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**14th
District
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**Impeachment views
follow party stances**

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As he and his fellow House Judiciary Committee members listened to the testimony of four constitutional law professors this past week on the legal framings of impeachment, U.S. Rep. Guy Reschenthaler's Facebook page issued a message to his constituents in Pennsylvania's 14th District:

"Another day, another sham #impeachment hearing," it read. "The American people are tired of this nonsense. I came here to make a difference for my constituents."

Those constituents, many of whom watched as Mr. Reschenthaler used his questioning time to call the impeachment proceedings against President Donald Trump a "partisan witch hunt," were able to use the hearings as an ultra-public referendum on their representative's first two years in office before his seat is up for re-election in 2020.

While his ardent Republican supporters echo his statements and say they see no wrongdoing in the president's actions with Ukraine, moderate Democrats in the 14th District — including one who voted for Mr. Reschenthaler last year — criticized the congressman's tone and accused him of putting party before country.

Even so, his Democratic constituents said, it's unlikely that enough people in the strongly

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Shell Chemical Appalachia's massive petrochemical complex in Potter Township, Beaver County, in August.

**Study: Shale gas job gains
don't offset the damage done**

CMU study finds build-out causes early deaths, affects environment

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Although the massive shale gas build-out in the Appalachian Basin has produced significant economic benefits, a new Carnegie Mellon University study says all the drilling, fracking and cracking isn't worth the environmental, health and climate damage.

The study estimates air pollution from shale gas development activities in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia from 2004 to 2016 resulted in 1,200 to 4,600 premature deaths in the region, and while most of the added employment occurred in rural areas, most of the health impacts were felt in urban areas.

"It's a rural job phenomenon

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with urban health impacts," said Nicholas Muller, associate professor of economics, engineering and public policy at CMU and one of five study authors. "That's the trade-off. How are regulators able to evaluate that trade-off?"

Advocacy groups on either side of the issue reacted to the study with a mix of skepticism and praise. The Marcellus Shale Coalition, which represents oil and gas companies, cited other studies that found little pollution impact and

significant economic benefits. The Breathe Project, a coalition that includes environmental advocates, public health professionals and academics, hailed the CMU study as groundbreaking and said such a comprehensive analysis was long overdue.

The study is the first to put dollar values on some of the external and cumulative costs of shale gas development and could help better evaluate the positive and negative impacts, said Jared Cohon, former CMU president and one of the study authors.

"We're saying there are employment benefits and environmental and climate costs. Whether shale

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**Official:
Shooter
watched
violent
videos**

**Others took video,
watched from a car**

The Associated Press

PENSACOLA, Fla. — The Saudi student who fatally shot three people at a U.S. naval base in Florida hosted a dinner party earlier in the week where he and three others watched videos of mass shootings, a U.S. official told The Associated Press on Saturday.

Officials investigating the deadly attack were working Saturday to determine whether it was motivated by terrorism, while President Donald Trump indicated he would review policies governing foreign military training in the United States.

Family members on Saturday identified two of the shooting victims, both of whom were hailed as heroes for trying to stop the shooter and flagging down first responders after being shot.

The shooter opened fire inside a classroom at Naval Air Station Pensacola on Friday, killing three people and wounding two sheriff's deputies, one in the arm and one in the knee, before one of the deputies killed him. Eight others were also hurt. Both deputies were expected to survive.

The official who spoke Saturday said one of the three students who attended the dinner party hosted by the attacker recorded video outside the classroom building while the shooting was taking place. Two other Saudi students watched

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Getty Images

REMEMBERING PEARL HARBOR Rear Adm. Darius Banaji, left, greets Pearl Harbor survivors retired Lt. Cmdr. Louis Conter, the only USS Arizona survivor in attendance, and Army veteran Herbert Elfring, 97, right, in Honolulu on Saturday on the 78th anniversary of the Japanese attack. The surprise strike on the naval base on the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, killed 2,335 and sank or damaged dozens of ships.

*Idea for candidates forum here
started in the nation's capital*

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The conversation that spawned the idea to hold a forum on education for Democratic presidential candidates in Pittsburgh took place months ago at the American Federation of Teachers building in Washington, D.C.

But grassroots organizations, teachers unions and public school advocacy groups in Pennsylvania and around the country have for years been laying the groundwork that they hope will make education a key issue in the 2020 presidential race and beyond.

"You see the difference about the importance of public education right now," said Randi Weingarten, president of the American Federation of Teachers. "As the

**Hopefuls to outline
stance on education**

world gets more complicated and complex, and there's such division outside of schools, public schools become even more important."

The Public Education Forum 2020, being held Saturday at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center in Downtown, will provide an opportunity for many of the leading candidates to air their stance on some of the major issues facing public education today.

The forum was convened by an 11-organization coalition of groups that included the American Federation of Teachers, the

Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers and social justice advocacy group One PA, among others. Candidates scheduled to appear at the forum include Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, former Vice President Joe Biden, South Bend, Ind., Mayor Pete Buttigieg, Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar and businessman Tom Steyer.

The idea to hold a forum was sparked during a conversation in early spring in Ms. Weingarten's office in Washington with a group of public education advocates.

They decided to brainstorm ways to bring public education issues to the forefront of the 2020

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On this day, Dec. 8

1863 President Abraham Lincoln issued his Proclamation of Amnesty and Reconstruction for the South.

1937 Pittsburgh became the center of national steel production when United States Steel decided to move its management headquarters to Pittsburgh.

1980 Rock star and former Beatle John Lennon was shot to death outside his New York City apartment building by an apparently deranged fan.

1986 Harvey Adams was elected to his sixth consecutive term as president of the Pittsburgh branch of the NAACP.

2000 Penguins owner and former captain Mario Lemieux announced plans to come out of retirement.

2018 As protests on the streets of Paris grew more violent, French riot police used armored police trucks and tear gas to contain thousands of yellow-vested protesters venting their anger against the government.

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

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Today's birthdays: Singer Jerry Butler, 80. Pop musician Bobby Elliott (The Hollies), 78. Actor John Rubinstein, 73. Actress Kim Basinger, 66. Political commentator Ann Coulter, 58. Actress Teri Hatcher, 55. Singer Sinead O'Connor, 53. Baseball Hall of Famer Mike Mussina, 51. Actress Hannah Ware, 37. MLB All-Star infielder Josh Donaldson, 34. Actress Wallis Currie-Wood, 28.

Thought for today: "War does not determine who is right — only who is left."

— Author unknown (although this sentiment is sometimes attributed to Bertrand Russell)

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A historian's rich life in deed

Commentary

This column contains opinion. The author's name has been withheld at the writer's request.

Carol Peterson was lying in a hospital bed, breathing through an oxygen mask, not knowing how much time she had left, and trading notes with her friend Kitty Julian because Carol couldn't speak clearly enough to be heard.

