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Murdered, dismembered man he once dated

Killer pleads guilty but mentally ill

By Paula Reed Ward
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

In the last 29 years, John Dickinson has spent just 21 months — in spurts — as a free man.

During much of his time incarcerated, he has been held in solitary confinement.

And now, it is likely he faces a similar punishment for the rest of his life.

Dickinson, 43, pleaded guilty but mentally ill on Monday to first

-degree murder for the death and dismemberment of a man he once dated.

Kevin Thompson, 46, was reported missing on May 31, 2018, and his body was found the next day in pieces inside garbage bags in the shed and basement of his home on Parkfield Street in Carrick.

Dickinson, who had been out of prison less than three months and moved in with Mr. Thompson, was charged in his death a day later.

Allegheny County Common

Pleas Judge Anthony M. Mariani ordered Dickinson to spend the rest of his life in prison with no chance for parole.

It was a sentence Dickinson welcomed.

"I'm ready, let's go," he told the judge. "I know that I'm guilty of murder in the first degree, and I know that I'm mentally ill."

Forensic psychologist Alice Applegate testified that Dickinson is "a traumatized schizoaffective psychopath."

Reading from a statement he had folded in the pocket of his restricted-housing unit uniform from the jail, Dickinson apologized to Mr. Thompson's mother, as well as to the couple who took him in when he was 2.

"I brought nothing but pain and embarrassment to my parents, and they've done nothing but love me," he said. "I'm unlovable."

"Some people do not belong in

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Judge: Diocese can't use children's fund for victims

By Peter Smith
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A judge has denied a petition by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh to use an \$8 million-plus fund for needy children to help pay compensation for victims of sexual abuse by priests.

Allegheny County Orphans' Court Judge Lawrence J. O'Toole denied the petition in a brief order entered late last week. He did not elaborate on the reasons for his decision.

But it followed a challenge by the office of Attorney General Josh Shapiro, which regulates charitable trusts and which criticized as "self-dealing" the diocese's request to use a dedicated charitable fund to pay legal liabilities.

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The diocese had argued that compensating adults who had been traumatized as children would fit the spirit of Toner

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10 shot, 4 fatally, in backyard attack in Calif.

The Associated Press

FRESNO, Calif. — Two men with semi-automatic handguns targeted a backyard gathering of family and friends in Fresno, Calif., spraying bullets that killed four men and wounded six other people before the assailants disappeared into the darkness, police said Monday.

Authorities did not identify any suspects or motive for the Sunday evening attack at the home of a Hmong family that police described as law-abiding. The gunmen entered through an open gate on the side of the house and immediately began shooting randomly into a group of about 16 men gathered to watch football on television, Fresno police Chief Andrew Hall said.

"It does not appear that they were targeting any individuals, and once they fired, they fled," Chief Hall said. All the shooting occurred outside, and none of the women and children inside were harmed.

The shooters did not speak, and no one reported getting a good look at them in the

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CAMPUS SIEGE CONTINUES



Ng Han Guan/Associated Press

Police in riot gear move through a cloud of smoke as they detain a protester Monday at the Hong Kong Polytechnic University. Hong Kong police used tear gas and batons Monday on protesters as they tried to break through a police cordon that is trapping hundreds of them on university campus. **Story, A-4.**

Detroit police officer testifies against Chelsa Wagner

Calls use of force a reaction to her 'pinning' him

By Julian Routh
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

DETROIT — The Detroit police officer who says Allegheny County Controller Chelsa Wagner assaulted him and obstructed his efforts to remove her husband from a Westin hotel in March testified in her trial Monday, saying he used restraint during the incident and that she was the ultimate aggressor.

Facing questions for several hours on the stand, Officer Edmond Witcher testified that Ms. Wagner "stood in front of the elevator" when he was trying to escort her husband, Khari Mosley, from the building for allegedly causing a disturbance. When he tried to move past her, Ms. Wagner "grabbed" him, the officer said.

"[I] pushed her off of me. She falls to the ground," Officer Witcher said, labeling his use of

force a reaction to Ms. Wagner "pinning" him against the wall.

The officer's testimony — and that of his colleague, Officer Jonathan Glowacki, who also responded to the hotel in March — was the centerpiece of the prosecution's efforts Monday before it rested its case. Ms. Wagner faces one felony count of assaulting, resisting and obstructing a police officer and a misdemeanor disorderly conduct charge.

Ms. Wagner's defense, in its cross-examination of the officers, focused on their exact movements at the elevator, as well as the events leading up to the confrontation — events they say show Ms. Wagner asking necessary questions of the officers but eventually being "slammed" to the ground.

Officer Glowacki, previously

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Michael M. Santiago/Post-Gazette

Allegheny County Controller Chelsa Wagner and her attorney, Charles Longstreet II, listen as Detroit police Officer Edmond Witcher testifies Monday during her trial at the Frank Murphy Hall of Justice in Detroit.

Congress reaches bipartisan deal to rein in robocalls

By Daniel Moore
Post-Gazette Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers in the House and Senate announced a compromise deal that moves forward on legislation to combat unwanted robocalls, a measure sponsored in part by Rep. Mike Doyle, D-Forrest Hills.

The deal, announced by Mr. Doyle and five other lawmakers late Friday, reconciles small differences between how the two chambers proposed to rein in the rising tide of automated calls that pester millions of Americans each day.

The compromise bill, called the Pallone-Thune TRACED Act, "can be signed into law by the president," the six lawmakers said in a joint statement. The lawmakers stated they would finalize the text of the bill

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by: Aaron Zolbrod



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Our number one goal with new clients is making sure they fully understand how both Advantage Plans and Supplements work, including the differences in monthly premiums, out of pocket exposure to medical bills, access to doctors and hospitals, how claims are approved and paid, etc. There are stark contrasts between the two types of plans.

It's fine to choose an Advantage Plan once you weigh both the benefits and risks they present. When our clients want to go with an Advantage Plan, we recommend lower priced options because the number one reason for choosing an HMO or PPO are the premium savings vs Supplements, which can be \$1,000 to \$1,500 per year.

Did the agent or representative you worked with take into consideration your personal circumstances such as income, overall health, Veteran status, eligibility for PACE or PACENET, etc? All of this and more can be very instrumental in choosing a plan.

Did the person who sold you the plan compare it side by side to those from other companies with the same or a similar premium, or just go over plans from one company? Not all low-priced plans are created equal. Plans with similar, or even higher premiums, can often have co-pays that are hundreds, even thousands of dollars more for the exact same medical service! It sounds illogical, but it's extremely prevalent with Advantage Plans, especially when it comes to hospitalizations, Chemotherapy, and Skilled Nursing.

In addition, \$0 premium plans often have the highest possible Maximum Out of Pocket (MOOP), at \$6,700, as well as a per day hospital co-pay which could result in a bill just under \$2,000 for a single admission! We would never recommend a plan with a hospital co-pay that large. We also prefer our clients avoid plans that have MOOP of \$6,700. There is a \$0 premium plan with a much lower MOOP that works well for those on PACE, PACENET, or VA benefits.

What we are advising many clients to do is consider plans that have a small premium in 2020 instead of \$0. Plans with premiums generally have lower co-pays across the board, a smaller MOOP, and often better ancillary benefits such as dental, vision, and Over the Counter allowances that may offset the difference in premiums.

Did you compare co-pays for prescription drugs on the plan you chose to others? Generic drugs can often be quite a bit more expensive from plan to plan. If you were taking five generic drugs that had a co-pay of \$8 one plan, but \$0 co-pay on another, that's a \$480 per year difference. Also, some drugs could be one or even two tiers higher between companies. I've met people who thought they were saving money by choosing a lower priced plan, but in the end gave it all back and then some because their prescription costs were \$50 to \$100 more per month.

There's still plenty of time to compare plans and make a change for 2020. Annual Election Period doesn't end until December 7th. Even if you already enrolled, like Randy, and find out there are better options, you can still change your mind until December 7th and make another choice.

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Move impeachment hearings to prime time — no, seriously



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The calendar year still has six weeks to run, but it appears pretty safe to say that 2019 will burrow into history as the year America finally abandoned any pretense of being a serious country.

Evidence that we are demonstrably not a serious people — I mean, Donald Trump is president, after all — has been piling up for years, but the impeachment hearings orchestrated by Democrats and the investigations looping back to the Mueller report are the twin smoking guns on our ability to take anything seriously.

The hearings that resumed Tuesday and will stretch through most of the week are of the highest national stakes, probing whether to bring articles of impeachment against the president of the United States and potentially remove him from office, but you'll notice, they are not important enough to be put on prime-time TV.

Chicago Bears vs. Los Angeles Rams gets prime time on NBC, but impeachment hearings? Well, tell ya what — we'll give you "The Young and the Restless" and some similar midday fodder for pre-emption, but don't be bringing nonsense like the future of the nation around prime time.

"Chicago Med," "Modern Family," etc. Not goin' anywhere!

The Democratic strategy is that Americans have to see the testimony on TV before it becomes real to them, which

is depressing enough on its face, so why are they putting it on when most Americans are working? The only logical conclusion is that it's just not that important. Or maybe it's important, just not NFL important or "Dancing With the Stars" important.

This is a serious country? Until the Democrats can deliver an attractive witness lineup and production values the equal of "American Ninja Warrior," their presentation of alleged bribery, treason, and high crimes and misdemeanors is evidently going to line up closer to where "The Bold and the Beautiful" makes its inconspicuous home.

Small wonder that NBC and Reuters — establishment legacy media outlets that ought to have enough respect for their own gravitas not to play the fool — covered last week's testimony like television critics.

NBC News reported, now infamously, that the hearings "lacked the pizzazz necessary to capture public attention," an observation gleefully parroted by the White House, and the lead on one Reuters dispatch began, "Democratic lawmakers tried their hand at reality television with mixed results on Wednesday as they presented arguments to the American public for the

impeachment of a former star of the genre, Donald Trump."

Heck yeah, it's come to this. Your scorecard to this point: Alleged treason, bribery, high crimes, etc. — still open to interpretation, somehow. Boring, on the other hand, remains definable and unforgivable.

Mr. Trump, who tweeted that he found the Mueller testimony and the impeachment hearings boring, claimed to be too busy to watch the testimony of Ambassador Bill Taylor and Deputy Assistant Secretary George Kent last week but fired off some 60 tweets about them.

No psychoanalyst is necessary to figure out why Mr. Trump thinks these hearings are boring: They're a TV show that he's not in.

In a thoroughly nonsensical attempt to rectify that, to root out the boredom, Democratic leadership suggested over the weekend that Mr. Trump join the cast. Oh yeah, that will clear things up. And bring Rudy! House Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Mr. Trump "can speak all the truth he wants," under oath for House investigators, and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer added that "if Donald Trump doesn't agree with what he's hearing, doesn't like what he's hearing, he shouldn't tweet — he should come to the committee and testify under oath. And he should allow all those around him to come to the committee and testify under oath."

Mr. Trump reflexively

tweeted that he'd consider testifying in writing, which is a pity, because had he actually showed up and been asked if he was there to provide the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, he'd have set the impeachment hearing record for the fastest lie: "I do."

In the meantime, Americans are now inescapably portrayed as the people who would not read the Mueller report, could not understand the nuances in Mueller's findings, couldn't make sense of Mueller's testimony, didn't engage with the whistleblower's statement, couldn't interpret the released summary of Mr. Trump's "perfect" July 25 phone call with the Ukrainian president, shrugged off Mr. Trump's South Lawn bleatings that Ukraine and China should investigate the Bidens, and didn't know what to make of acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney's admission that military aid in exchange for such investigations was withheld because "We do that all the time with foreign policy."

On top of all that, quid pro quo is a term that's been judged just too darned complicated for us.

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On this day, November 19

1863 President Abraham Lincoln dedicated a national cemetery at the site of the Civil War battlefield of Gettysburg.

1928 Two thousand scientists, representing 20 different nations, assembled at Carnegie Tech for the opening of the Second International Conference on Bituminous Coal, initiated in 1926 by Tech president Thomas S. Baker.

1962 The Port Authority of Allegheny County had received acquisition agreements with 23 of 30 local bus companies.

1985 President Ronald Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev met for the first time as they began their summit in Geneva.

2008 Thirty-three year old FBI Special Agent Samuel Hicks was fatally shot during a drug raid in Indiana Township.

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"Pittsburgh: The Story of an American City" (digital.library.pitt.edu/chronology).

— Compiled by Rick Nowlin

Today's birthdays: Talk show host Larry King, 86. Former General Electric chief executive Jack Welch, 84. Talk show host Dick Cavett, 83. Broadcasting and sports mogul Ted Turner, 81. Former Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, 80. Former Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy G. Thompson, 78. Fashion designer Calvin Klein, 77. Sportscaster Ahmad Rashad, 70. Actress Kathleen Quinlan, 65. Broadcast journalist Ann Curry, 63. Former NASA astronaut Eileen Collins, 63. Actress Allison Janney, 60. Actress Meg Ryan, 58. Actress-director Jodie Foster, 57. Olympic gold medal runner Gail Devers, 53. Rock musician Travis McNabb, 50. Singer Tony

Rich, 48. Olympic gold medal gymnast Kerri Strug, 42. Actress Katherine Kelly, 40. Neo-soul musician Brown Lollar (St. Paul & the Broken Bones), 37. Actor Adam Driver, 36. Country singer Cam, 35. Actress Samantha Futerman, 32. NHL forward Patrick Kane, 31. Rapper Tyga, 30.

Thought for today: "You can always tell gifted and highly intelligent people as they always turn to the past. Any young person who knows anything that happened before 1980, or 1990, or 2000 for that matter, is immediately someone who is intelligent, probably creative, maybe a writer. Nobody who is drawn to the past and learning about the past is not gifted."

— Mike Nichols (film director, born in 1931, died on this date in 2014)

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International

Pompeo: West Bank settlements don't violate law

Policy in place for 4 decades upended

By Karen DeYoung, Steve Hendrix and John Hudson
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Monday that the Trump administration had determined that Israel's West Bank settlements do not violate international law, a decision he said had "increased the likelihood" of a Middle East peace settlement.

Mr. Pompeo said the Trump administration, as it did with recognition of Jerusalem as the Israeli capital and Israel's sovereignty over the disputed Golan Heights, had simply "recognized the reality on the ground."

The move upends more than 40 years of U.S. policy that has declared Israeli expansion into territories occupied since the 1967 war a major obstacle to settling the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

In response to a question, Mr. Pompeo denied that the announcement was connected to turmoil in Israel in which Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who has supported the Israeli annexation of West Bank territory, is fighting for his political life.

"The timing of this was not tied to anything that had to do with domestic politics anywhere," he said. "We conducted our review, and this was the appropriate time to bring it forward."

More than 700,000 settlers have taken up residence in the West Bank and east Jerusalem since the 1967 war. Both areas are claimed by Palestinians for a future state.

Since Israel first occupied the territories, only the Carter administration, based on a 1978 State Department legal opinion, outright



Secretary of State Mike Pompeo speaks during a news conference at the State Department on Monday. Drew Angerer/Getty Images

declared settlements illegal, although all administrations since then have described them as an impediment to peace and have called for freezing settlement expansion and new construction.

A month before President Donald Trump took office, then-President Barack Obama — whose administration referred to settlements as "illegitimate" — became the first U.S. president to withhold a veto from one of countless United Nations resolutions that described them as illegal. In one of its final acts in office, that administration abstained from a U.N. vote that called settlements "a flagrant violation under international law," allowing it to pass.

Then-Secretary of State John Kerry, in a speech explaining the abstention,

referred to "the proliferation of settlement outposts that are illegal under Israel's own laws."

Mr. Pompeo said the administration was returning to policy under Ronald Reagan, pointing out that Mr. Reagan said in a 1981 interview that settlements were "not illegal." Mr. Reagan went on in that interview, however, to say that settlements were "ill-advised." His subsequent 1983 peace plan said that "the immediate adoption of a settlements freeze by Israel, more than any other action" would enhance the prospects for peace.

"The United States government is expressing no view on the legal status of any individual settlement," Mr. Pompeo said. Such assessments, he said, were up to Israeli courts, and "we

are not addressing or prejudging the ultimate status of the West Bank. This is for the Israelis and Palestinians to negotiate."

The announcement drew immediate criticism as ill-timed and skepticism that it was unrelated to both Israeli and U.S. politics.

"I'm mystified by the timing," said Dennis Ross, who played a lead role in shaping Middle East policy under several administrations from Mr. Reagan to Mr. Obama. "If you were still interested in presenting the Trump peace plan, you wouldn't want to do something that puts key Arab leaders ... in a position where they would be much more moved to oppose it."

Introduction of the Middle East peace plan that Mr. Trump promised at the beginning of his administration

has been repeatedly delayed.

Aaron David Miller, a former Middle East peace negotiator under Republican and Democratic administrations, said that "in essence, this has validated and greenlighted the entire settlement enterprise ... at a time when the peace process is all but comatose, and they know it probably won't re-emerge."

In Israel, both Mr. Netanyahu and former Army chief Benny Gantz, who are vying to form a government following deadlocked elections in September, hailed the shift.

"The fate of the settlements and the residents of Judea and Samaria should be determined by agreements that meet security requirements and that can promote peace," Mr. Gantz said in a statement, using

the biblical names for the West Bank that have become the popular parlance among Israelis in recent years.

Mr. Netanyahu, who has been a staunch supporter of settlements and proposed annexing the Jordan Valley into Israel proper, praised the move as reflecting "a historical truth — that the Jewish people are not foreign colonialists in Judea and Samaria. In fact, we are called Jews because we are the people of Judea."

But Mr. Pompeo's announcement was met with dismay by Palestinian leaders as well as peace advocates who view the expansion of settlements as lessening the likelihood — and the size — of a possible future Palestinian state.

"Israeli settlements steal Palestinian land, seize and exploit Palestinian natural resources, and divide, displace and restrict the movement of the people of Palestine," Saeb Erekat, secretary general of the PLO said in a statement. "Once again, with this announcement, the Trump administration is demonstrating the extent to which it's threatening the international system with its unceasing attempts to replace international law with the 'law of the jungle.'"

Ayman Odeh, the leader of a faction of Israeli-Arab members of the Knesset, Israel's parliament, tweeted: "No foreign minister will change the fact that the settlements were built on occupied land where an independent Palestinian state should one day stand beside the State of Israel."

Softening the U.S. stance on settlements comes as a late-breaking boost to Mr. Netanyahu as he clings to power at a dicey political moment; his rival Mr. Gantz has less than two days left to form a government before the process opens to free-for-all negotiations by the entire parliament.

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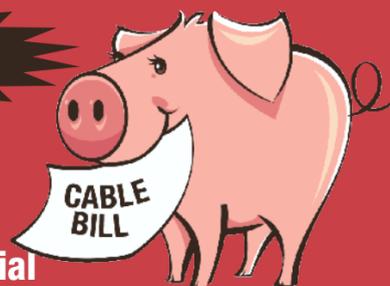
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World briefs

Iran imposes huge internet blackout

Compiled from news services

Iran imposed an almost complete nationwide internet blackout on Sunday, one of its most draconian attempts to cut off Iranians from each other and the rest of the world as widespread anti-government unrest roiled the streets of Tehran and other cities for a third day.

The death toll for the three days of protests rose to at least 12, hundreds were injured and more than 1,000 people have been arrested, according to semiofficial news agencies like Fars News.

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who has the last word on all state matters, called the demonstrators “thugs” and endorsed the government’s decision to raise prices it sets for rationed gasoline by 50% as of Friday and by 300% for gasoline that exceeds ration limits. Even after the price hike, gasoline in Iran is still cheap — the equivalent of about 50 cents a gallon.

He acknowledged that Iranians had taken to the streets to protest and that some had died. But he blamed the protests on monarchists and opposition groups trying to destabilize Iran.

Arcuri coy with media

Less than a month before a pivotal election in Britain, an American businesswoman who says she once had a “very special relationship” with Prime Minister Boris Johnson is making the media rounds asserting that Mr. Johnson has fed her “to the wolves” while ghosting her like “some fleeting one-night stand.”

Jennifer Arcuri has been coy about defining her relationship with Mr. Johnson when he was London mayor and married to his second wife. But authorities are looking into accusations that she received undue advantages because of her association with Mr. Johnson, including \$160,000 in grants and contracts from the city of London and participation in three trade missions abroad as part of Mr. Johnson’s entourage.

Whether there are grounds for a criminal investigation won’t be announced until after the Dec. 12 election. And whether Ms. Arcuri’s accusations of bad behavior can hurt Mr. Johnson and his Conservative Party at the polls is unclear.

Israel kills civilians

DEIR EL-BALAH, Gaza Strip — Ismail al-Swarka was awoken after midnight Thursday by what sounded like four missile blasts. What he found outside was horrifying: Eight of his relatives, including five children, had been killed in an airstrike, with several more badly wounded.

Soon, an Israeli military spokesman tweeted the photo of a Palestinian Islamic Jihad commander it said had been killed in the strike. But Islamic Jihad says that man was actually a different commander, who is still alive in the city of Rafah — and that the victims of the attack in Deir El-Balah were all civilians.

On Friday, Israel’s military backtracked on its earlier claim and said it had begun an investigation.

Gaza health officials said 16 civilians were among the 34 Palestinians killed in the two-day round of combat.

Companies drop Andrew

Accounting firm KPMG has dropped its support of Prince Andrew’s Pitch@Palace networking event, severing ties with the Duke of York before his controversial interview with the BBC on Saturday.

KPMG’s decision not to renew its sponsorship was made in August, according to a source with direct knowledge of the matter.

Cisco also announced Monday that it has severed ties with Andrew’s event, which aims to connect young entrepreneurs with business leaders and investors.

N. Korea: No summit to ‘brag about’

Rejects ‘fruitless’ talks with Trump

By Anne Gearan
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — North Korea on Monday rejected what a senior adviser to dictator Kim Jong Un called more “fruitless” one-on-one nuclear talks with President Donald Trump.

“We are no longer interested in such talks that bring nothing to us,” said Kim Kye Gwan, a veteran diplomat and Foreign Ministry adviser. “As we have got nothing in return, we will no longer gift the U.S. president with something he can brag about.”

Mr. Trump had hinted Sunday at a possible next summit with the North Korean leader as part of a foreign policy venture that represents Mr. Trump’s boldest effort to remake U.S. diplomacy. Mr. Trump’s offer to North Korea is explicit: Give up your nuclear weapons and receive sanctions relief that will allow you to become a regional economic powerhouse and vacation destination, complete with luxury hotels.

“Mr. Chairman, Joe Biden may be Sleepy and Very Slow, but he is not a ‘rabid dog.’ He is actually somewhat better than that, but I am the only one who can get you where you have to be,” Mr. Trump wrote on Twitter. “You should act quickly, get the deal done. See you soon!”

That was a response to North Korea recently calling 2020 Democratic presidential candidate and former Vice President Joe Biden a “rabid dog” who should be “beaten to death with a stick.”

Mr. Trump was seen by



Korean Central News Agency/Korea News Service via Associated Press
In this undated photo provided Nov. 18, 2019, by the North Korean government, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un poses with air force sharpshooters and soldiers for a photo at an unknown location in North Korea.

experts as telling Mr. Kim not to try to run out the clock on negotiations. Mr. Trump has fostered, conveying to the dictator that a President Biden wouldn’t cut a deal with North Korea and help him build the gleaming buildings and bustling streets depicted in a promotional video Mr. Trump played at his first meeting with Mr. Kim in Singapore last year.

As for Mr. Kim, he is viewed as testing Mr. Trump’s resolve. “North Korea knows that the best way to approach the U.S. in an attempt for sanctions relief is to start from the top,” said Choi Soon-mi, a professor on North Korean studies at Aju Institute of Unification.

Pyongyang is hitting the brakes just as Mr. Trump faces not only impeachment but a re-election campaign

in which he has hoped to show supporters that he can deliver a deal that eluded past presidents.

Mr. Trump is pursuing a “fool’s errand” if he thinks he can persuade Mr. Kim to give up nuclear weapons that are his source of security and legitimacy, said Lawrence Haas, a senior fellow at the American Foreign Policy Council.

Kim Kye Gwan’s slap at Mr. Trump may reflect a calculation by the North Korean regime that Mr. Trump wants a deal more than North Korea needs to make one now, he said. “The North Korean regime may believe that the president is desperate enough for a deal that they have some leverage over him.”

Mr. Kim is also backing his diplomatic snub with a display of military leverage. A day after the United States and ally South Korea

shelved joint air drills as an inducement to Pyongyang to talk, North Korean media reported Monday that Mr. Kim had personally supervised his own nation’s air force exercises.

“I see this as a good-faith effort by the United States and the Republic of Korea to enable peace,” Defense Secretary Mark Esper told reporters about the decision to suspend exercises.

Although the hiatus represents an about-face for the Pentagon, Mr. Esper said it could “facilitate a political agreement — a deal, if you will — that leads to the denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula.”

North Korea resumed short-range ballistic missile tests this year, despite the United States and South Korea scaling back military drills in a gesture of goodwill.

Mr. Trump has been

hoping for a third summit with North Korea, ideally within about three months, to show that his bold effort to befriend and persuade Mr. Kim is working.

Mr. Kim had set a deadline of the end of this year for the experiment to show progress, and U.S. and other analysts worry that North Korea may return to testing longer-range missiles or nuclear devices next year.

Talks have been bogged down for months, with North Korea demanding relief from economic sanctions before any meaningful discussion of disarmament. The Trump administration has stuck to its dual approach that retains sanctions while offering free-flowing, direct leader-to-leader talks that traditional diplomacy would only reserve for the very end of a process.

Kim Kye Gwan’s statement to the Korean-language website of the official Korean Central News Agency noted that he had read Mr. Trump’s Twitter post before saying that despite the two leaders’ previous meetings, “there has not been much improvement in relations with the United States.”

North Korean state media has previously taken aim at members of the Trump administration it accused of blocking progress, but it has lately taken to singling out Mr. Trump directly.

“We, without being given anything, gave things the U.S. president can brag about but the U.S. side has not yet taken any corresponding step,” the statement said. “Now, betrayal is only what we feel from the U.S. side.”

Bloomberg News contributor.

Police lay siege to Hong Kong campus

Protesters trapped while under attack

The Associated Press

HONG KONG — Police tightened their siege of a university campus where hundreds of protesters remained trapped overnight Tuesday in the latest dramatic episode in months of protests against growing Chinese control over the semi-autonomous city.

In yet another escalation for the movement, protests raged across other parts of the city, fueled by palpable public anger over the police blockade of Hong Kong Polytechnic University and the desire to help the students stuck inside.

Now in its fifth month, the Hong Kong protest movement has steadily intensified as local and Beijing authorities harden their positions and refuse to make concessions. Universities have become the latest battleground for the protesters, who used gasoline bombs and bows and arrows in their fight to keep riot police, who are backed by armored cars and water cannons, off of two campuses in the past week.

China, which took control of the former British colony in 1997 promising to let it retain its autonomy, flexed its muscles, sending troops outside their barracks over the weekend in a cleanup operation.

China’s ambassador to Britain accused the U.K. and the U.S. of meddling in the country’s internal affairs and warned that the Chinese government “will not sit on our hands” if the situation in Hong Kong “becomes uncontrollable.”

“These rioters, they are also criminals. They have to face the consequences of their acts,” said Cheuk Hau-yip, the commander of Kowloon West district, where Polytechnic University is located.



Anthony Kwan / Getty Images
Riot police fire tear gas and rubber bullets as protesters attempt to leave the Hong Kong Polytechnic University in Hong Kong on Monday in Hong Kong.

“Other than coming out to surrender, I don’t see that there’s any viable option for them,” he said, adding that police have the ability and resolve to end the standoff.

Authorities, meanwhile, were dealt a setback Monday when Hong Kong’s high court struck down a contentious ban on wearing face masks in public imposed last month, ruling it unconstitutional.

The pitched battle for control of Hong Kong Polytechnic University began last week as demonstrators for days fortified the campus to keep the police out. On Monday, cornered by security forces determined to arrest them, they desperately tried to get out but faced a cordon of officers armed with tear gas and water cannons.

Senior government officials said they were trying to de-escalate the situation

and urged the protesters to leave peacefully and cooperate with police — advice that seemed certain to lead to arrests and therefore strengthened the protesters’ resolve to resist.

Before dawn on Tuesday, police allowed a group of minors to leave the campus after their high school principals secured a promise that they could go home safely. Police took down the teenagers’ details and they could still face prosecution later, local broadcaster RTHK reported.

The teens, some wearing masks to protect against tear gas, were seen hugging their principal as they left the cordoned-off university campus.

A day earlier, security forces repelled one escape attempt with tear gas, driving hundreds of protesters back onto the campus. Later, huge crowds of

supporters advanced on foot toward the police from outside the cordon to try to disrupt the police operation.

Some protesters descended by ropes from a footbridge to a road below, where they were met by motorbike riders trying to help them flee as police fired tear gas.

All day Monday, multiple protests disrupted traffic in the Asian financial center, where schools remained closed because of safety concerns stemming from the demonstrations, which began in June but have become increasingly violent in recent weeks.

Riot officers broke into one university entrance before dawn Monday as fires raged inside and outside, but they didn’t appear to get very far. Fiery explosions could be seen as protesters responded with gasoline bombs.

Police, who have warned that everyone in the area could be charged with rioting, said 154 arrests were made over the weekend. A total of 4,491 arrests have reportedly been made since the protests began in June.

Local council elections scheduled for Sunday were at risk of being delayed because of the unrest, said Patrick Nip, Hong Kong’s secretary for constitutional affairs.

The protesters, meanwhile, made gains on a legal front when the high court struck down the ban on face masks. The court said it did not consider anti-mask laws unconstitutional in general, but in this case, the law infringed on fundamental rights further than was reasonably necessary.

Many protesters wear masks to shield their identities from surveillance cameras.

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Trump says he may testify in writing

Compiled from news services

President Donald Trump said Monday that he will “strongly consider” testifying in writing as part of the impeachment inquiry at the outset of a week in which eight current and former officials are scheduled to publicly testify about his controversial actions regarding Ukraine.

In morning tweets, Mr. Trump said he might take up House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., on a suggestion she made over the weekend. Mr. Trump also claimed without evidence that the rules of the inquiry had been “rigged” by Mr. Pelosi and House Intelligence Committee Chairman Adam Schiff, D-Calif.

“Even though I did nothing wrong, and don’t like giving credibility to this No Due Process Hoax, I like the idea & will, in order to get Congress focused again, strongly consider it!” the president said in tweets in which he also disparaged Ms. Pelosi.

Democrats conducting the impeachment inquiry are seeking to prove that Mr. Trump leveraged military assistance and an Oval Office meeting in exchange for investigations of former Vice President Joe Biden and his son Hunter.

Congressional Democrats reacted to Mr. Trump’s statement about testifying with skepticism and calls for cooperation from the White House.

Biden waffles on pot

Former Vice President Joe Biden drew some groans from a Las Vegas crowd at a weekend town hall by suggesting that marijuana may be a “gateway drug” that can lead users to harsher substances and saying he wants to see more research before legalizing it.

Mr. Biden indicated that he is not opposed entirely: He supports the use of medical marijuana and would decriminalize possession, he said, adding that he wants individual states to make decisions on recreational use.

The comments set Mr. Biden apart from most of the other Democratic presidential candidates and drew backlash from his party’s left wing, including Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, N.Y., who recently endorsed Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt.

“Marijuana should be legalized, and drug consumption should be decriminalized,” Ms. Ocasio-Cortez tweeted Sunday. “These are matters of public health.”

Warren details care plan

Elizabeth Warren pushed back against critics of her newly released plan to phase in implementation of a single-payer health care system, insisting Saturday that she is “fully committed” to Medicare for All and that she plans to first build on existing health care programs because “people need help right now.”

On Friday, Ms. Warren, D-Mass., released a plan outlining how she would transition to a full Medicare for All program, first by using executive action to bring down drug and health care prices and by pushing Congress to pass a bill giving Americans the option to buy in to an expanded government-run Medicare plan. She says she’ll then work to pass pieces of a universal coverage proposal gradually, with the whole thing being ready “no later than” her third year in office.

Syracuse suspends frats

Syracuse University is suspending all social activities for fraternities following reports that fraternity members yelled a racial slur at an African American student at a campus bus stop Saturday night, administrators said. The event is the latest in a string of racist incidents that have prompted concern from students and demands for accountability.

Campus police said the black student reported being “verbally harassed by a large group of individuals.” The suspects were found to be members of a fraternity that was suspended pending investigation.

House investigators exploring whether Trump lied to Mueller

Evidence lies in grand jury files

By Charlie Savage
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — House Democrats are exploring whether President Donald Trump lied in his written answers to then-special counsel Robert Mueller’s investigation, a lawyer for the House told a federal appeals court Monday, raising the prospect of an additional basis for an article of impeachment.

The acknowledgment refocused attention on a quiet debate among Democrats about whether any impeachment of Mr. Trump should go beyond the Ukraine affair and also accuse him of obstructing the Russia investigation. Additional evidence, hidden in grand jury files, that Mr. Trump may have lied under oath to Mr. Mueller could bolster the case for an additional article of impeachment, Democratic aides said.

The House lawyer’s statement was also striking because it came shortly after Mr. Trump said he may also be willing to provide written answers about the Ukraine matter to impeachment investigators.

“Even though I did nothing wrong, and don’t like giving credibility to this No Due Process Hoax, I like the idea & will, in order to get Congress focused again, strongly consider it!” Mr. Trump wrote on Twitter.

His statement and the hearing, in a case over the House’s attempt to gain access to secret grand jury evidence gathered by Mr.



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Lt. Col. Alexander Vindman, director for European Affairs at the National Security Council, arrives at the Capitol in Washington, D.C., on Nov. 7. Lt. Col. Vindman is expected to review his deposition testimony as part of the impeachment inquiry against President Donald Trump, led by the House Intelligence, Foreign Affairs, and Oversight and Reform committees.

Mueller, came as witnesses and lawmakers jostled for leverage before a new round of impeachment hearings scheduled to begin Tuesday.

Kurt Volker, the former special envoy to Ukraine who will appear before lawmakers Tuesday, planned to testify that he was out of the loop at key moments during Mr. Trump’s pressure campaign on Ukraine, according to an account of his prepared testimony.

Democrats conducting the inquiry added to their witness list an official at the American Embassy in Kyiv, David Holmes, who testified privately that he overheard Mr. Trump ask a top diplomat if Ukraine would move

forward with investigations he sought. They also planned to release more deposition transcripts.

And House Republicans wrote to Sen. Ron Johnson, R-Wis., who attended the inauguration of Ukraine’s president this year, asking him to provide “any firsthand information you have about President Trump’s actions toward Ukraine.”

But the court hearing heightened attention on longstanding suspicions about Mr. Trump’s responses to questions in the Russia investigation.

