourself you try
To remember the good
times spent
And you walk around in a daze
Remembering how much
they meant

Then you pour yourself
some wine
And hold it up to the sky
And scream at the top of
your lungs
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Michael Mitnick, son of Barry and Margy Mitnick, of Fox Chapel, and Jessica Brickman, daughter of Marshall and Nina Brickman of New York, NY, have announced their engagement. The couple first met at the wedding of Jessica's sister, Michael, a 2002 Fox Chapel Area High School graduate, received his BA from Harvard University and MFA in Playwriting from The Yale School of Drama. Jessica received her BA from Yale University and studied Playwriting at The Juilliard School. Both are writers for theatre, television, and film. The wedding will be in October in Central Park.

PERSONAL CELEBRATIONS

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Sister Betty (Alphonse Marie) Waigand will celebrate her 75th Jubilee, August 17, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. Mass at Saint Paul of the Cross Retreat Center, Southside. Please RSVP at 412-331-3051 for parking directions.



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ALEX PROFETA

We are proud to announce that our son, Alex Profeta, is certified as a Commercial Diver after completing his requirements at International Diving Institute in South Carolina.

He is trained in Underwater Welding and Air / Mixed Gas Surface Supplied Diving. Alex is certified in Operator use of Gorski, Kirby Morgan, and Band Masks and additionally has taken courses as an Underwater Pilot for Remote Operating Vehicles. During his training he also learned basic medical skills for underwater application and CPR. Alex has taken advanced courses to allow him to certify that Diving Helmets are safe to use in Deep Sea applications.

He will be completing his courses in August when he spends his last month of training in very deep waters. He is looking forward to his Deep Sea Diving Career.

We are so proud that he has been challenged so much, overcome many obstacles, and happy to see his success.

**Congratulations, Alex! Love you always.
Mom & Dad**



"Aim For A New Tomorrow"

Just bend that arrow back
And aim for that new tomorrow
And leave your past behind
Without regret, restraint,
or sorrow

Just shoot for that
proverbial bull's eye
Aim straight and do it now
Because changing your life
as you know it
Could determine your future
and how

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(412) 921-3694**

"Dogs"

They are so cute
They are my friend
I will adore them
Till no end

In times of sorrow
In times of sad
They seem to cuddle
And make you glad

That you have a friend
To call your own
When the other bad people
Won't leave you alone

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"Just Tell Me If It's Over"

I'm asking you now please
Is it all over between us
Because when I try to kiss you
You tell me in your meanest

That you're tired and have a
headache
And that you want to be
left alone
And that by now I should
understand
That your moods should
now be known

But I ask you again is it over
And is your love for me all gone
And if it is just say so
So I can try to move on

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The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — “The Lion King” rode its circle of life into a second weekend atop the box office.

Estimated ticket sales in millions for Friday through

Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theaters, according to Comscore.

1. “The Lion King” \$75.5
2. “Once Upon a Time ... In Hollywood” \$40.3
3. “Spider-Man: Far From Home” \$12.2

4. “Toy Story 4” \$9.8
5. “Crawl” \$4
6. “Yesterday” \$3
7. “Aladdin” \$2.8
8. “Stubber” \$1.7
9. “Annabelle Comes Home” \$1.56
10. “The Farewell” \$1.55

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Monday

PUZZLES, HOROSCOPE AND BRIDGE

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2÷	2	5-			
	5-	60X		1-	2÷
2÷		1			
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Jumble

Previous Jumble solution below
Quick Crossword

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NBCHE
LIMKY
TAKEAR
TWULAN

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Celebrity Cipher

by Luis Campos

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“ T L O L Y J C S L U Z F W V T T & G V H H V I

B F T G S U T N Z L B K Z B U I Z G F T Y

B L I V R L Z G F Z R F X U D U F T Z , O K G F Z F

D L R V Y J G V F R . ” — G V H H V I

Previous Solution: “The ability to love ... to make the best of what we have ... you don't have to be a ‘Superman’ to do it.” — Christopher Reeve

TODAY'S CLUE: [sienbe X](#)

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Sudoku

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

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Previous solution

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

Aces on Bridge

BOBBY WOLFF

Just because South has a 19-count doesn't mean his side can make game; he should open one spade rather than with a stronger call. If his partner passes, will his side really miss game? Additionally, no-trump may play better from North. In any event, when North raises spades, South can simply jump to game.

West leads the heart nine, and South expects to lose two hearts and one club. West's opening lead is surely top of a short holding of some kind. South's possession of the eight means West is unlikely to have three or more cards there.