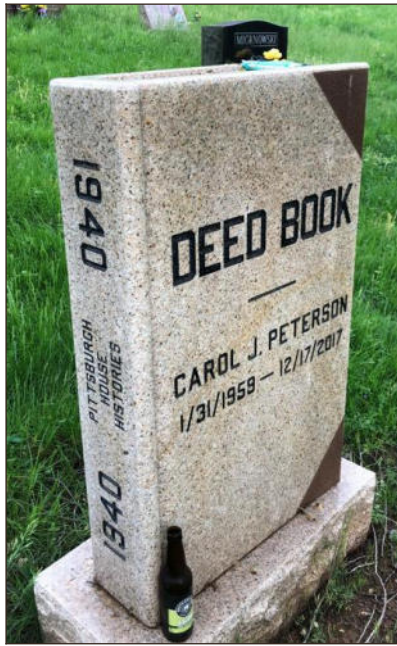
Carol sketched a picture of an Allegheny County deed book. She'd been in and out of those books for almost 30 years. She'd combed them to create a livelihood by writing the histories of the properties listed within. By then, she was closing in on 2,000 individual house histories, commissioned by today's homeowners to turn up all the magnates, working stiffs, housewives, children, servants, heroes and scallwags who'd ever lived at their addresses.

Ms. Peterson, knowing the cancer she'd battled and cursed for years would take her before long, wanted a deed book to be her gravestone. She'd die at 58 in December 2017, 21 months after sketching her marker in one of her ever-handy spiral notebooks. Now that marker is in granite in Allegheny Cemetery.

Drive into the cemetery from Butler Street in Lawrenceville and follow the pink line until you get to Section 35. From there, the grave is just up a knoll in Section 47, a quiet spot selected by Ms. Peterson's friends. They knew she would not want her final resting place to be overlooking new construction; she restored more than a dozen century-old homes in Lawrenceville and Polish Hill in her short life.

The stone book is ever so slightly open, and on its spine is the number "1940." That's how many house histories she'd completed. She didn't use commas on four-digit numbers, and her friends honored her quirky convention.

The gravestone's "B" side — she'd



Kitty Julian

House historian Carol Peterson's gravestone in Allegheny Cemetery.

like that description; Ms. Peterson had an impressive collection of old rock records — has a rousing poem that her friend, local poet Vanessa German, posted on Facebook after Carol died. It begins this way.

*You beautiful, righteous soul!
You mouthy, bright human being
walking the walk, talking the talk,
singing the song that is
fire & stars at best!
You truther to the rafters
& to the roots — these streets
are better by you ...*

Finding the stone that would hold such poetry and match the color of a county deed book took the kind of search Ms. Peterson would have appreciated.

Rome Monuments, named for the Italian capital where Michael Dioguardi learned his sculpting trade in the 1920s, is now in its fourth generation of creating markers for the rolling

hills of Western Pennsylvania cemeteries. John Dioguardi, 69, knew he needed granite, not marble, for the permanence demanded by Ms. Peterson's marker, but the right shade couldn't be found in North America. A quarry in China provided the rock.

Years ago, the company had done a marker for a teacher in Washington County that also was a book. That one, like this, was slightly open to show work of the deceased lived on after them. Ms. Peterson's marker was installed in Allegheny Cemetery late last year, "but we didn't like the way the base looked," Mr. Dioguardi said, and it was swapped in March for another. "You always try to do the perfect memorial," he said.

This one is, her friends would tell you. Ms. Peterson had the tenacity of granite; she did a couple of hundred histories in the last 18 months of her life, her friend Beth Reiners dutifully going to the Recorder of Deeds office to chronicle the requested addresses when Ms. Peterson could no longer lift the heavy books. But the marker also invites Ms. Peterson's sense of whimsy. Friends have left a bottle of Southern Tier 2XIPA, pouring it out for her — "she was a dedicated IPA drinker," Ms. Julian said. Candy corn, Ms. Peterson's favorite, also makes frequent appearances.

Carol J. Peterson's marker is hard in more than one sense. It will be difficult for some passersby to figure it out. Why a deed book? What's the "1940" mean? — those questions will be asked by generations of visitors hence. And that's cool.

"One of the most interesting things about the cemetery is trying to unpack the lives of these people from the clues their friends left behind," Ms. Julian said.

Ms. Peterson would love that people will have to Google her name to figure out why she was remembered in this way. She won't be forgotten. As Ms. German's ode to Carol concludes, "You are everywhere there is a heartbeat."

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Corrections & clarifications

LocalXtra. In a story Friday about McKeesport schools partnering with Oasis Intergenerational Tutoring, the last name of Oasis director John D. Spehar was misspelled.

Business. A story Friday about the status of tech startup Duolingo incorrectly described the relationship between Crunchbase, a platform that tracks innovation companies and trends, and tech news outlet TechCrunch. Crunchbase is an independent company that spun out from TechCrunch in 2015.

If you have a correction and cannot reach the responsible reporter or editor, please call the office of Keith Burris, executive editor, at 412-263-1606.

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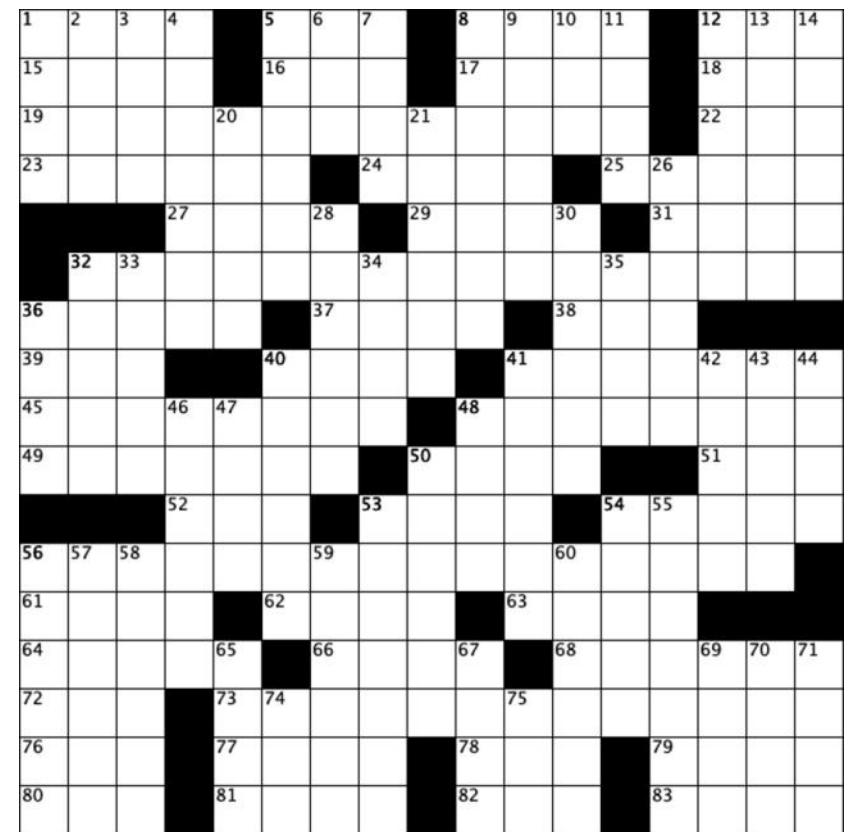
Pittsburgh puzzler