The hearing centered on a Federal District Court’s ruling last month that the House should be given access to

secret grand jury evidence from the Mueller investigation immediately, and whether enforcement of that ruling should be stayed while the Justice Department’s appeal is fully litigated.

Later Monday, the appellate panel decided to keep a stay of the lower-court ruling in place “pending further order of the court,” while issuing an expedited briefing schedule with arguments set for Jan. 3.

If the judiciary keeps the stay in place—including for the likely appeals—House Democrats appear unlikely to receive the grand jury evidence before they decide whether to move forward with an impeachment vote.

Chief justice gives Trump temporary reprieve in financial records case

By Adam Liptak
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — Chief Justice John Roberts on Monday temporarily blocked an appeals court ruling that required President Donald Trump to turn over financial records to a House committee.

The brief order gave no reasons for the indefinite delay and served to maintain the status quo while the justices decided how to proceed.

In a letter to the court earlier on Monday, lawyers for the committee said they did not oppose a brief interim stay. In entering one, the chief justice ordered the committee’s lawyers to file papers on whether to grant a longer stay by Thursday.

If the justices grant a longer stay, they will next consider whether to hear Mr. Trump’s appeal.

The case, concerning a subpoena from the House Oversight and Reform Committee, is one of two cases before the Supreme Court in which Mr. Trump is seeking to halt disclosures of his financial records by his accounting firm, Mazars USA. The other case concerns a subpoena from Manhattan prosecutors to the firm seeking eight years of his personal and business tax returns.

The Supreme Court is expected to announce whether it will hear the appeals in the coming weeks. If it declines to step in, appeals court rulings requiring disclosure will stand, and Mazars has

indicated that it will supply the requested records. If the Supreme Court agrees to hear the cases, it will probably hear arguments early next year and issue decisions by June.

No stay from the Supreme Court was needed in the Manhattan case because prosecutors there had agreed not to seek immediate release of the records in exchange for a prompt request for Supreme Court review. There was no such agreement in the House case.

“It has now been seven months since the Oversight Committee asked for these records,” Rep. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., the committee’s acting chairwoman, said in a statement last week. “It is time for the president to let us do our job and

stop blocking Mazars from complying with the committee’s lawful subpoena.”

Both subpoenas sought information concerning hush-money payments made in the run-up to the 2016 election. Mr. Trump and his company reimbursed the president’s former lawyer, Michael D. Cohen, for payments to pornographic film actress Stormy Daniels, who said she had an affair with Mr. Trump. The president has denied the relationship.

The House subpoena also sought records prompted by Cohen’s testimony that Mr. Trump had inflated and deflated descriptions of his assets on financial statements to obtain loans and reduce his taxes.

Walmart shooting in Okla. leaves 3 dead

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A gunman fatally shot a man and a woman outside a Walmart in Duncan, Okla., on Monday morning, then killed himself, the police said.

At a news conference on Monday afternoon, Duncan police Chief Danny Ford said that the gunman had approached a man and a woman in a car in the parking lot in front of the Walmart, about 80 miles south of Oklahoma City, before 10 a.m. The pair had apparently visited the money center inside the store just beforehand. Investigators believe the gunman fired several rounds at the two and then turned the gun on himself.

All three were pronounced dead at the scene. A semiautomatic handgun was found at the scene.

Chief Ford said investigators had identified the individuals involved, but would not release their names because not all of the families had been notified. One of the victims is believed to have been or is currently a Walmart employee.

The motive is not yet known, Chief Ford said. It appeared that the victims and gunman knew each other, he said. Investigators have spoken to several witnesses and are reviewing surveillance footage.

Hmong household attacked in shooting

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darkness. Witnesses saw only flashes when the pistols were fired, Chief Hall said.

Police were investigating whether the shooting was connected to a recent “disturbance” involving some of the people at the party, Chief Hall said. He did not describe the incident other than to say it occurred within the last week.

It was the third mass shooting in four days in California.

Last Thursday, a 16-year-old student at a high school in the Los Angeles suburb of Santa Clarita shot and killed two classmates and wounded three others before shooting himself in the head. He died the next day.

On Saturday, police in San Diego said a husband shot and killed his wife and three of their sons before killing himself. A fourth son was wounded and on life support.

The Fresno shooting occurred in a section of the city with a large Hmong population and claimed the lives of Xy Lee, 23; Phia Vang, 31; Kou Xiong, 38; and Kalaxang Thao, 40, all of Fresno, according to the coroner’s office. Three others remained hospitalized Monday in serious condition, Community Regional Medical Center said in a statement.

Pao Yang, CEO of the Fresno Center, a Hmong community group, said two of the victims were well-known Hmong performers, including a man who sang for mental health clients monthly.

Xy Lee was an accomplished Hmong singer and musician, and his videos on YouTube have been viewed millions of times.

Radio host: Fired midshow after criticizing Trump

By Derek Hawkins,
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The Washington Post

The radio host says he’s still not sure exactly why he was fired midshow Saturday, when he says his station switched abruptly to network news before a higher-up came in to tell him, “You’re done.”

Whatever the cause, the ouster underscored Craig Silverman’s growing unease with his conservative talk radio colleagues’ unswerving support of President Donald Trump, he says.

Mr. Silverman, who has hosted his weekly show since 2014, says his willingness to criticize the president he voted for in 2016 had long set him apart on Denver’s 710 KNUS, part of Salem Media Group, which promises conservative, Christian viewpoints and



Kevin Moloney/The New York Times

This file photo shows Craig Silverman, a lawyer and radio talk show host, during a broadcast on KHOW in Denver on July 9, 2008.

has a history of cutting ties with Trump critics. But nothing brought out Mr. Silverman’s tensions with others at Salem, he said, like the Democratic-led inquiry into whether Mr. Trump abused his office to secure a foreign investigation into a political rival.

“I heard my fellow hosts say, ‘It’s boring. It’s a sham. Bad for the country. A hoax,’” he told The Washington Post. “So many of these talk show hosts are doing the total bidding of Donald Trump. And I want to offer my contrary voice.”

Right-leaning talk radio is

closely attuned to the Trump base, said media historian Brian Rosenwald, the author of “Talk Radio’s America: How an Industry Took Over a Political Party That Took Over the United States.”

“There’s an understanding now, given that all the Never Trumpers are gone, that if you work for a Salem company, you’re going to be pro-Trump,” Mr. Rosenwald said. “And where is conservative media? It’s where conservative consumers are, which is pro-Trump,” Mr. Rosenwald told the Post.

KNUS and Salem Media Group did not respond to inquiries Sunday to confirm Mr. Silverman’s account or explain his departure. The station appeared to have deactivated the website for “The Craig Silverman Show,” and some of the show’s archives have seemingly been removed.

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How FedEx cut its tax bill down to \$0

By Jim Tankersley,
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WASHINGTON — In fiscal 2017, FedEx owed more than \$1.5 billion in taxes. The next year, it owed nothing. What changed was the Trump administration's tax cut — for which the company had lobbied hard.

The public face of its lobbying effort, which included a tax proposal of its own, was FedEx's founder and CEO, Frederick Smith, who repeatedly took to the airwaves to champion the power of tax cuts. "If you make the United States a better place to invest, there is no question in my mind that we would see a renaissance of capital investment," he said on an August 2017 radio show hosted by Larry Kudlow, who is now chairman of the National Economic Council.

Four months later, President Donald Trump signed into law the \$1.5 trillion tax cut that became his signature legislative achievement. FedEx reaped big savings, bringing its effective tax rate from 34% in fiscal year 2017 to less than zero in fiscal 2018, meaning that, overall, the government technically owed it money. But it did not increase investment in new equipment and other assets in the fiscal year that followed, as Mr. Smith said businesses like his would.

Nearly two years after the tax law passed, the windfall to corporations like FedEx is becoming clear. A New York Times analysis of data compiled by Capital IQ shows no statistically meaningful relationship between the size of the tax cut that companies and industries received and the investments they made. If anything, the companies that received the biggest tax cuts increased their capital investment by less, on average, than companies that got smaller cuts.

FedEx's financial filings show that the law has so far saved it at least \$1.6 billion. Its financial filings show it owed no taxes in fiscal 2018 overall. Company officials said FedEx paid \$2 billion in total federal income taxes over the past 10 years.

As for capital investments, the company spent less in fiscal 2018 than it had projected in December 2017, before the tax law passed. It spent even less in 2019. Much of its savings have gone to reward shareholders: FedEx spent more than \$2 billion on stock buybacks and dividend increases in fiscal 2019, up from \$1.6 billion from the year before, and more than double the amount the company spent on buybacks and dividends in fiscal year 2017.

A spokesman said it was unfair to judge the effect of the tax cuts on investment by looking at year-to-year changes.

"FedEx invested billions in capital items eligible for accelerated depreciation and made large contributions to our employee pension plans," the company said in a statement. "These factors have temporarily lowered our federal income tax, which was the law's intention to help grow GDP, create jobs and increase wages."

FedEx's use of its tax savings is representative of corporate America. Companies have already saved upward of \$100 billion more on their taxes than analysts predicted when the law was passed. Companies that make up the S&P 500 index had an average effective tax rate of 18.1% in 2018, down from 25.9% in 2016, according to an analysis of securities filings. More than 200 of those companies saw their effective tax rates fall by 10 points or more. Nearly three dozen, including FedEx, saw their tax rates fall to zero or reported that tax authorities owed them money.

From the first quarter of 2018, when the law fully took effect, companies have spent nearly three times as much on additional dividends and stock buybacks, which boost a company's stock price and market value, than on increased investment.

The law cut the corporate rate to 21% from 35% and allowed companies to deduct the full cost of new equipment investments in the year that they make them. Those cuts stimulated the American economy in 2018, helping to push economic growth to 2.5% for the year and fueling a boost in hiring. Business investment rose at an 8.8% rate in the first quarter of 2018 and was nearly as strong in the second quarter.

But the impact dwindled quickly.

In the summer, the economy grew at just 1.9% and business investment fell 3%, including a 15.3% plunge in spending on factories and offices. Over the spring, companies spent less on new investments, after adjusting for inflation, than they had in the winter.

Overall business investment during Mr. Trump's tenure has now grown more slowly since the tax cuts were passed than before.

"It did provide a short-term boost, but it wasn't the big response that many people expected," said Aparna Mathur, an economist at the conservative American Enterprise Institute, who recently concluded that the 2017 law has not meaningfully changed investment patterns.

Mr. Smith, 75, a former Marine who built FedEx from a small delivery service into a global giant, was no stranger to pressing for lower taxes. He tried, without success, to get President Barack Obama to cut the corporate rate. But with Mr. Trump's ascension, the corporate chief began a one-man campaign. He met with the president-elect at Trump Tower on Nov. 17, just days after the election.

In a conference call the month after Mr. Trump's election, Alan Graf, FedEx's chief financial officer, called the prospect of a 20% corporate tax rate "a mighty fine Christmas gift."

Mr. Smith teamed up with his competitor, David Abney, chairman and CEO of UPS, to push for a tax overhaul.

FedEx spent \$10 million on lobbying in 2017, in line with previous spending, with much of it focused on tax issues, according to federal records. Its team pushed hard to shape the bill behind the scenes, meeting regularly with House and Senate committee staff who were writing the provisions.

Eight months after Congress passed the law, Mr. Trump celebrated the tax cuts by hosting Mr. Smith and other business leaders at a dinner at his Bedminster, N.J., golf club. He singled out Mr. Smith several times, bantering with him about a term paper that Mr. Smith had written while a student at Yale. The paper formed the basis for the creation of FedEx.

The next week, Mr. Smith boasted of his company's influence on the law in the company's annual report, which noted that FedEx is "investing more than \$4.2 billion in our people and our network as a result of the tax act."

But the company ended its 2018 fiscal year having spent \$240 million less on capital investments than it predicted it would in December 2017, shortly before the tax cuts passed. The company's capital spending declined by nearly \$175 million in fiscal 2019.

This year, the company cut back employee bonuses and has offered buyouts in an effort to reduce labor costs in the face of slowing global growth. The company has also added to its pension fund, a move that carried the benefit of reducing its tax liability even further.

"Something like \$1.5 billion in future taxes that they had promised to pay just vanished," said Matthew Gardner, an analyst at the liberal Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy. "The obvious question is whether you can draw any line, any connection between the tax breaks they're getting — ostensibly designed to encourage capital expenditures — and what they're actually doing. And it's just impossible to know."



Fernando Llano/Associated Press

Crosses covered with the names of people who have drowned trying to cross the river have been placed on the bank of the Rio Grande in Matamoros, Mexico. Migrants who make it this far tell of being captured by armed bandits who demand a ransom: They can pay for illegal passage to the border, or merely for their freedom — but either way, they must pay.

Migrants stuck in lawless limbo within sight of United States

The Associated Press

NUEVO LAREDO, Mexico — The gangsters trawling Nuevo Laredo know just what they're looking for: men and women missing their shoelaces.

Those are migrants who made it to the United States to ask for asylum, only to be taken into custody and stripped of their laces — to keep them from hurting themselves. And then they were thrust into danger, sent back to the lawless border state of Tamaulipas.

In years past, migrants moved quickly through this violent territory on their way to the United States. Now, due to Trump administration policies, they remain there for weeks and sometimes months as they await their U.S. court dates, often in the hands of the gangsters who hold the area in a vise-like grip.

Here, migrants in limbo are prey.

They recount harrowing stories of robbery, extortion by criminals and crooked officials, and kidnappings by competing cartels. They tell of being captured by armed bandits who demand a ransom: They can pay for illegal passage to the border, or merely for their freedom — but either way, they must pay.

And then they might be nabbed again by another gang. Or, desperate not to return to the homes they fled in the first place, they might willingly pay smugglers again.

That's what a 32-year-old Honduran accountant was contemplating. She had twice paid coyotes to help her cross into the U.S. only to be returned. Most recently, in September, she was sent back across the bridge from Brownsville, Texas, to Matamoros.

Now, biding her time with her daughter in the city of Monterrey, she said one thing is for sure: "We are a little gold mine for the criminals."

Tamaulipas used to be a crossroads. Its dangers are well-known; the U.S. has warned its citizens to stay away, assigning it the same alert level as war-torn countries such as Afghanistan and Syria.

Whenever possible, migrants heading north immediately crossed the river to Texas or presented themselves at a U.S. port of entry to file an asylum claim, which would allow them to stay in the U.S. while their cases played out.

But the U.S. has set limits on applicants for asylum, slowing the number to a mere trickle, while the policy known colloquially as "Remain in Mexico," has meant the return of more than 55,000 asylum-seekers to the country while their

requests meander through backlogged courts.

The Mexican government is ill-prepared to handle the influx along the border, especially in Tamaulipas, where it has been arranging bus rides south to the relative safety of the northern city of Monterrey or all the way to the Guatemala border, citing security concerns — tacit acknowledgement, some analysts say, of the state of anarchy.

The gangs have adapted to the new reality of masses of vulnerable people parking in the heart of their fiefdom, experts say, treating the travelers, often families with young children, like ATMs, ramping up kidnapping, extortion, and illegal crossings to extract money and fuel their empires.

"There's probably nothing worse you could do in terms of overall security along the border," said Jeremy Slack, a geographer at the University of Texas at El Paso who studies the border region, crime and migration in Mexico. "I mean, it really is like the nightmare scenario."

Yohan, a 31-year-old Nicaraguan security guard, trudged back across the border bridge from Laredo, Texas, in July with his wife and two children in tow, clutching a plastic case full of documents including one with a court date to return and make their asylum claim to a U.S. immigration judge two months later.

Penniless, with little more than a cellphone, the family was entering Nuevo Laredo, dominated by the Northeast cartel.

The plan had been to call and ask help from the only people they knew in the area — the "coyotes," or people smugglers, who earlier helped them cross the Rio Grande on an inflatable raft and had treated them well. Only that was in Ciudad Miguel Aleman, about a two-hour drive south.

On their way to the bus station, two strange men stopped Yohan while another group grabbed his loved ones. At least one of them had a gun. They were hustled into a van, relieved of their belongings and told they had a choice: Pay thousands of dollars for their freedom, or for another illegal crossing.

All along the border, there have been abuses and crimes against migrants by Mexican organized crime, which has long profited off them. But Tamaulipas is especially troubling. It is both the location of most illegal crossings, and the state where the U.S. has returned the most asylum-seekers — 20,700 through Nuevo Laredo and Matamoros as of early October.

The Institute for Women in Migration, which tracks kidnappings of migrants

and asylum-seekers, has documented 212 abductions in the state from mid-July through Oct. 15. And that's surely an undercount.

Of the documented kidnappings in Tamaulipas, 197 occurred in Nuevo Laredo, a city of about 500,000 whose international bridges fuel the trade economy.

Yohan's family was among them.

They had left Nicaragua over three months earlier after government-aligned civilian militias learned that Yohan had witnessed the killing of a government opponent, he said. They followed him and painted death threats on the walls of their home.

He is identified only by his middle name, because he and others quoted in this story fear for their lives and spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity.

Yohan borrowed against his mother's house to pay smugglers \$18,000 for the family's trip. But he had not bargained on the closed door at the border or the ordeal in Nuevo Laredo, and his bankroll was depleted.

The men who grabbed the family "told us they were from the cartel, that they were not kidnappers, that their job was to get people across and that they would take us to the smuggler to explain," Yohan said. Then they connected a cable to his cellphone to download its contents.

Yohan's first instinct was to give the passphrase that his previous smugglers used to identify "their" migrants. "That doesn't mean anything to us," one of them told me," Yohan said — this lot belonged to a different group.

"They are contractors. They provide a service, control the territory, operate safe houses and charge for all that," said Guadalupe Correa-Cabrera, a George Mason University political scientist specializing in organized crime, immigration, border security and human trafficking.

Yohan's family was held in a series of what appeared to be private homes or offices, along with a family from El Salvador, two Cubans and two Mexicans. Everyone slept on the floor.

Initially the captors demanded \$16,000. They gave Yohan and his wife a list of names and accounts; relatives were supposed to deposit \$450 into each one without using companies seen as traceable by authorities.

But they were able to scrape together just \$3,000, and that angered the gangsters.

"I'm going to give you to the cartel," one shouted.

Then Yohan's son came down with the mumps. The family got the captors to provide a bit of extra milk for him in exchange for his

daughter's little gold ring, but the boy wasn't getting better, and they abruptly released the family.

It's a matter of business, not humanity: A dead child could bring attention from the media and authorities, says Ms. Correa-Cabrera.

After 14 days captive and before leaving the safe house, Yohan was given a code phrase: "We already passed through the office, checking." Only hours later, they would need to use it. Arriving at the bus station, a group of strange men tried to grab them. Yohan spoke the six words in Spanish, and they were let go, and they went on to Monterrey.

On Sept. 22, Yohan's family returned to Nuevo Laredo for their court date, bringing with them a report on the family's kidnapping. Though U.S. law allows at-risk people to stay, they were sent back to the parking lot of a Mexican immigration facility, surrounded by seedy cantinas and watching eyes.

Mexican authorities organized bus transportation for those who wanted to return to their home countries. The family did not intend to go back to Nicaragua, so they asked the driver to leave them in Monterrey, where they would await the next hearing.

The driver demanded \$200. They couldn't pay, so he dumped them about 60 miles from the city at 1 a.m.

Kennji Kizuka, a researcher for New York-based Human Rights First, told of one woman who crossed into the U.S. for a hearing date, where she had to surrender her phone. While she was incommunicado for hours, calls were placed to relatives in the U.S. claiming she had been kidnapped and aggressively demanding a ransom.

Brian Hastings, Border Patrol's chief of law enforcement operations, told AP that officials didn't see a "threat to that population" in Tamaulipas and "there was basically a small war between the cartel and the state police" there.

But the numbers indicate the danger is real.

As of August, Human Rights First had tabulated 100 violent crimes against returnees. By October, after it rolled out to Tamaulipas, that had more than tripled to 340. Most involved kidnapping and extortion. Mr. Kizuka said the danger is even greater than the numbers reflect because they are based solely on accounts his organization or reporters have been able to document.

Of dozens of people interviewed who said they had been victimized in Nuevo Laredo, Reynosa, Matamoros and Monterrey, just one had filed a police report.

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Aiming for equity

PPS pursues a laudable, lofty goal

Pittsburgh Public Schools' new plan to reduce racial disparities within the district takes aim at a laudable and important goal. But PPS must proceed cautiously, regularly checking the successes and failures of its 27-step plan and reacting accordingly to ensure that every student is afforded the opportunity to succeed in a more equitable environment.

Racial achievement gaps are an issue at many schools throughout the state and the country, and PPS is no different. But the district has made meaningful strides in recent years with a set of small policy changes meant to chip away at the problem.

For instance, the school's overall graduation rate improved by nearly 10%, growing from 70.4% in 2015 to 79.8% in 2016, and the rate of graduation for African American students rose more than 12% during that same period.

But the 77.4% overall black graduation rate still lags behind the 87.1% graduation rate of white students, just one sign that there is work to be done.

PPS' plan, called "On Track to Equity, Integrating Equity Throughout PPS," presents a bold, sweeping vision of the district's future, outlining a set of changes meant to improve the school's racial disparities. This new phase marks the beginning of what will be Superintendent Anthony Hamlet's defining test. Addressing racial disparities in PPS' education was the primary task assigned to Mr. Hamlet after his hiring in 2016. Mr. Hamlet, who has found himself embroiled in several controversies since his hiring, must get this project right.

That being said, working to reduce inequities in the PPS system is not about scoring victories for Mr. Hamlet or the school board. It is about helping kids. And PPS will have to pursue equity in all facets of educational experience — punishments, extracurricular participation, grades and test scores — to achieve real success.

In other words, "On Track to Equity" must be more than the latest and greatest shiny new thing. It must have real substance and consequential reforms that give every student a fair track and a meaningful oppor-



Nate Guidry/Post-Gazette
Pittsburgh Public Schools Superintendent Anthony Hamlet

tunity at graduating and at pursuing fulfilling experiences, either at a college, trade school or in the workforce.

PPS has outlined 27 key steps, broken into seven categories, that it hopes will drive change within the district, giving teachers and students the resources and environment conducive to reducing the achievement gap in its schools. This includes improved professional development opportunities, the implementation of "culturally responsive instructional materials" and regular curriculum reviews to ensure that all students are enjoying the fruits of a rigorous education.

Essential to the success of this plan will be monitoring and assessment. PPS does not want to enact policies that amount to little more than politically correct pablum. PPS must pursue structural reform that allows all of its students to succeed. To this end, Mr. Hamlet was wise to staff a Data, Research, Evaluation and Assessment team. The group analyzes data related to areas like attendance, academic performance, discipline and more, and will study how the policy changes enacted by "On Track to Equity" affect those figures.

Through all this analysis and change, the students of PPS must always remain in the foreground. Sifting through reams of data can inform and motivate important change, but that data reflects the lives of real children. That humanity should remain the district's guiding light as it seeks reform.

Paying lip service to equity is easy, even trendy. But actually achieving equity requires long, hard work. The results will not come easily. PPS should not be afraid to adjust its plans and adapt when necessary.



Letters to the editor

Bribery is not a reason to impeach

Some historical perspective: After being impeached and removed from office, but before being convicted of bribery and sentenced to 14 years in prison, former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich appeared on "The Celebrity Apprentice." Donald Trump praised his "tremendous courage and guts" and now says that he may pardon him.

Bribery is when an official corruptly "seeks" "anything of value" in return for an "official act." Courts have held that the anything-of-value element applies to solicitation of intangible things, not just money. One test for "value" is whether the official subjectively attaches value to the thing sought. Dirt on opponents is something politicians spend millions on. Mr. Trump's order to block assistance to Ukraine can't be understood except as a corrupt means of coercing agreement to obtain dirt on his political rival. Whether the shakedown bore fruit is irrelevant.

Mr. Trump's attempted extortion of Ukraine was held to be benign by his Justice Department because the opposition research sought didn't have "quantifiable" value. Its decision was based only on the so-called transcript of the call between Mr. Trump and Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

Pressure: Consider that as early as 2016, the Trump campaign acted to remove from the Republican platform a plank supporting lethal aid to Ukraine. With his country's sovereignty potentially at stake, Mr. Zelenskyy was prepared to make the demanded public statement about investigating the Bidens on CNN, but called off the interview after the aid was released — released only after news of the whistleblower's complaint surfaced. Goodbye quid; goodbye quo. Hello quiddity: It's bribery; but it's not impeachable.

ARTHUR DENBERG
Squirrel Hill

beginning of the end of Hong Kong as they knew it.

Many wealthy Hong Kong residents uprooted and took their assets to Canada, Australia and the U.S. before the handover. The people who stayed behind did not have the means to move or were just naive to think that China would keep their Western way of life and freedoms in place.

One of the stipulations in the Hong Kong/China agreement was that Hong Kong would have a 50-year grace period before authoritarian rule and Beijing would take control of every aspect of their lives. China continues to flex its economic and military might in the region and the clampdown in Hong Kong is only likely to get worse with the puppet government in Hong Kong following the directives from Beijing.

Let's hope that the Chinese government does not want world condemnation by having the foresight to prevent another Tiananmen Square.

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A job to do

Regarding the Nov. 8 article "City Council Meets to Discuss Problem-Plagued Property Sales, But Only One Member Shows Up," it was one day after an election and our elected officials seem to have forgotten that they are elected to actually do a job.

The headline alone shows the contempt in which they hold all of us. And we wonder why UPMC runs roughshod over the city, why black teenagers languish in prison for no reason (and frankly, no real apology from our district at-

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torney), and why our mayor abdicates his tax policy to the electorate. Maybe it's time for them to all get on with their life's work and move aside for people who want to show up every day.

MARK BARSIC
Greenfield

Cleveland apology

I would like to apologize to the Steelers players, coaches and fans for the actions of Myles Garrett. As a Cleveland area resident, I am embarrassed by his actions.

My recommendation would be that Mr. Garrett be cut and thrown out of the league. Steelers fans are blessed to have a classy team, owner and coach.

TOM CARLSON
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History from the deep

Long lost WWII ships have been found

For seven decades, they've waited at the bottom of the sea. World War II wrecks sunk in the most remote, deepest reaches of the Pacific finally are being found, thanks to advances in technology and the philanthropy of one wealthy son of a veteran.

In recent months, long lost American and Japanese ships sunk during World War II battles have been discovered by the research vessel Petrel, a high-tech wreck-hunting ship funded by the late Paul Allen, who founded Microsoft with Bill Gates.

An American Fletcher-class destroyer that sank during the Battle of Leyte Gulf in October 1944 was discovered in the Pacific. Though Navy historians must confirm which ship the researchers found, many believe it is the USS Johnston. When it sank, 186 members of the crew were lost, including Cmdr. Ernest E. Evans, the first Native American in the Navy to receive the Medal of Honor.

The Petrel also recently located two Japanese aircraft carriers — the Kaga and the Akagi — that sank near the Midway Atoll during the Battle of Midway.

The 250-foot Petrel is a repurposed North Sea oil-and-gas maintenance ship, outfitted with an underwater drone, underwater autonomous vehicle, side-scanning sonar and a submersible robot, all designed to comb the deepest reaches of the ocean for wreckage that has been previously undiscoverable.

For all the high-tech advancements that make the Petrel's work possible, the ship also relies on the recollections of Navy veterans and battle survivors to guide historians and researchers to the wreckage sites. That makes the work especially priceless as fewer and fewer WWII veterans survive.

Mr. Allen was motivated by a deep love of history and technology, as well as his father's WWII service.

As the Greatest Generation leaves us, it becomes even more crucial to find, protect and preserve the history of WWII so that contemporary and future generations can fully understand that global conflict and its effects.

Discovering the final resting places of those lost in the war is an important way to honor their service and pay respects to the families whose loved ones never came home.



Small gestures can make a big difference to caregivers



Alzheimer's disease is devastating — not only for the more than 5 million Americans living with the disease, but also for the more than 16 million family and friends serving as caregivers. The caregiving needs for someone living with Alzheimer's are extensive and increase over time — on average four to eight years following a diagnosis. Many family caregivers juggle competing priorities including work and other family responsibilities. These caregivers are stretched thin. Many are overwhelmed and most could use help.

Here in Pennsylvania, there are over 670,000 family caregivers. During November, which is National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month and National Family Caregivers Month, the

Alzheimer's Association recognizes and honors Alzheimer's caregivers and asks all Pennsylvania residents to reach out and lend a hand.

Take time to support a caregiver you know. Run errands, help with a household chore, give caregivers a break by spending time with the person with dementia, and educate yourself about the disease — the more you know, the easier it will be to help. Reach out to the Alzheimer's Association to learn more and how to get involved. These small gestures can make a big difference and offer well-deserved support to those who give so much.

CLAY JACOBS
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Hong Kong history

Over the last 29 years, I have made well over 100 trips to the territory for business either in Hong Kong or southeastern China. Having been in the territory for the transition in 1997 from Britain to China, most residents knew this would be the

Acting too soon

Impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump have begun for allegedly withholding assistance money to Ukraine in exchange for dirt on a possible opponent. But what if Joe Biden turns out not to be the actual Democratic nominee? Did Mr. Trump act too soon?

Less impulsive presidents, like Dwight Eisenhower, John F. Kennedy and George H.W. Bush, would have waited for their actual opponent to be determined before risking their presidency. Such impetuous behavior makes me unlikely to vote for his re-election.

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Perspectives

Megan McArdle

We're all conspiracy theorists now

People have developed their own theories to fit 'the facts' of the Trump impeachment

If you are an American right now, odds are that you have recently become a conspiracy theorist — and no, I'm not referring to the jailhouse death of Jeffrey Epstein. I speak, of course, of the president, and the people who work for him. Almost everyone believes there is a conspiracy centered around the Oval Office. But they don't all believe in the same one.

The first theory is what you might call the "syphilitic emperor" model of the Trump administration, which sees in Donald Trump a corrupt, narcissistic, ignorant, amoral, impulsive, belligerent and possibly off-his-rocker man who nonetheless somehow won the presidency.

Now that he is in office, he is behaving precisely as you'd expect from such a creature: refusing to familiarize himself with the details of any policy issue beyond what he can glean from Fox News; treating the office of the presidency as a personal fiefdom, the main purpose of which is to provide him with opportunities for adulation and enrichment; whimsically making very serious decisions; and when his commands go wrong, or have to be embarrassingly countermanded, insisting, like a third grader nursing a bump on the head, that he *totally meant to do that*, while an incredulous nation writhes in vicarious humiliation.

If you believe in this version of Mr. Trump, then you believe, too, in a benevolent conspiracy to contain him. The heroes of his government argue as hard



Alex Brandon/Associated Press
Top U.S. diplomat in Ukraine William Taylor, left, and career Foreign Service officer George Kent arrive to testify during an impeachment

as they dare, and if that's not enough, they resort to the time-honored weapons of the bureaucrat to stall him. And when even that fails, they leak to the press in order to force the dangers into the president's media-obsessed consciousness. And when his behavior crosses the line from "bad idea" to "abuse of office," they pay a visit to the inspector general or congressional Democrats.

On the other hand, you might believe in a quite different version of Mr. Trump, a "man of the people" who was elected precisely to take on a quite different conspiracy against the public by Washington's insular and self-serving mandarin class. When that elite recoils from Mr. Trump and wails about norms and institutional checks, you see the people who write those norms and control those institutional checks as complaining less about a clear threat to the

republic than an undeniable threat to their own authority.

Indeed, you probably see Mr. Trump's unwillingness to bow to their pieties as a necessary weapon when fighting "the blob." So the more the swamp protests about Mr. Trump's self-dealing and impulsiveness, the more furiously you demand to know why they didn't make similar noises when Bill Clinton was renting out the Lincoln bedroom and selling pardons, or pulling a White House intern into a private hallway.

Our national divide has never been starker than it was last Wednesday, when acting U.S. Ambassador William Taylor and Deputy Assistant Secretary of State George Kent came before Congress to testify about events in Ukraine. Adherents of the first theory saw honorable men, reluctantly driven to this point by Mr. Trump's abuses of office. Adherents of the second theory

saw participants in an ongoing soft coup.

The problem is, both theories are built around at least a grain of truth. The "establishment," broadly defined, is indeed self-interested and self-dealing, in the way that all groups of humans are. And Mr. Trump is indeed a loudmouth who doesn't even pay hypocritical lip service to establishment ethics. This much his supporters will even admit — in many cases, it's what they like about him.

Notice that of all the intricate defenses that have been attempted of Mr. Trump's Ukrainian adventures, one rarely sees even his most shameless surrogate or heartfelt fan try, "President Trump would never do such a thing." We all seem to agree that, of course, he'd have done it, if it had occurred to him, and he'd thought he could get away with it, and he didn't get distracted by something else.

Both theories fit all the known facts — facts meaning "things we can all agree happened." Messrs. Taylor and Kent really did testify in front of Congress. But why, and did they reveal the truth? The answers aren't really facts. They're social judgments about who we trust. And at this point, whenever anyone tries to speak across the divide, to explain why their theory holds the truth of the matter, the other side is apt to hear only the conspiracy theorist's famous cry: "Trust no one."

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Jonah Goldberg

Poisoned politics

Shaking down the rich is bad for democracy

Forget whether the math works. (It doesn't.) Expecting billionaires to pay for all the nice things is bad for democracy.

One of the more exhausting rituals of presidential campaign season is the effort to make every new proposal "add up." Sure, it's better that politicians try to come up with a plan to pay for their wish lists. The problem is that the explanations are often a disguise that make the impossible seem possible, even practical. Fake budgets are the tribute that pandering pays to pragmatism.

You could confiscate the wealth of every billionaire and centimillionaire in the country and it wouldn't come close to paying for "Medicare for All" or the Green New Deal.

But let's pretend that the fantastical (albeit unconstitutional) wealth tax Elizabeth Warren has proposed would work like she claims. Let's also stipulate that the wealthy wouldn't respond by hiding their wealth, moving out of the country or cutting back in the sort of investments the government is utterly incapable of replicating. Let's even concede for argument's sake that Ms. Warren could get her plan through Congress and the courts.

Would that be good for the country? Ms. Warren sees the rich as a natural resource that can be mined for its wealth indefinitely. Well, we have a lot of examples of countries that depend on natural resources to pay for everything. Saudi Arabia comes to mind. Oil revenues pay for almost everything. The problem with such societies is what political scientists and economists call "the resource curse" or "the paradox of plenty."

It works like this: When the government doesn't need the tax dollars of a middle class, the middle class has less political power. Virtually everywhere democracy has taken root, starting with England and Holland, it has done so because the middle class demanded representation in return for taxation. That was the heart of the whole "no taxation without representation" thing that led to the American Revolution.

The curse has an economic component as well. The countries that rely on natural resources tend to be poorer because they are less economically dynamic. Think resource-poor Switzerland versus resource-rich Venezuela. Exactly why this widely observed phenomenon works this way is debated, but part of it is surely that the existing stakeholders are hostile toward economic innovation. Another factor: When the state supports you, the incentive to support yourself — never mind be an entrepreneur — is dulled.