When East wins the first two heart tricks and leads

NORTH

♠ Q 10 6
♥ K J 10 3
♦ Q 8 7 3
♣ 9 4

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EAST

♠ 7 3
♥ A Q 7 5 2
♦ 9 4
♣ J 10 6 3

SOUTH

♠ A K 9 4 2
♥ 8 4
♦ A K 5
♣ K Q 2

Vulnerable: East-West
Dealer: South

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass
4 ♠ All pass

Opening Lead: Heart nine

a third heart, South must decide whether to ruff with a high or low trump. Since West appears to be short in hearts, he is more likely

than East to hold the spade jack. So South ruffs high.

He must next decide whether to draw trumps from the top or to finesse. Again, the odds make that decision relatively straightforward: After cashing the spade king and leading toward dummy's Q-10, it must be right to finesse. At this point in the deal, for declarer to have a chance, East must have started with two spades and West three — so the jack is more likely to be with the length than the shortage. After finessing the 10, then drawing the last trump, South can lead a club toward his king. If it holds, he can play for an overtrick; if it loses, he will pitch his club loser on dummy's heart winner.

Horoscope

EUGENIA LAST

Monday, July 29

Happy Birthday: Do what's right. Don't act in haste this year when it's in your best interest to take your time and do things with finesse. Think matters through, and let your originality and your unique style take over. Much can be accomplished if you use precision and timing.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep busy, and avoid conflicts in order to focus on personal and professional gains. Don't get tangled up in other people's problems. Stick to what you know, and do your best to get things done correctly the first time.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Your desire for change can lead to trouble. Consider the ramifications that could develop should you make choices that don't sit well with others. Take care of issues that could slow you down first, and be willing to do the work yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Take the initiative to make changes at home that are sure to ease stress and make your life better. Moving things around, making adjustments to your living

arrangements and looking for an alternative lifestyle are favored.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Keep an open mind. If you let someone or something get to you, you will likely overreact. Think twice before you make a move that has costs involved. Rely on the people who have already proved to be trustworthy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take charge, and tidy up what's been left undone. You'll feel much better once you put everything in its place whether in your personal or professional dealings. It's easier to move forward once you have nothing holding you back.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Participation will change your life. Listen, learn and experience what life has to offer and what others have to say. Create the type of environment you want to live in. Your intuition will not let you down.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): If you want something done, do it yourself. Take care of your responsibilities before someone complains. Expand your interests, and you will meet someone who motivates you to do what's necessary to fulfill your dreams.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Engage in discussions, listen carefully and find

out where you stand. Use experience to help guide you in a direction that will bring you greater happiness. Change may be difficult, but the result will be worthwhile.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Just do it. Sitting on the sidelines isn't going to get you where you want to go. Take action, and follow the most fulfilling path. Don't let anyone redirect you or tempt you to forgo going through the proper channels.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A physical change may not be your idea of fun, but in the end, you will discover that the experience will take you to a place that gives you greater peace. Embrace the future and what it has to offer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Partnerships will go through a transformation. Whether it's with someone you work alongside or live with, recognize what everyone has to bring to the table. Much can be accomplished if you are synchronized.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Get involved, make a difference and unite with people who share your concerns. Today is about doing what's right and using your knowledge and skills to bring about positive change.

Quick Crossword

ACROSS

- Out callers
- Wintertime sound
- Bright thought
- Donkey pin-on
- Munched on
- Mrs. Charles
- “Diana” singer
- Actress — Thompson
- Vincent van —
- Doglike scavengers
- Pack animals
- Rural elec. provider
- Hindu Mr.
- Two-faced
- Start walking
- Miscellany
- Meditation guide
- Astonish
- Home tel.
- Without feeling
- Sea, to Cousteau
- Car, slangily
- Veld grazer
- Run a fever
- Use a paper towel
- Granola kin
- Stiff
- Part of a.m.
- Contend
- Make well
- Baby, maybe
- Hot time in Paris
- Mane
- Balladeer
- Burl —
- Cat's prey
- Malamute's load

DOWN

- Idaho neighbor
- Lots
- Diver's position
- Leans

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- Light wood
- AAA suggestion
- Soak back in
- Ilisa in “Casablanca”
- Way out
- As a result
- Sighs of relief
- Wide st.
- Pakistan's language
- Few and — between
- Over again
- Tie down
- Roloids rival
- Gyro ingredient
- Jug
- Swift's traveler
- Victorian, e.g.
- Astronaut — Armstrong
- Atelier items
- Hippo locale

- Noteworthy periods
- Like honey
- Astrologers of yore
- Prof's place
- Be, to Henri
- Like some controls
- Ontario neighbor
- Dweeb
- Give — — go