RUTH ANN DAILEY

ACROSS

- 1 Help with a heist, say
- 5 Bit of body art
- 8 Harbor vessel
- 12 PIN point?
- 15 Denim pioneer Strauss
- 16 Flamenco cry
- 17 Wine: prefix
- 18 __ Lanka
- 19 French engineer whose 1791 District of Columbia plan left room for 48-Across
- 22 __-de-sac
- 23 Wall or Beale
- 24 Part of N.I.H.: abbr.
- 25 Like dessert wines
- 27 Bygone Swedish auto
- 29 With 31-Across, is excited about
- 31 See 29-Across
- 32 American remembered with 48-Across that was authorized in 1791, started in 1848 and finished in 1884
- 36 Scarfs (down)
- 37 Clue
- 38 Like sashimi
- 39 From __ Z
- 40 Surrealist painter Joan __
- 41 Long-term legislator
- 45 Aluminum feature of 48-Across set in place on Dec. 6, 1884
- 48 White marble structure honoring 32-Across — the world's tallest structure at the time and still the world's tallest obelisk
- 49 Shipboard waiter
- 50 Vintage autos
- 51 Hoppy drink
- 52 Sphere
- 53 Stronghold
- 54 Slammin' Sammy's family
- 56 What Mark Twain said the unfinished 48-Across looked like (in 1861)
- 61 Dweeb
- 62 Show gumption
- 63 Grandson of Adam
- 64 Bridge support
- 66 High school formal
- 68 Composer Pachelbel or Bach
- 72 Rock concert gear
- 73 What is inscribed, in Latin, on the east side of 45-Across
- 76 Mango's center
- 77 Mindless memorization
- 78 The "L" in L.A.
- 79 Pro __ (proportional)
- 80 Letters after ems
- 81 Apt "ayes" anagram
- 82 Ellipsis unit
- 83 Actor Estrada or composer Satie

AT LONG LAST



DOWN

- 1 European peaks
- 2 "So __": amen
- 3 Happily-after link
- 4 Gets bored with
- 5 Morgue ID
- 6 Every last bit
- 7 Fake ID user, often
- 8 Most gentle
- 9 Toaster's subject
- 10 Bed-and-breakfast
- 11 Kitchenware
- 12 Upward climb
- 13 Not betraying
- 14 "Paradise Lost" poet
- 20 Brings up
- 21 1998 Olympics city
- 26 Native American dwelling
- 28 Lagging
- 30 Car chase sounds
- 32 Suggested subtly
- 33 Flee to wed
- 34 Hidden mic
- 35 Half of Mork's sign-off
- 36 WWII female volunteers
- 40 Obsessed with the dark side
- 41 Bring relief to

- 42 Pick on
- 43 Dental crown alternative
- 44 GPS suggestions
- 46 They have duel purposes
- 47 Blackens
- 48 Chicago exchange, for short
- 50 Places for wranglers
- 53 Carries back and forth
- 54 __-Hawley Tariff Act of 1930
- 55 Not at sea
- 56 Like old audiobooks
- 57 Mice and lice
- 58 Blows one's top
- 59 Mexican revolutionary played by Brando
- 60 Jokingly
- 65 Nimble, especially for one's age
- 67 Combine
- 69 Petri dish gel
- 70 Formal "It wasn't me!"
- 71 Fargo's state: abbr.
- 74 Fish-to-be
- 75 Halloween shout

Puzzle solution published here next Sunday. Direct comments to ruthann-dailey@hotmail.com

Idea for candidates forum here started in the nation's capital

FORUM, FROM A-1

presidential race, and they eventually came up with hosting a forum where candidates could hear from a variety of stakeholders — teachers, parents, students, unions and more — and at the same time talk about their own views.

One of the people who was at the meeting was Jitu Brown, the national director of the Journey for Justice Alliance, a grassroots group based in Chicago with partners nationwide that calls for education equity.

The Journey for Justice Alliance promotes student-centered school climates, sustainable community schools and teacher diversity, as well as more accountability for charter schools, limits on using standardized tests as measures of school success and ending zero-tolerance policies. The organization launched in 2012 in an attempt to combat what members saw as the

growing problem of school privatization.

The Journey for Justice Alliance collaborates with student, parents and teacher groups, as well as the likes of the NAACP and Black Lives Matter. As planning for the forum began, Mr. Brown approached the leadership of many of those organizations to ask for their involvement.

“We understood that together we represented millions,” Mr. Brown said, “and that divided, we’ll win victories here and there, but united, we can change how education operates in the United States.”

Mr. Brown said bringing together so many organizations with different needs — and that often disagree on issues — will force the candidates to answer questions from those who do not always have a voice: the teacher worried about resources being depleted from her school, the parent who’s had to send her child to three schools in three years, the

student who’s late to class because he had to wait in line to go through the metal detectors.

Though Mr. Brown has been outspoken about the privatization of schools being pushed by Betsy DeVos, President Donald Trump’s education secretary, he said Democrats are also to blame for the decline in public education. He said he believes that there would be no Betsy DeVos without Arne Duncan, an Obama administration secretary of education who pushed for standardized tests and promoted charter schools.

Mr. Brown said he feels as though Democrats have abandoned President Lyndon Johnson’s Title I under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 that aimed to close the skills gap between low-income students and middle-class or more affluent students. He said he also feels as though the Supreme Court’s ruling on Brown v. Board of Education, which banned segre-

gation in schools, never has been fully realized.

He hopes the forum will open a conversation about education equity that will continue as the election approaches.

“We want a presidential candidate to have to talk to the full breadth of the education justice movement, and then also that education justice becomes a wedge issue in the presidential election,” he said.

Why Pittsburgh?

Another matter as the forum came together was agreeing on a location. Chicago, Detroit and Boston were all under consideration, but the organizers settled on Pittsburgh for a number of reasons.

First, Pennsylvania is a battleground state that Mr. Trump won in 2016. Pittsburgh and Western Penn-

sylvania are important areas for Democrats to have a high rate of success if they want to reclaim the state in 2020.

Pennsylvania also deserves credit for pushing education justice, according to Mr. Brown. OnePA, in particular, has been leading the charge for education equity. For example, members of OnePA last week urged the Pittsburgh Public Schools to shift funding away from police and security and allocate more money toward mental health services for students.

“Based off of the work that we’re doing here locally, we are actually looked at as a city that is moving forward to more progressive education policies, specifically around ending the school-to-prison pipeline and creating new sustainable community schools, [and] making sure

that we’re not privatizing our education by supporting new charter school applications,” said Angel Gober, the Western Pennsylvania director of OnePA.