But the more important part is the democratic disincentive. Think of the old golden rule: Whoever has the gold makes the rules. (This insight apparently comes from noted philosopher Johnny Hart, the cartoonist behind "The Wizard of Id," who coined it in 1965.) When the bulk of tax revenues come from the people, or at least from the middle class, the government heeds the middle class. When all of the money comes from the aristocracy, as it did prior to the rise of democratic capitalism, the aristocracy made the rules. When it comes from the rich — aka "the donor class," the "One Percent," etc. — the rich care a lot more about the rule-making.

Today, the top 1% make roughly 20% of the money in this country and pay almost 40% of federal taxes. Meanwhile, 60% of U.S. households receive more money from the treasury than they pay into it. But Ms. Warren insists it's the rich who aren't paying "their fair share."

Is it any wonder that our political system is so heavily influenced by the top 1%? Is it any wonder that the top 1% feel so incentivized to get involved in politics? The more skin you have in the game, the more you care about the game.

The left used to understand this. For generations they opposed means-testing Social Security because they wanted it to be a broad American entitlement, not a form of welfare.

Americans are practical. When told that the rich can pay for cool stuff, they say "go for it." When asked if they want the cool stuff so badly that they'd be willing to pay more themselves, they're much stungier.

The danger of promising that the rich can pay for everything is multifaceted. First, it's not true. Second, you don't have to be a student of public choice theory to understand that the more Washington behaves as if it's true, the more the wealthy will intervene in our politics. And third, the more citizens believe that a small group of underserving wealthy people are denying them nice things, the uglier our politics will become.

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The white nationalist in the White House

White House senior adviser Stephen Miller has a white nationalism problem. Nine hundred recently uncovered emails he wrote to Breitbart.com in 2015 and 2016 reveal him to be a white nationalist sympathizer and a promoter of racist anti-immigration ideas.

At the time Mr. Miller wrote the emails, he was an adviser to then-Sen. Jefferson Beauregard Sessions III, an extremist who could do little harm to America outside the confines of Alabama.

A weird and solitary figure even by the standards of the then evolving alt-right, Mr. Miller took it upon himself to educate the folks at Breitbart about the nuances of bigotry that they simply weren't astute enough to pick up on their own.

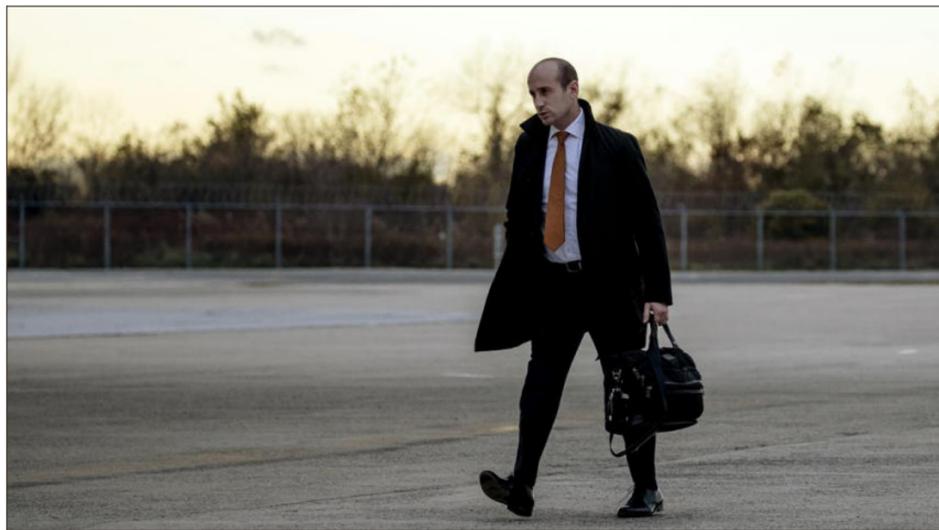
He sent emails to favored reporters at the site he believed would push his "tips" into the mainstream. Among his favorite ideas was the "white genocide" conspiracy theory that animated the Tree of Life shooter in Pittsburgh in 2018.

Of course, we wouldn't know about his intellectual freelancing if it weren't for the investigative work of the Southern Poverty Law Center. The SPLC acquired the 900 emails from disgruntled and fired Breitbart editors eager to show the extent of Mr. Miller's dalliance with white nationalist racism and ideas.

Mr. Miller wrote the emails before he became the architect of President Donald Trump's brutal anti-immigration policies. The politics of separating families at the border and the scheme to cut nonwhite European immigration to a trickle codifies into law the rhetoric of what were once alt-right fever dreams mere months before he joined the White House.

In any other administration, the existence of 900 emails exposing a senior aide's secret life as a cheerleader for white nationalism would've resulted in a full-throated rebuke, a swift firing and a televised escort from the White House grounds by the blackest Secret Service agents on staff.

Instead, an anonymous White House official told The Daily Beast that "Stephen is not going anywhere" and that "the president has his back." White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham used a variation of the "consider the source" argument by calling the SPLC "an utterly discredited, long



Anna Moneymaker/The New York Times

White House adviser Stephen Miller boards Air Force One at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York on Nov. 11. Emails obtained by the Southern Poverty Law Center suggest Mr. Miller tried to shape news coverage by promoting theories popular with white nationalist groups.



Tony Norman

-debunked far-left smear organization" that was "beneath public discussion."

What Ms. Grisham and the White House didn't do was attempt to refute the 900 emails. All of this lends credence to the theory that Mr. Miller's white nationalist ideology, far from being a disqualification for a job in the White House, is what contributed to his getting hired in the first place.

Why would Mr. Trump fire one of his closest aides for attempting to halt the so-called "browning of America" that will result in a majority-minority country by the early 2040s?

Having an unadulterated bigot helping to craft immigration policy at the highest levels is the point of Mr. Miller's presence in the Trump White House. Far from being embarrassed by Mr. Miller's proximity to the president, the administration will use him as a human dog whistle to attract voters on the racist right.

What we know of Mr. Miller's emails so far reveal him to be a white grievance merchant who had an endless supply of story suggestions for a website on the prowl for affronts to white dignity.

One of his bright ideas was to

sic a Breitbart reporter on Amazon.com after the online marketplace decided to stop selling Confederate battle flags after a young white supremacist, enamored of the Lost Cause and its symbols, slaughtered nine congregants of a black church in Charleston, S.C., in 2015.

Mr. Miller also pushed to make sure that a racist French novel called "The Camp of the Saints" got as much exposure in Breitbart as it was getting on unaffiliated white nationalist websites.

The SPLC released the first in what it says will be a series of reports exposing Mr. Miller's ties to the website, so even more examples and outrages are on the way.

No one expects Mr. Trump to suddenly be appalled by a fellow dabbler in the politics of racial intolerance. Given the moral relativism of a president who can see "very fine people" on both sides of the Charlottesville, Va., clash that resulted in a peaceful protester being murdered by a neo-Nazi, it would be asking too much for him to summon the empathy required to understand why embracing racism is bad for America.

The fact that Mr. Miller has absolutely no fear of losing his White House gig despite the existence of hundreds of emails that reveal his antipathy for the rights of racial and religious minorities in this country and the ideals of universal equality is astonishing.

Mr. Miller, who is part

Jewish, insists that lumping him in with the bigots of the alt-right because of his ideological track record and work on behalf of the Trump administration, is a form of anti-Semitism in itself. Embracing victimhood is yet another example of the kind of Jedi mind trick Mr. Miller regularly engages in to win arguments. It won't work. Everyone knows a scoundrel when they see one.

We've reached a point in our politics when someone with ideas as odious as Stephen Miller's need only to hunker down if getting sacked means it would result in a partisan victory for the other side. Being a white nationalist no longer means ever having to say you're sorry. The revelations about Mr. Miller that would've been shocking in any other era, have already receded into the dustbin of last week's news cycle.

Stephen Miller may be a white nationalist, but that's not a big deal in Donald Trump's White House, where bigotry is just another lifestyle choice. What matters to Mr. Trump is loyalty to his cult of personality above all things, including white supremacy. As long as Mr. Miller can keep his hood on straight and remember who's calling the shots in the whitest White House in American history, everything should be all right.

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We hate data collection, but can we stop it?

The situation may now be beyond consumers' control

We're being watched. We know we're being watched, and we don't think the watchers have our best interests at heart. They try to mollify us, arguing that we're being watched for our own good and that in fact we're the ones in charge of the scale and scope of all the watching, but deep down most of us are confused and suspicious about this sudden state of affairs. Why are they watching us so closely? What will they do with all they learn about us? Is there any hope of stopping them? And does it even matter that we do not want to be watched — or is it of no consequence because they know we're trapped, and so do we?

The above may sound like the ravings of a wretch imprisoned in the Panopticon, but according to a survey of more than 4,000 people conducted this summer by the Pew Research Center, it is the widespread sensibility of the day.

According to the survey, Americans in 2019 feel adrift and powerless about living under the glare of digital surveillance. Two-thirds of Americans believe that surveillance is an inevitable consequence of modern existence — it is not possible to go through daily life, they say, without companies and the government collecting data about them. More than 70% believe that most or all of what they do online is being tracked, and nearly that many believe the same is true of what they do offline. And more than 80% feel like they have very little or no control over the data being collected about them.

In some ways the numbers are unsurprising; of course people



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who are being watched all the time feel that they're being watched all the time.

Yet the survey also suggests a major failing on the part of corporations and the government to mitigate our concerns about the trade-offs we're making for digital conveniences. In the past few years, Google, Facebook and other companies that collect and keep gigantic troves of data about us have stepped up their efforts to give us control over that data. Their primary argument is that users, not the companies, are in charge of the whole game — we can affect what data is collected about us and how it's used.

That message doesn't seem to be getting through. Large majorities of Americans feel as we have little or no control over our search and purchase and browsing histories; that our texts and social media wandering are easily monitored; and that even our physical

location may be up for grabs.

It gets worse. Not only do we feel we have no control over our data, but we're also sure there will be few consequences for misuse.

Most Americans say they don't trust companies to own up to mistakes in the handling of our data or to suffer any serious punishment when things go wrong. Most of us say the companies' own privacy policies are meaningless.

Not that this is a paranoid view. If you consider recent history — say, the fact that Equifax was allowed to stay in business after its gargantuan 2017 breach in which it failed at its one job, collecting and maintaining Americans' financial data — it stands to reason that punishments for wrongdoing will be light. In July, Facebook was fined \$5 billion by the Federal Trade Commission for its role in the Cambridge Analytica privacy scandal — a fine that set a record but was of so

little consequence to Facebook's business that its stock price actually rose after the punishment was announced.

The Pew survey shows Americans are eager for more power over our data. Three-quarters of respondents said there should be more regulation of what companies can do with our data; the view was shared across the political spectrum.

And Americans are wary of the fundamental trade-off we're making for technology. Data-hungry corporations insist that we're benefiting from the surveillance state — and that our very acquiescence to the collection is a signal of our contentment. In fact, the vast majority of Americans say that the potential risks of data collection by companies and the government outweigh the benefits.

But where does all this leave us? Ordinarily a finding of widespread discontentment should spark a sense of optimism — if people hate the status quo so much and are begging for a new way forward, won't the market or the government step in and give us something better?

But there is another, more pessimistic way to read this survey. The tech companies still enjoy enormous financial success and have seen little impact from increasing scrutiny on their businesses. This suggests none of it matters. We hate the way things are, but we've traded away our power to stop it, and our worries won't change anything.

The prison is terrible. We all know it. Enjoy your stay.

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George F. Will

New mischiefs

The NCAA is a cafeteria of embarrassments

Another college basketball season has begun, as has a new chapter in a debate that is more wholesome than its subject: the academia-sports complex.

Between now and March Madness — the NCAA basketball tournament whose broadcast rights reap about \$1 billion a year — millions of people will be entertained by vertically unusual “student-athletes.” Some of them are accurately described as such, but all are so described because of prudence in the service of cupidity. As college athletes generate billions for others, the debate concerns the policy whereby the recipients of the revenue refuse to allow the players even a modest trickle of the torrent of money. The refusers say that their determination to hoard the wealth is altruism in defense of virtue. Really.

“Student-athletes” is a denotation concocted to insulate institutions of higher education from the potentially costly conclusion that their remunerative, but essentially unremunerated, athletes are university employees eligible for workers' compensation when injured, and for other rights and benefits.

Now, however, there is a serpent in the NCAA's garden, where the head gardener is nicely compensated: In 2017, NCAA President Mark Emmert's net pay was \$2.9 million. He is paid to keep pristine the amateur status of young athletes who, like all athletes, have a small window for earning from their perishable talents.

The serpent is a California law, which 14 other states are already thinking about emulating. It forbids schools to prohibit their athletes from earning money from endorsements and some other services. In response, the NCAA has rushed to stall — allowing athletes to profit from their names and images, details to follow. This is a small but widening fissure in the NCAA's crumbling wall of resistance to allowing athletes to be among those who profit from their talents.

A horrified Sen. Richard Burr from basketball-mad North Carolina — Mr. Burr is a *Republican* — has proposed a punitive tax on the scholarships of athletes who try to take such advantage of the free market. Evidently profiting from young people's talents is only for older adults, such as the 39 football and basketball coaches who are the highest paid public employees in their states. Including in Mr. Burr's state, where the University of North Carolina's basketball coach is projected to make \$4.1 million this year, a tad more than its football coach.

Two years ago, the NCAA shrugged when a *seven-year* investigation — the Warren Commission's investigation of President Kennedy's assassination took fewer than 10 months — found that for almost two decades UNC administered a “shadow curriculum” of 188 fake classes, about half of them taken by athletes. The NCAA essentially said: Not our problem, the fraud was academic, not athletic, because some non-athletes took the courses.

Ohio State defensive end Chase Young might still win the Heisman Trophy as 2019's premier college football player, which would have a significant cash value when he heads for the NFL. But his chances of winning it were damaged when he was suspended for two games. (He will return in time for Midwest Armageddon, aka the Nov. 30 game against the Michigan Wolverines.) Mr. Young's sin? Perhaps having a less-than-affluent family.

He borrowed money from a “family friend” to pay living expenses and repaid the loan last summer. The NCAA's more than 400 pages of arcane rules — they are compounds of complexity and vagueness — suggest that this loan might be an infraction. If Mr. Young's family were affluent enough to support him, or if he were paid for the services he renders in the 102,780-seat OSU stadium (three other college stadiums seat more), he would not have landed in hot water.

A multibillion-dollar entertainment industry insinuated into higher education is a permanent invitation to ridicule. And paying players money commensurate with their value-added would open a Pandora's box of new mischiefs, from recruiting to assigning value to the anonymous left tackle who protects the glittering quarterback, and saving crumbs for the volleyball teams. But what exists is a cafeteria of embarrassments.

When March Madness' winning players cut down the nets, they will do so atop (The Bulwark's Tim Miller reports) a Werner ladder using Fiskars scissors. These are two products from “corporate champions and sponsors” of the NCAA, the stern guardian of amateurism.

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Deval Patrick for president?

The former Massachusetts governor could continue the progress of Obama's election

The highest profile African Americans in politics these days are Kamala Harris, Cory Booker ... and Deval Patrick, as of Nov. 14.

The first two, senators from California and New Jersey respectively, leapt into the Democratic presidential nomination race earlier than Mr. Patrick but neither has been able to snatch the top spot in any poll. And former Vice President Joe Biden has captured the favor of blacks in all polls. Of course, Michele and Barack Obama, the top Democrats-in-chief, have endorsed none of them, for now keeping their powder dry.

Ms. Harris and Mr. Booker are newcomers to national politics, previously untested in the nation's political/cultural wars. Mr. Biden, on the other hand, was lifted to popularity among black voters by the “Obama effect,” a consequence of the Delaware Democrat having served two terms as the first black president's vice president. (Mr. Patrick was a campaign surrogate for Mr. Obama's 2012 campaign.)

But the election of Mr. Obama, while a step in the right direction, left some frustrated. That the first black president was the son of a Caucasian mother was the source of mild consternation in some middle-class African American circles. Mr. Obama was the son of a Kenyan immigrant and a white woman, not a direct descendant of American slavery. This reality played into his reception among some black Americans. Often more understood than stated, color issues within African America are perceived from within to inform opportunities in social, business and family formation matters. The lighter you are, this thinking reasons, the more success in life you are likely afforded.

But should he be elected, Mr. Patrick, who is descended from slaves on both sides of his family, would represent another step forward for black America, which could secure him important votes in the presidential election.

Living in Chicago poverty in public housing with his mother, middle-schooler Deval Patrick was identified as the smartest student in his grade at school. He was selected for A Better



Former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick

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Chance, a program that placed gifted black youngsters in toney Ivy League-feeder prep schools that educated the children of America's ruling class.

At the Milton Academy, while classmates spent holidays skiing in Gstaad, he spent them throwing newspapers onto elegant Milton, Mass., yards. His hard work paid off; he graduated from Harvard University with honors in 1979.

Foreshadowing the compassion in life that would later characterize his professional leadership, Mr. Patrick headed off to Darfur to aid the famine-relief effort. An epiphany came to him while in Africa. If he was to fulfill his destiny to be of profound service to others, he must be an attorney.

Back to Harvard he went, this time to law school. After graduating cum laude in 1982, he practiced law professionally, becoming a government, law firm and corporate lawyer.

He was brought in to divvy up the \$176 million won by a successful 1996 discrimination lawsuit after executives at the oil company Texaco were caught making racist remarks. Pleased by Mr. Patrick's work on the case, Texaco hired him as general counsel.

After working with Texaco and later with Coca-Cola, becoming modestly wealthy in the process, Mr. Patrick retired from the corporate world. He returned to the Massachusetts that nurtured him, purchasing a residence in the place where he was once a newspaper boy. After Republican Mitt Romney's term as Massachusetts governor ended, Mr. Patrick ran for his job in 2006 as a Democrat. He won and ultimately served two terms in the position.

But by 2008, Mr. Patrick was already weighing the possibility of running for president, to the delight of the black professional class and much of America. Upscale black folks loved his personal journey, which was not unlike their own path to that status but on steroids. Working class and poor blacks loved his work on education, equal employment and relief for the dispossessed. White Democrats embraced his moderation on health care issues.

Ultimately, Mr. Patrick did not run in 2008 — his wife's ill health may have been a factor. Mr. Obama went on to win the nomination and the presidency, but color remained an unspoken issue within African America. Black Harvard professors Henry Louis Gates and Lani Guinier

had lead conversations and scholarship noting the prevalence of students of color at elite schools that were either half-white, African or Caribbean immigrants, or were their children. Too few, in fact, were African American.

In the case of Mr. Obama, he not only was the child of a white woman (though Ancestry.com reported in 2012 that his mother likely had African slave heritage), but his father was an immigrant Kenyan student. In other words, Mr. Obama, while representing important progress, was not as representative of black America as civil rights advocates had once dreamed when imagining the first African American president. All the same, black Americans overwhelmingly delivered the vote for Mr. Obama in 2008 and 2012, enabling his two terms as commander in chief.

In 2020, Deval Patrick could continue that progress, emulating the success of Mr. Obama, his fellow Harvard Law alumnus, by carrying the black vote in a nation of increasingly beige Americans, however they became so.

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Detroit officer testifies against Wagner

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conceding that Ms. Wagner had moved “ever so slightly” leftward when asked to move from the elevator, said his partner was simply reacting to Ms. Wagner grabbing onto him when he used force.

“My partner reacted and pushed her hands off of him,” Officer Glowacki said.

Asked by Ms. Wagner’s attorney, Charles Longstreet II, if he saw his partner use “momentum” to push Ms. Wagner forward, Officer Glowacki said, “He was assisting her to the floor.”

Mr. Longstreet pressed Officer Witcher on why Ms. Wagner wasn’t allowed to accompany her husband out of the building if he wasn’t arrested.

The officer answered, “due to his erratic behavior” — to which Mr. Longstreet pointed out that Ms. Wagner’s husband was in handcuffs and accompanied in the elevator by two police officers and three hotel staffers.

“At this point, you believe he’s a danger to you?” Mr. Longstreet asked.

“Correct,” Officer Witcher responded.

Upon further questioning, Judge Dalton Roberson ordered Mr. Longstreet to “stop beating a dead horse” — one of several times he interjected to corral the defense throughout the day’s testimony.

Ms. Wagner’s defense sparred often with the judge, who had, in separate occasions, ruled that it could not show pictures of Ms. Wagner’s apparent injuries because the evidence wasn’t turned over properly and that it can’t argue Ms. Wagner had a Fourth Amendment right to privacy in her hotel room.

The origins of why the officers returned to the couple’s hotel room after letting Mr. Mosley stay there — after a lengthy dispute started when he requested a keycard to the room, which wasn’t registered in his



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Allegheny County Controller Chelsa Wagner, left, and her husband Khari Mosley, right, arrive at Michigan’s 36th District courthouse for her preliminary examination hearing on two felony charges of assaulting/resisting/obstructing police April 11 in Detroit.

name — were also explored Monday.

Officer Witcher testified that as the officers and hotel staff were leaving, a “loud noise” came from inside the hotel room, what “sounded like someone may have been kicking the door.”

“Maybe they had gotten into an argument. Maybe they had been fighting,” the officer said of his concerns about the couple. “I wanted to make sure they were OK.”

On cross, Officer Witcher said that after he went back into the room, he didn’t ask if Ms. Wagner was OK, check if there was damage to the door or investigate if any criminal activity had occurred.

Wayne County Assistant

Prosecutor Erika Tusar showed the jury lengthy clips from both officers’ body cameras — though the judge interjected multiple times to inquire about why it was showing the same incident, but at slightly different angles.

At one point, Ms. Tusar indicated that the second angle was intended to show how patient the officers were with Ms. Wagner. The prosecution has said the officers did the best they could to try to “avoid” the original confrontation.

Officer Witcher said it wasn’t his intent to arrest Ms. Wagner that night, but to “get her husband to the room and hope that they both go to sleep.”

The day’s testimony ended with Officer

Glowacki telling the prosecutor that police wouldn’t have returned to the couple’s room if they didn’t hear a noise, that his partner wouldn’t have made physical contact with Ms. Wagner if she hadn’t blocked the elevator entryway and that she wouldn’t have been arrested if not for her actions.

Testimony will resume Tuesday at 11 a.m. Ms. Wagner’s defense is expected to file a proposal detailing what it wants the judge to instruct the jury, requested amid a dispute over what parts of the hotel incident the jury can consider in its verdict.

At Ms. Wagner’s preliminary examination in April, a second count of assaulting, resisting and

obstructing an officer was dismissed — relating to what occurred in the confrontation at the couple’s hotel room before the walk to the elevator.

“Your Honor, the jury gets to decide at what point when and where all this happens. There’s only one count. ... There’s no reason that the jury can’t ... decide at what point that happened,” Ms. Tusar argued Monday.

“That’s an unethical and truly disingenuous argument,” Mr. Longstreet countered.

The jury is expected to get the case Tuesday.

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Diocese denied fund use

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Fund’s purpose.

The fund, now worth between \$8 million and \$9 million, has funded agencies providing services to young people, including Auberle and Holy Family Institute.

The diocese is facing claims from 367 individuals under a program it set up earlier this year in the wake of a withering grand jury report, overseen by Mr. Shapiro’s office, on alleged sexual abuse by more than 90 priests in the diocese over the past 70 years.

While most of the abuse happened more than 30 years ago, many of the allegations were not previously public, and the report has been followed by efforts through legislation and litigation to overcome the statute of limitations on suing over long-ago abuse.

In the wake of the report, the diocese created what it called the Independent Reconciliation and Compensation Program. It is overseen by an independent law firm determining awards for those with credible reports of abuse. In return, those receiving awards would waive the right to sue.

The diocese has said it is looking hard for ways to fund the claims and that bankruptcy is a possibility. It had said it is looking to sell diocesan properties but that parish-owned properties are off-limits.

In all, the 2018 grand jury report alleged abuse by 300 priests in six Pennsylvania dioceses. Most of the state’s dioceses have set up compensation programs similar to Pittsburgh’s.

Diocesan Chancellor Ellen Madry said the diocese received word of Judge O’Toole’s decision Friday and is reviewing its options.

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Killer pleads guilty but mentally ill

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the free world.”

Dickinson, who has previous convictions for aggravated assault, robbery and other counts, told Judge Mariani that 11 years of his incarceration has been in solitary confinement.

“I really believe it has damaged my brain,” he told the judge.

Ms. Applegate, the psychologist, testified that Dickinson has a history of early childhood abuse and neglect, and several close family members who have been diagnosed with schizophrenia, including his mother, who was just 14 when she had him, as well as his brother and grandmother.

He had an IQ of 132 when he was 5, but at age 43, Ms. Applegate wrote, it was at 95.

“The decline in John’s intellectual levels may be related to the fade-out effect in childhood/adolescence, to schizophrenic cognitive decline in adulthood, and to possible brain damage from historical huffing,” Ms. Applegate wrote.

Dickinson began cutting himself at age 12 to release frustration, she wrote, and began setting fires in his early teens. One family member reported to Ms. Applegate that Dickinson was raped while he was held at Shuman Juvenile Detention Center, and that he was homeless, addicted to drugs and worked as a prostitute in young adulthood.

“John exhibits many bizarre behaviors, including nightmares and very violent images, and he’s not in control with these things,” Ms. Applegate told Judge Mariani.

In the past, she said, he has been diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder, bipolar disorder, borderline personality disorder



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Rain falls at 1725 Parkfield St. on June 3, 2018, in Carrick where resident Kevin Thompson was killed by John Dickinson. Parts of Mr. Thompson’s body were found in his shed and in the basement of the home.

and antisocial personality disorder.

“He says, ‘I’m a wolf. I’m a homicidal psychopath,’” Ms. Applegate testified. He told her that “he went into the juvenile system as a sheep, came out a wolf and will never be a sheep again.”

Patrick Nightingale, Dickinson’s attorney, said that his client’s history dictates that he likely will spend the rest of his life segregated from general population in state prison.

He has repeatedly been charged with assault in prison — of other inmates and correctional officers. He has been found with homemade weapons and has attempted to set his cell on fire. Once he burned his arm and then smeared it with feces, Ms. Applegate wrote in her report. He has also swallowed “a handful of straightened staples,” as well as part of a razor blade and toothbrush. He has thrown urine on correctional officers.

Dickinson has accrued more than 100 misconducts during his incarceration.

One test administered by Ms. Applegate showed that

Dickinson is “highly predisposed to violence.”

She wrote in her report that Dickinson told her, “If I didn’t take Prozac, I’d be a homicidal maniac. I want to kill someone — everybody. I became homicidal 10 to 15 years ago.”

“One day, I realized all of a sudden, I just don’t care anymore. Years and years and years of solitary confinement did it to me. Made me not care, so desensitized. In the hole for 10 years total. Everywhere — total. ... I did not regret coming to jail. It feels like I’m dead sometimes — all the way. If I’m dead inside, there’s no reason to behave. There’s every reason to misbehave. If I act up, I get my way. If I bang my head off the door, till I’m bleeding, they have to come and put me in restraints.”

Ms. Applegate wrote that Dickinson wants to be in isolation and knows he is a danger to any cellmate. “If they give me a cellie, he’s dead. They know it,” Dickinson told Ms. Applegate.

The victim’s mother, Arlene Thompson, wrote a statement about her son, who worked the night shift



Allegheny County Jail John Robert Dickinson

at Myers Well Service driving a water truck. It was read into the record Monday by Assistant District Attorney Chris Stone.

She described her son as a kind person whose smile could light up a room.

“The world would be a happier place if you could see it like Kevin did,” she wrote. “Mr. Dickinson has taken something away from me that cannot be replaced.”

During the hearing, Judge Mariani spoke in friendly terms with Dickinson, noting that he wrote him letters from the Allegheny County Jail calling the judge his “eminence.”

Following the hearing, Judge Mariani called Mr. Thompson’s mother and brother to the front of the courtroom to explain why he dealt with Dickinson in the way he did.

“We were dealing with someone very vulnerable,” the judge said. His light tone, he continued, was to make sure Dickinson stayed under control.

“Please know that doesn’t minimize what happened,” he added.

Ms. Thompson thanked him.

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U.S. Rep. Mike Doyle during a town hall on climate change at Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall in August. Mr. Doyle’s measure to combat the nuisance of robocalls was merged with a Senate bill in a deal reached late Friday, clearing the bill to be sent to President Trump.

Congress reaches deal to rein in robocalls

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“in the coming days” and have not yet released details.

A spokesman for Mr. Doyle, who spearheaded the issue as a top member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, did not immediately return a request for comment on Monday.

The White House has not yet said whether Mr. Trump supports the legislation.

The overwhelmingly bipartisan legislation, which has been in the works for months, would require telephone carriers to verify numbers are real and block robocalls — spam calls launched by automatic dialing equipment, sometimes for nefarious purposes like stealing personal information.

Carriers could block the calls in a “consistent and transparent” way, without charging consumers any extra money, and allow

government agencies more flexibility and more time to go after robocall offenders, according to the statement.

Along with Mr. Doyle, the deal was brokered in part by House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Frank Pallone Jr., D-N.J., and Sen. John Thune, R-S.D., a member of the Senate Commerce Committee.

The Senate passed, by a 97-1 vote, the Telephone Robocall Abuse Criminal Enforcement and Deterrence Act in May. The House followed up in July by passing the Stopping Bad Robocalls Act by a 429-3 vote.

The legislation builds on steps taken recently by the Federal Communications Commission and phone companies, which have been working to roll out tools for consumers that can verify a number is real.

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CCAC kicks off \$65M drive

Funds to be used for
new training center

By Bill Schackner
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Community College of Allegheny County went public Monday with a \$65 million fundraising campaign. To highlight the drive, it announced the largest gift to date: \$5 million from Highmark Health to fund investment in workforce.

The lead gift will further what CCAC calls its "Pioneering Pittsburgh's New Workforce" campaign. The college-wide effort is intended "to increase access to programs that prepare students for careers in high-demand fields that are driving this region's economic growth," CCAC said in a statement as the afternoon kickoff event began on the Allegheny campus.

The Highmark gift will span 10 years, officials said. In addition to that commitment, the Highmark Foundation is supporting a pilot program for 15 current Allegheny General Hospital employees, Pittsburgh Public Schools Career and Technical Education program participants or current North Side residents to complete CCAC's two-year registered nurse program, college officials said.

Students entering the program will begin studies in January.

In all, the campaign so far has gathered \$44 million from county, state, foundation and corporate sources, officials said. An end date has not yet been established.

Monday's event on the North Side campus drew officials, including county Executive Rich Fitzgerald; Sally McCrady, chairwoman and president of the PNC Foundation; Marge DiCuccio, chief nursing officer at Allegheny General Hospital; and CCAC officials including President Quintin Bullock and board Chairman Frederick Thieman.

In prepared remarks, Dan

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WHAT LIES BELOW



Darrell Sapp/Post-Gazette

Exposed utility lines lie below a broken sidewalk Monday along 10th Street, Downtown, where a sinkhole developed Oct. 28. When the street collapsed, the back end of a Port Authority bus sank into the hole and the front wheels of a vehicle became stuck on the hole's edge.

Pa. to end solitary confinement on death row in class-action settlement

By Paula Reed Ward
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Inmates sentenced to death in Pennsylvania will no longer be subjected to solitary confinement and other isolationist policies after their attorneys and the state Department of Corrections reached a settlement Monday.

Five inmates, working with the American Civil Liberties Union and Abolitionist Law Center, filed a federal class-action lawsuit last year, alleging that the department's policies in housing inmates sentenced to death violated the Eighth and 14th amendments, which prohibit cruel and unusual punishment and ensure equal protection, respectively.

"This settlement brings Pennsylvania out of the penological dark ages and makes it a national leader in treating all incarcerated persons humanely," said Witold "Vic"

Walczak, legal director of the ACLU of Pennsylvania.

Under the 43-page settlement agreement, the so-called "Capital Correction Units" at three prisons in Pennsylvania will now operate as general population units that do not require enhanced security protocols. Those prisons are: State Correctional Institution Greene, Waynesburg, Greene County; SCI Phoenix, Montgomery County; and SCI Muncy, Lycoming County. There are 136 death row inmates in Pennsylvania.

"Prisoners confined to the CCU shall be provided with all the rights and privileges afforded to those prisoners housed on standard general population units at the various institutions of the DOC system," the agreement said.

The parties filed a joint motion for settlement Monday and are waiting for the judge overseeing the case to sign off. The settlement will be

enforced for three years; if there are issues after that, it could be reopened in court.

According to the settlement agreement, the Department of Corrections does not admit or concede to any violation of the law or regulation relative to how death row inmates were treated. It has up to 180 days to implement the agreement, although Bret Grote, with the Abolitionist Law Center, said that many of the changes have been in practice since May.

In a statement, Susan McNaughton, the Corrections Department spokeswoman, confirmed that prison officials have been modifying their practices with regard to death row inmates.

"Several years ago the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections began reviewing the housing and general conditions of confinement of

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Wanted sex offender flees traffic stop, crashes

By Loretta Wimbley
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A registered sex offender wanted on charges in Connecticut is facing new charges in Allegheny County after he fled a traffic stop Sunday in Duquesne, crashed into another vehicle and critically injured a man, police said.

Daniel DiSiero, 39, of Hazelwood, fled from a Duquesne police officer at Grant Avenue and Duquesne Boulevard late Sunday night. Police said DiSiero was driving at 90 mph when he lost control of his Nissan Altima and crashed into a Chevrolet Equinox traveling in the opposite direction on Route 837.

Police said DiSiero made an abrupt U-turn and fled as they attempted a traffic stop around 11:45 p.m. on Duquesne Boulevard. The stop was initiated after authorities noticed DiSiero's high beams were on and saw him commit "multiple traffic violations," according to a criminal complaint.

DiSiero crossed a concrete median in his car before speeding away northbound. Authorities were going to abandon the pursuit but saw a dust cloud and watched DiSiero's vehicle "spin out" as it struck the Equinox head-on as it traveled south on Route 837.

The unidentified 45-year-old driver of the Equinox was taken to UPMC Presbyterian in critical condition with internal injuries. DiSiero was taken to UPMC Mercy.

DiSiero is wanted by police in Thomaston, Conn., on charges of having a weapon in a motor vehicle, engaging in pursuit, reckless driving, evading, misuse of plates and no insurance. He was convicted of a third-degree sex assault charge in 2011.

In 2017, he pleaded guilty in Mercer County Common Pleas Court to felony fleeing charges and was sentenced to up to two years in prison and placed on probation for three years, online records show.

After Sunday's incident, he was charged in Allegheny County with fleeing and eluding, reckless driving, driving under suspension, aggravated assault by vehicle, aggravated assault and traffic violations.