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Jumbles: BLIMP HITCH CODDLE WINERY
Answer: They hired an expert oil driller who — DID WELL BY THEM

The New York Times Crossword

ACROSS

- Talks with a gravelly voice
- Fastener with a twist
- Brevity is said to be the soul of it
- Sir John of London
- Not get caught by, as a pursuer
- Patient's insurance option, for short
- “Affliction” suffered by Fab Four devotees
- “The Simpsons” storekeeper
- stage left
- Prefix with air or afternoon
- Big person on the small screen
- Prince Charles' onetime partner, affectionately
- Removes from nursing, as a foal
- “Affliction” suffered by bracketologists
- Child, legally speaking
- Villain's retreat
- Quartet minus one
- Has left the office
- Triage locales, for short
- Enjoy the taste of
- Move like a butterfly
- Green stone popular in Chinese craftwork
- Woods who voiced Cinderella
- “Affliction” suffered by clothes lovers
- Track-and-field competitions
- Insinuates
- Person with a chrome dome
- Cow's sound
- “Gone With the Wind” plantation

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Puzzle by Ross Trudeau

No. 0624

- Atty.'s org.
- “Affliction” suffered by the winter-weary
- Big part of a T. rex
- What diamonds and straight-A students do
- Gown
- Commercials
- Japanese port of 2+ million
- “Same here”

DOWN

- One in revolt
- Amazon Echo persona
- Reserved in manner
- Spewing naughty language, as a child
- Weekly show with a cold open, for short
- Vehicle that can jackknife
- Attired
- Go for elected office
- Tussle between wiki page modifiers
- Bobbed and —
- “Well, I never!”
- Fill with zeal

- PGA ____
- Kuwaiti leader
- Mail addressed to the North Pole
- Missile aimed at a bull's-eye
- Off drugs
- The fourth letter of “circle,” but not the first
- Scrooge
- Achy
- Make peeved
- Capital of Pakistan
- Peace-and-quiet ordinances
- Small, medium or large
- Brooklyn's St. ____ College
- “Quite correct”
- Wide-eyed
- Placed money in the bank
- “Am not!” comeback
- Ankle bones
- ____ California
- Stole fur
- Prime draft status
- Narrow waterway
- Agcy. overseeing Rx's

Tuesday

PUZZLES, HOROSCOPE AND BRIDGE

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RYRAA
SOYUL
TOLIVE
NNFAIT

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“ G R C G S E P C E P Z R F O E P L E E C J J C H
L R K Z L H C G D O C O O C K Y Z E P . . . Z O
E P C K Z S S C H C R B C D C E Y C C R S L R E L O N
L R K H C L J Z E N . ” — X C R R M Z J J C E E C

Previous Solution: “Nobody who is a Penn & Teller fan thinks of us first and foremost as magicians, but as a comedy team.” — Teller

TODAY'S CLUE: *o s p e n b e g*

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Sudoku

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5	4	9		3			6	2
3			2		5			

Previous solution

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

Aces on Bridge

BOBBY WOLFF

It is often good strategy for declarer to surrender a critical trick as early as possible in a deal so as to put the defense under maximum pressure before they have had a chance to signal.

In today's deal, South took a flier at slam, since his side was playing a weak no-trump; thus, the simple raise would normally deliver extras in the form of shape or high cards. West avoided leading the club ace (which would have been fatal), but he did lead a trump rather than a heart, the latter of which would have made East's task far easier. South won his jack and immediately took the diamond finesse, since

NORTH
♠ Q 9 5
♥ Q 4
♦ A K J 10 3
♣ Q J 6

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WEST
♠ 8 7
♥ 10 7 5 3 2
♦ 5 2
♣ A 8 4 2

EAST
♠ 6 3 2
♥ J 8
♦ Q 9 4
♣ K 10 7 5 3

SOUTH
♠ A K J 10 4
♥ A K 9 6
♦ 8 7 6
♣ 9

Vulnerable: Neither
Dealer: West

The bidding:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♦ Pass
6 ♠ All pass

Opening Lead: Spade eight
the sooner it was taken, the better the chance East might make the wrong return. Note that if three rounds of trumps had been

drawn, West would have discarded a small heart.

When he won with the diamond queen, East realized that he had to find his partner's ace at once. With what seemed to him like an open choice, he led a heart and later tried to excuse himself on the grounds that he had simply guessed wrong.