Pittsburgh also “represents diverse students and families like in so many other places across the country,” Ms. Weingarten said. “Basically, working people who see public schools and college as a way of achieving the American Dream.”

Nina Esposito-Visgitis, president of the Pittsburgh Federation of Teachers, said she is “proud” that the city is getting the chance to host the forum.

“It is a lot of work, but we’re really very, very excited,” Ms. Esposito-Visgitis said. “We’re very excited to of course show off our city, and show off the work of our local and the work we do here in education.”

Denuclearization off negotiating table, says North Korea’s U.N. ambassador

Bloomberg News

NEW YORK — Denuclearization is off the negotiating table with the U.S., North Korea’s ambassador to the United Nations said Saturday in a strongly worded statement that also criticized European Union member nations for playing “the role of pet dog” to Washington.

Ambassador Kim Song said that the “sustained and substantial dialogue” sought by the U.S. with Pyongyang was a trick done to suit its domestic political agenda, according to the statement.

“We do not need to have lengthy talks with the U.S. now and denuclearization is already gone out of the negotiating table,” Mr. Kim said.

The envoy’s letter comes at a sensitive time in U.S.-North Korea relations. Pyongyang may be preparing to conduct engine tests at a long-range rocket launch site to dial up pressure on President Donald Trump ahead of a year-end deadline it imposed to get a better deal from the U.S. in nuclear disarmament talks.

The U.S. has said it’s ready to engage in talks, but Saturday’s missive suggests Pyongyang is pulling away.

On Friday, the U.S. indicated it was withholding its support from hosting a human rights debate on North Korea next week, in what was seen as an effort to avoid antagonizing the North Koreans.

In his statement, Mr. Song

referenced the Dec. 4 joint statement from six EU member states regarding North Korea as “yet another serious provocation.” He also defended tests of Pyongyang’s “super-large” multiple rocket launcher in November as necessary for self-defense.

As tensions rise, the relationship between Mr. Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un — who’ve met three times — has shown signs of strain.

Mr. Trump has revived his “Rocket Man” nickname for Mr. Kim as well as the threat of military force against North Korea. A North Korean official has again used the term “dotard,” or mentally weak old person, for the U.S. president.



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Local

A debt and a verdict could put Alcoa's pullout from Suriname on hold

Unpaid electric bill over \$120 million

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Alcoa's departure from the South American country of Suriname, set to culminate at the end of this year, may be complicated by a big unpaid bill and a politically charged criminal conviction.

The bill — around \$120 million — is for the electricity the government has received but not paid for over several years from a hydroelectric dam owned by an Alcoa subsidiary. The government in November issued an investor presentation seeking \$150 million to cover its debt to the Pittsburgh-based aluminum company, plus pay \$30 million to other creditors and cover restructuring costs.

The conviction is a verdict against Suriname's president, Desi Bouterse, for provoking the murders of 15 political opponents in 1982. On Nov. 29, Mr. Bouterse was sentenced by a Surinamese court to 20 years in prison, although he has not yet been arrested and has vowed to appeal the decision and to run for reelection in May.

"The verdict increases the risk exposure of our country," according to Viren Ajodhia, a Surinamese energy sector consultant, in an email response to questions. "This makes it more difficult to get attractive financing. What may happen is that we end up with a junk[y] bond" with extremely high interest rates.

At stake is the massive Afobaka dam, built by Alcoa and its subsidiary Suralco in the 1960s to power smelting and refining activity.



The Afobaka Dam at dawn in Suriname on March 12, 2017. Alcoa's departure from the country would be complete with the planned Dec. 31 turnover of the dam to the country.

Alcoa's operations slowed down over the past 20 years, ending in 2015, and instead the dam has provided much of the country's electricity, with the government paying a price tied to the cost of oil.

Under terms of a 1958 agreement, the government has sought to take over the dam. In August, Suriname's National Assembly voted to accept a pact negotiated between a presidential commission and Alcoa that included the Dec. 31 turnover of the dam.

One plank of that deal is

the payment by Suriname of its debt to Alcoa. That debt turned out to be \$120 million, built up over several years during which the government didn't pay its electric bill to the company.

The government last month hired Oppenheimer & Co., a global investment firm, to help it to find a lender to cover the bill. It also persuaded the National Assembly to raise the debt limit to 95% of gross domestic product — up from 60% — in part to accommodate the borrowing.

The proposed borrowing prompted Fitch Ratings to note that the new debt would put Suriname among the 20 most heavily leveraged countries it rates and to tag it with a B- credit rating and a negative outlook.

Alcoa declined to comment for this story, other than issuing a statement which said, in part, that it "is making plans to transfer the Afobaka hydroelectric dam to the government of Suriname according to terms ratified" in the National Assembly, and that the company has not been a

participant in the government's borrowing bid.

Neither Suriname's finance minister nor the National Assembly's speaker responded to requests for comment.

Opposition legislators have said that the government should never have incurred the debt. They say the Bouterse administration should have demanded control of the dam — or at least demanded lower energy prices — when Alcoa stopped industrial operations in 2015.

"We borrow so much money already, internationally, and six months before the election, it's not good" to add more debt, said Marinus Bee, a National Assembly member from one of Suriname's opposition parties, in a phone interview. What does it mean for Suriname's people? "So there is less money for schools, health and other needs," he said.

"If the government gets the room to be able to borrow more and more money, this will set a burden on not only this generation, but on the generations after us — our children and our grandchildren," said Gregory Rusland, another opposition member of the National Assembly. He predicted that the Bouterse administration would do whatever it could to raise the money and secure the dam because it is a matter of national prestige and elections are looming. "The worst case scenario is that they will not be able to come up with the funds, and the deal would not go through at the end of the year."

The president's conviction won't make it easier to borrow. But some close observers think the government will find a lender — either via Oppenheimer or in China or Russia.

"I think one way or another a loan can be secured, even [though] some lender[s] might opt out because of the bad rep of the president," wrote Amrish "Danny" Lachman, a former Alcoa superintendent and now a freelance consultant, in an email response to questions. He added that Alcoa also could allow the government to pay the debt in installments extending into next year rather than in a lump sum.

As open enrollment ends, senators decry problems with Medicare plan-finding website

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In its most recent Medicare enrollment blog, the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services touted a 14% increase in traffic on its overhauled Medicare Plan Finder website.

While saying improvements are continuing to the site, the Nov. 27 posting took a shot at earlier media coverage that the federal agency "has been distressed to see media coverage talking about 'glitches' or 'malfunctions' in the plan finder."

"Let's be clear: the new Plan Finder has experienced no outages since it was launched."

Fifteen U.S. senators, led by Pennsylvania Sen. Bob Casey, say that's not nearly good enough.

Since the plan finder's rollout in late August, special state programs and others who counsel people on Medicare coverage "have continuously reported problems," the senators wrote in a letter Thursday to CMS Administrator Seema Verma.