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Families, groups ask for shale gas investigation

Childhood cancer concerns prompt meeting with governor

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Environmental organizations and Canon-McMillan School District families forced an impromptu meeting Monday with Gov. Tom Wolf outside his Harrisburg office to try to spur an investigation of whether shale gas development is responsible for multiple rare childhood cancers within the Washington County school district.

The group also asked Mr. Wolf to halt further permitting for shale gas development until that question is answered.

"We're just getting started," said Heaven Sensky, a community organizer for the Center for Coalfield Justice. "We are

quickly building a grassroots movement here, where people who are affected are taking the lead in the conversation. We will do everything we can to move forward. These are moms stepping up to the plate."

In a prepared statement after the meeting, J.J. Abbott, a spokesman for Mr. Wolf, said action is forthcoming.

"Gov. Wolf takes these concerns seriously, which is why he directed the Department of Health to explore potential options for additional research to explore possible effects of natural resources extraction, especially regarding these rare childhood cancers," he stated.

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Alexandra Wimbley/Post-Gazette

A FEEL-GOOD SHOPPING SPREE Leighton Jalvia, 2, of New Kensington, a leukemia survivor, reacts as her grandmother points out toys from the movie "Frozen" on Monday at Burlington in Downtown. Leighton, who was 8 months old when she was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia, was surprised with a gift card from the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society and Burlington Stores. She spent last Christmas and most of the holiday season in the hospital. "Holidays were very, very rough this time last year, so this means a lot to her," said her father, Greg Jalvia. Watch a video report at post-gazette.com.

Ex- 911 dispatcher sues over firing for posts about Antwon Rose

By Jonathan D. Silver
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A fired Allegheny County 911 dispatcher on Monday sued the county and two top officials in federal court, claiming that she was terminated because of Facebook posts about the fatal police

shooting of a teenager in East Pittsburgh last year.

In the two-count complaint filed in U.S. District Court, Natalie Vallecorsa is claiming retaliation for exercising her First Amendment rights and a civil rights violation.

She is demanding a jury trial and names as defendants the

county, Deputy County Manager Steve Pilarski and Assistant Chief/Deputy Director for Administration Rebecca Frazier in the Department of Emergency Services.

All three defendants declined comment through a county spokeswoman.

Ms.Vallecorsa's complaint says

she began working for the county as a dispatcher in fall 2015 and was an "exemplary" employee. She was fired June 27, 2018, for violating various internal policies in connection with Facebook posts three days earlier about the death of

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Pa. Legislature passes Sunday hunting bill

Legislation that would enable the Pennsylvania Game Commission to allow hunting on up to three Sundays per year received final legislative approval Monday and was sent to Gov. Tom Wolf.

The ban on Sunday hunting is one of the last remaining Blue Laws, which were passed to prohibit certain activities for religious reasons. General hunting is legal in 47 states.

The primary debate on Senate Bill 147 in both houses was over the issue of trespassing. The bill, co-sponsored by Sen. Dan Laughlin, R-Erie, and Jim Brewster, D-McKeesport, addresses the issue by creating a "hunting trespass" violation. One of the key provisions would require hunters to carry the landowner's written permission to hunt on a private property on any of the Sunday hunting days. The penalty for a violation would be a third-degree summary offense. Maximum second offense penalties could include prison time and revocation of hunting privileges.

If the bill becomes law, the Game Commission is expected to write a new procedure in which law enforcement officials could lawfully enter a property following a landowner complaint.

Mr. Wolf has generally supported previous Sunday hunting measures that



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REMEMBERING VERA CLEMENTE Pirates President Bob Nutting leads a moment of silence Monday with front-office members and team alumni as they gather at the statue of Roberto Clemente at PNC Park to honor the passing of his widow, Vera, who died in Puerto Rico on Saturday.

didn't make it to his desk. Efforts to reach his office to determine whether he will sign the bill were not successful.

The bill would become law 90 days after approval by the governor, which would mean that Sunday hunting would not be legal following the new Saturday opening of deer season this year, nor would it be legal during any part of the 2019-20 season's post-Christmas hunting schedule.

EAST

Police release photo of suspect in shooting death

Allegheny County police have released a photo of one of the two men suspected in a home invasion Thursday night in Wilkensburg that resulted in the shooting death of one of the occupants of the house.

The image was captured from video recorded inside the Woodlawn Avenue residence, police said.

Police said two armed men entered the home around 10:30 p.m. Thursday and held people in the house

— three men, a woman and a baby — at gunpoint. As the men robbed the house, police said, a 42-year-old man was shot.

Police ask that anyone with information about the incident contact the Allegheny County Police tip line at 1-833-ALL-TIPS (1-833-255-8477). Callers can remain anonymous.

DUI charge against lawmaker withdrawn

Authorities have dropped a charge of driving under the influence against a state lawmaker whose blood-alcohol level was below Pennsylvania's legal limit for driving.

Court records indicated the allegation against 26-year-old Democratic Rep. Brandon Markosek of Monroeville was withdrawn on Monday, and he pleaded guilty to a speeding citation.

Police in the Harrisburg suburb of East Pennsboro Township had said Mr. Markosek's blood test indicated an alcohol level of 0.058%, below the state's limit for driving of 0.08%.

In a statement released by his attorney, Mr. Markosek said he's "at a loss" to explain why he was charged and relieved that it was dropped.

The police affidavit said Mr. Markosek smelled slightly of alcohol on Sept. 18 and told an officer he'd had two drinks at a nearby restaurant.

CITY

Driver leaves scene after vehicle strikes pedestrian

Pittsburgh police are investigating after a pedestrian was struck by a vehicle early Monday in Homewood.

Police said the male was hit at 4:40 a.m. at the intersection of Fifth and Franks-town avenues.

The victim, whose identity and age have not been released, was unconscious when first responders arrived. He was taken to the hospital in critical condition.

The driver did not stay on the scene, police said. The vehicle was seen headed toward Fifth and Penn avenues.

Coalition raises cancer, shale gas concerns

MEETING, FROM B-1

Mr. Abbott also said Mr. Wolf agrees that advancing the science of health effects from fracking is imperative, including "investigating the concern that there is a relationship between fracking and childhood cancers."

"We expect further announcements regarding this effort in the near future," he said.

The coalition that

traveled Monday to Harrisburg involved more than 50 people, Ms. Sensky said, including members of the Center for Coalfield Justice, Physicians for Social Responsibility Pennsylvania and the Better Path Coalition. The group also included about 20 others in the district who are dealing with children with cancer, mostly rare forms.

State Rep. Sara Innamorato, D-Lawrenceville, and

state Sen. Katie Muth, D-Montgomery, hosted the group for lunch, with Ms. Innamorato expressing concern about stories she heard from those families.

"We are surrounded by the harmful effects of the oil and gas industry, threatening both our environment and our health," she said in a statement. "We are seeing increases in childhood cancer in southwestern Pennsylvania communities, as well as other lung and respiratory conditions across our state."

In March, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette documented six cases of Ewing sarcoma, a rare childhood bone cancer, that have occurred within the school district since 2008, with at least 10 current students and preschoolers who've been diagnosed with cancer, including a teenager who died in February.

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Pa. to end death row solitary confinement

INMATES, FROM B-1

capital case inmates. While capital case inmates were afforded limited telephone, exercise, law library and visitation opportunities, beginning over a year ago, the DOC started to expand those opportunities. The DOC continues to keep capital case inmates segregated from general population inmates. However, within the capital case units, inmates' routines are now similar to general population inmates, only confined to their specialized unit," Ms. McNaughton said.

"Capital case inmates also have more access to phone calls, contact visits as opposed to non-contact visits, more time out of their cells and are no longer escorted by staff as they move about the capital case housing units. They now eat their meals on the unit with others from their housing units, and they are able to exercise with other inmates. The proposed ACLU settlement agreement announced today formally memorializes many of the reforms that the DOC had already instituted," Ms. McNaughton continued.

No one has been executed in the commonwealth since 1999. Gov. Tom Wolf issued a moratorium on capital punishment in 2015.

The lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania in January 2018 by five inmates on death row against the Corrections Department seeking a permanent injunction to ban mandatory solitary confinement for those sentenced to capital punishment.

The complaint alleged that inmates on death row are held in 8-by-12-foot cells and are permitted out of those for only two hours each weekday to exercise alone. On weekends, the lawsuit said, inmates could go for as many as 70 hours without leaving their cells, where lights remain on 24 hours a day.

Corrections Department policy, the complaint said, required that all inmates on death row be held in a solitary confinement-like setting no matter their behavior in prison.

"The use of long-term solitary confinement on anyone is torture," said Amy Fettig, deputy director of the National Prison Project, in a statement. "The conditions Pennsylvania's DOC was subjecting people on death row to — spending their entire lives in a tiny, filthy cell without any normal human contact, segregate religious services, sufficient access to exercise, sunshine, access to the outdoors, or environmental and intellectual stimulation — weren't just deeply unconstitutional; they were horribly inhumane."

Under the agreement, death-row inmates will no longer be subjected to strip-searching, shackling, tethering or other physical restraints when moving around within the unit unless there's an emergency.

In addition, they:

- Will no longer have to wear different clothing;
- Will be permitted to obtain a job assignment on their units, as well as outside;
- Can use the telephone daily, for at least 15 minutes at a time;
- Will be allowed to buy televisions, tablets, radios and other items available to general population prisoners.

Within 30 days of the effective date of the settlement agreement, capital-case inmates will be offered at least four hours of out-of-cell time per day, seven days a week, and a total of at least 42.5 hours of out-of-cell time for activities each week.

"Although the foregoing are required minimum standards, the parties agree that the goal in managing the CCU is to approximate as closely as possible the residential setting of prisoners confined in general population units," the settlement said.

Included in the out-of-cell activities are: yard and outdoor exercise; "block out" time; law library; communal meals; treatment and counseling; religious worship; work assignments; organized educational and vocation training; treatment and recreational programming.

The out-of-cell time does not include showers, medical appointments, attorney meetings or hearings.

In addition, the inmates confined to death row will be permitted to shower and shave daily — previously, it was three times per week. The agreement also requires prison staff to assist inmates, including those who have active mental health issues, to help them resocialize and transition from solitary confinement to a general population setting.

Mr. Grote said that, through the settlement, the Corrections Department is recognizing that long-term solitary is not justifiable for security reasons.

Inmates on the capital case units must have access to a law library and have the same access to reading materials as those in general population.

In addition, lights will be turned off at night. As part of the agreement, within six months of the effective date of the settlement, all prisoners on the capital case units will receive physical and mental health evaluations by independent physicians to establish a baseline.

The agreement also allows prisoners to have contact visits, within 30 days, with their attorneys and spiritual advisers, and within 60 days, with individuals on their approved visitor list.

The Corrections Department must cover attorney fees and costs for the ACLU.

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3-15-21-22-30-47

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2-4-10-17-27

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0-3-6-0-9 (day);
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Monday's Pick 4
2-5-4-1 (day); 5-0-2-5 (night)

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CCAC kicks off \$65M fundraising campaign

CCAC, FROM B-1

Onorato, executive vice president of corporate affairs for Highmark Health and chairman of the Highmark Foundation, characterized the contribution as furthering its community involvement.

"This investment will significantly impact the lives of North Side residents, bridge employment gaps and further develop a diverse health care workforce that mirrors the North Side community," he said.

A key part of the campaign is a new \$40 million Workforce Training Center on CCAC's Allegheny Campus, expected to break ground in the spring. Its 60,000 square feet will support programs including cybersecurity, information technology, autonomous and process technology, machine learning, advanced manufacturing and robotics.

The center also will include a new culinary school to support Pittsburgh's hospitality industry and will enhance training support for EMT, paramedic and other medical emergency jobs, officials said.

The goal is to make these high-demand fields more accessible to students choosing to attend community college in the city.

"The corporate and community support such as we are announcing today is the



Quintin Bullock, CCAC president

key to fulfilling our goal of equipping students for lucrative career opportunities in new and emerging fields," Mr. Thieman said.

In addition to Highmark Health, the campaign attracted a \$2.5 million gift from the PNC Foundation to aid CCAC's workforce initiatives. College officials said significant gifts also have come from Colcom Foundation, Duquesne Light, the McElhattan Foundation, Peoples Gas and Pitt Ohio.

The campaign will provide \$20 million for upgrades of workforce development capacity across all campuses, including the renovation of Chalfant Hall on the Allegheny Campus, which will become CCAC's new Center for Teaching and Learning, officials said.

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TERRY O'NEILL | July 30, 1938 - Nov. 16, 2019

Photographer of choice for many '60s superstars

By Neil Genzlinger
The New York Times

Terry O'Neill, who as a novice photographer found himself shooting pictures of an up-and-coming group called the Beatles and never looked back, spending a lifetime capturing iconic photos of musicians, movie stars and other top celebrities of the age, died on Saturday at his home in London. He was 81.

Carrie Kania, creative director of Iconic Images, the London agency that represents him, said the cause was prostate cancer.

Mr. O'Neill was the photographer of choice for a wide array of the stars of the 1960s and beyond. He photographed not only the Beatles and the Rolling Stones, but also Frank Sinatra; not only classic Hollywood actresses like Audrey Hepburn but also more recent big-screen favorites like Nicole Kidman.

Winston Churchill, Nelson Mandela and other prominent politicians also turned up in his lens.

He had a way with putting famous people at ease and became friends with many of those he photographed. For a time in the 1980s, he was married to Faye Dunaway, having taken one of his best-known images of her in 1977 on the morning after she won an Oscar for her performance in "Network."

That picture — Ms. Dunaway lounging beside the pool at the Beverly Hills Hotel — and the story behind it show Mr. O'Neill's preference for the casual shot over the stiff portrait, a signature of his work. People magazine had assigned him to get a photograph of Ms. Dunaway, assuming she would win the Oscar.

"While we were doing the pictures, I said to her: 'I've been to the Oscars before. If you win, they always

take the same pictures of you receiving the statue in the press room.'" Mr. O'Neill told New York magazine's website The Cut in 2015. "I knew that wasn't the real story — the real story is the next day, when they realize suddenly they're getting all these offers to do films, their value goes from \$100,000 to \$10 million, and they're just sort of stunned. I wanted to capture that."

Another well-known O'Neill image was of Brigitte Bardot, captured in 1971 during an unguarded moment while she was on location in Spain, cigarette in her mouth, windblown strands of hair across her face.

"That was the last frame in a roll of 35 millimeter," he told The Irish Examiner in 2013. "The wind blew and I took the picture."

"I only had one crack at it," he added, "and it turned out to be a stunner."

Among Mr. O'Neill's

favorite subjects was Elton John; the image on the cover of his "Greatest Hits" (1974), Mr. John in a white suit and oversize glasses, is his. Sinatra and David Bowie, two decidedly different singers, were also photographed repeatedly by Mr. O'Neill.

"I didn't like his voice," Mr. O'Neill confessed of Bowie in an interview last year with The Scotsman, "because I'm a jazz fan, a blues fan, and not really into that type of music. But he was a fascinating guy to work with."

Present-day stars and celebrities, he found, were not so fascinating, lacking the magnetism and larger-than-life quality of the subjects of his photographic heyday.

"I don't want to photograph anyone anymore," he told The Scotsman.

"I think," he added, "I was born at a time where I had the best of the best to shoot."

LATEST DEATHS

The Post-Gazette's comprehensive report of recent deaths includes three types of obituaries. News obituaries, prepared by our staff, are published at the discretion of our editors. Classified obituaries are paid death notices prepared by funeral home directors. To place a classified obituary, call 412-263-1371. To suggest a news obituary, call 412-263-1601. Funeral home directors

may also call 412-263-1601 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to note a death for which there is no classified obituary. Those names will be listed under other deaths.

CLASSIFIED OBITUARIES

BETZ, Joseph L. "Pip," South Park, formerly Carrick
BERKLICH, Michael T. "Tom," East Pittsburgh
BRENNAN, Charles A. "Chuck," Crystal Lake, Ill., formerly

Braddock

ERSKINE, Ruth N., North Side
GIGLIOTTI, Robert L. Jr. "Bob," Collier
GILLES, Barbara Lee, Crafton
HALE, Dorothy M. Oleracki
HANDIS, L. Frances Delp, Blawnox, formerly Wilkinsburg
HANLON, William F., Pittsburgh
HAYS, Howard R., Point Breeze
HOCK, Elizabeth, South Side
HORNBAKE, Alan W. Jr. "Skip," North Huntingdon

IMBURGIA, Vera M. Fanelli, Ross
JACOBS, Judith Jellison
KELLEY, Shelia A., Monroeville
MCCARDLE, Edward J., South Side
ROITZ, Rudolf F. Jr. "Rudy," North Huntingdon
SCHERREN, Robert Tillman, Indiana, Indiana County
SPAGNOLO, Kenneth R., Shaler
SWAST, Andrew J., Ellenton, Fla., formerly Mount Washington
VALENTINO, Emedio "Poochie," Greenfield

JOSEPH L. "PIP" BETZ



On Sunday, November 17, 2019, of South Park, formerly of Carrick. Husband of the late Sylvia A. (Krisza) Betz; loving father of Amy Jo (Steve) Paull, Joe (Lisa) Betz, Sylvia (Mark) Tkach and Rob Vignone; devoted grandfather of Lyla, Kayla, Nathan and Emily; son of the late Joseph A. and Adelaide Betz; brother of the late Robert (survived by Ann) Betz and James Betz. He was a Member, L.U. #1759

Floor Coverers & Decorators since 1970; Past Master John A. Brashear Lodge No. 743, F.&A.M., Scottish Rite Valley of Pittsburgh, Hiram's Riders Motorcycle Club, Syria Shrine A.A.O.N.M.S., Syria Temple Legion of Honor. A.B.A.T.E. of PA Oil Field Engine Society and a collector of Antique Hit-and-Miss engines. Friends will be received at the **JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 412-881-4100, 4201 Brownsville Rd., Brentwood 15227 on Monday, November 18, 2019, from 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday, November 19, 2019, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Funeral prayer on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at 8:45 a.m. followed by Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joan of Arc Church at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, family suggests contributions to Western PA Humane Society, 1101 Western Ave., Pgh., PA 15233, Animal Ridge Animal Rescue, 390 Old Hickory Ridge Rd., Meadowlands, PA 15347 or your favorite animal shelter. Please send condolences to www.johnfslater.com.

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MICHAEL T. "TOM" BERKLICH



A lifelong resident of East Pittsburgh, age 67, unexpectedly on Sunday, November 17, 2019. Beloved father of Brittany (Josh Boyle) Berklich of Forest Hills, Precious Deda of Audi and Jace. Brother of Barbara (late Bob) Skrbn of Wilkins Twp. Uncle of Aaron (Melinda) Skrbn of West Deer and their daughter, Gabrielle. Tom is also survived by his uncle, Thomas Rebic of Forest Hills and numerous cousins. Tom was a 1970 graduate of East Pittsburgh High School. Upon graduation, he became employed at Westinghouse in East Pittsburgh and worked there until the plant shutdown began. He then became employed with the Wilkinsburg Penn Joint Water Authority from where he eventually retired. For the past 18 months, or so, he drove a school van for A.J. Meyers Co. Tom was a former member of the East Pittsburgh Council and served as Mayor of East Pittsburgh from 1990-1993. Tom's favorite sport was bowling. He always maintained a high average with his powerful delivery until he was physically unable to compete. He also enjoyed horse racing, Studebakers, Beatles music and Pirate baseball (except for current ownership). Tom was proud of his Croatian heritage and was a member of the CFU Lodge #141. Friends are welcome on Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at **PATRICK T. LANIGAN FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY INC.**, 700 Linden Ave. at Cable, East Pittsburgh, 412-824-8800. Mass of Christian Burial will be in St. Maurice Church on Friday at 11 a.m.

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ROBERT L. "BOB" GIGLIOTTI, JR.

Age 64, suddenly and unexpectedly passed away on Saturday, November 16, 2019, of Collier Twp. Beloved husband of 43 years to Deborah (Varlinsky) Gigliotti; loving father of Luanne M. Gigliotti (Scott Schultz) and Bryan M. (Lisa) Gigliotti; devoted grandfather of Taylor, Ella and Zoe; son of the late Lu Ann and Robert L. Gigliotti, Sr.; brother of Dave (Debbie) Gigliotti, Barbara Gigliotti and the late Rebecca (Philip) Haftman; also survived by nieces, nephews and many loving friends. Bob was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and a very special man. He will be deeply missed. Friends will be received at the **JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 412-881-4100, 4201 Brownsville Rd., Brentwood 15227 on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, from 2-8 p.m. A Blessing Service will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will be held privately. Please send condolences to www.johnfslater.com.

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DOROTHY M. (OLERACKI) HALE

On Sunday, November 17, 2019. Wife of the late Walter Hale; sister of the late Stella Galiszewski, Frances Tananis, Mary Lopata, Helen Koval, and Viola Evano; also survived by nieces and nephews. Visitation at the **BORON FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 1719 Brownsville Road on Thursday 9 a.m. until his Funeral Prayers at 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial in Holy Apostles Parish at St. Basil Church at 10:30 a.m. Mrs. Hale volunteered at Kaufmann's Oasis Program. www.BoronFuneralHome.com.

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HOWARD R. HAYS



Of Point Breeze on Monday, November 18, 2019, age 92. Devoted husband of the late Dorothy Walsh Hays; loving father of Judy Daw, Maureen Capp (Jim) and the late Kevin Hays; beloved grandfather of Megan Daw Mannering (Clayton), Dan Capp, and Julie Daw (Luke McGowan); great-grandfather of Ezekiel Mannering; predeceased by four siblings; also survived by nieces and nephews. Howard was a proud WWII US Navy veteran who served on the USS Montpelier in the South Pacific. He enjoyed his career as Director of the Pittsburgh Zoo for 38 years and was thrilled to see his dream of natural habitats for the animals come true. Howard was very active in the Penn Wood Campground in Limestone, PA. He served for more than 25 years with the University of Pittsburgh IACUC committee and was active in the Point Breeze Community and St. Bede Church. Friends received at **MCCABE BROS., FUNERAL HOME**, 6214 Walnut Street, Shadyside on Wednesday, 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held in St. Bede Church on Thursday at 10 a.m. Condolences may be left at www.mccabebrothers.com.

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ALAN W. "SKIP" HORNBAKE, JR.



Age 69, of North Huntingdon on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at his home. He was born May 2, 1950, in Charleroi a son of the late Alan W. Sr. and Vi (Rice) Hornbake. Prior to his retirement, he was employed as a senior field inspector for Bechtel Betis of West Mifflin. He was a member of the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, in North Huntingdon. Veteran of the Marine Corp serving during Vietnam War where he served as a "Tunnel Rat" with the First Battalion Hotel Company 226. He was a member of the Marine Corps Veterans Association and it's Honor Guard; also a member of the White Oak VFW. Skip was an avid Penn State fan. He was a true American Patriot with a fondness for History. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Maryann Peterson. Surviving are his loving wife of 36 years, Teresa (Garner) Hornbake; father to Brian Smith, of San Diego, CA, Thomas (Susan) Gauthier, of Gibson, Corey (Jensen) Hornbake, of Lafayette Hill; grandfather to Kasie Hickman, Daniel and William Gauthier, Dillon Smith, Brantley and Jaxton Hornbake; a niece, Tracie Powell and a cousin, Judie White and her family. Friends will be received 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at the **OTT FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 805 Pennsylvania Avenue, Irwin. Parting prayers will be held 9:00 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home followed by a 9:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial celebrated in the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Interment will follow in the Penn Lincoln Memorial Park, North Huntingdon. In lieu of flowers, the family suggest memorial donations be made to the Vietnam Vets of America, 8719 Colesville Road Suite 100, Silver Spring, MD 20910, www.vva.org. To send on line condolences, please visit www.ottfuneralhome.com.

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CHARLES A. "CHUCK" BRENNAN



Of Crystal Lake. Chuck was born May 25, 1944, in Braddock, PA to Charles and Irene Brennan. He passed away peacefully November 14, 2019 in Cary. Chuck was born and raised in Braddock, PA. After graduating, he joined the U.S. Army, serving in Germany. He moved to IL in 1973 with his wife and has called IL home since then. Chuck was an avid sportsman; loved hunting and musky fishing in his beloved

Northwoods of WI. He played rugby for over 25 years with the Pittsburgh Club and the Chicago Griffins (fondly known as "The General"), having every inch of his body either stitched, plastered or bruised - but loving every minute of it. He gave freely of his time and energy as a transport volunteer at Centegra McHenry Hospital, spreading joy as Santa each year to friends and neighbors, bringing Holy Communion to patients in the local hospital for St. Thomas the Apostle Church. His quick wit and crazy humor and subtle (or not) one-liners were legendary, always coaxing a smile or a laugh from those lucky enough to be in his presence. His kindness, generosity and caring nature will be forever remembered by those who were fortunate to be a part of his "life well lived." Chuck is survived by his wife of 48 years, Rose "Dolly"; sister, Linda (Joe) Melodini; niece, Amanda (Tony) Parisi; nephew, Kevin (Julie) Simurda; sister-in-law, Joanne DiGnazio; and brother-in-law, John (Stacy) Popovich. He was preceded in death by his parents. Memorial visitation will begin at 10 a.m. until the memorial service at 12 p.m., Friday December 6, 2019, at Davenport Family Funeral Home, 419 E. Terra Cotta Ave (Route 176), Crystal Lake. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Prostate Cancer Fund, panfoundation.org. For information, please contact Davenport Family Funeral Home, Crystal Lake, 815-459-3411. For online condolences, please visit www.davenportfamily.com.

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RUTH N. ERSKINE



Age 94, of North Side, on November 16, 2016. Born on October 26, 1925, in Pittsburgh, PA, daughter of the late Joseph and Minnie Willet Reese; beloved wife of the late Richard D. Erskine; loving mother of Richard Erskine, Ruth Medinger, and Arlene LoPinto; dear grandmother of Harry, Crystal, Larry, and the late Naomi; also survived by three great-grandchildren, Rachel, Alyssa, and Bret. Friends received Wednesday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at **SHELLHAAS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, INC.**, 388 Center Avenue, West View, where services will be held Thursday at 12:00 p.m. Interment will follow in Pinewood Memorial Park, Cranberry Township. Ruth was a devoted Christian, strong in faith and will, who loved playing the piano and baking delicious pies. She was a beautiful smile and will be dearly missed by family and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations to a charity of choice. Please offer condolences at www.schellhaasfh.com.

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BARBARA LEE GILLES



On Thursday, October 24, 2019, Barbara Lee, age 66, of Crafton. Loving daughter of the late Donald and Edna Gilles; beloved sister of Thomas C. (Barb Fuchs) and Donald L. (Pam) Gilles; also numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Friends received at the **HERSHBERGER-STOVER, INC. FUNERAL HOME**, 170 Noble Ave., Crafton on Wednesday from 6 p.m. until the time of the Memorial Service at the funeral home on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Barb was a retired executive secretary for the President of Carlow University. If desired, memorials may be made to Carlow University Advancement, 3333 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15213. www.hershberger-stoverfh.com

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Ex- 911 dispatcher sues over firing for Facebook posts about Antwon Rose II

LAWSUIT, FROM B-1

Antwon Rose II.

Antwon, 17, was fatally shot June 19, 2018, during a traffic stop by Michael Rosfeld, who was an East Pittsburgh police officer. Mr. Rosfeld was responding to a drive-by shooting in Rankin, pulled over the car in which Antwon was a passenger, and shot the unarmed teen in the back. The shooting led to mass protests; Mr. Rosfeld, who was charged with homicide, was acquitted by a jury in March.

Ms. Vallecorsa “engaged in an exchange of posts on Facebook with several other individuals” about the

shooting, her complaint said — an exchange the county found highly objectionable.

One person wrote: “Still trying to figure out where all these protesters were When Officer [Brian] Shaw was killed in new ken ... not a peep tho!!!” referring to the November 2017 shooting death of a police officer.

Ms. Vallecorsa responded: “It’s a joke. #back-theblue”

The other person posted: “Honestly why don’t they arrest them all or shut off their food stamp cards ... this is seriously ridiculous ... if he was innocent then why run.”

“Thankkk you!!!!” replied

Ms. Vallecorsa. “So innocent that he [Antwon] had an empty chamber on him && was doing community service hours for something he did prior! [thoughtful emoji]”

In response, the person wrote, “right! If his ass would’ve stayed planted nobody would’ve been blocking traffic or rioting and this wouldn’t exist ... this generation has a lot to learn about what’s right and what’s wrong ... the entire country has everything twisted on how to look at things and honestly I’m tired of surrounding myself with such people[sad face emoji]”

Ms. Vallecorsa replied:

“[100 emoji, 100 emoji, 100 emoji] couldn’t agree anymore!”

Jonathan Orié, Ms. Vallecorsa’s attorney, wrote that his client’s Facebook page was private and not generally open to the public. He claims that his client’s Facebook posts were protected speech under the First Amendment and touched on a matter of public concern.

He is asking the county to reinstate Ms. Vallecorsa or to pay her compensatory and punitive damages.

Mr. Orié also wrote, “Despite not having a written policy, rule or regulation concerning the use of social media, defendant county

had a custom of disciplining and/or terminating employees for engaging in protected speech using social media.”

In the termination letter she sent to Ms. Vallecorsa, Ms. Frazier wrote that the former dispatcher admitted to making the posts on her Facebook page, where she identified herself in her profile as a county 911 dispatcher. Ms. Vallecorsa “took responsibility” and “apologized for [her] actions,” the letter said.

According to the letter, at a disciplinary meeting on June 27, 2018, the day she was terminated, Ms. Vallecorsa said she was “only agreeing with a portion” of

the other posts; that she didn’t identify herself as a county employee in the posts; and “that it was possible that these posts had been spliced together (as to this last point, you declined to produce accurate copies of the Facebook posts in question).”

Ms. Vallecorsa was fired for violating various policies, the letter said, including using good judgment, conduct toward the public, conduct unbecoming an employee, discrimination, respect and county work rules.

Jonathan D. Silver: jsilver@post-gazette.com, 412-263-1962. Twitter @jsilverpg.

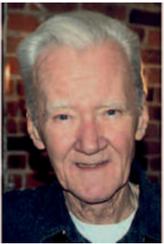
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L. FRANCES (DELP) HANDIS

On Saturday, November 16, 2019, age 92, of Blawnox, formerly of Wilkinsburg. Wife of the late William M. Handis; mother of Michael W. and John W. Handis; sister of Susie, Mary Lou and the late Elmer, Eleanor, Donna and Dorothy. She is also survived by nieces and nephews. Friends will be received from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Tuesday at the **THOMAS M. SMITH FUNERAL AND CREMATORY, LTD.**, 930 Center Ave., (Blawnox) where a service will be held on Wednesday at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the American Cancer Society. www.thomasmsmithffh.com.

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WILLIAM F. HANLON



Age 84, of Pittsburgh, formerly of Queens, NY, peacefully passed away on Saturday, November 16, 2019. Bill was the beloved husband of 20 years to Arlene (LeClaire) Hanlon; the best dad there ever was to Deborah (Michael) White, William (Wendy) Hanlon, Jr., Teresa (Charles) Davis, and Charles (Cindy) LeClaire; phenomenal grandfather of Nicole (Rob) Svanda, Michael (Kristen) White, Jamie White,

Joshua (Nicole) Hanlon, Jacob Hanlon, Christian LeClaire, Cameron LeClaire; adoring great-grandfather of Aidan, Lillian, Connor, Daxton, Grayson and Braidan; brother of Thomas (Carole) Hanlon and Daniel (Laura) Hanlon; also survived by many loving family members and friends. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Philip and Frances (Laskowski) Hanlon; his first wife, Marilyn C. (Albert) Hanlon; and his brother, John (Gail) Hanlon; and sister, Mary (Harvey) Hanlon Hebert. Funeral arrangements by **BEINHAUERS**. Family and friends welcome at 2630 West Liberty Ave., Dormont, 412-531-4000, on Tues. and Wed. from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Funeral Service on Thurs. at 9:00 a.m. at the funeral home. Interment to follow at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial donations be made to St. Jude, stjude.org. Please add or view tributes at www.beinhauer.com.

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ELIZABETH HOCK

On Saturday, November 16, 2019 of South Side. Wife of the late James Hock. Daughter of the late Casmier and Anna Szymkowiak. Sister of Patricia Sukits, the late Frank, Harry, Sylvester, Bernard, Edward Szymkowiak and Loretta Priore. Friends received at the **JOHN J. GMITER FUNERAL HOME, LTD.**, 119 South 15th Street, South Side on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Funeral Prayer on Thursday, November 21, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Adalbert Church, Prince of Peace Parish at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be at St. Michael’s Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the UPMC Hillman Cancer Center at givetohillman@upmc.edu in honor of Elizabeth Hock.

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VERA M. (FANELLI) IMBURGIA



Age 93, of Ross Twp., passed away at UPMC Passavant on Sunday, November 17, 2019. Beloved wife of 53 years to the late Joseph S. Imburgia; loving mother of Janet Dougherty, Judith (Ron) Mrenak, and the late Joseph C. Imburgia; mother-in-law of Joanne Imburgia; grandmother of Alexis Imburgia; daughter of the late Ivo and Mary (Indorante) Fanelli; sister of the late Jean Richards; also

survived by two nieces and one nephew. Vera graduated from Oliver High School and served as a WAC during WWII. Met on this side of the Rainbow Bridge by Maxine, Gizmo, and Solomon. Many, many hugs and kisses were exchanged as they crossed over into Heaven. Friends received 2-8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at the **THOMAS P. KUNSAK FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 3552 California Ave. at Davis Ave. A Funeral Mass will be held in Christ Our Savior (St. Cyril of Alexandria Church) on Thursday at 10 a.m.

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JUDITH (JELLISON) JACOBS

Judith Jellison Jacobs went home with God on Sunday, November 17th. She was born October 11, 1940 and graduated from Moon Twp. High School. She lived in the Coraopolis area. Judy was a devout Catholic and Christian Mother/member st St. Joseph Catholic Church in Coraopolis, PA. She fell in love with Willard McCormick Jacobs and married in 1961. They had four children, Sandra (Pat) Scott of Coraopolis, Deb (Donald J.) Dinello of Hershey, PA, Judy (Eddie) Napoleone of Moon Twp., PA and Willard (Lisa) Jacobs of Moon Twp., PA. The greatest joy of her life was her grandchildren, Ryan (Lauren) McDaniel, Adam (Lauren) McDaniel, Vincent Napoleone, Anthony Napoleone, Joey Napoleone, Bracy (Caitlin) Scott, Taylor (Ian) Dinello Whelan, Olivia Napoleone, Tess Dinello, Haley Jacobs, Taryn Dinello, Cam Jacobs and Hannah Jacobs. Great-grandchildren are Boe Scott and Elena McDaniel. Judy’s second set of children were her nieces and nephews, Linda Nickles Lach, Michele Nickles Simon, Joe Nickles and Keith Nickles. In addition she is survived by Joseph Nickles, Esther Jacobs, Maryanne Jacobs Campbell, Florence Jacobs Brown, Janet Jacobs Zoladz and David (Patti) Jacobs. Judy loved her family and all of the Pittsburgh sport teams. Judy was one of the Babushka Brigades’ finest. She was rarely beat at Yahtzee or Scrabble and if there was a Pinochle or Bingo game going on, that is where you would find her. She was blessed to have lived at the Coraopolis Towers for 14 years. While there, she served on their board and was blessed with many friends that kept her laughing and looking to the next day. Judy was preceded in death by her husband, Willard McCormick Jacobs; parents, Rudy and Ruth Jellison; best friend and sister, Ruth Marie Jellison Nickles. Friends and Family will be received at **SANVITO FUNERAL HOME**, Coraopolis, PA, 1316 4th Ave., on Wednesday, 1 p.m. - 9 p.m. Prayers in Funeral Home on Thursday, 9:30 a.m. followed by Mass of Christian Burial 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, Coraopolis. Interment to follow in Resurrection Cemetery, Moon Twp.