True enough — except that it was highly improbable that South could be missing the heart ace and have so few hearts that they could be discarded on the diamonds. That would give West a six- or seven-card heart suit headed by the ace, with which he might have opened the bidding and would surely have led that suit to the first trick. A singleton club, on the other hand, was a more plausible holding for South.

Horoscope

EUGENIA LAST

Tuesday, July 30

Happy Birthday: How you plan and prepare will make a difference this year. Change needs to be considered carefully, and rushing into anything that can influence your status, reputation or long-term goals is not encouraged. Time is on your side. Focusing on maintaining balance and playing as hard as you work will help you make superior life choices.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Winging it won't be good enough. Preparation and clear-cut plans need to be put in place before you proceed. Much can be accomplished if you have done the necessary research and legwork.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): If you feel you need a change, make it happen. Don't forgo something you really want to do because someone is giving you a hard time or trying to push you in a direction you don't want to go.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Listen carefully, get the facts and forge ahead. Personal gain is within reach if you are willing to do the work. A change of heart can be confusing for others if you don't explain

the reasoning behind your actions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Emotions will be close to the surface and will need to be channeled into something constructive. A creative project or doing your part to improve a strained relationship you have with someone will help turn a negative situation into a positive one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Uncertainty and inconsistency will be your downfall. Refuse to let what others do confuse you. Where there is a temptation, there is also a choice. Do the right thing to experience no regret.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A change will inspire you to do things differently or to make plans to spend more time with people who lift you up instead of bring you down. Engaging in activities that improve your emotional state of mind is favored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus less on what others do or say and more on how to improve who you are, your life and your future. Recognize what isn't working for you anymore, and make the adjustments necessary to ease stress and encourage happiness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Walk away from disruptive situations. Use your

intelligence and experience to navigate your way through anything detrimental to your health or physical well-being.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Handle joint ventures with care. If a deal sounds too good to be true, start looking for hidden details or false information. You can make gains and get ahead, but only if you stay on top of every transaction made.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It's up to you to make the changes that will improve your life. Don't count on others to do things for you. Evaluate your current personal or partnership situation, and make the necessary adjustments.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You don't have to follow what someone else does or give in to the temptation someone dangles in front of you. Fend for yourself, channel your energy into physical fitness and self-improvement and avoid excessive behavior.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Use knowledge to help you make necessary adjustments. Refuse to let anyone interfere or push you in a direction that you have doubts about. Call in favors and offer incentives to those who have something worthwhile to contribute.

Quick Crossword

ACROSS

- Throngs
- Unruly kid
- Ick!
- Clapton of "Layla"
- Crazy, to Pedro
- Camping initials
- Trust
- Foreman
- 120 or 240
- Oater extras
- That fellow's
- Wale
- Exclaimed over
- Runway walkers
- Ms. Thurman
- Sweater letters
- Big defeat
- Data
- Small hill
- Luau souvenir
- Had a rash
- Stage of development
- Casual wear
- Service charge
- Backer
- Makes holes in
- Several
- Shed one's coat
- Lemon cooler
- Russian range
- Lazing about
- Barnyard female
- Heal, as a bone
- Pair of mules

DOWN

- TV's Griffin
- Chocolate cookie
- Paper money
- Reaper's tool
- Online journals
- Wander
- Virtuoso
- Slothlike
- Luau strummers
- Hits the road
- Krishna
- Drab, as colors
- Office assistant
- Singer Diana —
- Yes, to Yvette
- All, in combos
- Tool handle
- Damsel
- "Whatever — Wants"
- Prefers charges
- Sloth's hangout
- Fasten securely
- Two quartets
- Rapier's kin
- Gaseous element
- Solitary
- Specialty

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- Before, in combos

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Jumbles: BENCH MILKY KARATE WALNUT
Answer: The cardiologist had performed the procedure so many times, she — KNEW IT BY HEART

The New York Times Crossword

ACROSS

- Book of the Bible after John
- Like some high-end cigars
- ___ vu
- Russian rejection
- Like about 60% of the world's population
- Daredevil Knievel
- Org. for the New York Cosmos
- Alternative to a hedge
- Answer to "Shall we?"
- "Come in!"
- Prez before JFK
- Bygone car model named for a horse
- Technique employed in the painting hidden in this puzzle
- What's far from fair?
- ___ Fighters (rock band)
- Counterpart of long.
- One side of Niagara Falls: Abbr.
- Had as a customer
- Dijon darling
- "Star Trek: TNG" character with empathic abilities
- Bump up in pay
- Impart
- \$15/hour and others
- Suffix with elephant
- Got ready to be photographed
- Takes too much, in brief
- What a Heisman winner might hope to become
- "Le Comte ___" (Rossini opera)
- Weaving machine
- First small bit of progress
- Artist who created the painting hidden in this puzzle
- Crime scene clue
- Rapa ___ (Easter Island)
- Willem of "The Grand Budapest Hotel"

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Puzzle by Alex Eaton-Salners

No. 0625

Note: When this puzzle is done, read the dotted letters line by line from top to bottom to spell a title related to this puzzle's theme.