They said those problems include pricing and coverage information that does not match information on



Leslie Anticich — with his wife, Janet, in their Export home in September. "In my areas of interest, there has been negligible improvement," he says.

insurance company websites and "incorrect prescription drug pricing information that would amount to thousands of dollars in out-of-pocket costs for people with Medicare."

Additionally, the letter said, "People with Medicare may not realize they received erroneous information from the MPF [Medicare Plan Finder] until they visit their pharmacy well

into 2020."

The senators called on Ms. Verma to authorize a special enrollment period that would allow seniors and other beneficiaries to change plans at any point

during the 2020 calendar year "if they find they were misled by information" in the plan finder.

Mr. Casey is the ranking minority member of the Senate's Special Committee on Aging, and his co-authors comprised 13 of his Democratic Senate colleagues, including Ohio's Sherrod Brown, presidential candidate Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota plus independent Sen. Angus King Jr. of Maine.

In response, CMS on Friday released a statement that said, "The agency will provide more information soon to beneficiaries and beneficiary advocates on the SEP [Special Enrollment Period] for 2020," indicating that a still-unannounced special enrollment plan is in the works.

"CMS has always had the ability to grant a SEP to beneficiaries under exceptional circumstances at any point during the year," the statement reads.

"This SEP for exceptional circumstances isn't new, but this year we're doubling down on ensuring that choosing their Medicare coverage is a simple and painless experience for ben-

eficiaries."

One local Medicare beneficiary, Export resident Les Anticich, had raised concerns with the Post-Gazette about the plan finder website in the days leading up to the start of the open enrollment period that ended Saturday.

Mr. Anticich researches Medicare plans for himself and his wife, Janet, and his parents who are both in their 90s.

Unlike the previous version, he said the redesigned plan finder would not allow him to save a list of drugs and retrieve it while using the website anonymously, so he had to re-enter the drug list each time.

Also, he said a listing of available Medicare Advantage plans still calls up plans with drug coverage and those without, even though seniors would likely have already decided if they needed that coverage and it's not as easy to determine if a particular pharmacy is on a particular plan's "preferred" list.

"In my areas of interest," Mr. Anticich concluded, "there has been negligible improvement."

Port Authority plans to cut stops on 2 routes, wants feedback

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The Port Authority is recommending elimination of 23 stops on the 48-Arlington route and 22 on the 88-Penn in the latest round of bus stop consolidations.

The authority announced the stop eliminations Wednesday and will be posting signs at each stop as well as having representatives riding the routes next week to pass out cards about the proposed changes. Ad-

ministrators also will meet with bus drivers for their input on the proposed changes.

Riders have until Feb. 7 to comment on the changes before they take effect March 15. The recommendations are listed on the authority's website at PortAuthority.org/BusStop.

The authority is in the process of analyzing about 7,000 stops throughout its bus system over the next six years with goals of elimi-

nating unsafe or redundant stops to improve its on-time performance.

On the 48-Arlington, the authority is recommending elimination of 23 of the current 112 stops. Inbound stops would be reduced to 46 from 57 and outbound stops would be cut to 43 from 55, leaving 89 total stops.

The 48-Arlington serves Downtown Pittsburgh, South Side, Arlington, Mount Oliver, Knoxville and Beltzhoover.

Changes recommended on the 88-Penn would reduce the number of stops to 70 from 92. That would include cutting the inbound stops by 11 to 32 and the outbound stops by 11 to 38.

However, the authority also is recommending adding two inbound stops, one at Penn Avenue and Euclid Street and the other at Penn Avenue opposite Shady Avenue. Spokesman Adam Brandolph said the new stops each would be

between two old stops.

The 88-Penn serves Downtown, the Strip District, Lawrenceville, Bloomfield, Friendship, Garfield, East Liberty and Point Breeze.

Mr. Brandolph said the stops proposed for elimination also serve as stops for several other buses, so the agency will go out of its way to make sure those riders also know the stop will be eliminated.

"It's not just the 48 and 88,

but riders on the other routes that use those stops will be affected," he said. "We're hitting those other routes multiple ways to make sure people are aware."

The agency took some heat for not having more public involvement during the first round of proposed changes. The only change in its approach this time is to have representatives tell riders in person that stops will be eliminated.

Views on impeachment follow party stances in 14th District

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conservative district feel the same way, and it's unlikely that Mr. Reschenthaler's actions will impact his electoral prospects.

Greg Matty, 42, of Irwin, said he's voted for both Democrats and Republicans on and off in recent years, and he voted for Mr. Reschenthaler last year to represent the sprawling 14th — which spans across Greene, Fayette, Washington and Westmoreland counties.

Mr. Reschenthaler "seemed like a straight shooter" who conducted himself respectfully, Mr. Matty said.

But Mr. Matty described the impeachment hearings this past week as a "turning point" and said he wouldn't vote for Mr. Reschenthaler if

the election were held today because he feels his representative is enabling a corrupt president.

Although he said Mr. Reschenthaler embodies a good chunk of his personal values, he'd rather have his congressman offer a more nuanced analysis of the president's alleged misdoings, Mr. Matty said.

"I would much rather have someone at least say, 'No, this isn't appropriate. Do I think [Mr. Trump] should be impeached and kicked out? Maybe not,'" Mr. Matty said.

Mr. Trump is accused of dangling congressionally approved aid to Ukraine in exchange for an investigation into his potential 2020 political rival, Democrat Joe Biden, as well as obstructing the House's investigation

into those charges.

Mr. Reschenthaler has defended the president repeatedly against those charges, calling the investigation a "political hit job" and claiming that the Democrats have unfairly handled the proceedings.

Republicans Jill Cooper and Melanie Patterson, who voted for Mr. Reschenthaler once and would do it again, used similar terms to describe the Democrats' impeachment effort.

Ms. Cooper, 57, of Murrysville, said fair-minded voters see the impeachment proceedings as a waste of taxpayer dollars.

"The Democrats' impeachment is nonsense," Ms. Cooper said. "It will backfire on them in 2020 because they have accomplished nothing but hearings and hearings."

Democrats are driven by "hatred" of the president, said Ms. Patterson, 60, of Washington Township.

An owner of a small business, Ms. Patterson said she's seen economic progress in her area because of Mr. Trump's policies and wishes Democrats would stop trying to take away from those successes.

"I feel they need to knock it off and get back to work for the American people," Ms. Patterson said. "It's just ridiculous."

Both women said the president did nothing wrong and wouldn't go as far as other voters to say that what Mr. Trump did was inappropriate for a president.

To some of Mr. Reschenthaler's Democratic constituents, Mr. Trump should be held accountable and their representative

should let the process play out.

Marie Stanesic, a 42-year-old call center manager who lives in Irwin, said she believes Mr. Reschenthaler and the Republicans are belittling her intelligence when they say impeachment is a "sham" or that members of her party are "do-nothing Democrats."