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SHELIA A. KELLEY



Age 79, of Monroeville, passed away on Friday, November 15, 2019. Daughter of the late William F. and Nellie Frankford; beloved wife of the late Grover Kelley; mother of Laura Murphy (Bob) and Chris Kelley (Sue); grandmother of Caitlyn Kelley, Collin Kelley and Megan Murphy; sister of Elizabeth Turley and the late Francis Frankford; sister-in-law of Patricia Kelley; also survived by nieces and nephews.

Shelia had been an executive assistant at Boyce Community College prior to her retirement. She belonged to a card club and the Bowlers-N-Nat Bowling League. She enjoyed reading, embroidery, bowling, the Penguins and the Steelers and was an avid Pirates fan. Friends will be received Tuesday 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 Blessing Service will be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. Interment following in Plum Creek Cemetery. www.corlfuneralchapel.com

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EDWARD J. McCARDLE

Age 79, of the South Side passed away on Friday, November 15, 2019. Brother of Margaret and Albert McCardle and the late Jeffrey McCardle. Friends received Wednesday, 3-5 p.m. in **THOMAS J. GMITER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 2323 E. Carson St., Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. www.thomasjgmiterfh.com.

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RUDOLF F. "RUDY" ROITZ, JR.



Of North Huntingdon, on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at the St. Anne Home Greensburg. Born May 30, 1931, in Pittsburgh to the late Rudolf F. and Margaret (Mullen) Roitz. Prior to his retirement he was the owner of Norwin Insurance Agency, Inc. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church, in Irwin. He was a veteran of the Korean War serving in the Army. Rudy was a 1949 graduate of the

St. Vincent Preparatory School and Rudy maintained a close ties to the Benedictine Community. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a son, Joseph Roitz; a grandson, Patrick Roitz Newcomer, a great-grandson, George A. DiMatteo; a sister, Mary Dee Shanahan. Surviving are his loving wife of 64 years, Bernadette (Collins) Roitz; beloved father to Mary Beth (Joseph) Spore, Amy (Timothy) Newcomer, all of North Huntingdon, Frederick (Magda) Roitz, of Virginia, Stephen (Toni) Roitz, of Elwood City; a daughter-in-law, Judy Roitz, of California; 15 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Friends will be received 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the **OTT FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 805 Pennsylvania Avenue, Irwin. Parting prayers will be held 9:00 Friday followed by a 9:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial celebrated in the Immaculate Conception Church. The family request in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made the Immaculate Conception Church, 308 Second Street, Irwin or the St. Vincent Monastery, 300 Fraser Purchase Road Latrobe, PA 15650. To send on line condolences please visit www.ottfuneralhome.com.

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KENNETH R. SPAGNOLO



Age 62, of Shaler Twp., on November 18, 2019. Father of Katie Grzybowski (Scott). Grandfather of Gracelyn and Lilliana. Son of the late Edward A. and Helen Spagnolo. Brother of Carol McElroy, Edward M. (Joni) Spagnolo and the late Beverly Spagnolo-Klauscher (late Robert). Visitation Friday, 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at **NEELY FUNERAL HOME**, 2208 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw. Funeral Service Saturday, 11 a.m. at Elfinwild Presbyterian Church, 3200 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw, PA 15116. EVERYONE PLEASE MEET AT CHURCH. Please visit us at neelyfuneralhome.com.

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ANDREW J. SWAST

Age 89, of Ellenton, FL, formerly of Mt. Washington, passed away on Wednesday, November 13, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy (Watkins) Blosser Swast; loving companion of Betty Dombroski; stepfather of Richard C. Blosser, Jr. and Janet Papciak; brother of Paul Swast and the late George, Frank, and Dorothy; grandfather of Richard C. Blosser III. Visiting hours Wednesday 11 a.m.-12 noon **WM. SLATER & SONS, INC.** (412-381-3345), 301 Virginia Ave., Mt. Washington 15211 where Blessing Service will be held at 12 noon. Private burial in Jefferson Memorial Park. www.slaterfuneral.com.

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ROBERT TILLMAN SCHEEREN



Robert Tillman Scheeren, 91, died peacefully on Saturday November 16, 2019, in Indiana, Pennsylvania. The son of Tillman Jr. and Edna (Batz) Scheeren, he was born on September 22, 1928, in Ford City, Pennsylvania. Bob was an outstanding trumpet player and during grades 9-12 played the trumpet with a dance band that performed year-round. He also played and marched with the Kittanning Fireman’s Band for

several years and was sought after by some of the “big bands” but he turned them down to attend college. Bob continued playing with the local dance band during his college vacations, and he played taps for numerous military funerals during WWII. His summer and Christmas vacations were also spent as a slip hustler at Eljer Pottery, a mail delivery person for the U.S. Post Office, a flagman for the Pennsylvania Highway Department, a stock boy, a house painter, a “cub” in his father’s architectural office, and he dug trenches for the Ford City Borough Water Company water lines. Bob followed in his father’s footsteps and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1950 with a Bachelor of Architectural Engineering degree, completing the five-year curriculum in four years without taking summer classes. He served in the U.S. Army for two years (1951-1953) during the Korean War. Bob completed his 14-week infantry basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, as part of the first integrated company in the service, and was stationed at the Army Chemical Center - Corps of Engineers near Baltimore. During his time in Baltimore, he also worked evenings and weekends as a draftsman in a Baltimore architectural firm. A registered architect since 1957, and an emeritus member of the American Institute of Architects, he continued working until his retirement in 2017 at the age of 88. After working with several outstanding Pittsburgh architects, Bob opened his own architectural firm in 1958 in Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania. From 1959-1963, Bob and his brother, James K., formed a partnership with offices in Pittsburgh and Indiana. Bob became the sole proprietor upon the untimely death of his brother. During the course of his career, Bob designed various civic, educational, religious, and health care buildings throughout Pennsylvania. These buildings include elementary schools in Red Bank, New Bethlehem, Northern Cambria, Shannock Valley, Brockway, Homer Center, Somerset, Armstrong County, and Allegheny Valley, plus the residential wing for the Mt. Lebanon Baptist Home in Pittsburgh, and dormitories at Slippery Rock and Clarion Universities, among many others. In Indiana, Pennsylvania, his designs include the Indiana Evening Gazette building, the Indiana U.S. Post Office, the Indiana Borough building and Fire Station, East Pike Elementary School, the former Indiana County Jail on North 9th Street, and the S.W. Jack Ambulance Center. All told, Bob completed nearly 500 design commissions during his 60 years as an architect. As previously noted, Bob was a member of the American Institute of Architects (for which he served as an arbitrator) as well as the Pennsylvania Society of Architects, the Elks (B.P.O.E.), the Allied Club, and Rotary. He also served as the Vice President of the Christian Book Store and Gift Shop and was a member of the Calvary Presbyterian Church. Throughout his lifetime, Bob served on various boards including the Salvation Army, Sentinel Savings Association, Valley Financial Services, and the Indiana County Sheltered Work Shop. In 1991, The Salvation Army honored Bob with the “Others” Award in acknowledgment of his service as a longtime member and treasurer of the local Salvation Army Advisory Board, and again in 2012 with the Emeritus recognition. Bob was a quiet, generous, dignified gentleman with a dry sense of humor. His generosity (often bestowed anonymously) extended to individuals and groups, and included numerous pro bono projects for non-profit organizations. Bob’s family was his passion and he was inordinately proud of his children, their spouses, and his grandchildren. Bob is survived by his son Fred Scheeren and wife Sally Apter Scheeren of Venetia, Pennsylvania; his daughter Susan Scheeren Watchko and husband Jon Watchko, M.D., of Sewickley, Pennsylvania; his grandchildren: Matthew Scheeren of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, Daniel Scheeren of Lancaster, Pennsylvania, and Sara Watchko and husband Scott Hovestadt of San Francisco, California; as well as his great-granddaughter Lily Schwaderer-Scheeren of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. In addition, Bob is survived by his nieces Lisa Scheeren Merrill and Jane Marsh Geoghegan; and his nephews Kurt Scheeren, Jon Marsh, and James Marsh. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Margaret “Marge” Scheeren; his brother James K. Scheeren; and his sister Sally Scheeren Marsh. The family extends their heartfelt gratitude to Moorehead Place for their extraordinary compassion, generosity, and care, as well as to Bob’s numerous colleagues and close friends for their steadfast support and kindness. Friends will be received from 11 a.m. to 12 noon on Wednesday, November 20, 2019, at **BOWSER-MINICH FUNERAL HOME** of Indiana. The funeral service will begin at 12 noon. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Bob’s memory to the Salvation Army, 635 Water Street, Indiana, PA 15701. www.bowserminich.com.

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EMEDIO "POOCHIE" VALENTINO



Age 85, of Greenfield. Passed peacefully surrounded by loved one on Sunday, November 17, 2019. Preceded in death by his beloved wife, Mary Ellen and grandson, Michael Jenesky. Loving father of Karen (Dennis) Jenesky, Lisa Valentino, and Vince (Stephanie) Valentino. Devoted and caring Pap of Dennis (Melissa) Jenesky, Leann (Chuck Lehner) Jenesky, Vinnie and Diana

“Mia” Valentino. Great-Grandpap of Ava and Caroline Jenesky, and Charlie Lehner. Poochie proudly served his country in the Army during the Korean Conflict. In life he was an avid and accomplished hunter. Friends will be received on Wednesday from 2-8 p.m. in the **EDWARD P. KANAI FUNERAL HOME**, 500 Greenfield Ave., 15207. Closing prayers in the funeral home on Thursday at 9:30 a.m. with funeral mass in St. Rosalia Church at 10 a.m.

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Carol Frieze, left, and Jeria Quesenberry with their newest book, "Cracking the Digital Ceiling: Women in Computing Around the World."

More Strip apartments, office buildings planned

Developer to lay out new phase of project

By Mark Belko
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

No doubt spurred by the success of 3 Crossings, Oxford Development Co. has fallen in love with the Strip District, so much so that it has moved its offices there from Downtown.

Now the developer is ready to do even more building.

Oxford will lay out its vision for the second phase of 3 Crossings, an 11-acre development known as The Stacks, before city planning commission members Tuesday, while also presenting plans for two specific projects — a 220-unit apartment complex and a six-story office building.

It's easy to see why Oxford is so enamored with the Strip.

At 3 Crossings — the developer's first foray into the neighborhood — all four office buildings are fully leased, with tenants like Apple, the Burns White law firm and Honeywell Robotics. In addition, the 300 apartments are fully occupied.

"When we first conceived and developed the first phase of 3 Crossings, it was an unknown. It

certainly was seen as more of a risk. But the success we've had in attracting tenants and building a community is something we would like to continue to build on," said Ben Kelley, Oxford's director of planning and development.

In the second phase of 3 Crossings, Oxford is proposing 660,000 square feet of office space spread over six buildings, 300 apartment units done over two buildings, a 604-space parking garage and two plazas.

Mr. Kelley estimated the total development costs in the hundreds of millions of dollars with full build-out expected over the next five years.

The 11-acre footprint is bounded by 27th and 29th streets, Smallman Street, and the Allegheny riverfront. The site is a testament to Pittsburgh's industrial past, with uses that have included a box factory, a steel mill foundry, railway switch yards, warehouses and parking.

Oxford already has started construction of two of the buildings — each one three stories and 55,000 square feet in size. Both should be done in the first quarter of 2020.

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'Cracking the digital ceiling'

CMU professors' book looks at computing around the world

By Lauren Rosenblatt
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

When Jeria Quesenberry visits an elementary school to talk about computing, teachers often tell her to focus on the girls. Make the lesson plan about Elsa from "Frozen" or another Disney princess, they suggest to the associate professor in the information systems department at Carnegie Mellon University.

Ms. Quesenberry appreciates the recognition that girls should be encouraged early and often to participate in fields like information systems, computer science, engineering and mathematics.

But that approach to teaching is part of the reason the gender gap still exists, she says.

Rather than "conforming" to

the idea that the only way to get girls interested in computing is to put it in the context of Disney princesses, Ms. Quesenberry would prefer to focus on movies in general, letting the kids pick out their favorite movie regardless of genre and gender.

Ms. Quesenberry and her colleague Carol Frieze, who works in CMU's School of Computer Science, want to challenge the idea that boys and girls learn differently and have different preferences — looking at things as targeted as the lesson plans in elementary school to issues as systematic as fewer women working in computing fields than men.

The two women began working together more than 10 years ago after realizing their shared interest in how culture plays a role in gender inequality.

At CMU, they have conducted

surveys and gathered anecdotal evidence from students in computing departments. They wrote a book in 2015, "Kicking Butt in Computing Science: Women in Computing at Carnegie Mellon University," about how CMU developed a culture where women could thrive in computer science.

Through their research, they determined there was a spectrum for students' interests in computer science — and gender did not determine who was at which end.

Instead, the spectrum was divided by things like motivation, background, reason for getting into the field and preference — people who liked coding and people who tolerated coding, people who liked JavaScript and people who preferred C++.

"We found a spectrum of

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Yogurt sales sour as breakfast culture changes

By Dee-Ann Durbin
Associated Press

What's eating yogurt? Despite shelves full of new varieties — from Icelandic to Australian to coconut-based — U.S. yogurt sales are in a multiyear slump. Yogurt companies are confident that more new products can boost sales. But some analysts are skeptical, saying larger trends — like growing sales of protein bars — will be hard to turn around.

U.S. sales of yogurt and yogurt drinks peaked at nearly \$9 billion in 2015. In 2019, they're expected to hit \$8.2 billion, down 3.6% from 2018, Mintel says. They're

expected to fall another 10% by 2024.

Chobani — the second-biggest yogurt maker by U.S. market share — thinks innovation can halt that slide. On Monday, the company introduced its first oat-based yogurts, capitalizing on booming sales of oat milk and consumer interest in plant-based eating. The move follows market leader Danone's introduction last July of oat-based yogurts under its So Delicious brand.

"If we stay close to the consumer and continue to give them the food they want from a trend perspective and a health

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Business briefs

Canonsburg engineering firm seeks Chapter 11 protection

A Washington County engineering and architectural services firm is seeking protection from its creditors under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Canonsburg-based ED3 Consultants Inc., doing business as E.S. Tech Inc., ED3CM and ED3 A LLC, had estimated liabilities of \$1 million to \$10 million and assets ranging between \$500,000 and \$1 million. Among the company's creditors were the IRS, \$509,678; New York City-based Green Capital Funding LLC, \$150,222; and Johnson, Mirmiran & Thompson Inc., of Hunt Valley, Md., \$120,000. ED3 President and CEO Denise L. Palmer filed the bankruptcy petition.

Kylie Jenner sells \$600 million stake in beauty line to Coty

Coty Inc. agreed to pay \$600 million in cash for a majority stake in Kylie Jenner's cosmetics line, the latest move by a major beauty company to acquire trendy brands that appeal to a younger clientele. The deal values Kylie Cosmetics, which Ms. Jenner, 22, started when she was still a teenager, at about \$1.2 billion.



Kylie Jenner, seen here in 2017, has a makeup line now worth \$1.2 billion.

T-Mobile CEO John Legere will step down; COO to take over

In a surprise move, T-Mobile said CEO John Legere will step down at the end of next April after his contract expires. Mr. Legere will be replaced by Mike Sievert, currently T-Mobile's president and chief operating officer.

Mexico to spend \$9B to cancel Texcoco airport project

The Mexican government will spend as much as \$9 billion to abandon the construction of a new international airport in Texcoco — more than it would have cost to finish the project.

From staff and wire reports

Indexes inch up as markets await trade deal

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The U.S. stock market inched higher Monday, the latest nudge in its record-setting six-week run, as markets wait for the next development in trade talks between the U.S. and China.

All three major indexes edged above the all-time highs they set Friday, though the seemingly placid moves masked plenty of churn going on underneath. Nearly as many stocks in the S&P 500 fell as rose, and it took big gains for technology stocks and others to make up for sharp losses by oil producers.

The S&P 500 rose 1.57 points, or 0.1%, to 3,122.03. The Dow Jones Industrial Average gained 31.33, or 0.1%, to 28,036.22, and the Nasdaq composite climbed 9.11, or 0.1%, to 8,549.94.

Small-company stocks fell. The Russell 2000 index gave up 4.11, or 0.3%, to 1,592.34.

The market has been on a tear since early October, and indexes have been on a nearly uninterrupted run as worries about a possible recession have faded. Solid economic data, better corporate

earnings than analysts expected and interest-rate cuts by the Federal Reserve have all helped.

That leaves negotiations in the U.S.-China trade war as the remaining wild card for the market. President Donald Trump had earlier hoped to have signatures on the first phase of a trade deal by now, at a global summit that was scheduled for this past weekend. But the president of the summit's host nation, Chile, canceled the meeting last month amid nationwide protests.

The two sides are continuing to negotiate, with stock markets around the world swinging on every hint of progress or tension.

Some churn was on display Monday as energy stocks sank 1.3%. It was the largest loss by far among the 11 sectors that make up the S&P 500, and it tracked a sharp drop for oil and natural gas prices. ConocoPhillips fell 2.7%, and Chevron sank 1.7%.

Counterbalancing those losses were gains for tech stocks, particularly chipmakers. They bolted higher after the Commerce Department gave another 90-day extension for Chinese tech giant Huawei

to continue doing business with U.S. companies.

Nvidia jumped 4% for the biggest gain in the S&P 500, and Advanced Micro Devices was close behind with a 3.4% rise.

Other winners included stocks in areas of the market that tend to pay big dividends and hold up even when the economy is slowing.

Real-estate stocks and companies that make everyday household goods both rose 0.5%.

These kinds of stocks are known as "defensive" investments, and they had begun to lag the market in recent weeks as investors opted for companies whose profits can rise more quickly in a healthy economy.

But a drop in Treasury yields Monday may have made the dividends paid by defensive stocks more attractive.

The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell to 1.81% from 1.83% late Friday.

Trading was quiet Monday as the market nears the end of corporate reporting season. More than 90% of companies in the S&P 500 have already said how much profit they made during the summer.

Overseas markets were mixed.

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Book looks at computing around world

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attitudes that cuts across gender," Ms. Frieze said. "We started talking about culture many, many years ago. Now everybody talks about culture."

The global view

In their newest endeavor, a book titled "Cracking the Digital Ceiling," Ms. Quesenberry and Ms. Frieze took a global approach to the problem. The book, published by Cambridge University Press and set to release in 2020, features a collection of essays from women in computing fields around the world.

The goal is to point out how cultural standards and gender norms impact the gender gap in computing, the authors said.

In the 2017-18 academic year, 78% of the total people awarded bachelor's degrees in computer science and computer engineering in the U.S. and Canada were male, according to a survey from the Washington, D.C.-based Computing Research Association. That same year, 69% of master's degrees awarded in those fields went to men. 78% of doctoral recipients were men, too.

"The numbers of women and minorities in computer science has been low for many years," Ms. Frieze said. "Some of the recommendations to address that were saying things like look at gender differences and accommodate those differences. But we know that just doesn't work."

As an example, she pointed to the common perception that women don't like computer science because it is too theoretical. But Ms. Frieze and Ms. Quesenberry found in their research that computer science was too theoretical for everyone. Both boys and girls learned the concepts better when they were rooted in real-world applications.

Their most recent book includes 18 essays from women around the world—

from Israel to Sweden and from Malaysia to Russia.

Many of the authors had already studied and written about gender and computing, and Ms. Frieze and Ms. Quesenberry had used the work through their own research. With this book, they were hoping to put all those thoughts into one place, creating a picture of how cultural differences have created different types of gender inequality.

The theme that emerged, based on survey data and anecdotal experiences in the essays, is that Western countries are doing the worst.

The Western mindset that boys and girls think differently—or the "blue brain, pink brain" concept, as Ms. Quesenberry and Ms. Frieze like to call it—has created a culture that assumes men are innately better at computing than women.

This idea seeps into how computer scientists are portrayed in pop culture, how parents talk to their children about career opportunities and how teachers help their students learn.

In many other countries, computing jobs never got the reputation as being better suited for men, so girls see them as profitable and safe career options.

For example, in India, computing jobs are seen as a safer alternative to working outdoors, where women are more vulnerable to assault and often don't have access to amenities like a women's bathroom, Roli Varma, from the University of New Mexico, wrote in one of the essays.

In Malaysia, researchers say computer science and information technology has never been viewed as a masculine field. A 2018 study found female and male students interested in computer science spent the same amount of time hacking computer systems, writing programs outside of their coursework and surfing the internet. The only difference was that men spent more time playing computer

games, according to an essay by Mazliza Othman and Rodziah Latih from universities in Malaysia.

Signs of change coming

Though the numbers don't paint a promising picture, Ms. Quesenberry and Ms. Frieze said they have seen some improvements, and they are optimistic things will continue to change.

One example, they said, is that companies and universities no longer question the monetary value of having diverse employees and students. The more opinions, backgrounds and experiences people can bring to creating a product, the easier it will be to market said product to a larger pool of people.

Still, the ongoing debate has flared up even at their CMU base.

The class of 2021, which began in the fall of 2017, was the first in the university's history to have more women enrolled than men, with 51% of the class filled by females. Last August, two professors from the School of Computer Science resigned and accused the university of "professional harassment" and "sexist management." In response to Lenore and Manuel Blum's resignations, CMU set up a new task force to oversee campus culture.

Ms. Frieze, who worked closely with Ms. Blum, said the resignations upset everybody and prompted more serious attention to the problems.

The two authors don't have any concrete plans to write another book, but they did say their latest volume didn't include all the countries they would have liked to highlight.

In the meantime, they are celebrating the small victories—like more inclusive lesson plans for elementary school students and the creation of a knock-off Barbie doll who works as a computer scientist.

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More offices planned for Strip

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technology company currently at 2828 Liberty Ave. in the Strip, will take all of the space in one of the buildings and perhaps part of the other, Mr. Kelley said.

On Tuesday, Oxford will present plans for a third building within The Stacks—a six-story office tower totaling 150,000 square feet to be called 75 Hopper Place. It is to be built on Railroad Street between 28th and 29th streets.

The developer hopes to start construction next month with completion targeted for January 2021. It's designed to hold more than one tenant, but can be modeled to accommodate a single occupant.

One reason Oxford decided to lay out a full master plan, Mr. Kelley said, is to keep track of bonus points needed to do the type of construction it wants under the city's new riverfront zoning laws.

The second phase of 3 Crossings will not be Oxford's only project before

the planning commission Tuesday.

The developer also is teaming with Steel Street Capital Partners to build a 220-unit apartment complex at 23rd and Railroad streets with frontage facing the Allegheny River.

Dubbed Twenty Third & Railroad on the Allegheny, the six-story development will feature 32 co-living units along with 188 traditional studios and one-bedroom apartments.

The co-living units have private bedrooms and baths built around common spaces like a chef's kitchen, a media room, and bar/game room. Each unit is partially furnished. Rents will start at \$995 a month.

"It's more of a communal option," Mr. Kelley said. "It's an alternative to a hotel. It allows someone to familiarize themselves with Pittsburgh until they make a final decision on where they want to live."

The development, located near the Cork Factory, also will include 139 parking spaces on the

ground and mezzanine levels and 1,254 square feet of retail. Among the amenities will be a roof deck, fitness center, bike parking and storage and pet wash.

Of the apartments, 22 will be affordable to households at 80% of the area median income (\$44,720 for a studio and \$51,120 for a one-bedroom). Another 11 will be affordable to those at 50% of the AMI (\$27,950 for a studio and \$31,950 for a one-bedroom).

Steel Street Capital Partners is headed by Brandon and Ryan Guy, sons of Steve Guy, Oxford president and CEO.

"This is something [Steel Street has] done the heavy lifting on. Oxford viewed it as a good complement to the larger 3 Crossings development," Mr. Kelley said.

Oxford and Steel Street hope to begin construction this month, with completion expected in spring 2021.

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Changing culture is eating yogurt sales

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perspective, yogurt continues to grow," Chobani President Peter McGuinness said.

But for the first time, Chobani is also moving into nonyogurt products. In January, it's launching four flavors of oat drinks as well as dairy-based coffee creamers. It's an acknowledgment of market realities: Coffee creamer and oat milk sales are climbing even as other products—including Greek yogurt and soy milk—struggle.

Health and animal welfare concerns are driving some Americans away from dairy altogether. Last week, the nation's largest milk

processor, Dean Foods, filed for bankruptcy protection, citing a decades-long decline in U.S. milk consumption.

Mr. McGuinness insists the move isn't a defensive one and that Chobani is still bullish on yogurt. The company felt coffee creamers were a good fit since cream is a byproduct of yogurt manufacturing, he said. And the company is convinced that plant-based eating is a trend with staying power.

"We love yogurt, and we still think yogurt is underpenetrated," Mr. McGuinness said. Chobani, which is privately held, says its dollar sales are up 9% so far this year thanks to the in-

roduction of lower-sugar and coconut-based yogurts.

Mr. McGuinness said Chobani plans to enter other market categories, too. The company opened a 70,000-square-foot innovation center in Twin Falls, Idaho, this year and has hired additional research and development staff.

Mr. Bryant agrees that innovation is important, but he said yogurt companies are just taking share from each other since overall sales aren't growing.

He predicts yogurt sales will continue to fall because consumers are eating breakfast on the go and aren't making time for spoonable yogurt.

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		Fees: \$395	15 yr jumbo	3.125	0.000	\$395	20%	3.192			www.wvsbank.com
		% Down: 20%	30 yr jumbo	3.750	0.000	\$395	20%	3.792			
Westmoreland Federal Savings & Loan	3.509%	Rate: 3.500	15 yr fixed	3.000	0.000	\$191	20%	3.017	724-539-9755	NMLS# 518302	
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The Roosevelt Theater's marquee identifies it as The Show Place of the Hill.

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Book has intimate details about Whitney Houston

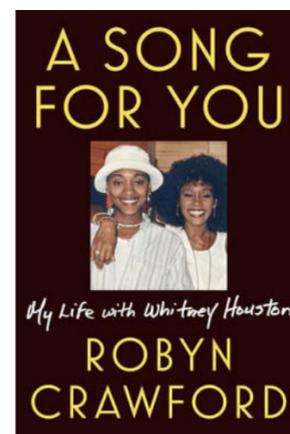
By Michael Greisinger

"A Song For You: My Life with Whitney Houston" by Robyn Crawford is the fourth book written by someone from the late singer's inner circle. The previous books were written by her mother, Cissy Houston ("Remembering Whitney"), her friend BeBe Winans ("The Whitney I Knew") and producer Narada Michael Walden ("Whitney Houston: The Voice, The Music, The Inspiration). Mr. Walden produced some of her biggest hits including "I Wanna Dance with Somebody," "How Will I Know," "So Emotional" and "All the Man That I Need."

The differences among these four books is reflected by the relationships the writers had with Houston. What's interesting is how long it took some authors to release their books after the singer's death on Feb. 11, 2012. Winans released his book in July 2012 and Narada in November of that year. Cissy Houston waited almost a year to release her tribute in January 2013.

Crawford waited over seven years to finally tell her side of the story regarding her 20-year friendship with Whitney Houston. "A Song For You" has been highly anticipated. There has been a great deal of speculation about their relationship over the years stemming back to when they became friends in 1980, before Whitney Houston was famous. An instant bond was formed due to their respective upbringings. Houston was the only daughter in a family with two older brothers; Crawford was in many ways an

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'A SONG FOR YOU: MY LIFE WITH WHITNEY HOUSTON'
By Robyn Crawford/Dutton (\$28)

The Hill

Documentary reveals a rich stew of immigrant life

By Marylynne Pitz
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Local documentary filmmaker Kenneth Love is especially qualified to capture the sensory and visual history of Pittsburgh's Hill District, the first home for thousands of immigrants who arrived here in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Mr. Love's 2008 film "Samuel Rosenberg: Pittsburgh's Painter Laureate" focuses on an artist whose vibrant paintings captured the rhythms of daily life in the Hill District, a neighborhood packed with immigrants from 25 ethnic groups.

These paintings appear again along with black-and-white images in his newest documentary, "Jewish Memories of Pittsburgh's Hill District."

The new documentary will be shown Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. at the Regent Square Theatre during the Three Rivers Film Festival. The showing is sold out. The documentary will be screened again at 7 p.m. Dec. 15 at the same theater, followed by a showing of Mr. Love's 2009 documentary about The Pittsburgh Courier, one of

the nation's most influential black newspapers. "Jewish Memories" will start at 7 p.m. and "Newspaper of Record" at 8:30 p.m. The admission price for the double feature is \$10.

To make this film, Mr. Love spent two years gathering memorable photographs. Then there are the immersive Rosenberg paintings of gossiping women, men looking at job lists and a Logan Street fruit market.

Equally evocative are paintings by Rochelle Blumenfeld, whose grandfather, Sam Reznik, ran a Logan Street store where the clothes hung from the ceiling. Nathan Hilu, the late outsider artist who grew up in the Hill District, recalls giving water to Negro League baseball pitcher Satchel Paige. Syrian Jews, Mr. Hilu said, peddled ties.

Pittsburghers who still live here and those who have left star in this one-hour documentary that immerses us in the Hill District's commerce and culture. Poet Gerald Stern recalls being born two doors from the Crawford Grill, a jazz landmark. Dr. Cyril Wecht, the forensic pathologist,

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Free dance lessons were available at the Irene Kaufmann Settlement House in the Hill District.

Breakfast and brunch spot Lola opens in Lawrenceville

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They'd been in the same program (hospitality management) at the same time at the same university (Penn State), but it took a chance meeting during a spring break class trip to Rome, of all places, for Zoe Rieder and Max Becerra to cross paths.

And that intersection of longitude and latitude helps form the "Lo" and the "La" in the name of their new endeavor, Lola's Eatery, a cheery breakfast and brunch spot that had its soft opening last week on the first floor of the Engine House 25 Winery at 3337 Penn Ave.

Of course, "Lola" also stands for the Lower Lawrenceville neighborhood where the business is located, and in Tagalog, the Filipino language of Mr. Becerra's heritage, "Lola" translates to "grandma."

"I've always wanted to have my own bistro," said Mr. Becerra, a 26-year-old San Diego native whose

parents both worked in hotels and restaurants in the Philippines.

"I was brainwashed," he joked, but that also led him to study at Penn State's highly touted hospitality program, where he ultimately met Ms. Rieder, 25, a native Pittsburgher.

Fresh-baked goods are created by Ms. Rieder, a passionate baker since her grandmother bought her a cake decorating set when she was 9.

"The first time we went on a date, she brought me a cookie she baked," he said.

After graduation, the couple worked in restaurants in Washington, D.C., but returned to Pittsburgh after Ms. Rieder's parents, who own the winery, offered them a chance to open a place of their own there. The first-floor space was previously home to Wheel & Wedge, a cheese shop.

"I couldn't say no. I love baking. It's what I've been wanting to do my whole life," she said.

Lola's menu reflects Mr. Becerra's combined Filipino and Mexican background with dishes like an Adobo chicken pot pie and huevos rancheros as well as a cheeky sense of humor with dishes called "Friends With Benedict" — a Calabrian chili muffin with roasted garlic-tomato jam, chipped ham, poached egg and Champagne hollandaise. There's also "Send Noods": sauteed mushrooms, crispy kale, caramelized onions, nitamago egg, bacon and housemade soy brine. Sides include bacon, morning egg rolls or Filipino-pickled vegetables called Atsara.

Lola's soft opening will continue until Saturday, then it will close for Thanksgiving week before its grand opening on Dec. 4.

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Zoe Rieder and Max Becerra, proprietors of the new Lola's Eatery in Lawrenceville.

Stargazing

Venus returns

Watch the western horizon immediately after the sun sets this week and you will begin to see the unmistakable planet Venus. Often known as the evening star (or morning star when it is on the other side of the sun), Venus is so bright that it is often the only visible object for an extended period during dusk. Named after the Roman goddess of love and beauty, this planet is stunning even to the unaided eye in the middle of a light-polluted urban area.



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Jupiter (which will also be visible nearby), Venus usually appears brighter due to its proximity to Earth and

the bright white clouds that completely envelop the scorched, rocky world. The rocky surface of Venus was only revealed by radar imaging done by spacecraft such as NASA's Magellan and JAXA's (Japan's space agency) Akatsuki.

Observed over time, Venus is seen to go through phases much like our moon. At the moment, Venus is a waning gibbous, but look again in the springtime and you will see an elegant crescent that will appear notably larger due to the speedy planet closing the gap between us.

—By Ralph Crew, Buhl Planetarium

Book has intimate Houston details

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older sister and protector. The book focuses on Crawford's own family issues while tying them back to her relationship with Houston. This might annoy some readers who wish she'd focus on the task at hand, but it works since she segues it back to Houston.

The core of the book, of course, is their friendship. It details their first meeting at summer camp, where both were camp counselors, and how Crawford dropped out of college to help launch the singer's career. Houston took the industry by storm with Crawford by her side and their relationship also affected Houston's marriage to Bobby Brown.

In this very telling tell-all, Crawford asks the reader: "Why now? Why did I make the decision to write this book when I could have remained silent the rest of my days, keeping my memories all to myself?"

She goes on to say, "I believe it is my duty to honor my friend and to clarify the many inaccuracies about myself and about who Whitney was."

The best word to describe this book would be intimate.



Mark J. Terrill/Associated Press

Whitney Houston performs at a pre-Grammy gala and salute to industry icons in February 2011 in Beverly Hills, Calif.

It's intimate in its detail regarding Crawford's relationship with Houston and her own life as well.

"A Song For You" will likely quench the thirst of those looking to find some confirmation of tabloid details regarding Whitney Houston's life. It'll also stir up

some mixed emotions and defensiveness among the singer's diehard fan base. Some will feel that many of the details depicted should have remained private.

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Prize-winners of the Irene Kaufmann Settlement's annual Better Baby Contest pose for a photo in June 1924.

Film reveals rich mix of immigrant life

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played football in the street and reached into food market barrels to buy fish and pickles.