- Tower-building game
- ___ Radio Hour (NPR program)
- Egg shell?
- "Awesome!"
- French religious title: Abbr.
- Specialty

DOWN

- Green Gables girl
- Ink cartridge color
- Aviators trying out new planes
- Pope who negotiated with Attila the Hun
- Half-___ (coffee order)
- Did, once upon a time
- Dot on a Hindu woman's forehead
- Smallish battery
- Fla.-to-Me. direction
- Cold cut purveyors
- With still greater intensity
- Rocker Joan
- Plus
- Falling-out
- Essential part

- Koh-i-___ diamond
- Doily material
- Elroy's dog on "The Jetsons"
- Missile detection org.
- Forty-___ (old prospector)
- All-in-one undergarment
- Game cube
- Chess rating system
- Minor maladies
- Counterparts of outs
- Save for later
- Dismiss with derision
- Self-satisfied about
- Harbor hazard
- Took in some takeout, say
- What the French pronounce "Louis" with that the English do not
- "Well done!"
- Increased
- German article
- Plum pudding ingredient
- Beyond the horizon
- Civil wrong
- Cover of night?
- Hurricane's center

Positive messages that fit

ROOM, FROM D-1

Ms. Kaluhiokalani got the idea while scrolling through Instagram and spotting a photo of a fitting room inside an Aerie store. She noticed sticky notes with positive affirmations on them decorating the walls.

The #AerieREAL Girls Stick Together! campaign launched in August 2017. When shoppers enter the fitting room, there's also a curtain in front of the mirror that reads, "Before you love what you see on the outside, you have to love who you are on the inside." Aerie is American Eagle Outfitters' intimates brand that's headquartered on the South Side.

"We learned through our internal research that more than 60% of women were feeling negative thoughts in the fitting room when trying on bras, and we wanted to help combat that," Stacey McCormick, Aerie senior vice president of marketing, said in an email. "We receive a lot of great content from this that we share on our social channels."

Fitting rooms can be a "psychological land mine," says Marge Laney, CEO of Houston-based Alert Tech. The company works with retailers to improve their fitting room experiences through adding technology to them and other strategies. They're also a gold mine for retailers to learn more about their customers and to boost sales.

"The fitting room, in my opinion, is the most valuable square footage in every store. It's the place where the highest conversion occurs," she says, noting that shoppers who try something on are at least 70% more likely to buy it. Those who just browse merchandise on the floor are only 10% likely to make a purchase. At Aerie stores, customers are 75% more likely to commit to something if they try it on, according to Ms. McCormick, and the



Aerie

Sticky notes with positive affirmations penned by customers decorate the mirror of a fitting room inside an Aerie store.

company has seen "an increase overall" as a result of its body-positive fitting room initiatives.

Some stores — particularly higher-end retailers — strive to elevate their fitting rooms with fancy upgrades. Nordstrom, Macy's and Zara are among those that have experimented with or installed tablets, smartphones or interactive mirrors so shoppers can review products or request assistance. Interactive kiosks also have been added to fitting rooms in select American Eagle stores, allowing customers to request another size from a clerk on the floor, view product recommendations, email information to themselves and calculate what they plan to spend.

But there's a lot a store can do without those bells and whistles, Ms. Laney says. Good lighting, clean floors, working locks and perhaps a bench or a chair in a fitting room can make a big difference.

No. 14 Boutique in Lawrenceville, for instance, is known for its sleek fitting rooms. Both are bright and roomy, and each has a message spelled out in the white floor in black penny tile. One reads "Flawless, Darling," and the other reads "Ooh La La."

"We wanted something that would lift people up," owner Brianne Conley says. "People love it. It's definitely a social media moment."

What customers expect from a fitting room should be

in line with the prices they plan to pay in a particular store. Nevertheless, there are things they can do to make trying on clothes more pleasant and empowering, says Susan Albers, a clinical psychologist at Cleveland Clinic and a New York Times' best-selling author. In 2017, she launched the #DressingRoomChallenge, asking women to give themselves, or even a stranger, a compliment in the fitting room. Her social media post attracted a slew of media attention, including from People magazine.

Beyond eliminating negative language, she suggests not staring at yourself in the mirror while putting on an outfit in the fitting room.