"You're talking about me. I'm a Democrat," Ms. Stanesic said. "I just take it personally."

Ms. Stanesic said she wants Mr. Reschenthaler to have an open dialogue with his constituents without disrespecting them just because they're open to impeachment.

But there aren't many in the district who feel that way, the Democrats say.

Ryan King, a 47-year-old

North Huntingdon resident who works as an attorney in Pittsburgh, said Mr. Reschenthaler is making a gamble that he has enough Trump fans in his constituency who will see him as a soldier fighting the far left.

And many do, said Amber Jellots, a stay-at-home-mom in Washington who considers herself a small-government states-rights Democrat. She said he'll be "fine" in next year's election — if he even garners an opponent — and will not face any consequences for his anti-impeachment stance.

But she won't be voting for him, she said.

"I'm offended that he thinks we are so stupid that we're going to be like, 'Oh my gosh, [impeachment] is a sham, and I'm not going to go fact check,'" Ms. Jellots said.

Amazon gets called out for Auschwitz images on items for sale

New York Daily News

A "stylish" towel stamped with an image of Auschwitz was still listed Monday afternoon on Amazon despite the website's earlier removal of other merchandise featuring photos of the former Nazi death camp.

The listing, which was taken down shortly before 5 p.m., was online hours after the e-commerce giant issued a statement announcing the removal of several disturbing Auschwitz-themed "Christmas ornaments" and other items following a series of tweets by the Auschwitz Museum.

"Selling 'Christmas ornaments' with images of Auschwitz does not seem appropriate," the Poland-based memorial tweeted on Sunday alongside screenshots of an Auschwitz bottle opener and a Birkenau "massacre" mouse pad that were listed on Amazon.

The \$24.99 towel was described as "stylish," "mainly for children," and "a perfect gift for families, friends, girls and boys." The seller, identified only as "Ruio," had 185 items listed on the website as of Monday afternoon.

The image on the towel shows the German slogan "Arbeit Macht Frei," which means "work sets you free" and appeared on the entrances of Auschwitz and other Nazi camps.

The Nazi regime opened the Auschwitz camp in Poland in 1940 to hold war prisoners. At least 1.1 million people, mostly Jews, were killed in gas chambers on that site or died of starvation or diseases.

The museum said in a Monday afternoon tweet that it appears people are taking upon themselves the job that Amazon should be doing: "verifying the products that are uploaded there."

An Amazon spokesman did not immediately address whether the company needs better product vetting, but the website issued a short statement earlier on Monday about the Auschwitz products.

"All sellers must follow our selling guidelines, and those who do not will be subject to action, including potential removal of their account," the statement reads. "The products in question have been removed."

The museum has previously called for another online retailer to remove items stamped with images from Auschwitz. Redbubble, an Australian e-commerce website, was called out in May for selling a miniskirt, a throw pillow and a tote bag with images of the camp.

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Study finds shale gas jobs don't offset damage done

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is a value judgment in my view, one that individuals and policymakers can make," said Mr. Cohon, a professor in CMU's Civil and Environmental Engineering and Engineering and Public Policy departments.

Specifically, the study looked at public health, environmental impacts and climate change in assessing the industry impact.

Premature deaths had an economic toll of \$23 billion, based on mid-range calculations that were the median and most likely outcomes of a wide range of potential results, according to the peer-reviewed study, which appeared in the Nov. 18 journal *Nature Sustainability*.

Climate impacts produced mid-range costs of an additional \$34 billion based on emissions from 2004 to 2016, and those will persist generations longer than gas industry jobs, the study found. The jobs and related economic benefits have an estimated mid-range value of \$21 billion, based on employment calculations in counties throughout the region.

Meanwhile, the study found that the cumulative impacts of natural gas development on water and air quality, ecosystem, climate, labor markets, and public health "are still largely unexplored and unaccounted for in public and private decision-making."

Better analytic tools

The study's lead author, Erin Mayfield, a postdoctoral research associate at Princeton University's Princeton Environmental Institute, said better analytic tools that account for climate, environmental and public health impacts are needed to help policymakers make good decisions.

The study modeled a wide range of health, environmental and climate impacts that directly stem from natural gas development activities, and it provides a method for calculating environmental and pollution damage for comparison with the industry's economic benefits.

For example, according to the study, for every three job years created by the industry (three people each working one year or one working three years), one year of life is lost for a resident in the region. That means someone died a year prematurely due to increased pollution exposure for every three years of employment in the shale gas industry.

"Jobs are important, but you have to look at the whole picture, and that's the context this paper tries to provide," Mr. Muller said. "Who's comfortable with the calculation of a life shortened by a year for every



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An ethane cracker and three other units at the Shell Chemical Appalachia plant in Potter Township, Beaver County, promise to turn the natural gas liquid produced as part of the shale gas drilling into plastic pellets used by other industries.

three [years of employment] created?"

Mr. Cohon said it's important for the public and political leaders to know about and evaluate the trade-offs that will continue to occur due to development of the Marcellus and Utica shale gas plays.

"We see the job benefits over the last 10 to 15 years, but there are also air quality and climate impacts. All are statistically significant," Mr. Cohon said.

The environmental impacts of shale gas development are comparable to other heavy industrial development impacts, he said.

A \$2 production tax?

To compensate for the environmental and climate change costs of the region's shale gas industry, the study recommends a production tax of \$2 for every 1,000 cubic feet of gas to account for air quality and climate change impacts.

Based on existing severance tax or impact fee revenue and production rates from 2004 to 2016 in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia, the shale gas industry paid just 8 cents per 1,000 cubic feet of gas produced, the study said.

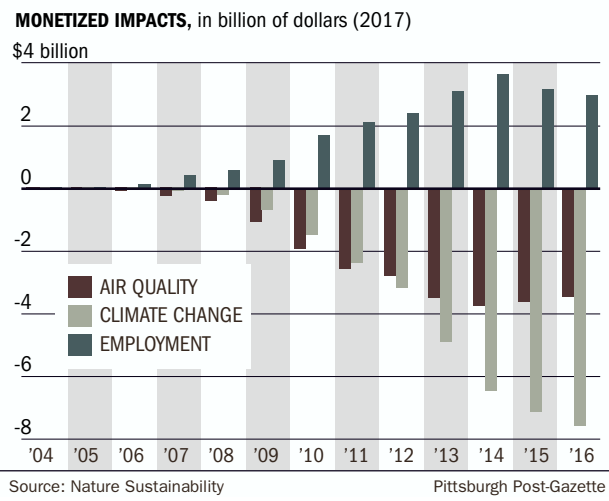
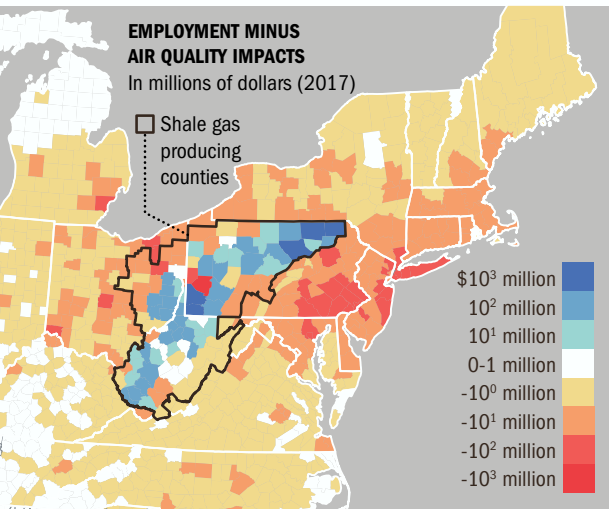
"Private firms across the supply chain have not faced the full costs of natural gas development," Ms. Mayfield said, "and the public has effectively subsidized greenhouse gas and air pollution emissions that result in climate change and health impacts."

Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf has been pushing for a higher severance tax on natural gas production for years but hasn't been able to overcome opposition from the state Legislature.

Mr. Cohon said a \$2 fee would elicit strong opposition from the shale gas

The shale gas trade-off: negative net effect

The overall effects of natural gas development on the environment, climate and public health in the region outweigh the benefits of natural gas development, says a Carnegie Mellon study on air pollution from shale gas activities in Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia.



industry and would have no political support. Still, he said, it's helpful to put a dollar figure on the environmental and climate costs.

"Consumers make decisions based on price signals. If the price doesn't reflect the true costs, then they can't make informed decisions," he said.

Shell Chemical Appalachia is building a massive petrochemical complex in Potter Township, Beaver County, with support from government-backed incentives. An ethane cracker and three other units at the plant promise to turn the natural gas liquid produced as part of the shale gas drilling into

plastic pellets used by other industries.

Mr. Cohon said decisions about building a handful of additional cracker plants would benefit from making a collective assessment of their environmental, health and climate impacts.

"The key will be to look at the cumulative impacts of the cracker industry in Western Pennsylvania and the impacts of two or three or five more," he said, "and try to project those impacts into the future."

The study's scope is limited. It doesn't look at the air quality benefits that might result from using natural gas instead of coal or what the use of the gas is substituting for. The study also does not take into account premature deaths avoided by using gas instead of coal for electric power generation.

The wide range of monetary benefits or damage the study found for impacts on employment, the environment and climate reflect the uncertainty of different models and the data. But the findings are statistically significant, Mr. Cohon said.

"We now have a powerful tool to analyze the impacts of the shale gas development," he said, "and that should make the decision-making better."

'Varying trade-offs'

The Marcellus Shale Coalition, the region's shale gas trade and lobbying organization, did not comment on specifics of the CMU study but responded by touting widespread economic benefits and deep concern for and commitment to the region's environment and public health and safety.

"All energy sources and industries carry associated impacts and varying trade-offs, and we believe firmly — as reflected in a broad and

overwhelming body of independent research and analysis, including recent [Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection] air quality data that's been covered by the Post-Gazette — that natural gas is unquestionably enhancing our environment and air quality, boosting job creation and making Americans more secure," the coalition's emailed statement said.

"These benefits continue to cascade positively across our entire economy, especially as it related to manufacturing and power generation."

The DEP air quality study cited in the coalition's statement, which was released in July 2018, used data collected at four sites surrounded by natural gas wells, compressor stations and processing facilities in Washington County in 2012 and 2013.

That study found limited air quality impacts at those four sites and minimal public health risks.

The findings were called into question by state and federal agencies because of problems with missing data, malfunctioning equipment and monitoring sites that were not located downwind from shale gas facilities they were supposed to monitor.

Matt Mehalik, executive director of the Breathe Project, a collaborative of 39 environmental, academic and health organizations, said the new CMU research is "groundbreaking in its scope," and it clearly shows that even as the shale gas industry was rapidly expanding over the past decade, it wasn't covering its health and environmental impacts.

"The bottom line for me is that they did an analysis of the boom period of development that has already happened and found the petrochemical industry was an economic loser in the region to the tune of tens of billions of dollars," Mr. Mehalik said.

Some political leaders have suggested opening the discussion about future shale gas development in the region.

Mr. Mehalik said, "Our political leaders here need to explain why the region should accept such a bad economic deal."

Additional authors of the CMU study include Allen Robinson, who heads CMU's Mechanical Engineering Department and is a professor in the mechanical engineering and the engineering and public policy departments, and director of the Center for Air, Climate and Energy Solutions; and Inez Azevedo, an associate professor in Stanford University's Department of Energy Resources Engineering and co-director of the university's Climate and Energy Decision Making Center.

Agriculture and transportation are major polluters

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Scientific research over the years definitively has found that air pollution causes premature deaths due to ischemic heart disease, strokes, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and lung cancer, among other maladies.

Now there's a growing body of research arguing that an industry's economic benefits must be balanced against the premature deaths that its pollution generates — focusing attention on agriculture, transportation, electric utilities and manufacturing that account for 75% of the nation's air pollution.

These hidden impacts — so-called gross external damage — aren't currently included in more traditional gross domestic product, or GDP, calculations, but they should be deducted from the total value of goods produced and services, according to a Carnegie Mellon University-based study published this fall in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

The study establishes a method for policymakers to analyze the economics of pollution health impacts, and it

reports the surprising finding that agriculture and transportation now produce more fine particulate pollution nationwide than electric utilities and manufacturing.

A separate CMU analysis, done at the request of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, found that locally generated air pollution boosted the number of premature deaths from 864 in 2011 to 980 in 2014 in the Pittsburgh metropolitan area. That increase was linked to "increases in local economic activity."

Overall, emissions nationally and locally have been declining steadily with decreased use of coal.

Still, air pollution is a major contributor to premature mortality in the United States, the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences study states. "The number of deaths and damages highlight the importance of air pollution as a policy issue."

Mortality increases as industrial development occurs closer to urban centers, said Nicholas Muller, the CMU associate professor who co-authored the study.

That's a key concern with shale gas development, which involves drilling wells and using hydraulic frac-

turing or "fracking" to recover natural gas and then processing and transporting it to market.

CMU models place a cost on each ton of pollution, based on the size of populations that the pollution will impact.

So emissions generated in Washington County — with one of the highest levels of shale gas development statewide — bear the highest mortality costs per ton in Western Pennsylvania because the county sits directly upwind of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County, the region's highest population center, CMU pollution models show.

Analyzing pollution based on the source and toxicity of emissions is key to developing accurate damage estimates and efficient regulatory decision making, the study says.

Environmental damage from farms "is driven by ammonia" along with particulate matter. That's caused primarily by livestock and the manure it generates, fertilizer application and the burning to clear fields, as well as combustion emissions from equipment and other crop-related activities, the study states.