Jerry Browdie, a dentist, chokes up when he recalls watching President Franklin Roosevelt's visit to Pittsburgh to open the federal housing project called Terrace Village. He moved there with his family. The film shows footage of Roosevelt's motorcade and speech.

Joe Titlebaum recalls that photographer Abe Sivitz, whose studio was at 1835 Center Avenue, took class pictures at Fifth Avenue High School and Hebrew Institute. Mr. Sivitz, an expert at hand coloring black-and-white photographs, taught that skill to Charles "Teenie" Harris, the Pittsburgh

Courier photographer whose images are a precious record of African-American life in this neighborhood. Mr. Love even finds examples of those hand colored images, including an African-American couple.

Sophie Masloff, the late Pittsburgh mayor, stands outside the modest home where she grew up and the vacant lot where her father attended Sabbath services. All that remains of that synagogue is a wrought-iron fence. The future mayor's living room doubled as her bedroom and her especially frugal mother worked in cigar production, a kind of piece work that gave her flexible work hours.

Frank Bolden, a distinguished journalist and city editor from the Pittsburgh Courier, is emphatic when

he says that if it had not been for the caring doctors and nurses at the Irene Kaufmann Settlement House, a tuberculosis epidemic during the early 1930s would have wiped out the neighborhood's black population.

The people who immigrated to Pittsburgh, Hy Richman notes, were not timid. Instead they were aggressive and had high ideals. "That's sometimes forgotten by the people who wave flags too high," Mr. Richman said.

To underscore that point, Mr. Love ends this film with pictures of large, smiling Jewish families whose roots run deep in the Hill District.

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TUESDAY		MOVIES		SPORTS		KIDS		NEWS		TALK		
	8	8:30	9	9:30	10	10:30	11	11:30				
2	KDKA	NCIS A Navy musician is murdered. (N)	FBI A photographer dies in a car crash. (N) (CC)	NCIS: New Orleans A dignitary's son disappears. (N)	News at Eleven (N)	Late Show-Colbert (N)						
4	WTAE	The Conners Bless This Mess (N)	mixed-ish (N)	black-ish (N)	Emergence Jo and Chris rush to find Piper. (N)	Action News 4 (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)					
6	WJAC	The Voice (N) (L) (CC)	This Is Us (N)	New Amsterdam (10:01) (N)	News (N)	J. Fallon (N)						
7	WTRF	NCIS Musical Chairs. (N)	FBI (N) (CC)	NCIS: New Orleans (N)	7News at (N)	Colbert (N)						
8	WWCP	The Resident (N)	Empire Good Enough. (N)	FOX 8 (N)	Dateline (10:35) (CC)	America						
9	WTOV	The Voice (N) (L) (CC)	This Is Us (N)	New Amsterdam (10:01) (N)	News (N)	J. Fallon (N)						
10	WTJ	NCIS Musical Chairs. (N)	FBI (N) (CC)	NCIS: New Orleans (N)	News (N)	Colbert (N)						
11	WPXI	The Voice The Top 11 artists are revealed. (N) (CC)	This Is Us The Pearsons gather for Thanksgiving. (N)	New Amsterdam (10:01) The Island. (N)	Channel 11 (N)	Tonight Show (N)						
13	WQED	Finding Your Roots With Henry Louis Gates, Jr.	American Experience For-life slaves give concerts.	Frontline For Sama. Waad al-Kateab films her life in Syria. (N) (CC)	Amanpour-Co (N)							
16	WJMP	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds Ashley.	Criminal Minds	Criminal Minds Submerged.							
19	WPCW	The Flash Cecile has a moment of self-discovery. (N)	Arrow Oliver learns how to defeat The Monitor. (N)	10 O'Clock News (N)	The Nightly Sports Call (N)	2 Broke Girls (11:40) (CC)	2 Broke Girls (11:40) (CC)					
21	WFJW	The Voice (N) (L) (CC)	This Is Us (N)	New Amsterdam (10:01) (N)	News (N)	J. Fallon (N)						
22	WPTN	Chicago P.D. Atwater settles into his new role.	Chicago P.D. Burgess meets her new partner.	The Goldbergs	black-ish (CC)	Bob's Burgers (CC)	Bob's Burgers (CC)					
27	WKBN	NCIS Musical Chairs. (N)	FBI (N) (CC)	NCIS: New Orleans (N)	First News	Colbert (N)						
33	WYTV	Conners (N)	Bless This	mixed-ish	black-ish (N)	Emergence (N)	News (N)	Kimmel (N)				
40	WPCB	Real Life (CC)	Dashing Dish	Influence Living (CC)	Today's Life	Radical Makeovers	Bible Discovery (CC)	Joel Osteen (CC)				
43	WUAB	The Flash (N) (CC)	Arrow Prochnost. (N) (CC)	News (N)	Sports Extra	Inside (N)	Burgers					
53	WPGH	The Resident Woman Down. (N) (CC)	Empire Cookie reignites her passion for music. (N)	Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10 (N) (CC)	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Seinfeld The Dinner Party.	Seinfeld The Invitations.				
59	WEPA	PWX Wrestling	Frasier	Frasier	Will & Grace	Will & Grace	The Office	The Office				
PREMIUM CABLE												
HBO	"The Predator" (7:10) (2018) ** (CC)			"Ernie & Joe: Crisis Cops" (2019) Premiere. (CC)			Watchmen (10:40) Little Fear of Lightning. (CC)		Mrs. Fletcher (11:40) (CC)			
HBO/2	His Dark Materials Lyra falls in with a new group.			Last Week Tonight-John			"The Dilemma" (9:35) (2011) ** Vince Vaughn. A man sees his best friend's wife out with another guy.		Shop: Unintrp.			
HBO/FAM	"Panda Warrior" (8:20) (2004) *** (CC)			"Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow" (8:20) (2004) *** (CC)			"War of the Worlds" (10:10) (2005) *** Tom Cruise, Dakota Fanning, Miranda Otto. (CC)					
HBO/SIG.	"Hail, Caesar!" (6:40) (CC)			Mrs. Fletcher (CC)			"The Ice Harvest" (2005) ** John Cusack, Billy Bob Thornton. (CC)		His Dark Materials Lyra falls in with a new group.		"Insidious: Last"	
MAX	"Your Highness" (2011) * Danny McBride, James Franco. (CC)			"Paul" (9:45) (2011) ** Simon Pegg, Two British sci-fi nerds help an alien return to his spaceship. (CC)					"Jurassic World"			
SHO	Ray Donovan Faith. Hope. Love. Luck. (CC)			Inside the NFL Highlights from the 11th week. (N)			Desus & Mero (CC)		Desus & Mero (CC)		Inside the NFL Highlights from the 11th week. (CC)	
STARZ	"Holmes & Watson" (7:27) (2018) * (CC)			Dublin Murders Episode 102. (CC)			"The Interpreter" (10:01) (2005) *** Nicole Kidman, Sean Penn, Catherine Keener. (CC)					
STARZ-E	"Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (7:58) (2017) *** Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart. (CC)			Leavenworth The appellate judge cites the case. (CC)			"My Cousin Vinny" (10:57) (1992) *** (CC)					
STZENC	"Back to the Future Part III" (7:10) ***			"Back to the Future Part III" (1990) *** Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd, Mary Steenburgen. (CC)			"Bull Durham" (11:01) (1988) *** (CC)					
STZ/ENCL	"Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time" (7:06) (CC)			"The Eagle" (9:04) (2011) ** Channing Tatum. A Roman soldier sets out to restore his father's honor.			Friday Night Lights Leave No One Behind. (CC)					
STZ/ENCW	"The Rawhide Years" (8:09) (1956) **			"Shootout" (9:35) (1971) ** Gregory Peck, Pat Quinn. (CC)			"A Fistful of Dollars" (11:11) *** (CC)					
STZ/ENSU	"Serpico" (6:47) (1973) *** Al Pacino.			"Most Wanted" (1997) ** Keenen Ivory Wayans, Jon Voight. (CC)			"Clear and Present Danger" (10:42) (1994) *** Harrison Ford. (CC)					
TMC	"I Feel Pretty" (2018) ** Amy Schumer. A woman gains a renewed sense of self-confidence. (CC)			"Adaptation" (2002) *** Nicolas Cage. A neurotic screenwriter has trouble with a difficult book. (CC)								
BASIC, EXPANDED AND DIGITAL CABLE												
A&E	The First 48 A young man goes missing in Tulsa, Okla.			The First 48 A stranger guns down a new father.			The First 48: Squad Stories: Atlanta (10:01) (N)		The First 48 (11:04) The Invitation. (CC)			
AMC	"The Bourne Identity" (2002) *** Matt Damon, Franka Potente. An amnesiac agent is marked for death after a botched hit. (CC)			"The Bourne Supremacy" (10:35) (2004) *** Matt Damon. (CC)								
ANIM	North Woods Law: Uncuffed Moose Off. (N)			Northwest Law			Northwest Law					
ATTSP	NHL Hockey: Islanders at Penguins			Penguins			In the Room		The Dan Patrick Show (N)		NHL Hockey	
BBC	"The Departed" (2006) *** Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon, Jack Nicholson. (CC)			Contact (CC)								
BET	"Django Unchained" (7:30) (2012) *** Jamie Foxx, Christoph Waltz, Leonardo DiCaprio.											
BRAVO	The Real Housewives of Orange County (N) (CC)			The Real Housewives of Orange County (N) (CC)			Watch What (N)		The Real Housewives of Orange County (CC)		Blind Date (N) (CC)	
CMT	Mom (CC)			Mom (CC)			Mom (CC)		Mom (CC)		Mom (CC)	
CNBC	Shark Tank (CC)			Shark Tank (CC)			The Profit (N) (CC)		The Profit (N) (CC)			
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)			Cuomo Prime Time (N)			CNN Tonight (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)			
COM	The Office			The Office			Tosh.0		Tosh.0		Tosh.0 (N)	
C-SPAN	Public Affairs Events (N)			Politics and Public Policy Today (CC)								
DEST	Texas Flip N Move Randy and the Snows buy houses.			Texas Flip N Move A cabin turns into a headache.			Texas Flip N Move		Texas Flip N Move A utility structure with a slab floor.			
DFC	Cake Wars Scrumdiddlyumptious cake creation.			Cake Wars Party celebrating the Archie comic book.			Cake Wars "Kung Fu Panda 3" is released.		Cake Wars Cake featured at Sesame Street party.			
DIS	Raven's Home (CC)			Just Roll With It (CC)			Jessie (CC)		Jessie (CC)		Coop & Cami Sydney to the Max	
DSC	Moonshiners Tickle returns from a year in jail. (N)			Moonshiners Back to the Woods. (Season Premiere) Tim can't resist the backwoods' call. (N) (CC)			Gold Rush: White Water (11:02) (N) (CC)					
DSC/INV	Evil Twins Unrealized dreams lead to murder.			Relatively Evil Blood Money. (Season Finale) (N)			Truth About Murder With Sunny Hostin (N) (CC)		Web of Lies Fatal Façade. A teen romance blows up.			
EI	Chrisley			Chrisley			Chrisley		Chrisley		Total Divas (N) (CC)	
ESPN	American Game			Peyton's (N)			The Class That Saved Coach K (N)		SportsCenter (N) (CC)			
ESPN2	College Football (7:30) Eastern Michigan at Northern Illinois. (N) (L)			NFL Live (CC)								
ESPN-C	College Football From Nov. 25, 1995. (CC)			College Football From Nov. 22, 2003. (CC)								
EWTN	Best of Mother Angelica			EWTN News			Holy Rosary		Scripture and Tradition		Carpenter Women of	
FNC	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)			Hannity (N) (CC)			The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News at Night (N)			
FOOD	Chopped Junior (N) (CC)			Chopped (N) (CC)			Chopped (CC)		Chopped (CC)			
FREE FRM	"The Blind Side" (7:45) (2009) *** Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw, Quinton Aaron. A well-to-do white couple adopts a homeless black teen. (CC)			The 700 Club Chuck Holton talks about trip to Syria. (N)								
FS1	CONCACAF Nations League Soccer			FIFA Films			PBC Countdown (CC)		WWE Backstage (N) (CC)			
FX	"Furious 7" (7) (2015) *** Vin Diesel. A dead man's brother seeks revenge on the Toretto gang. (CC)			"Fast & Furious 6" (2013) ** Vin Diesel. Hobbs offers Dom and crew a full pardon for their help. (CC)								
FX	The Simpsons			The Simpsons			Family Guy		Family Guy		Family Guy	
GOLF	"The Legend of Bagdad Vance" (2000) *** Will Smith. (CC)			"The Legend of Bagdad Vance" (2000)								
GSN	Family Feud			Family Feud			America (N)		America		America	
HALL	"The Nine Lives of Christmas" (2014) Brandon Routh.			"Picture a Perfect Christmas" (10:03) (2019) (CC)								
HGTV	Home Town (CC)			Fixer to Fabulous (N)			Home Town (CC)		Hunt Int'l (N) Hunters (N)			
HIST	The Curse of Oak Island: Digging Deeper (N) (CC)			The Curse of Oak Island: Eye of the Swamp. (N)			Kings of Pain (10:03) Stinging Punishment. (N) (CC)		The Curse of Oak Island (11:05) (CC)			
IFC	"Knocked Up" (2007) *** Seth Rogen, Katherine Heigl, Paul Rudd. A one-night stand has an unforeseen consequence. (CC)			"Ferris Bueller's Day Off" (1986) *** (CC)								
LIFE	"Christmas a la Mode" (2019) Katie Leclerc. A woman needs a miracle in order to save her family's farm. (CC)			"Dear Secret Santa" (10:03) (2013) Tatyana Ali. A woman receives a Christmas card from a secret admirer.								
MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes (N)			Rachel Maddow Show (N)			The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)			
MTV	Teen Mom 2 (N) (CC)			Teen Mom: Young (N)			Ridiculous.		Ridiculous.		Ridiculous.	
NBCS	NHL Hockey Tampa Bay Lightning at St. Louis Blues. (N) (L)			NHL Hockey: Oilers at Sharks								
NGEO	Ice Breakers (N)			Life Below Zero (N) (CC)			Running Wild (N)		Life Below Zero (CC)			
NICK	SpongeBob SquarePants			SpongeBob SquarePants			Friends (CC)		Friends (CC)		Friends (CC)	
OWN	Ambitions Stephanie plays the ultimate trump card.			Ambitions Evan and Rondell demand justice.			Ambitions Stephanie closes in on Evan and Hunter. (N)		Ambitions Stephanie plays the ultimate trump card.			
OXYGEN	Chicago P.D. (CC)			Chicago P.D. Disco Bob.			Chicago P.D. (CC)		Chicago P.D. Enn's Mom.			
PARMT	"Beetlejuice" (1988) *** Michael Keaton. (CC)			Ink Master Grudge (N)								
PCNC	NightTalk			PCNC 9PM			PCNC		Forensic		Forensic	
SC	Unearthed Mysteries, Monsters, and Gods. Greatest mysteries of the Greek world. (N) (CC)			Forbidden History Gold and artwork stolen by Nazis. (N)								
SYFY	"The Green Mile" (1999) *** Tom Hanks, David Morse, Michael Clarke Duncan. A condemned prisoner possesses a miraculous healing power. (CC)											
TBS	The Big Bang Theory			The Big Bang Theory			The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		The Misery Index (N)	
TCM	"The Corn Is Green" (1945) *** Bette Davis. Spinster teacher nurtures gifted student in 1890s Wales.			"Mr. Skeffington" (1944) *** Bette Davis, Claude Rains, Walter Abel. (CC)								
TLC	Little People, Big World			Counting On (N)			Welcome to Plathville (N)		7 Little Johnstons			
TNT	"Transformers" (2007) *** Shia LaBeouf, Tyrese Gibson, Josh Duhamel. Two races of robots wage war on Earth. (CC)			"Taken 2" (2012) ** Liam Neeson.								
TOON	We Bare			We Bare			Amer. Dad		Amer. Dad		Burgers	
TRAV	My Haunted House (CC)			Paranormal Survivor (N)			Famously Afraid (N) (CC)		Paranormal Emergency			
TRUTV	Misery Index			Misery Index			Imp. Jokers		Imp. Jokers		Adam Ruins	
TVL	Raymond			Everybody Loves Raymond			Raymond		Two Men		Two Men	
USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Assumptions.			The Purge Marcus sinks into darkness. (N) (CC)			Treadstone (10:01) Soyun has a setback. (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (11:05)			
VE1	Love & Hip Hop: Hollywood			Love & Hip Hop: Hollywood			Black Ink Crew (CC)		Wild 'n Out			
WE	Law & Order Hands Free.			Law & Order Evil Breeds.			Law & Order (CC)		Law & Order (CC)			
WGN-A	"The Punisher" (7) (2004) **			"The Punisher" (2004) ** Thomas Jane, John Travolta. (CC)								

Peanuts

By Charles Schulz



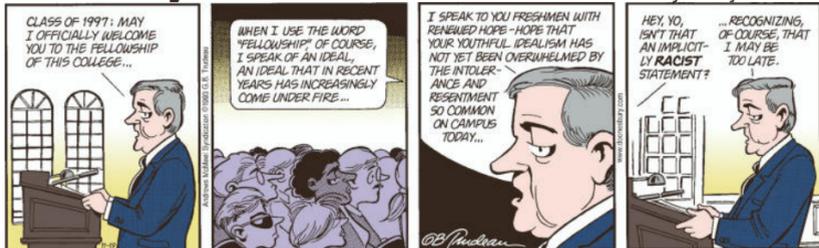
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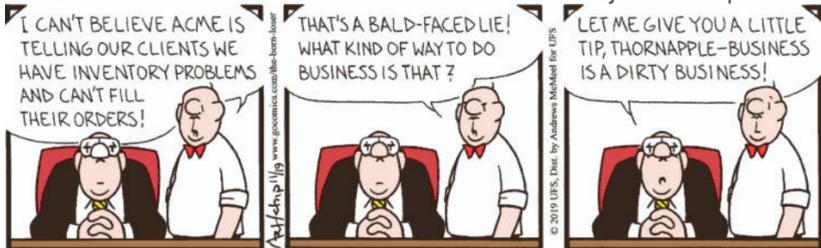
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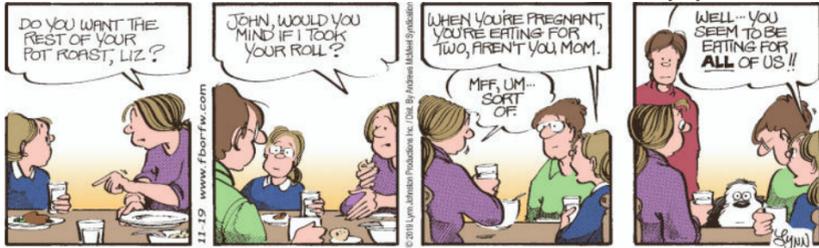
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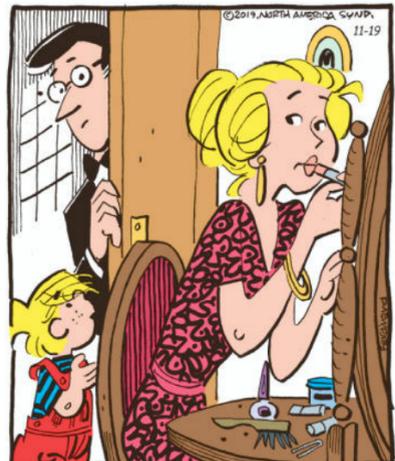
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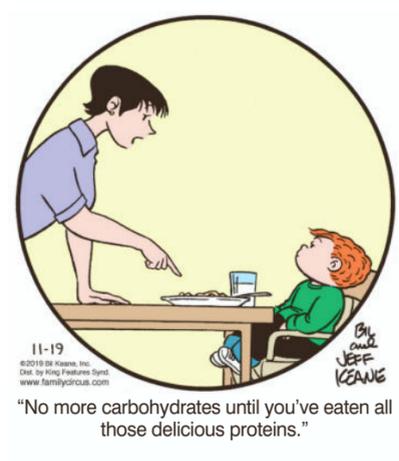
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The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



Bizarro

By Wayne and Piraro



Non Sequitur

By Wiley Miller



"How long were you married before you knew what mom really LOOKED like?"

"No more carbohydrates until you've eaten all those delicious proteins."

TO BE UNIMAGINABLY CONTINUED

Tuesday

PUZZLES, HOROSCOPE AND BRIDGE

Contract Bridge

STEVE BECKER

In deciding how to tackle a particular suit combination, no method of play, however unusual, should be excluded from consideration if it fits in with declarer's prime objective: to make the contract. Anything declarer can do to further that goal is a step in the right direction.

Consider this deal where West led the ten of hearts against three notrump. Declarer took the trick with the ace and played the A-K and another club, won by East with the queen. East shifted to the queen of diamonds, and South went down two.

While it is true that South was unlucky to lose a club trick to East and also to find West with the ace of dia-

East dealer.
Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH			
♠ 10 6 4			
♥ K Q J			
♦ 8 5 2			
♣ J 7 4 3			
WEST		EAST	
♠ J 7 3 2		♠ Q 8 5	
♥ 10 9 8 5 2		♥ 7 3	
♦ A 9 4		♦ Q J 10 6 3	
♣ 6		♣ Q 10 5	
SOUTH			
♠ A K 9			
♥ A 6 4			
♦ K 7			
♣ A K 9 8 2			

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT
Opening lead — ten of hearts.

monds, the fact remains that he could have adopted a different line of play that would have ensured making at least three notrump.

All he had to do was to win the heart lead in dummy, lead the seven of clubs and let it

ride if East followed low. If the seven lost to West's ten or queen, South would then have four club tricks and nine all told. If the seven won the trick because East had the queen and ten, five club tricks would become certain.

If East covered the seven with the ten, South would win with the king, return to dummy with a heart and play another club, intending to finesse if East followed low. This sequence of plays would be entirely consistent with the overall aim of keeping East out of the lead at all costs in order to avoid a possible killing diamond return.

Of course, if East showed out on the first club lead from dummy, South could still assure four club tricks and the contract by going up with the ace and returning a low club toward dummy's jack.

Horoscope

JACQUELINE BIGAR

Tuesday, November 19, 2019

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ☆☆☆☆ You find a close associate difficult and ready to jump into nearly any situation. This person proves more willing to fight for what he or she wants. You have the wisdom to deal with this. Nevertheless, you could be surprised. Tonight: Full steam ahead.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ☆☆☆☆ You could be pondering different perspectives. The question at hand revolves around your personal life. What is clear is that you will come up with an unusually creative response. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ☆☆☆☆ You can't help telling it like it is. You speak your mind. Whether others hear you might be their issue. The people who are key to your life value your opinions and appreciate your perspective. Tonight: Stay anchored.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ☆☆☆☆ Use caution with spending. You could easily let yourself splurge, justifying

your actions. The implications might not be on your mind. You also might see the right gift for someone. Direct some of your energy into making Thanksgiving unique. Tonight: Visit with a friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ☆☆☆☆ You are full of spunk and get-up-and-go, at least during the daylight hours. You have pushed so hard the past few days that by late afternoon, you want to slow down. Tonight: Accept an easy and relaxed friend's invitation.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ☆☆☆☆ Use the first part of the day for anything you consider high priority. You are likely to hit a home run. Midafternoon, you could slow down because you have pushed yourself hard to achieve a certain goal. Tonight: Give yourself space to review recent events.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ☆☆☆☆ You might decide to give a special project the extra touch that makes all the difference. Others admire your strength, vision and endurance. They pitch in

at the last minute. You get positive feedback and results nearly immediately. Tonight: Just not alone!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ☆☆☆☆ Others sometimes think you are scheming because you often seem quiet, yet reflective. You also ask insightful questions that indicate you are viewing a situation differently. Tonight: Expressing some of your thoughts with a co-worker or associate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ☆☆☆☆ A partner plays a significant role in your decisions. This person seems to be there for you and have many ideas that you can use. You feel as if you are about to hit a lucky streak. Tonight: Respond to another person's ideas.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ☆☆☆☆ You want feedback. Even if you do not like what you hear, let another person know you appreciate his or her efforts. As you foster this type of interaction, others will become more involved. Tonight: Dinner with a special person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ☆☆☆☆ You could be overwhelmed by all that is going on around you. Do not allow another person to make demands or rain on your parade. Value your ideas as much as you do others'. Tonight: Join friends for dinner.

Sudoku

DAVE GREEN

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

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

Cryptoquip

S F G S K Z C V B G S V J U B G D E Z E
Y Z J Y X Z S J M Z B J K Z
E G Q B G E S V B, E J M Z B G Q Z A D X
J A G X X S F Z E U V C Z Z A A Z B S E.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals M

Solution for previous Cryptoquip: Well-known fun song covering the topic of Melania, Ivanka and Tiffany: "The Lady Is a Trump."

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

3	144X	2-		4-	
3+			3	7+	
	2-		1-	5-	1-
20X		3+			
	2		5+	3-	
2-		5		2-	

2	1	4	5	6	3
1	3	6	2	4	5
5	4	3	1	2	6
3	2	1	6	5	4
4	6	5	3	1	2
6	5	2	4	3	1

Directions: Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 6 without repeating. The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners. Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

Previous solution

Jumble

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

LIYFL
NITEW
TRFGOO
CAPUTE

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Today's Guest JUMBLER is DAN MCCONNELL
MAD Magazine Cartoonist

SWITCH IT OFF!
BZZT
BZZT
BZZT
BZZT

THE EXPERIENCE OF USING HIS FIRST BATTERY-OPERATED TOOTHBRUSH WAS ---

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

Joseph Crossword

- ACROSS**
- President Ford
 - Fix text
 - Roma's land
 - Mystique
 - Uninvited guest
 - Posh
 - Pound hound
 - Gofer's assignment
 - Flag creator
 - Did lab work
 - In the manner of
 - Min. part
 - Old auto
 - Hogwarts groundskeeper
 - Fountain order
 - Oboe part
 - Shop tools
 - Visitor from space
 - Undecided person

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42						43				

- DOWN**
- Jazz job
 - Seventh Greek letter
 - Lab animal
 - Tips off
 - Permitted
 - Pub missile
 - Cake courses
 - "Well, that's obvious!"
 - Rage
 - Road sealer
 - Early Mexican
 - Back tooth
 - Grammar topic
 - Sipping aid
 - Boat backbones
 - Cheering cry
 - Kennedy or Cruz
 - Morse E
 - Move like a crab
 - Gasps, say
 - Yankees legend
 - Paris river
 - Egyptian goddess
 - Remote
 - Quarterback Manning
 - Silent assent
 - Summit
 - Raiser of Cain
 - Spectrum end

O	M	E	G	A		R	A	S	P	S
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C	O	C	O	A		I	G	L	O	O
K	N	E	E	S		E	S	S	E	X

Monday's Jumble: Exert, Force, Campus, Invoke. For Dennis, finding room for dessert was a — Piece of cake.

The New York Times Crossword

No. 1015

- ACROSS**
- The limit when there's no limit
 - Old rocket stage
 - Penne, say
 - Clear weeds, say
 - In good, playable condition, as a piano
 - Stephen ____, Justin Trudeau's predecessor as Canadian P.M.
 - Accept as a loss, informally
 - Frank discussion, perhaps
 - Nobelist Wiesel
 - Same old, same old
 - Caper
 - Courses without letter grades
 - Baltimore or Las Vegas newspaper
 - "Don't Bring Me Down" grp., 1979
 - Classic sci-fi film with a sequel 28 years later
 - Armed guard, maybe
 - Loosen, as laces
 - Order in a pub
 - Fish-to-be
 - Road Runner's call
 - Animal that grazes
 - The Spouter in "Moby-Dick," for one
 - "Ugh!"
 - Pessimist's "optimally"
 - Small criticisms
 - Fleur-de-__
 - God, in Italy
 - By whatever means
 - Taste that is neither sweet nor salty nor sour nor bitter
 - Sashimi fish
 - Collect, with "in"

C	A	R	D	S	D	E	F	Y	M	E	S			
A	V	A	I	L	O	R	E	O	O	T	T	O		
P	E	R	S	I	A	N	R	U	G	M	E	A	N	
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C	A	D	R	E		D	U	N	K		P	A	I	R
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DOWN

- Animal in an insomniac's count
- Animal in old Qantas ads
- Abominable Snowmen
- Convenience at a convenience store
- Something you should get in writing
- Boredom
- Stinging weed
- Big fuss
- What a belt holds up
- Klee or Klimt
- Cold War competition
- Address book no.
- Holder of the contents of the shaded squares?
- Mandlikova of tennis
- "Cheers" bartender Sam
- "Put a tiger in your tank" brand
- Late 1990s "must-have" toy
- Elks ____
- Some concert pieces
- Animal in a creek
- CNN anchor Burnett
- Hedgehog of video games
- Constellation with the body of a horse
- Pooped
- Of the eyes
- Oblong pastry
- Some college Greeks
- Physics Nobelists Niels
- Walled city on the coast of France
- Lash into
- Trading board game with "settlers"
- Med. care providers
- Now, in Nogales
- Animal on a cigarette pack
- Wolf in "The Jungle Book"
- Just now
- Spot for a soak
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Today

46
33

A.M. RUSH
34
LUNCH
42
RUSH
44

Mostly cloudy with a shower in spots this afternoon. Winds WSW at 3-6 mph.

Tomorrow

45
32

Intervals of clouds and sun. Winds NW at 4-8 mph.

Thursday

52
47

Cloudy with a shower in the afternoon. Winds SSE at 6-12 mph.

Friday

50
30

Low clouds. Winds NW at 8-16 mph.

Saturday

42
29

Periods of rain. Winds SE at 6-12 mph.

Weather outlook

Mainly cloudy today with a shower in places in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation 40%. Rather cloudy tonight. Intervals of clouds and sun tomorrow. Thursday: cloudy with a passing shower in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation 55%. Friday: low clouds; ice at night.

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Nation Cities

City	Today		Tomorrow	
	HI/Lo	W	HI/Lo	W
Albany	41/32	sn	41/29	c
Albuquerque	65/48	c	58/42	sh
Allentown	53/34	c	49/32	pc
Anchorage	36/33	sn	42/35	r
Atlanta	61/45	pc	65/44	pc
Atlantic City	54/42	pc	52/38	pc
Baltimore	55/40	pc	53/34	pc
Birmingham	65/40	s	67/45	pc
Boise	55/31	c	54/26	pc
Boston	45/39	r	43/35	r
Buffalo	41/32	c	41/33	c
Charleston, S.C.	64/44	pc	65/42	c
Charleston, W.Va.	49/36	c	50/34	pc
Charlotte	57/38	pc	62/38	pc
Chicago	42/34	sn	46/40	pc
Cincinnati	48/37	sh	51/39	pc
Cleveland	43/34	c	46/35	pc
Columbus	47/35	c	49/37	pc
Dallas	76/56	s	73/63	c
Dayton	46/36	c	50/39	pc
Denver	68/38	pc	45/22	sh
Des Moines	52/36	s	55/45	c
Detroit	42/32	c	45/34	pc
Erie	44/37	c	43/34	c
Fairbanks	14/11	sn	20/15	sn
Grand Rapids	42/32	c	45/37	pc
Greensboro	55/39	pc	59/36	s
Harford	47/34	c	44/31	pc
Harrisburg	54/38	pc	51/35	pc
Honolulu	86/73	t	86/74	sh
Houston	78/58	s	78/67	c
Indianapolis	46/35	sh	50/41	pc
Jackson, Miss.	71/43	s	73/51	pc
Kansas City	62/43	c	66/49	c
Las Vegas	77/55	c	61/49	t
Los Angeles	76/56	pc	63/53	r
Louisville	52/39	sh	53/42	pc
Memphis	66/42	s	69/54	pc
Miami	80/58	pc	77/62	s
Milwaukee	40/33	c	43/39	pc
Minneapolis	44/34	c	46/35	c
Myrtle Beach	59/43	pc	61/41	s
Nashville	61/37	pc	60/43	pc
New Orleans	73/51	s	75/59	pc
New York City	52/39	pc	49/37	pc
Norfolk	54/42	pc	55/41	s
Oklahoma City	71/52	s	67/52	t
Omaha	57/40	s	57/39	c
Orlando	72/49	s	73/52	s
Philadelphia	54/39	pc	51/36	pc
Phoenix	78/62	c	69/54	r
Portland, Maine	40/32	r	40/31	c
Portland, Ore.	55/38	c	54/35	s
Providence	48/36	c	43/31	pc
Richmond	54/39	pc	56/34	s
Sacramento	68/49	s	70/42	s
St. Louis	58/37	pc	59/53	pc
Salt Lake City	63/40	pc	47/33	sh
San Diego	72/59	c	64/57	r
San Francisco	61/49	s	65/48	s
San Juan	87/75	pc	87/76	pc
San Jose	54/41	c	51/33	s
Spokane	48/32	c	45/26	s
Syracuse	41/31	c	40/32	c
Tampa	71/53	s	73/53	s
Toledo	44/32	c	47/37	pc
Tucson	75/58	t	66/52	r
Washington, D.C.	56/44	pc	54/38	pc
Wheeling	44/33	c	45/33	pc
Wilmington, Del.	55/37	pc	52/33	pc

Yesterday's Record

Readings from the Pittsburgh Int'l. Airport through 5 p.m. Nov 18, 2019

TEMPERATURE

High 52
Normal high 50
Year ago 47
Record high 77 (1921)
Low 32
Normal low 34
Year ago 34
Record low 8 (1959)

DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL

Yesterday -0.2
Month to date -8.7
Year to date +1.0

HUMIDITY

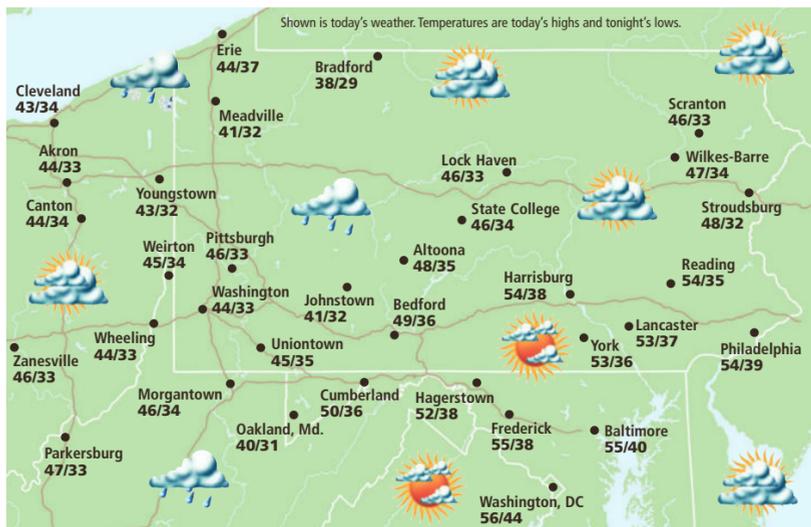
High 85 (at 2 a.m.)
Low 51 (at 2 p.m.)