"Turn toward the door, and then turn around with a 'ta-da' toward the mirror. That way as you're getting dressed you're not picking apart your body in the mirror."

Ultimately, no matter where a person shops or the state of the fitting room, it's about changing the question from "Is my body right for this outfit?" to "Are these clothes right for me?"

"People are listening when you're in the dressing room," Dr. Albers says. "You can see people perk up and glow when they get those compliments. When you can make it a fun experience, it can be helpful."

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Mindy Kaling's 'Four Weddings' reboot

OWEN, FROM D-1

visits her college friends in London and meets cute with Kash (Nikesh Patel) while trying to find her lost luggage upon her arrival. Richard Curtis, who directed the film, is an executive producer on this series.

Kaling, co-creator Matt Warburton ("The Mindy Project") and showrunner Tracey Wigfield ("Great News") do pepper the new "Four Weddings" with allusions to the original and other British rom-coms, including a cameo by original "Four Weddings" star Andie MacDowell as the mother of one of the new characters.

"The beauty of 'Four Weddings and a Funeral' the film is that the relationship between Hugh Grant and Andie MacDowell is the romantic story," Kaling said. "But to me, the real story is about the friendship and the relationship with him and his brother, and the charming

way that they have a short-hand with each other. And that to me is why I wanted to do this. I love romantic comedies, as you all have heard ad nauseum. ... But the essence of the friendships that he had in his incredible cast in his film, we wanted to share that with these guys."

In the lead roles, Kaling sought to distance the TV series, which tells a complete story, from the film.

"One thing I didn't want to do is have a floppy-haired British guy," she said. "Hugh Grant at that age, with floppy hair, looking like that, is so iconic to romantic comedies. There [are] other ways of being really sexy that you see in the show and new ways to be iconic, and we didn't want to have that guy. So there really isn't any character who is a young 23-year-old guy trying to figure out his life, who's white and British on this show. Because we thought we don't want unfavorable comparisons, and the orig-

inal did it so well. And, you know, it makes room for a lot of other really fascinating, funny characters."

Mr. Warburton said he likes the idea of the episodes being released weekly given the expectations that come along with the show's title.

"There's something inherently fun about a show called 'Four Weddings and a Funeral' to be spread out over a few weeks, because you're looking forward to the next wedding. You want to know what the funeral is," he said. "It's like every episode, anybody could die."

"It's like 'Game of Thrones,'" Wigfield teased.

Cast members said they did try to sneak in an ode to a cringe-worthy line of dialogue poorly delivered at the end of the "Four Weddings" movie.

"There was one scene where I kept going at the end of the take, I'd be like, 'Is it raining?'" Emmanuel said. "The director's like, 'No,'" Patel added.

Dustin

by Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



Bizarro

by Wayno & Piraro



MONDAY			MOVIES		SPORTS		KIDS		NEWS		TALK	
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2 KDKA	Love Island Day 22 at the villa in Fiji. (N) (CC)		The Big Bang Theory	The Neighborhood	Bull Consulting on officer-involved shooting. (CC)		News at Eleven (N)	Late Show-Colbert				
4 WTAE	The Bachelorette 1510A. Hannah feels torn between three men. (N) (L) (CC)				Grand Hotel (10:01) Where the Sun Don't Shine. (N)		Action News 4 (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live				
6 WJAC	American Ninja Warrior Oklahoma City City Finals. (N)				Dateline NBC (N) (CC)		News (N)	J. Fallon (N)				
7 WTRF	Love Island (N) (CC)		Big Bang	Neighbor	Bull Excessive Force.		7News at (N)	Late-Colbert				
8 WWCP	Beat Shazam (N)		So You Think (N)		FOX 8 (N)	Last Man	Mike & Molly	Mod Fam				
9 WTOV	American Ninja Warrior Oklahoma City City Finals. (N)				Dateline NBC (N) (CC)		News (N)	J. Fallon (N)				
10 WTMJ	Love Island (N) (CC)		Big Bang	Neighbor	Bull Excessive Force.		News (N)	Late-Colbert				
11 WPXI	American Ninja Warrior Oklahoma City City Finals. Daniel Gil, Barclay Stockett and more. (N) (CC)				Dateline NBC (N) (CC)		Channel 11 (N)	Tonight Show (N)				
13 WQED	Antiques Roadshow Vintage Providence 2019. (N)		Antiques Roadshow Vintage Providence 2014.		POV Inventing Tomorrow. Solutions to environmental threats. (N) (CC)				Amanpour-Co (N)			
16 WINP	Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds No. 6.		Criminal Minds		Criminal Minds					
19 WPCW	Penn & Teller: Fool Us (N) (CC)		Whose Line Is It? (N)	Whose Line Is It?	10 O'Clock News (N)	The Nightly Sports Call	2 Broke Girls (CC)	2 Broke Girls (CC)				
21 WFMJ	American Ninja Warrior Oklahoma City City Finals. (N)				Dateline NBC (N) (CC)		News (N)	J. Fallon (N)				
22 WPTN	Law & Order: Criminal Intent Dead. (CC)		Law & Order: Criminal Intent Bright Boy. (CC)		The Goldbergs	black-ish Public Fool.	Chicago P.D. A cop targets women leaving a casino.					
27 WKBN	Love Island (N) (CC)		Big Bang	Neighbor	Bull Excessive Force.		First News	Late-Colbert				
33 WYTV	The Bachelorette 1510A. (N) (L) (CC)				Grand Hotel (10:01) (N)		News (N)	J. Kimmel				
40 WPCB	Real Life (CC)		Origins (CC)	James Robison	Living Room Concert Series with Paul Wilbur (CC)		Bible Discovery (CC)	The Place for Miracles				
43 WUAB	Penn & Teller: Fool Us (N)		Whose? (N)	Whose Line	19 News at 10:00PM (N)		black-ish	black-ish				
53 WPGH	Beat Shazam Brothers; cousins; churchgoers. (N)		So You Think You Can Dance (N) (CC)		Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10 (N) (CC)		Seinfeld The Engagement.	Seinfeld The Big Salad.				
59 WEPA	Frasier		Frasier	Frasier	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	The Office	The Office				