PRECIPITATION (inches)

24 hours ending 5 p.m. yest. 0.00
Month to date 0.00
Normal month to date 1.90
Departure from normal -1.90
Year to date 38.75
Normal year to date 34.01
Departure from normal +4.74

BAROMETER

Yesterday's high 29.85
Yesterday's low 29.67

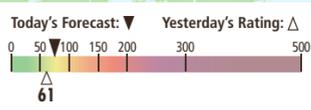


Skywatch today

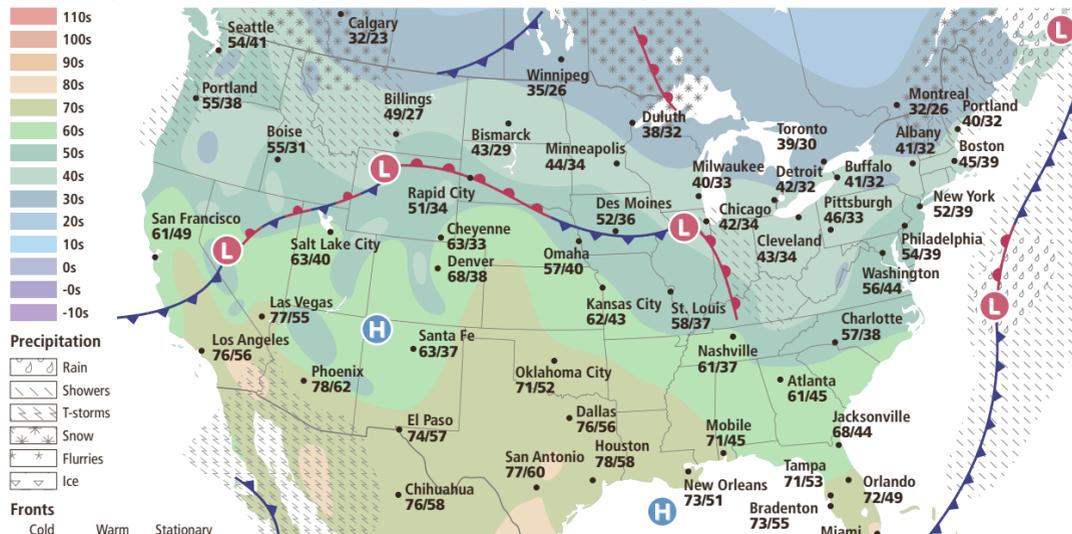
Sunrise 7:11 a.m.
Sunset 5:01 p.m.
Moonrise 11:55 p.m.
Moonset 1:21 p.m.

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. 4.90 R
Parker, Pa. 3.90 R
Sharpsburg, Pa. 11.00 R

MONONGAHELA

Gray's Landing, Pa. 10.00 F

CHEAT

Parsons, W.Va. 3.10 F

WEST FORK

Clarksburg, W.Va. 1.25 R

YOUGHIOGHENY

Sutersville, Pa. 3.70 S

BEAVER

Beaver Falls, Pa. 5.60 F

OHIO

Pittsburgh, Pa. 61.10 M
Dashiels Dam 14.30 R
Montgomery Dam, Pa. 12.90 R
Pike Is. Lock and Dam, W.Va. 13.80 R

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

Moon Phases



World Cities

City	Today		Tomorrow	
	HI/Lo	W	HI/Lo	W
Athens	70/61	t	72/60	r
Auckland	64/54	pc	67/53	r
Baghdad	71/45	s	72/45	s
Beijing	45/22	pc	47/26	pc
Berlin	47/37	sh	46/42	pc
Bermuda	77/72	pc	75/64	t
Bogota	64/48	r	65/48	sh
Buenos Aires	81/72	sh	88/72	s
Cairo	79/54	s	77/55	s
Copenhagen	48/40	c	46/45	c
Dublin	50/42	sh	49/43	sh
Frankfurt	44/33	pc	43/34	pc
Hong Kong	76/65	s	76/67	s
Jerusalem	63/46	s	65/45	s
Johannesburg	81/59	t	81/60	t
Kinshasa	91/74	t	89/74	c
London	46/39	pc	46/39	c
Madrid	50/36	c	45/42	sh
Manila	90/78	pc	91/77	t
Mexico City	73/55	pc	74/55	pc
Montreal	32/26	sn	35/24	c
Moscow	40/35	r	37/18	c
Nairobi	76/59	pc	78/62	t
Nassau	80/69	pc	79/70	s
New Delhi	80/54	pc	78/55	pc
Oslo	42/35	sn	38/35	sh
Paris	45/30	pc	43/36	pc
Rio de Janeiro	79/70	c	78/70	r
Rome	65/50	r	63/50	pc
Seoul	40/21	pc	42/23	s
Singapore	88/77	t	86/77	t
Sydney	88/65	s	74/64	pc
Tokyo	67/48	pc	57/46	pc
Toronto	39/30	c	42/28	c
Vancouver	51/36	pc	48/32	pc
Vienna	53/44	pc	49/46	r
Warsaw	54/40	c	53/44	c

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

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Up for challenge



Pirates team owner Bob Nutting, left welcomes new general manager Ben Cherington, middle, next to team president Travis Williams during a news conference Monday at PNC Park. *Matt Freed/Post-Gazette*

New Pirates GM Cherington understands what team means to city

Ben Cherington has been a big-market general manager for pretty much his entire career and once spent \$183 million on two players — Pablo Sandoval and Hanley Ramirez — on the same day.

It usually takes the Pirates about two years and their entire team's payroll to reach that dollar amount.

Yet Cherington, as he was introduced as the Pirates' new general manager on Monday at PNC Park, isn't worried about how his new boss won't be



On the Pirates
JASON MACKEY

much like his old boss. Things are definitely different here, though Cherington insisted he's perfectly fine with his new life.

"I really feel good about the resources available and investment in the entire baseball infrastructure, including the major league team," Cherington said.

That Cherington's here at all is semi-surprising. He won a World Series in Boston and turned down other

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Pirates' new front-office hirings should be concerned about Nutting's commitment

I have serious concerns about new Pirates general manager Ben Cherington. They

are the same ones I had about Travis Williams three weeks ago when he signed on as the team's president. It has nothing to do with either man's credentials. Cherington and Williams have strong backgrounds, Cherington in baseball operations, Williams in the business of sports. What I worry about is how the two apparently have been blinded, at least publicly, by Bob Nutting.



Ron Cook

Cherington went as far as to say Monday that the Pirates job was "the only job for me" because of his belief in Nutting's "commitment."

I wanted to gag. What commitment?

The next time Nutting makes a serious commitment to the Pirates and their fans will be the first.

That's why I'm having a hard time getting excited about Cherington's hiring or Williams' for

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Passing game still without Ffrench

Pat Narduzzi is in a unique situation. In his 29-year coaching career — from Miami of Ohio graduate assistant in 1990 to now



On the Panthers
JOHN MCGONIGAL

Narduzzi said he had never dealt with a player with a broken jaw. That changed three weeks ago at Bobby Dodd Stadium.

With 13 minutes left in Pitt's game at Georgia Tech, wide receiver Maurice Ffrench returned a punt 19 yards and purposefully went to the grass to avoid getting hit by three swarming Yellow Jackets. Ffrench's slide, which he admitted postgame was executed "totally wrong," had the opposite effect.

"I left my whole side open, and he hit me right in the jaw," Ffrench said Nov. 2. When asked if he was OK, Ffrench nodded. "Yeah, for sure," the senior added. "I'm straight."

Well, apparently not. Ffrench was injured on the play, Narduzzi confirmed Thursday. He missed Pitt's 34-27 overtime victory against North Carolina with a broken jaw, and it's unclear if he'll be available Saturday for the Panthers' game at No. 25-ranked Virginia Tech.

Narduzzi — who said after Pitt's win over North Carolina that Ffrench "ain't out for the year" — called his wide receiver's status Monday afternoon "day to day."

"It comes down to his pain tolerance," Narduzzi said. "If he feels like he is [able to play], we're going to make sure we can protect him. We'll make a good decision, he'll make a good decision, and we'll figure out where he is by Thursday."

Every injury is different, of course. But other cases of broken jaws in football (and sports in general) don't bode well for Ffrench's availability to play at Virginia Tech. This season, Los Angeles Rams linebacker Clay Matthews had his jaw broken Oct. 3 and didn't return to the field until Nov. 10.

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Inexperienced personnel slows offensive spark



Peter Diana/Post-Gazette

The Steelers have struggled on offense, and each injury has only made matters worse, as younger players have been given bigger roles.

Where do you want to start with a Steelers offense that is in desperate need of a change? With a running game that is averaging 3.5 yards per carry that would be the lowest in 16 years? A passing game where the receivers are averaging 9.9 yards per catch, which would be the lowest since the 1970 merger.

Or an offense in general that has scored 18 touchdowns in 10 games and is on pace to match the lowest season total (29 in 2003) since 1998?

The Steelers have managed just one offensive touchdown in each of the past three games, something they



On the Steelers
GERRY DULAC

haven't done since Weeks 10-12 of the 2012 season against Kansas City, Baltimore and Cleveland. Coincidentally, that three-game stretch was also without Ben Roethlisberger, who was injured in the third quarter against the Chiefs and missed the next three games.

Roethlisberger, though, returned for the final four games and pumped some life into a moribund offense that year. There is no light at the end of the tunnel this time. There is no such luxury with six games remaining and a wild-card

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After an awkward injury, Pitt's Maurice Ffrench is still "day to day."

Rutherford's Hall of Fame career started at 5, with his first skates

TORONTO — Monday was one of the greatest nights of Jim Rutherford's career, a tribute to a legendary hockey life highlighted by three Stanley Cup titles and a chance to thank the many, many people who helped him get up there on that stage.

It also was, in his words, "probably the toughest seven minutes of my career."

Two hours before the ceremony,



On the Penguins
MATT VENSEL

the 70-year-old was antsy about his speech. He typically likes to speak off the cuff. But he wanted notes

Monday night.

"It's a one-in-a-lifetime speech. There's been so many people that have touched my life and my career. ... I don't want to miss anybody," he told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette before climbing in a limousine that took him to the Hockey Hall of Fame. "But I'm looking forward to it because this is what I've worked for and earned."

Technically, his speech lasted nine minutes, 45 seconds. And he nailed it.

After Rutherford was handed his Honored Members plaque by Penguins owner and a fellow Hall of Famer in Mario Lemieux early on in the induction ceremony for the 2019 class, the GM spent much of his speech showing gratitude.

He thanked his parents and sisters

for the support over the years and his wife and two children for talking him off the ledge after losses. Peter Karmanos, the man who gave him his first GM gig and his longtime mentor. Old coworkers and former players in Windsor, Hartford and Raleigh and current ones in Pittsburgh.

Heck, even Phil Kessel,

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Hockey

The Induction of Jim Rutherford

GM never afraid to deal

Rutherford's best trades aided two Stanley Cup runs

By Mike DeFabo
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

If there's one thing that has defined Penguins general manager Jim Rutherford's Hall of Fame career, it's that he's not afraid to make a deal.

In the five-plus years he has been running the Penguins, he has made 42 trades and dozens of other decisions that helped maximize stars such as Sidney Crosby and Evgeni Malkin and bring the Penguins two more Stanley Cups.

As Rutherford enters the Hockey Hall of Fame, we ranked some of his best moves with the Penguins. It wasn't easy. Moves like picking up Matt Cullen from the scrap heap, fleeing the Edmonton Oilers for defenseman John Marino for just a sixth-round pick and acquiring speedy Swede Carl Hagelin made our list of honorable mentions.

That alone shows some of why Rutherford has become a Hall of Fame general manager. Here is our picks for his best deals:

- Ron Hainsey solidifies the blue line for another Cup run

As the trade deadline approached in February 2017, the Penguins blue line needed to be addressed. Kris Letang was injured and lost for the postseason, and Trevor Daley also was dealing with an injury. Insert Ron Hainsey. In exchange for a 2017 second-round pick and minor league forward Danny Kristo, the Penguins got a seasoned NHL veteran whose experience proved critical in helping bring home a second Cup in two years.

- Marcus Pettersson for Daniel Sprong

The Penguins traded offense for defense when they dealt young winger Daniel Sprong for young defensemen Marcus Pettersson. While Sprong tallied 19 points in his first 47 games for Anaheim last year, Pettersson has evolved into a top-four defenseman.

- Cutting bait on Derrick Brassard, adding Jared McCann

When Rutherford realized Derick Brassard wasn't a good fit, he turned one failed trade into one of his best. He



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Jim Rutherford's moves to acquire talent like Phil Kessel (81) and Nick Bonino (13) are just part of what got him inducted into the Hall of Fame.

shipped Brassard, Riley Sheahan and three 2019 draft picks to the Florida Panthers in exchange for Nick Bjugstad and Jared McCann. While Bjugstad has become a third-line center, the McCann part of the trade has made the deal more than worth it. At 23 years old, he fits the mold as one of the younger, faster, tougher-to-play-against Penguins and is third on the team with 12 points in 18 games.

- The HBK line begins to form with the addition of Nick Bonino

In July 2015, the Penguins acquired forward Nick Bonino, defenseman Adam Clendinning and a 2016 second-round pick from the Vancouver Canucks in exchange for Brandon Sutter and a 2016 third-round pick. While Bonino recorded 66 points for the Penguins and Sutter 43 points for the Canucks, Bonino became a major piece of the HBK line with Carl Hagelin and Phil Kessel. That balance across three lines made the Penguins a matchup nightmare and, eventually, two-time Cup champions.

- Trevor Daley heist

In December 2015, the Penguins swapped struggling defenseman Rob Scuderi for Trevor Dailey, a

defenseman in a bad situation. Daley fit perfectly with the speed game coach Mike Sullivan wanted to play. After recording just six assists in 29 games in Chicago, Daley put up 22 points in the final 53 games of the 2015-16 season and 19 points in 56 games in 2016-17 while helping the Penguins win back-to-back Cups.

- Not trading Marc-Andre Fleury

When Marc-Andre Fleury had a concussion at the end of the 2016 season, rookie goalie Matt Murray stepped in to lead the Penguins to the franchise's fourth Stanley Cup. Over the next year, trade rumors swirled. With the NHL expansion draft looming, the Penguins could only protect one goalie and risked losing Fleury for nothing. But instead of shipping Fleury, Rutherford kept two top goaltenders, and when Murray was injured in the 2017 Cup run, that decision looked genius. Simply put, the Penguins don't win a second Stanley Cup without Fleury.

- A third-round pick for a top-four defenseman in Justin Schultz

When the Penguins gave up a third-round pick for Justin Schultz, Oilers fans and analysts were happy to get rid of the defenseman.

The risk was minimal and the price tag even more manageable after the Oilers agreed to retain about half of what was at the time a \$3.9 million contract. Schultz has since become one of the Penguins most valuable defensemen.

- James Neal for Patric Hornqvist gamble pays off

Rutherford's first move turned out to be one of his best. In summer 2014, the Penguins acquired Patric Hornqvist and Nick Spaling in exchange for James Neal. The move initially looked like a big risk. Neal was still just 26, a six-time 20-goal scorer and a fan favorite. But over the years, the deal proved to be a win. Hornqvist has produced significantly, recording 242 points in five-plus years. But more than the production, he brought an edgy playing style, a willing agitator in front of the net and a voice of leadership in the locker room.

- Mike Sullivan provides needed change in leadership

In December 2015, the Penguins were a star-laden team that was failing to live up to expectations. They were 15-10-3 and in fifth place in the Metropolitan Division. Rutherford acted swiftly, firing Mike Johnston and promoting Sullivan

from the club's AHL affiliate in Wilkes-Barre/Scranton. Six months after the coaching shuffle, Sullivan was hoisting the Stanley Cup. And a year later, another one. Sullivan has brought a competitive fire to the bench and a commanding voice that players respect.

- The Phil Kessel blockbuster

Before the 2015-16 season, Rutherford pulled off a blockbuster trade when the Penguins acquired Phil Kessel from the Toronto Maple Leafs for first- and third-round picks in the 2016 draft, Kasperii Kapanen (a first-round pick in the 2014 draft), plus defenseman Scott Harrington and forward Nick Spaling. One of the key elements of the trade was that the Maple Leafs agreed to retain \$1.25 million of Kessel's \$8 million salary. Almost immediately the deal paid off. In the 2016 Cup run, Kessel led the Penguins in playoff scoring with 10 goals and 22 points. He followed it up with another Stanley Cup in 2017. In total, Kessel produced 303 points and 110 goals with the Penguins before being traded to Arizona.

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Time in Pittsburgh is 'highlight of career'

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Marc-Andre Fleury and Matt Cullen got shout-outs.

Rutherford, with his dry sense of humor, got laughs when he thanked his young son, James, who was sitting next to his wife, Leslie, and daughter, Andrea.

"Thank you for all those trades you recommend we make," he said. "If we could actually make those trades, you'd probably be standing here someday."

Rutherford, who has made many trades for the Penguins since 2014, was elected by an 18-member selection committee in the builders category in June.

Sergei Zubov, Hayley Wickenheiser, Vaclav Nedomansky, Guy Carbonneau and Jerry York joined him in the six-person class inducted Monday into the Hall. Zubov spent the 1995-96 season in Pittsburgh, tallying 66 points in 64 games.

Rutherford is the seventh general manager since the NHL expanded in 1967 to win at least three Stanley Cups, one in Carolina and two in Pittsburgh. He is the only GM in the post-expansion era to win a Cup with multiple teams.

Rutherford arrived Thursday in Toronto. When he

walked into the official hotel for the Hall of Fame and saw on the walls pictures of those who went in before him, that's when reality cross-checked him. This was actually happening.

He received his Hall of Fame ring a day later. The inductees were honored at the Toronto-Boston game Friday night then he ducked into a suite to watch on TV as his Penguins played the New Jersey Devils. Saturday was a fan forum.

After the alumni game Sunday, when he was handed his Hall of Fame watch and sports jacket, Penguins leadership, including coach Mike Sullivan, celebrated him at a dinner inside the Hall of Fame. They then attended Monday's induction.

Throughout the weekend, Rutherford was surrounded by Leslie and his children, along with a number of other relatives. He joked that it felt like a family reunion.

"I pulled on my first pair of skates when I was 5 years old in Beeton, about 60 miles north of here," Rutherford said to open his speech. "I never could have imagined coming here one day to be inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame."

Rutherford thanked his late parents, John and



Bruce Bennett/Getty Images
Jim Rutherford was inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame Monday.

Dorothea, for their support.

"My family lived paycheck to paycheck," he said. "But they always found a way to get me equipment and they took me to every game and every practice."

Rutherford was drafted by the Detroit Red Wings in the first round in 1969. He played for four NHL teams, including the Penguins, before retiring at 33.

In 1984, Rutherford accepted his first job as a general manager, with the Windsor Spitfires of the Ontario Hockey League. In four seasons with the Spitfires, he was twice named the OHL's executive of the year and in 1988 they swept through the OHL playoffs before coming oh-so close to winning the Memorial Cup.

When Karmanos, owner of the Spitfires, purchased the Hartford Whalers, he hired Rutherford to be his team president and GM. Three years later, in 1997, the franchise relocated to Raleigh, N.C. In addition to putting a good team on the ice, Rutherford had to help them carve out a foothold in NASCAR country.

In 2006, his Hurricanes, formerly the Whalers, won their only Stanley Cup. Rutherford was at peace and considering retirement when the Hurricanes and he parted ways in 2014. Then the Penguins came calling. Five years later, there he stood Monday inside the Hall, enshrined alongside other legends.

Early in his Penguins tenure, Rutherford acquired through trades Kessel, Patric Hornqvist, Carl Hagelin, Nick Bonino, Justin Schultz and Trevor Daley to bolster the supporting cast around All-Stars Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and Kris Letang. He also hired Sullivan, "a very special coach," midway through 2015-16.

The Penguins won the Cup in Rutherford's second season in Pittsburgh and a year later they became the first team in the NHL's salary-cap era to go

back-to-back. After that first Cup in Pittsburgh, he won the NHL's GM of the year award.

"My time in Pittsburgh has been the highlight of my career," said Rutherford, who knows the two Cups he won there got him over the Hall of Fame hump.

He added that "the most special aspect of his career" is working with Crosby.

"It's hard to put it into words, but everyone in Pittsburgh knows what I'm talking about," he said. "It's remarkable to be able to watch Sid day in and day out, to see his work ethic, to see the impact he has on the team and the city."

With Crosby, Malkin, Letang and Sullivan still around him every day, Rutherford is not done trying to add another Cup or two to his Hall of Fame resume.

The final words of his induction speech showed that the scrappy former goalie still has a chip on his shoulder, something that has served him well.

"What I've learned the most in my life and my advice to people is don't let anyone tell you you can't do something. Because that was the story of my career," he said. "The more they told me I couldn't do things, the more it turned out that I did."

Penguins report

Scouting report



Who: Penguins vs. New York Islanders.
When,

where: 7 p.m. Tuesday, PPG Paints Arena
Look, listen: ATT&T SportsNet, ESPN+, WDXF-FM (105.9), PittsburghPenguins.com.

Noteworthy: The Islanders (14-3-1) have gone 9-0-1 in the past 10 games. ... The only loss in that stretch was when the Penguins came back to win 4-3 in overtime Nov. 7. ... Mathew Barzal leads the Islanders in scoring with 17 points, followed by Brock Nelson (14), Derick Brassard (13) and Anthony Beauvillier (12). ... The Penguins enter the game in fourth place in the Metropolitan Division at 11-7-2.

... The Penguins will honor general manager Jim Rutherford's Hall of Fame career by handing out bobble heads at the game. ... Penguins winger Dominik Kahun is coming off a two-goal and one-assist game against Toronto. ... After starting the season with just two points in his first 11 games, Kahun has now tallied eight points in his past eight. ... Jared McCann is tied for the league lead with a plus-15 rating.

Did you know? The Penguins' penalty kill was a perfect 2 for 2 Saturday against the Toronto Maple Leafs. It has killed 20 consecutive penalties in the past nine games.

NHL notebook

Bettman is quiet on Cherry

By The Associated Press

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman declined to elaborate Monday on commentator Don Cherry's polarizing remarks and dismissal, saying the matter has been sufficiently covered.

"I believe the CBC has had a number of statements, we've had a number of statements, Don has spoken and I'm not going to start another news cycle," Bettman said.

The 85-year-old commentator was fired a week ago for calling immigrants "you people" in a television rant in which he said new immigrants are not honoring the country's fallen soldiers. His firing by Sportsnet has dominated Canadian news.

The league earlier described Cherry's comments as "offensive and contrary to the values we believe in."

Devils

Goaltender Cory Schneider, a one-time All-Star and one of the main faces of the team was placed on waivers. The Devils said the 33-year-old veteran would be assigned to Binghamton of the AHL if not claimed. It seems unlikely a team would do so since it would inherit his \$6 million annual salary, which runs through the 2021-22 season.

Canadiens

Forwards Jonathan Drouin and Paul Byron are scheduled for surgery and will be out indefinitely. Drouin injured a wrist and Byron a knee Friday during Montreal's 5-2 victory at Washington.

Sabres

Forward Kyle Okposo is out indefinitely after being diagnosed with his fourth concussion in a little more than 2½ years.

Baseball

New Pirates brass blinded by Nutting?

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that matter. I believe they are sincere when they talk about bringing winning baseball back to Pittsburgh and doing it with better drafting and player development. "We needed to find a great baseball mind to crack the code in order to be successful in a market like Pittsburgh within the economics of baseball," Williams said when introducing Cherington. "I think everybody wants to put Pittsburgh in that small-market basket and say that it's too challenged to be able to win. I don't believe that's the case. Others are doing it. We will do it."

But I don't believe Nutting's sincerity for one second. "I couldn't be more pleased to have [Cherington] here," he said in a rare public appearance. "I'm pleased for the organization. And I'm pleased for our fans. They deserve a team they can be excited about, proud of every single day. I think that Ben will bring us that pride, that excitement and that confidence."

Two thoughts: One, has Nutting even once showed he cares about what Pirates fans deserve?

And two, Cherington had better be a miracle worker because he doesn't figure to get much help from the owner.

What a culture shock the Pirates job will be for Cherington. He comes from the Toronto organization and, before that, Boston, where he was general manager of the Red Sox's 2013 World Series championship team. Both the Blue Jays and Red Sox spend big money in an attempt to be successful. Forget about Cherington being a miracle worker. He'll have to be a magician to get Nutting to spend more than the bare minimum.

Williams also must have started to experience how the other half of baseball lives — the poor half or at least the half with an owner

who is interested only in boosting his profits. Williams' primary background was with the Penguins, where he worked for Ron Burkle and Mario Lemieux, two of the best owners in all of sports. He also worked for a Penguins organization that got lucky with a new Collective Bargaining Agreement with the players (it took shutting down for the 2004-05 season), a gorgeous new arena and a fortuitous bounce of a pingpong ball that brought Sidney Crosby to Pittsburgh. The Penguins wouldn't be here if any one of those three things didn't happen. They would have left town. We never would have heard of Williams.

Good luck to Cherington and Williams, who, at least in this early stage of working with Nutting, refuse to be deterred.

"I think a huge part of that is Bob and Travis," Cherington said. "I would not have taken this job if I didn't feel strongly about those relationships. I also feel strongly about the level of commitment that's in place here to the entire baseball operations structure, including the team, and that that level of commitment and investment is what we need to build a winning team."

Cherington went on to call Nutting and Williams "incredible partners."

That's now. Check back in a year or two for an update.

I close with a damper-all-enthusiasm comment from Nutting, who said, when asked if he will spend more, "I wish there was more money that could be spent."

I can't believe Williams and Cherington are excited about that.

I know Pirates fans aren't.

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GM has daunting, but welcomed job

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opportunities to run a team. This one, though, for whatever reason, worked out.

"I am very pleased that he was willing to come and enthusiastic about coming to Pittsburgh," owner Bob Nutting said. "I'm thrilled."

So is Cherington, obviously.

"I know how much this team means to the people of Pittsburgh," Cherington said. "I'm incredibly excited and grateful for this opportunity."

Excitement and laughs weren't hard to find around the ballpark on this sparkling November day, the exact opposite of what it was like the last time anyone was here.

Each man strode to the dais with pride, smiling. Cherington forgot to thank his wife, Tyler, who flew in for the news conference, and Nutting and president Travis Williams offered support when Cherington apologized.

"Nice recovery," Nutting said as the room burst out in laughter.

"We got your back," Williams added.

Upstairs on the suite level, where the three met with outlets individually after the formal news conference, Nutting preached more openness than the Pirates have had in the past.

"I think the more access and the more we can really gear toward openness and transparency — something we haven't done well enough and something we're going to do better as we go forward," Nutting said. "We're trying to find a format that works well for you all."

We're good, Bob. The question, though, is this: Will you guys be? That's what your fans want to know, anyway.

They want to know when and how Cherington plans on getting this right, and they want to know about the resources with which he'll have to work — you



Matt Freed/Post-Gazette

New Pirates new general manager Ben Cherington talks to the media next to team owner Bob Nutting during a press conference Monday at PNC Park.

know, the money question.

Various forms of it were asked to the men in charge on Monday, and the answer stayed on message — another welcomed change for the Pirates.

As for the actual answer, Nutting made it sound like the dollars spent won't change; what could be the Pirates decide to allocate the money they do have.

"I wish that there was more money that could be spent," Nutting said. "What we absolutely can do is reallocate dollars, and we've talked a lot about that."

"There are a lot of areas that go into the baseball operations pool, and I think it's important to assess each one of those and, frankly, Ben, for you to decide. That's going to take some time. You can't do that in a

week."

No, you can't. And you also can't cook a steak with Spam, but that's not exactly what the Pirates are trying to do — and here's why.

Cherington is a player development guy. He has done it in Boston. Loves it. He also has been very good at drafting and development.

One of his more striking quotes — and there were plenty — actually involves some of his success with the Red Sox and how it wasn't tied to spending gobs of money.

And he's right.

Cherington was actually at his worst giving out exorbitant contracts such as the ones listed above. He thrived most when it came to drafting, development and identifying talented players on the international market.

"It comes down to four things: identification, acquisition, development and deployment," Cherington said, a message he and president Travis Williams repeated often. "When you're doing those things really well, that's going to drive winning. It really drives it no matter what the payroll size."

"Obviously the bigger the payroll, it gives you more margin for error on certain types of decisions. But if you peel back the layers in Boston and look at what really drove winning, I think, in most of the best years it was really good work in scouting and development. That's what we'll need to do here."

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Can new GM's big ideas work here?

By Jason Mackey
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Pirates owner Bob Nutting wasn't quite ready to go there.

Sure, to hire the 13th general manager in franchise history the Pirates plucked Ben Cherington from the Toronto Blue Jays and, before that, the Boston Red Sox.

In two moves this offseason — coupled with the hiring of Travis Williams as president — the Pirates have made two pretty smart hires and restored some semblance of normalcy to their front office. But Nutting stopped short of saying this was about a credibility boost. More it was about getting someone with a solid background who also had the necessary tools and temperament to get this thing right.

"I'm not sure that credibility is what we're going after," Nutting said. "I think we're going after the best opportunity for success, and I really believe that's what we've done."

Give Cherington a lot of credit: He has been brought into a unique situation and has been assigned a difficult task — turn the Pirates from something of a laughingstock to a source of civic pride. Something he also will need to do on limited resources.

He's confident that will work, and his bosses are even more confident that Cherington will make it work — in large part because of his background.

"I talked to a lot of people in and around the game, whether it's within the commissioner's office or other clubs that I really respect," Nutting said. "For a long time Ben has been one of the really creative minds in baseball, pushing innovation, pushing the edge of how do you develop, how do you identify, how do you continue to improve talent?"

The Cherington hire is important for all sorts of reasons.

The drafting and development. Improving the major league roster. Doing better internationally. But it's also important because of Williams and his limited experience in baseball. Installing Cherington as general manager effectively gives him free run of baseball operations; Williams will oversee and ask questions, but the next time he meddles will be the first.

As such, it was important for the Pirates to get someone who had done this sort of thing before, someone who had seen all layers of a baseball front office and could bring a sense of calm.

"He knows what it takes to win and build that culture of success," Williams said. "We had a lot of discussions, too, around how we'll interact. That was an important part of it — making sure it's a good fit for Ben, making sure it's a good fit for myself as well and making sure it made sense to Bob along the way."

"I think what we both respect is he's got a great baseball mind. I bring a different perspective and lens to different discussions and decisions, and I think Ben likes that diversity of thought and perspective."

Nutting and Williams now have addressed the media twice since late October — the first for Williams' hiring — and Nutting has actually come off as strikingly human both times.

Maybe it's the smaller settings. Maybe he's also just flat-out mad. "I was frustrated," Nutting said when answering a question about this past season. "There's no question that we needed change."

And there's no question the Pirates needed someone with Cherington's background, someone who had been a part of playoff baseball, franchise reboots and everything in between. The only issue was whether that guy would come to Pittsburgh.

Striking that newly humanized tone, Nutting told an interesting story about when he pursued Williams, a former Penguins executive who recently had taken a job with the New York Islanders.

"Back in August when we began talking about the president's role, it was interesting; I was talking with a leader about attributes that we might want, and he said, 'The best person would obviously be Travis, but you're not going to be able to get him,'" Nutting said. "Well, you know, it sounded like a recruiting challenge to me, which at the end of the day worked out pretty well."

"I feel much the same about Ben. I think if someone asked three weeks ago or three months ago, 'Can you put together a team that has a deep history of success and connection to Pittsburgh with Travis, deep history and success and relentless passion for getting better every day like Ben,' I don't think anybody would have bet. 'Oh yeah, that's the team you're going to be able to get recruited to Pittsburgh.'"

So, the Pirates will embark on a manager search led by someone who owns three World Series rings, one of them won as a general manager, and was a factor in a fourth when it involved the majority of a minor league system that he built. Cherington seemed nothing short of elated to bring his experience on the game's biggest stage to the small-market Pirates.

"First I want to share how I'm feeling," he said Monday, "which is an incredible sense of gratitude for the opportunity that's been given to me by Bob and Travis. I got to know a few people through this process who I came to believe would be incredible partners, people who I wanted to work with every day and who I want to learn from. I'm excited to dive into that work with them."

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Heyward calls on D to be better

By Brian Batko
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The Steelers started the season with four captains. By Monday afternoon, one was suspended by the NFL and two were on injured reserve, out for the season. The last man standing was left to lend his booming voice to the fallout from a fight that made being .500 with six games to go feel fairly trivial.

"The most important thing is we lost that game," Cam Heyward said of the Steelers falling to 5-5 with a 21-7 loss Thursday to the Browns. "I know it got overshadowed by a lot of things, but as a defense, we didn't play well. We were on the field too much. That's our fault. They drove the ball and had a lot of success. You've got to learn from that. I'm not going to hide away from that."

But one thing Heyward won't do is wade into the waters of opining too heavily on the story that did dominate national headlines the past few days. That would be the punishment of Browns defensive lineman Myles Garrett.

Garrett plans to appear in person Wednesday for the appeal of his season-ending suspension for hitting Steelers quarterback Mason Rudolph with Rudolph's helmet in the fracas that ensued in the final seconds Thursday night. Steelers center Maurkice Pouncey, one of Heyward's co-captains, is set to miss three games but has a hearing Tuesday, and Browns defensive lineman Larry Ogunjobi appealed his one-game suspension Monday.

"I don't have a reaction," Heyward said of Garrett's discipline from the league. "To each his own. We own up to our mistakes. It's not like I'm looking to judge him. I've interacted with him sometimes, but that isn't my call. He made a de-

cision, and he's got to take care of it."

Heyward has turned his focus to another trip to Ohio that the Steelers hope goes much better, this Sunday against the winless Cincinnati Bengals. But after that looms the quick Round 2 with Cleveland, a rematch that the NFL moved Monday from 4:25 p.m. to 1 p.m. Dec. 1.

"I like the fact that we lost to them, so we get another shot to play them. I don't care who we lose to, if they're in our division, we get our shot [again]," Heyward said. "We've got to right the ship. I know we get them at home, and we're thinking we have this great aura at Heinz Field, but we've got to put in the work. Only way that game means anything is if we win this game, so our focus has got to be on Cincinnati right now."

Cain says he's able

Imagine the little league football team in the Tampa, Fla., area that had Diontae Johnson and Deon Cain making plays for it.

The newest Steelers wide receiver grew up playing and training with the team's rookie third-round pick, and now they're reunited. Cain, signed Saturday off the Indianapolis practice squad, might not have expected to rejoin forces with his "best friend" because of Johnson's health status, but here he is.

"Vertical speed, touch-downs, big plays, man," Cain said of what he can bring to his new team. "I just want to find my way on the field. I haven't even been at practice yet, so once we get to practice, they can definitely get a good feel for me and I can get a good feel for them. I'm very excited for this opportunity."