PREMIUM CABLE									
HBO	"The Meg" (7:05) (2018) ★★ Jason Statham.		Years and Years (Series Finale) (N) (CC)		Divorce (N) (CC)	Years and Years (CC)		Divorce (CC)	
HBO/2	"Share" (7:30) (2019) Rhianne Barreto. Premiere.		"The 15:17 to Paris" (2018) ★★ Spencer Stone, Alek Skarlatos. (CC)			"Bad Times at the El Royale" (10:35) (2018) ★★ Jeff Bridges. (CC)			
HBO/FAM	"LEGO NINJAGO"	"The Hate U Give" (8:45) (2018) ★★★ Amanda Stenberg. Premiere. A teen witnesses the fatal shooting of her childhood friend. (CC)				"Freaky Friday" (2003) ★★★ (CC)			
HBO/SIG.	I Love You, Now Die (7:35) Part 2: The Defense. (CC)		"Deadpool 2" (2018) ★★★ Ryan Reynolds, Josh Brolin, Zazie Beetz. (Dubbed) (CC)			"Bohemian Rhapsody" (2018) ★★★ (CC)			
MAX	Jett Rosalie. Dillon gets bad news from Carter.		"Fifty Shades Freed" (2018) ★ Dakota Johnson, Jamie Dornan, Eric Johnson. (CC)			"Flirting With Disaster" (10:50) ★★★ (CC)			
SHO	City on a Hill Jackie thinks he's closer to glory. (CC)		The Loudest Voice (CC)			City on a Hill Jackie thinks he's closer to glory. (CC)		Desus & Mero (N)	Gigolos Ultimate Warrior.
STARZ	The Rook (7:30) (CC)	Sweetbitter (8:25) (CC)	"Scent of a Woman" (8:56) (1992) ★★★ Al Pacino, Chris O'Donnell. A blind man introduces a student to life's pleasures. (CC)						
STARZ-E	"Inside Man" (6:48) (2006) ★★★ (CC)		"Live Free or Die Hard" (2007) ★★★ Bruce Willis. America's computers fall under attack. (CC)				"Mobile Homes" (11:12) (2017) Premiere. (CC)		
STZENC	"My Cousin Vinny" (6:58) (1992) ★★★ (CC)		"Parenthood" (1989) ★★★ Steve Martin. A family experiences the pressures of raising children. (CC)						
STZ/ENCL	Friday Night Lights Leave No One Behind. (CC)		"The Green Hornet" (8:46) (2011) ★★ Seth Rogen, Jay Chou, Cameron Diaz. (CC)			"For Richer or Poorer" (10:47) (1997) ★			
STZ/ENCW	"Winchester '73" (8:02) (1967) ★★ Tom Tryon, John Saxon. (CC)			"Under Western Skies" (9:40) (1945) ★★		"Showdown" (10:38) (1973) ★★ Dean Martin, Rock Hudson. (CC)			
STZ/ENSU	"The Gauntlet" (7) (1977) ★★ Clint Eastwood.		"Fallen" (8:52) (1998) ★★ Denzel Washington. A cop believes that a dead murderer's evil spirit lives on.			"Hard Rain" (10:59) (1998) ★ Morgan Freeman.			
TMC	"Into the Wild" (7) (2007) ★★★ Emile Hirsch, Marcia Gay Harden. (CC)			"The English Patient" (1996) ★★★ Ralph Fiennes, Juliette Binoche. Flashbacks reveal a plane-crash survivor's tragic tale. (CC)					

BASIC, EXPANDED AND DIGITAL CABLE									
A&E	Live PD: Police Patrol		Live PD: Police Patrol		Live Rescue Live Rescue -- 05.06.19. (CC)			Live Rescue: Rewind (11:04) (CC)	
AMC	"American Sniper" (2014) *** Bradley Cooper, Sienna Miller, Jake McDorman. Navy SEAL Chris Kyle logs an incredible number of kills. (CC)					"G.I. Jane" (11:05) (1997) *** Demi Moore.			
ANIM	The Last Alaskans (CC)		The Last Alaskans (9:01)		The Last Alaskans (10:01)		The Last Alaskans (11:01)		
ATTSP	MLB Baseball (7) Pittsburgh Pirates at Cincinnati Reds.				Pirates Post. Baseball		The Dan Patrick Show (N)		
BBC	"Escape Plan" (2013) ** Sylvester Stallone. (CC)					"Escape Plan" (2013) ** (CC)			
BET	"I Can Do Bad"		"Enough" (2002) ** Jennifer Lopez, Billy Campbell, Juliette Lewis. Premiere.						
BRAVO	Below Deck Mediterranean What Eze the Problem?		Below Deck Mediterranean (N) (CC)		Below Deck Mediterranean (10:15) (CC)		Watch What (N)		Below Deck
CMT	Last Man	"The Bucket List" (2007) ** Jack Nicholson. (CC)				"The Bucket List" (2007)			
CNBC	American Greed (CC)		American Greed (CC)		American Greed (CC)		American Greed (CC)		
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		
COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N)		Lights Out
C-SPAN	Public Affairs Events (CC)			Politics and Public Policy Today (CC)					
DEST	Mysteries at the Museum (CC)		Surf Hotspots	Surf Hotspots	Surf Hotspots	Surf Hotspots	Mysteries at the Museum (CC)		
DFC	Treehouse Masters Sunrise Day Camp Clubhouse.		Treehouse Masters Mind-bending Silver Maple.		Treehouse Masters Magical Party Pad. (CC)		Treehouse Masters Nelson Family Treehouse. (CC)		
DIS	"Descendants 2" (2017) Dove Cameron. The pressure to be perfect gets to be too much for Mal. (CC)				Amphibia (10:10) (CC)		Big City Greens		Raven's Home (CC) Andi Mack (CC)
DSC	Sharks of the Badlands (N) (CC)		Legend of Deep Blue (N) (CC)		The Sharks of Headstone Hell (10:01) (N) (CC)		Shark After Dark (11:02) (N) (L) (CC)		
DSC/ INV	48 Hours on ID Betty Jones is murdered. (N) (CC)		Serial Killer: Devil Unchained visits a crime scene. (N) (Part 2 of 3) (CC)			In Plain Sight. Maria Awe's		Evil Lives Here A mother's crimes. (CC)	
E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Growing Up		Growing Up	Growing Up	Nightly (N)	Fifty Shades
ESPN	MLB Baseball: Braves at Nationals				SportsCenter (N) (CC)		SportsCenter (N) (CC)		
ESPN2	SportsCenter 30 for 30 (CC)				UFC Reloaded (N) (CC)				
ESPN-C	College Football (7) From Oct. 18, 2013. (CC)		College Football From Oct. 26, 2012. (CC)				College Football From Oct. 21, 2000. (CC)		
EWTN	The Journey Home (N)		EWTN News		Holy Rosary		World Over Live		Battle (N)
FNC	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)		Hannity (N) (CC)		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News at Night (N)		
FOOD	Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive		Diners, Drive, Diners, Drive		
FREE FRM	"The Parent Trap" (1998) ** Lindsay Lohan, Dennis Quaid, Natasha Richardson. Reunited twin girls try to get their parents back together. (CC)								
FS1	NFL Films		NFL Films		PBC Countdown (N) (CC)		MLB Whiparound (N) (CC)		
FX	"Logan" (7) (2017) ** Hugh Jackman. Logan must protect a young mutant girl from dark forces. (CC)								