Cain, 6 feet 2, 200 pounds, might get a chance to back up those expectations immediately, though he hopes it isn't at Johnson's expense.



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Pittsburgh Steelers defensive end Cameron Heyward celebrates after beating the Colts Sunday, Nov. 3, 2019, at the Heinz Field, Pittsburgh. (Peter Diana/Post-Gazette)

But Johnson and JuJu Smith-Schuster are in the NFL concussion protocol, and coach Mike Tomlin might not offer much of an update Tuesday, one day before the Steelers start their practice week.

Cain was watching the Steelers against the Browns when he saw his friend take a nasty head-to-head hit from Damarious Randall. The first person to reach out to Johnson might have even been his newest position mate.

"Just to check on him after," said Cain, who was at Clemson while Johnson was at Toledo. "He's doing good now. He's going through the protocol. He's a tough guy, so he'll definitely be back on the field soon."

It already has been a strange season for Cain, his second in the NFL. He was with the Colts when quarterback Andrew Luck abruptly retired, made his NFL debut after losing his rookie year to a torn ACL, then saw himself fall out of favor with a franchise that released him from the active roster Nov. 9.

But three days since he arrived in his new city, he's finding out about the situation he steps into now.

"Obviously, they're in a run right here to get to the playoffs," said Cain, who will wear No. 17. "They need some immediate playmakers, and that's definitely me. I just want to come in and show them that I can be that guy."

The other new guy

Kerrith Whyte is, by trade, a running back. But he's happy to do anything for the Steelers, and with 4.36 40-yard dash speed, that "anything" might include angling for splash plays in the return game.

"I'm not sure as far as details like that, but wherever they need me at or want me at, I'm ready to play for them," said Whyte, a rookie who was added from Chicago's practice squad the same day Cain was signed.

Whyte is generously listed at 5-10, 200 pounds, so don't expect him to make a major difference between the tackles until the

backfield gets healthier. He did, however, grow up a Steelers fan in West Palm Beach, Fla., just because of the success they were having when he started watching football.

Unlike Cain, he doesn't know anyone in the locker room, but he can bond with plenty of other young players finding their way in the cold business of pro football.

"I'm just learning from a backseat view, soaking in the game," said Whyte, who will wear No. 40. "Learning from vets what to do, what not to do, so I can stay in this league a long time."

Practice squad moves

The Steelers released linebacker Sutton Smith and receiver Terry Wright from the practice squad. They added receivers Amara Darboh and Quadree Henderson, who also was a star return man at Pitt, as well as running back Ralph Webb.

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Offensive spark still missing

STEELERS, FROM D-1

playoff spot still dangling as a possibility.

That's why the Steelers need to do something to change what they do offensively. Problem is, they are running out of people to do it with. In the past three weeks, more players have come through the doors at the team's South Side practice facility than a Walmart on a blue-light special day. And now they've had to resort to dipping into practice squads around the league.

The offense needs to find creative ways to score points, and that falls in the lap of offensive coordinator Randy Fichtner. Or even Mike Tomlin, who already makes the defensive calls. It would be easy to suggest a change in player personnel, but, because of myriad injuries, there isn't a lot of different personnel from which to choose.

"Guys coming in and out of the building makes it tough," said tight end Vance McDonald. "Their familiarity in not being here, to the extent of the rest of us with the offseason and training camp, it's pretty tough for them."

The moves to sign two players from other team's practice squads — wide receiver Deon Cain from Indianapolis and Kerrith Whyte Jr. from Chicago — only serve to point up the desperate state of their offense. And it's not going to get better anytime soon. The Steelers are expected to be without running back James Conner for at least two more games after he aggravated his separated shoulder against the Cleveland Browns.

And the status of two of their top receivers — JuJu Smith-Schuster and rookie Diontae Johnson — is unclear after each suffered a concussion against the Browns. Throw in the three-game suspension of Pro Bowl center Maurkice Pouncey and the prospects are darkening like a December afternoon.

"It's difficult," said guard David DeCastro. "Football is a game of experience — the more you do it, the easier it gets. This is part of the NFL. It happens to a lot of teams. It's unfortunate we're in this situation, especially on our side of the ball."

Granted, one loss after a four-game winning streak might not be time to panic and start giving the offense a makeover. But continuing to do what they have been the past three games, hoping the players start developing some continuity, isn't the answer, either. That's akin to squeezing apples and expecting to make orange juice.

What's more, the offense can't keep relying on the defense to produce touchdowns or giving them a short field with takeaways. The Steelers on Thursday didn't have a takeaway for the first time since the season opener in New England, and you saw what happened in Cleveland.

Tomlin has not been afraid to try different schemes and change personnel, even if some of it was unorthodox. The Steelers used the wildcat formation for seven plays in the first meeting against the Cincinnati Bengals with more than modest success. The same can't be said when they started three offensive tackles against the Los Angeles Rams — right tackle Matt Feiler moved to left guard and Chuks Okorafor started at right tackle — resulting in their worst rushing performance (1.6 yards per carry) and most sacks (3) this season.

"Changing the game plan, changing the personnel, that's what we're paid to do," said running back Jaylen Samuels, who ran the wildcat in the first meeting with the Bengals. "We got to come here and learn what we got to do and go from there."

The Steelers can't stop now. It is time to figure out ways to put some steam in the offensive engine, even if the options are limited.

"I wish I had an answer," DeCastro said. "These injuries are obviously taking a toll. It's unfortunate we're going through it right now."

Steelers, Browns to appeal suspensions over late-game brawl

By The Associated Press

Browns star defensive end Myles Garrett on Wednesday will have his appeal for his indefinite NFL suspension for striking Steelers quarterback Mason Rudolph with a helmet.

Garrett requested to attend the appeal hearing in New York and plans to be there. Former NFL player James Thrash will hear the appeal. Thrash and Pro Football Hall of Famer Derrick

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Brooks are jointly appointed by the league and the Players Association to hear such appeals.

Browns defensive tackle Larry Ogunjobi is having his one-game ban heard Monday.

He was suspended for shoving Rudolph to the ground, escalating a wild brawl between the AFC North rivals that began with Garrett ripping off the QB's

helmet, wildly swinging it and connecting with the top of his head. Rudolph was not seriously injured.

Steelers center Maurkice Pouncey will have his appeal hearing Tuesday.

He was suspended three games after he came to Rudolph's defense and punched and kicked Garrett while the defensive end lay under a pile of players in the end zone.

Garrett was suspended Friday for at least the final

six regular-season games and the playoffs should Cleveland (4-6) get there. It's longest suspension in league history for a single on-field infraction.

Garrett doesn't seem to have a strong case for getting his suspension reduced. The league ruled he used Rudolph's helmet "as a weapon" and his alarming conduct in a nationally televised game was universally condemned by fans and former players.

Panthers prepare for 'hot, hot Virginia Tech'

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A broken jaw, for obvious puck-related reasons, is more common in hockey. Penguins defenseman Brian Dumoulin incurred a broken jaw on Dec. 27, 2016, and returned to the ice 28 days later. Sidney Crosby broke his jaw and missed the final 12 games of the 2012-13 regular season after a deflected shot hit him in the face. All three had surgery.

Narduzzi did not say if Ffrench had surgery. But if the receiver follows a similar time line as Matthews, Dumoulin, Crosby and other athletes who suffered a broken jaw, Ffrench could miss up to four to six weeks from the date of his injury.

Four weeks from Nov. 2 would bring Ffrench to the Nov. 30 game against Boston

College. A more cautious approach could have him ready for a late December bowl game — or the ACC championship Dec. 7, should the Panthers win the ACC Coastal Division.

If Ffrench isn't able to go in Blacksburg, the onus will fall on four players to produce in his place: Taysir Mack, Shockey Jacques-Louis, Jared Wayne and John Vardzel. Mack, the team's second-leading receiver, operated out of the slot against North Carolina more than usual and caught six passes for 83 yards. Jacques-Louis, who recently has emerged as Kenny Pickett's No. 3 target, is healthy and running full tilt, as evidence by his 74-yard, catch-and-run touchdown. And Wayne, a freshman who will not

redshirt after playing in his fifth game of the season, caught four passes on five targets.

"Jared Wayne would have played a lot more if he hadn't been nicked up for a few weeks. We didn't know if he'd get back to get that fifth game in," Narduzzi said Monday. "But when Maurice got banged up, it was like, 'This guy has got to go.' He's our next best option. What we've seen is a big ol' target. One thing that Kenny says is, 'I can see him coming across the middle.' He's not this little guy running across. You can see a big target over the middle that he can find and see. He's smooth, and he runs really well."

Pitt likely can get by in the passing game without Ffrench against Virginia Tech, as it did last week. The

Hokies have allowed 266.5 passing yards per game in six ACC contests, third worst in the conference.

But Ffrench is a contributor on special teams, too. That's where Vardzel, a redshirt freshman walk-on, comes in. The former North Allegheny standout has fielded punts in Ffrench's absence.

Narduzzi dubbed Vardzel's limited play at punt returner as "solid." He had a 7-yard return in the third quarter against the Tar Heels but made a mistake two periods prior. Lining up at Pitt's 40 — 5 yards from where he was supposed to start at the 45, per Narduzzi — Vardzel let North Carolina's first-quarter punt hit the turf and roll an extra 18 yards before being downed for a 52-yard swing in field position.

Narduzzi wasn't happy with the error and chalked it up to "a young guy back there doing it for the first time in a big game."

But the Panthers can ill afford mistakes, even minor ones, Saturday at Virginia Tech. Pitt is a 3½-point underdog in its must-win game to keep ACC Coastal hopes afloat.

With or without Ffrench, the Panthers are in for pressure-packed affair at Lane Stadium.

"We've got a hot, hot Virginia Tech football team," Narduzzi said of the Hokies, who have won five of their past six games. "We're going to have a battle on our hands down in Blacksburg."

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SCOREBOARD

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

TEAM	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
New England	9	1	0	.900	287	108
Buffalo	7	3	0	.700	211	170
N.Y. Jets	3	7	0	.300	164	255
Miami	2	8	0	.200	139	305

SOUTH

TEAM	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Indianapolis	6	4	0	.600	227	206
Houston	6	4	0	.600	245	232
Tennessee	5	5	0	.500	203	197
Jacksonville	4	6	0	.400	189	222

NORTH

TEAM	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Baltimore	8	2	0	.800	341	196
Pittsburgh	5	5	0	.500	200	202
Cleveland	4	6	0	.400	192	228
Cincinnati	0	10	0	.000	147	276

WEST

TEAM	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Kansas City	7	4	0	.636	308	256
Oakland	6	4	0	.600	225	250
L.A. Chargers	4	7	0	.364	224	218
Denver	3	7	0	.300	172	197

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

TEAM	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Dallas	6	4	0	.600	286	197
Philadelphia	5	5	0	.500	234	230
N.Y. Giants	2	8	0	.200	203	289
Washington	1	9	0	.100	125	253

SOUTH

TEAM	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
New Orleans	8	2	0	.800	238	199
Carolina	5	5	0	.500	228	257
Atlanta	3	7	0	.300	220	262
Tampa Bay	3	7	0	.300	277	313

NORTH

TEAM	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
Green Bay	8	2	0	.800	250	205
Minnesota	8	3	0	.727	289	205
Chicago	4	6	0	.400	169	174
Detroit	3	6	1	.350	244	272

WEST

TEAM	W	L	T	PCT.	PF	PA
San Francisco	9	1	0	.900	295	155
Seattle	8	2	0	.800	275	254
L.A. Rams	6	4	0	.600	243	198
Arizona	3	7	1	.318	248	317

WEEK 11
Nov. 14

Cleveland 21, Pittsburgh 7
Sunday's Games

Baltimore 41, Houston 7
Indianapolis 33, Jacksonville 13
Atlanta 29, Carolina 3
New Orleans 34, Tampa Bay 17
Dallas 35, Detroit 27
Minnesota 27, Denver 23
N.Y. Jets 34, Washington 17
Buffalo 37, Miami 20
San Francisco 36, Arizona 26
Oakland 17, Cincinnati 10
New England 17, Philadelphia 10
L.A. Rams 17, Chicago 7

Monday's Game
Kansas City 24, L.A. Chargers 17
Open: N.Y. Giants, Seattle, Tennessee, Green Bay

CHIEFS 24, CHARGERS 17

TEAM	K	FC	Y	TD	INT	SAF	BLK	Y
KANSAS CITY	0	10	14	0	—	24	—	—
L.A. CHARGERS	3	6	8	0	—	17	—	—

First Quarter
LAC—FG Badgley 27, 9:31.

Second Quarter
KC—McCoy 6 run (Butker kick), 8:45.
LAC—FG Badgley 26, 5:01.
KC—FG Butker 41, 1:43.
LAC—FG Badgley 49, :00.

Third Quarter
KC—Dar Williams 6 run (Butker kick), 9:29.
KC—Kelce 23 pass from Mahomes (Butker kick), 4:56.
LAC—Allen 7 pass from Rivers (Henry pass from Rivers), 1:44.
A—76, 25:2.

	KC	LAC
First downs	18	23
Total Net Yards	310	438
Rushing-yards	27-130	19-93
Passing	180	345
Punt Returns	2-22	2-9
Kickoff Returns	0-0	2-44
Interceptions Ret.	4-35	1-2
Comp-Att-Int	19-32-1	28-52-4
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-2	2-8
Punts	6-40-0	3-47.7
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	3-0
Penalties-Yards	8-102	9-60
Time of Possession	28:58	31:02

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING—Kansas City, Mahomes 5-59, Dar Williams 11-35, McCoy 7-29, Dam Williams 4-7, L.A. Chargers, Gordon 14-69, Ekeler 5-24.
PASSING—Kansas City, Mahomes 19-32-1-182, L.A. Chargers, Rivers 28-52-4-353.
RECEIVING—Kansas City, Kelce 7-92, McCoy 4-28, Watkins 2-26, Hardman 2-13, Dar Williams 2-8, Pringle 1-9, Dam Williams 1-6, L.A. Chargers, Ekeler 8-108, Allen 8-71, Henry 6-69, Gordon 3-21, M. Williams 2-76, Green 1-8.
MISSED FIELD GOALS—L.A. Chargers, Badgley 40.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

STATS FCS POLL
The top 25 teams in the STATS Football Championship Subdivision poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 16, points and previous rank:

TEAM	RECORD	PTS	LWR
1. North Dakota St. (156)	11-0	3,900	1
2. James Madison	10-1	3,743	2
3. Montana	9-2	3,558	5
4. Sacramento State	8-3	3,220	6
5. South Dakota State	8-3	3,193	8
6. Weber State	8-3	3,067	3
7. Illinois State	8-3	3,056	7
8. Montana State	8-3	2,625	10
9. UNI	7-4	2,619	4
10. Villanova	8-3	2,144	13
11. Central Arkansas	8-3	1,945	14
12. Florida A&M	9-1	1,923	12
13. Southeast Missouri St.	8-3	1,799	15
14. Wofford	7-3	1,711	21
15. Monmouth	9-2	1,656	17
16. Kennesaw State	9-2	1,529	16
17. Furman	7-4	1,456	9
18. Central Connecticut St.	10-1	1,306	19
19. Towson	7-4	1,165	20
20. Austin Peay	8-3	1,025	22
21. Southeastern Louisiana	7-3	899	23
22. Dartmouth	8-1	819	11
23. Nicholls	7-4	626	24
24. Yale	8-1	315	—
25. North Carolina A&T	7-3	305	25

Others receiving votes: Southern Illinois 282, North Dakota 269, Albany 185, Princeton 92, San Diego 92, UT Martin 38, Alcorn State 37, Sam Houston State 25, Maine 22, Eastern Washington 20, Citadel 14, New Hampshire 10, South Carolina State 8, UC Davis 8, Chattanooga 4.

FCS COACHES POLL

Records Through Nov. 16

TEAM	RECORD	PTS	LWR
1. North Dakota State (26)	11-0	650	1
2. James Madison	10-1	624	2
3. Montana	9-2	598	4
4. Sacramento State	8-3	562	6
5. South Dakota State	8-3	523	9
6. Illinois State	8-3	510	8
7. Weber State	8-3	496	3
8. Montana State	8-3	441	10
9. Kennesaw State	9-2	385	11
10. Northern Iowa	7-4	379	5
11. Central Arkansas	8-3	373	13
12. Monmouth (N.J.)	9-2	347	15
13. Florida A&M	9-1	336	14
14. Villanova	8-3	322	16
15. Furman	7-4	277	7
16. Southeast Missouri St.	8-3	265	17
17. Wofford	7-3	259	20
18. Central Connecticut St.	10-1	234	18
19. Austin Peay	8-3	183	22
20. Towson	7-4	151	21
21. Dartmouth	8-1	144	12
22. Southeastern Louisiana	7-3	126	23
23. Nicholls	7-4	80	24
24. North Carolina A&T	7-3	48	25
25. Southern Illinois	7-4	35	—
25. Yale	8-1	35	—

Others receiving votes: Princeton 26; North Dakota 14; Albany 12; San Diego 11; UT Martin 2; Eastern Washington 1; South Carolina 1.

NAIA POLL

Records through Nov. 16:

TEAM	RECORD	PTS	LWR
1. Morningside (Iowa)	10-0	392	1

2. Marian (Ind.)	9-0	371	2
3. Kansas Wesleyan	11-0	356	3
4. Grand View (Iowa)	11-0	353	4
5. College of Idaho	9-0	333	6
6. Lindsey Wilson (Ky.)	10-0	320	7
7. Keiser (Fla.)	9-0	292	9
8. Northwestern (Iowa)	8-1	292	5
9. Saint Xavier (Ill.)	8-2	272	10
10. Cumberlands (Ky.)	9-1	250	8
11. Saint Francis (Ind.)	7-2	243	11
12. Concordia (Mich.)	8-2	221	12
13. Reinhardt (Ga.)	9-2	209	13
14. Southeastern (Fla.)	8-1	196	14
15. Baker (Kan.)	9-2	192	15
16. Ottawa (Ariz.)	9-1	174	16
17. Dickinson State (N.D.)	8-2	151	18
18. Benedictine (Kan.)	8-3	124	20
19. Langston (Okla.)	8-2	123	21
20. Siena Heights (Mich.)	7-3	102	18
21. Evangel (Mo.)	8-3	101	17
22. Montana Western	7-3	76	—
23. Waldorf (Iowa)	7-3	46	—
24. Bethel (Kan.)	8-3	30	25
25. Carroll (Mont.)	6-3	23	22

Others receiving votes: Midland (Neb.) 7, MidAmerica Nazarene 7, Indiana Wesleyan 6, Montana Tech 6.

THE AP TOP 25 SCHEDULE

All times Eastern

Saturday's Games

No. 1 LSU vs. Arkansas, 7 p.m.
No. 2 Ohio State vs. No. 9 Penn State, noon
No. 4 Georgia vs. No. 24 Texas A&M, 3:30 p.m.
No. 5 Alabama vs. Western Carolina, noon
No. 6 Oregon at Arizona State, 7:30 p.m.
No. 7 Utah at Arizona, 10 p.m.
No. 8 Oklahoma vs. TCU, 8 p.m.
No. 11 Minnesota at Northwestern, noon
No. 12 Michigan at Indiana, 3:30 p.m.
No. 13 Baylor vs. Texas, 3:30 p.m.
No. 14 Wisconsin vs. Purdue, 4 p.m.
No. 15 Notre Dame vs. Boston Col., 2:30 p.m.
No. 16 Auburn vs. Samford, noon
No. 17 Cincinnati vs. Temple, 7 p.m.
No. 18 Memphis at South Florida, 4 p.m.
No. 19 Iowa vs. Illinois, noon
No. 20 Boise State at Utah State, 10:30 p.m.
No. 21 SMU at Navy, 3:30 p.m.
No. 22 Oklahoma State at West Virginia, noon
No. 23 Appalachian St. vs. Texas St., 2:30 p.m.
No. 25 Virginia Tech vs. Pittsburgh, 3:30 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

THE AP TOP 25 MEN'S POLL
The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Nov. 17, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

TEAM	RECORD	PTS	LWR
1. Duke (52)	4-0	1,608	2
2. Louisville (8)	4-0	1,501	4
3. Michigan State (4)	2-1	1,496	3
4. Kansas	2-1	1,389	5
5. North Carolina	3-0	1,262	6
6. Maryland	3-0	1,240	7
7. Virginia (1)	3-0	1,232	9
8. Gonzaga	4-0	1,227	8
9. Kentucky	2-1	1,110	1
10. Ohio State	3-0	1,006	16
11. Oregon	4-0	998	14
12. Texas Tech	3-0	947	11
13. Seton Hall	3-1	837	12
14. Arizona	4-0	644	19
15. Utah State	4-0	619	17
16. Memphis	3-1	574	13
17. Villanova	2-1	560	10
18. Xavier	4-0	463	21
19. Auburn	4-0	420	22
20. Tennessee	3-0	402	—
21. Virginia Commonwealth	4-0	365	—
22. Texas	4-0	238	—
23. Colorado	2-0	205	25
24. Baylor	2-1	179	24
25. Washington	2-1	150	20

Others receiving votes: Florida St. 91, Florida 67, LSU 61, Saint Mary's 55, Evansville 43, Oklahoma 29, Vermont 11, Michigan 11, Marquette 11, Purdue 11, Butler 10, Mississippi St. 9, Virginia Tech 7, West Virginia 6, Providence 5, Wisconsin 5, Liberty 4, Arkansas 3, Missouri 2, UConn 2, Southern Cal 2, New Mexico 2, San Diego St. 2, Dayton 1.

MENS RESULTS

MONDAY'S GAMES

EAST

Army 81, Fairleigh Dickinson 65
Bryant 73, Niagara 62
LIU Brooklyn 92, Delaware St. 84
Lehigh 87, Misericordia 68
Pittsburgh 63, Monmouth (NJ) 50
West Virginia 69, N. Colorado 61

SOUTH

Auburn 91, Colgate 62
Belmont 90, High Point 51
Coastal Carolina 93, Middle Tennessee 72
Kentucky 82, Utah Valley 74
McNeese St. 103, Arlington Baptist 51
North Florida 115, Trinity Baptist 39
St. State 103, Wilberforce 79
Southern Ill. 121, Ecclesia 55
Troy 84, Canis 57

UNC-Greensboro 55, Appalachian St. 41
W. Kentucky 109, Campbellsville 66
Reinhardt at Kennesaw St., late
Fisk at Tennessee St., late

MIDWEST

Akron 76, SC-Upstate 45
Cent. Michigan 115, Siena Heights 58
E. Illinois 114, Indiana-Northwest 61
Illinois 66, Hawaii 53
Michigan St. 94, Charleston Southern 46
Missouri 75, Wofford 56
N. Illinois 65, Longwood 48
Notre Dame 63, Presbyterian 53
Oakland 60, Hartford 50
Ohio St. 86, Stetson 51
SMU 59, Evansville 57
South Dakota 71, SIU-Edwardsville 56
UMKC 111, Bacone 38

PITTSBURGH 63, MONMOUTH (NJ) 50

MONMOUTH (NJ) (I-4)
Traor 5-10 2-2 12, Chaput 1-5 2-2 5, Hammond 1-1 1-2 3, McClary 4-5 0-0 9, Sainave 4-12 0-10, Vaughan 0-0 0-0 0, Martin 1-1 2-2 4, Ibezugbe 1-2 0-0, Gabriel 1-1 0-0 2, Papas 1-4 0-3, Totals 19-51 8-7 50.

PITTSBURGH (3-2)

Brown 2-4 0-0 4, Johnson 5-11 3-6 15, McGowens 4-0 1-6 6-16, Murphy 0-5 2-2 2, Champagnie 4-7 4-12, Hamilton 1-1 0-0 2, Coulibaly 1-3 0-0 2, Ezeakudo 0-1 0-0 0, Toney 2-4 6-8 10, Totals 19-47 21-26 63.
Halftime—Pittsburgh 21-19, 3-Point Goals—Monmouth (NJ) 5-18 (Sainave 2-5, McClary 1-1, Chaput 1-2, Papas 1-3, Hammond 0-7), Pittsburgh 4-15 (Johnson 2-3, McGowens 2-5, Ezeakudo 0-1, Toney 0-1, Champagnie 0-2, Murphy 0-3), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Monmouth (NJ) 23 (Sainave 7), Pittsburgh 32 (Champagnie 9). Assists—Monmouth (NJ) 14 (Chaput 5), Pittsburgh 13 (Johnson 9). Total Fouls—Monmouth (NJ) 22, Pittsburgh 12.

WEST VIRGINIA 69, NORTHERN COLORADO 61

N. COLORADO (2-2)
Jockuch 0-1 0-0 0, Radebaugh 2-8 5-7 9, Johnson 2-6 0-0 6, McCobb 0-0 0-0 0, Hume 7-16 1-2 18, Edwards 5-5 2-2 12, Masten 1-3 2-2 4, Smoots 1-6 3-4 6, Harris 2-8 0-0 6, Totals 20-53 13-17 61.

College Basketball / High Schools

Pitt 63, Monmouth 50

Johnson sheds his early woes

By Craig Meyer
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For four minutes, Xavier Johnson sat there, a participant in an ongoing scene nobody, least of all him, would have envisioned even one week ago.

Three seconds after his third turnover of the first 5:46 of Pitt's 63-50 win Monday against Monmouth — a contest in which it was trailing, 6-2, at that point — Johnson, an ACC all-freshman team selection last season, was pulled from the game and replaced by walk-on Onyebuchi Ezeakudo.

If the sophomore guard's struggles through his team's first four games weren't plain and visible enough, they were with one substitution and the handful of minutes that followed.

As he sat there, in an admittedly unfamiliar spot on the bench, he closed his eyes and meditated.

"I was in a deep struggle," Johnson said. "I still am, but I'm trying to break out of it."

By the time he checked in with about 10 minutes remaining in the half, the Panthers had a different player, one much closer resembling a person whose name appeared last season alongside the likes of Zion Williamson, R.J. Barrett and Coby White than the lethargic, ineffective shell of himself that was far too common in the season's first 170 minutes.

With it, Pitt got not only a win, but also a peek at the player many thought could help the program take an all-important next step.

Johnson scored 13 of his 15 points and dished out seven of his nine assists in the game's final 20 minutes, helping reverse his own fortunes as well as his team's, helping it overcome an uninspired start on the way to a victory against Monmouth at Petersen Events Center.

"It was great to see Xavier have some plays like we know he's capable of playing, like we've seen before," Pitt coach Jeff Capel said.

Both his point and assist totals were season highs, momentarily reversing the struggles of a player who



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Pitt forward Abdoul Karim Coulibaly drives to the net against Monmouth center Sam Ibi-zugbe in the first half Monday at Petersen Events Center.

was averaging seven fewer points and as many turnovers per game compared to his numbers from his freshman season, while also shooting more than 10 percent worse from the field.

Such a final line, while welcome, would have seemed far-fetched at one point earlier in the evening.

The Panthers went into halftime with a 21-19 lead, a fact, regardless of the quality of opponent, made all the more remarkable by how they played in the first half.

Pitt missed 21 of its 26 shots in the opening 20 minutes. With that, and when combined with its three-of-25 showing in the second half of last Friday's loss to West Virginia, two of the eight lowest field goal percentages in a half in program history had come in the past 72 hours. Were that collective 15.7 percent figure done over the course of an entire game, rather than two separate periods pieced together, it would have been the second-worst shooting percentage in a game in Pitt history.

The Panthers compounded those problems with a level of carelessness, committing 12 first-half turnovers, exactly half of which came from Johnson and Trey McGowens, the team's starting guards. The

one thing keeping Pitt in the game, let alone with a lead, were the similar shortcomings that gripped its opponent. Something, for both the team and its leading returning scorer, had to change in the second half.

"It calmed me down," Johnson said of the early benching. "I had three turnovers in the first couple of possessions. I was just thinking too much. I wasn't just playing."

The arrival of the second half, however, came with a resurgent home team — and an equally resurgent point guard.

Johnson returned to form with the kind of speed and intensity that helped define a decorated first season of college basketball. He scored nine of his team's first 13 points, making three of his first four shots and doing it all without a turnover.

With Johnson serving as the catalyst, the Panthers pushed their lead to nine, 48-39, with 7:32 remaining in the game after a fast-break layup from Johnson. In all, Johnson had either made or assisted on 12 of Pitt's 14 made field goals in the second half.

With each made shot, with each crisp pass came the gradual return of a refreshingly familiar sight.

The player for whom the Panthers longed just might be back.

"As a player, confidence is a big part of your game," Capel said. "If you get down on yourself and start to question and start to think, that can make you a little bit slower. It can make you to where you don't play off instinct, where you're thinking. We're a group where we can't overthink stuff."

McGowens finished with a team-high 16 points. Freshman Justin Champagne, who made his first career start, added 12 points and 10 rebounds, while sophomore Au'Diese Toney rounded out a group of four players in double figures with 10 points (along with seven rebounds).

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Basketball star loses his appeal

Central Valley's Warfield can't play in 2020 postseason



On high schools
MIKE WHITE

Aliquippa football coach Mike Warfield lost in the WPIAL championship Saturday to Central Valley. Two days later, his son lost in his hopes to play postseason basketball at Central Valley.

The WPIAL board of directors ruled Monday that Isiah Warfield, one of the best basketball players in the WPIAL, is ineligible to play in the postseason for Central Valley. The board made the ruling after a closed appeal hearing with Isiah Warfield and his family.

Warfield transferred from Sewickley Academy, a private school, to Central Valley for his senior year. Warfield and his family live in the Central Valley School District. But under a new PIAA rule that was instituted last year, a student-athlete who transfers after playing a sport in his sophomore year is automatically ineligible for the postseason in that sport at his new school.

A student-athlete can appeal the postseason ineligibility, though, and the WPIAL or PIAA can grant a waiver and issue postseason eligibility if the transfer was for special circumstances that are specifically outlined in the PIAA by-laws. One of the reasons for the waiver is a "demonstrable change in income or other financial resources that compels withdrawal from a school."

The WPIAL already had ruled Warfield eligible for the regular season.

Warfield averaged 25.3 points a game as a junior last season at Sewickley Academy. He has signed with NCAA Division I Liberty.

Other WPIAL matters

• The West Mifflin football team had a 5-6 record this season and made the WPIAL Class 4A playoffs. But West Mifflin might have to forfeit all of those five wins. West Mifflin used an ineligible player who was in his fifth year of high school and he played all regular-season games. The WPIAL voted Monday to bring West Mifflin in for a meeting next Monday about the situation. O'Malley said the player transferred to West Mifflin this year and the WPIAL became aware of the player through an outside source. The league then asked West Mifflin about the player's number of high school years. Under PIAA rules, an athlete only gets four years of eligibility.

• The WPIAL accepted Ligonier Valley in all sports, beginning with the 2020-21 school year. Previously, Ligonier Valley played in District 6. But it's still not certain that Ligonier Valley will be in the WPIAL next year. Although District 6 granted Ligonier Valley a release, the PIAA still must approve the school's entrance into the WPIAL. Ligonier Valley has had some excellent football teams in recent years, making it to the PIAA Class 2A semifinals in 2016 and the quarterfinals the past two years.

• The WPIAL denied postseason eligibility for basketball player Will Drexler, who transferred from Sto-Rox to Lincoln Park. Drexler is allowed to play in the regular season.

HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS, SCHEDULE

MONDAY	Avonworth (13-0) at Norwin, noon.	PIAA CLASS 3A Quarterfinals
Hockey PIHL CLASS 2A Baldwin 10, Mars 5 Latrobe 6, Meadville 0 PIHL CLASS 1A Fox Chapel 4, Chartiers Valley 3 (OT) North Hills 3, Westmont Hilltop 0 PIHL CLASS B Ringgold 7, Neshannock 5 SCORING LEADERS 3 goals: Paul Zmuda, Baldwin; Cole Ferri, Latrobe.	Friday - Coatesville (10-2) at Downingtown West (12-1), 7 p.m.; Nazareth (12-1) vs. St. Joseph's Prep (9-2) at Bethlehem, 7 p.m.; Central Catholic (11-1) vs. State College (11-1) at North Allegheny, 7 p.m. Bye - Central Dauphin (11-2). PIAA CLASS 5A Quarterfinals Friday - Cedar Cliff (10-2) at Cocalico (10-2), 7 p.m.; Academy Park (11-2) at Cheltenham (12-1), 7 p.m.; Archbishop Wood (8-3) vs. Southern Lehigh (11-1) at Pennridge, 7 p.m.	Friday - Tamaqua (11-2) vs. Wyomissing (12-0) at North Schuylkill, 7 p.m.; Sharon (9-3) vs. Bald Eagle Area (10-3) at Clarion University, 7 p.m. Saturday - Montoursville (12-1) vs. Wyoming (11-1) at Williamsport, 1 p.m. Bye - Central Valley (12-1). PIAA CLASS 2A Quarterfinals Friday - Upper Dauphin (12-0) vs. Southern Columbia (13-0) at Selinsgrove, 7 p.m.; Philadelphia Bishop McDevitt (7-6) vs. Richland (12-0) at Chambersburg, 7 p.m.; Wilmington (11-0) vs. Ridgway/Johnsburg (11-1) at Slippery Rock University, 7 p.m.
PLAYOFF SCHEDULE	PIAA CLASS 4A Quarterfinals	PIAA CLASS 1A Quarterfinals
Football WPIAL CLASS 5A Championship Saturday - Peters Township (12-1) vs. Gateway (11-2) at Norwin, 6 p.m. WPIAL CLASS 2A Championship Saturday - Washington (13-0) vs.	Friday - Jersey Shore (10-3) vs. Pottsville (11-2) at Danville, 7 p.m.; Imhotep Charter (8-4) vs. Dallas (13-0) at Lehighton, 7 p.m.; Thomas Jefferson (13-0) vs. Erie Cathedral Prep (11-2) at North Hills, 7 p.m.; Lampeter-Strasburg (10-3) at Berks Catholic (8-4), 7 p.m.	Friday - Bishop Guilfoyle (10-2) vs. Juniata Valley (10-2) at Altoona, 7 p.m.; Muncy (9-4) vs. Lackawanna Trail (9-3) at Williamsport, 7 p.m.; Coudersport (11-0) vs. Farrell (11-2) at DuBois Middle School, 7 p.m. Bye - Clairton (11-2).

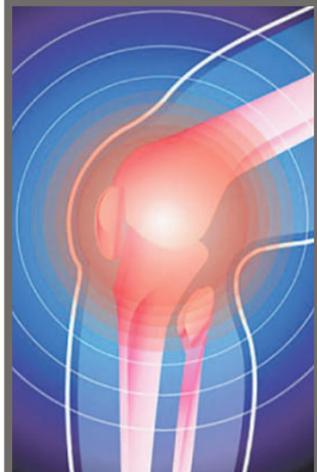
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