Transportation pollution nationwide — mainly from cars, trucks, trains and airplanes — also exceeds that of utilities and manufacturing nationwide. Southwestern Pennsylvania has elevated diesel pollution with contributors including shale-gas truck and train traffic crisscrossing the region.

Gross external damage, or GED — a concept that Mr. Muller coined — is the sum that determines how many premature deaths occur from pollution and is calculated by multiplying total tons of pollution by a mortality cost per ton. The mortality cost is assessed by where the pollution is emitted, which determines what size population it will impact — the cost is higher in more populous counties.

That total then can be subtracted from gross domestic product, or GDP, which is a measure of total economic activity, to more accurately explain the industry's true value to society and the economy, the study says.

For example, a more recent study has found that shale gas development in the Appalachian basin, including southwestern Pennsylvania, has notably higher damage costs than employment

benefits.

"We certainly do not advocate for closing industries in such cases," the study says. "Rather, this is an indication ... that damages are likely inefficiently high. In such cases, regulators should consider making sensible changes to emission controls."

Expenditures to reduce pollution contribute to GDP but also reduce damage in terms of deaths. One example is installation of scrubbers to reduce smokestack pollution at coal-fired power plants.

Air pollution ranks as the ninth largest risk factor contributing to deaths nationwide and was responsible for more than 100,000 U.S. fatalities in 2016, the study says.

The National Research Council, part of the National Academy of Sciences, said in 1999 that pollution costs should be included in economic analysis. That never occurred.

Generally, Mr. Muller said, CMU studies show that "you can't pollute your way to prosperity."

"These findings suggest that policymakers should target further emissions reductions from such sectors, particularly in transportation

and agriculture," the study states.

A separate Stanford University study published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences early in December tracked emissions in the nation's electricity system and found that "citizens in regions exporting electricity from high-emission generating sources bear a disproportionate air-pollution burden."

"The footprint of the U.S. electricity system is dominated by large regions" that face a bigger health impact as a result. The largest is Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Maryland, which produces 20% of the nation's power and 19% of its emissions.

Nationwide, particulate levels declined by 24% from 2009 through 2016 because of declining coal usage.

In 2017 and 2018, particulate levels rose by 5.5%, mostly in the Midwest and West, with wildfires being a key factor. That increase in particulate pollution resulted in 9,700 additional premature deaths and a total damage assessment of \$89 billion.

"When you only look at GDP or jobs, you're missing the crucial piece of the puzzle," Mr. Muller said.

the week in review

A BRIEF ROUNDUP OF THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

So much of Pittsburgh is a city in transition. Let's take a quick look at just a few buildings that were in the news last week as part of our continuing evolution.

Remember Kaufmann's? The landmark department store still stands along Fifth Avenue, Downtown, where it has been for more than 130 years. Well, last week we learned that Florida-based Fontainebleau Development plans to spend tens of millions of dollars to revamp the structure, with a Target store anchoring the project on the first floor.

Jay Fertig, a consultant with Fontainebleau, says it would be a smaller format of the Minneapolis-based chain, but still offering a pharmacy and many of the same products, including groceries, apparel and home goods.

"We want them to be there," Mr. Fertig said. "We think they're a great asset for the city and a great asset for our building."

SEARCH:
KAUFMANN'S

Hill House help

Then there's the Kaufmann Center on Centre Avenue and a former senior citizens center on Bedford Avenue, the two remaining real estate properties belonging to the cash-strapped Hill House Association.

The historic nonprofit association last week filed an emergency motion asking a judge to allow it to sell the properties in order to dissolve its endowment so it can pay off debts and costs totaling about \$2 million.

Hill House for decades was a hub of social services, education and cultural programs in the city's Hill District neighborhood. But its "deteriorating financial condition" has left it struggling to settle with creditors. This is part of its process of winding down its operations, including the sale of its headquarters on Centre Avenue, so it can eventually dissolve.

SEARCH: HILL HOUSE

A leap of faith

Perhaps you remember Froggy's, the high-profile bar and restaurant at Market Street and First Avenue. The building, which dates to 1860, is still there, but its doors and windows have been boarded up since 2003.

Last week, the Young Preservationist Association of Pittsburgh listed Froggy's atop its list of 10 restoration opportunities.

The future of the former night spot compelled lengthy discussion at July's planning commission meeting, when Michael Troiani, a spokesman for the owners, Troiani Properties, said the building was deteriorated beyond preserving.

He said Tuesday that he was "absolutely open to finding a way to coordinate something respectful to the history and the district," possibly by reusing materials or through public art, but he reiterated that there is "no practical reuse of the building. I'm not averse to the intent of YPA and I want to find harmony."

The former Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church in East Liberty, which was built in 1891 but has not been used as a church since 1992, was No. 5 on the YPA's list.

SEARCH: FROGGY'S

Fancy digs for Pitt?

"Any more?" you ask. Huh. You must be new around here.

The monumental Twentieth Century Club building on Bigelow Boulevard in Oakland has been the subject of new talks.

Built in 1911, this five-story structure with its famous art deco-style ballroom, could end up being acquired by the University of Pittsburgh. Our reporters couldn't get anyone to go on the record with details, but multiple real estate sources told us that the building, located a block from the Cathedral of Learning and surrounded by other uni-



Pittsburgh Post-Gazette photos

Florida-based Fontainebleau Development plans to spend tens of millions of dollars to revamp the old Kaufmann's/Macy store (seen in 2018), with a Target store anchoring the project on the first floor.



The Hill House Association's Kaufmann Center on Centre Avenue will be going up for sale.



The former Froggy's bar and restaurant sits boarded up in the 100 block of Market Street, Downtown.



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The Twentieth Century Club building on Bigelow Boulevard in Oakland could be acquired by the University of Pittsburgh.

versity facilities, would be a good fit for Pitt.

In addition to the ballroom, the Twentieth Century Club features three meeting and banquet rooms that can hold more than 100 people; three private dining rooms for up to 280 people; four lounges; two libraries; and a conference room. It will be closing at the end of the month.

SEARCH:
TWENTIETH

Hays Woods park

Of course, old buildings aren't the only things we like to refurbish. How about those hundreds of undeveloped wooded acres above the Monongahela River in the city's Hays section?

The state Department of Conservation and Natural Resources has awarded the city a \$100,000 grant that — with matching funds — will turn land with abandoned mines into a nice park.

Kara Smith, of the city's planning department, said they're hoping to open a request for Hays Woods proposals in 2020 to hire a master planning team that will include environmental experts, engineers, site planners and public engagement specialists.

"We want to reach lots of groups in Pittsburgh, the surrounding communities and regionally because the idea is that it would be a regional park," Ms. Smith said.

SEARCH: HAYS WOODS



Derek Shelton was introduced as the new manager of the Pirates.

Attention to a span

We also refurbish bridges. Last week's subject was the South Negley Avenue Bridge in Shadyside, which City Council tentatively tabbed for \$1.2 million in design and rehabilitation work.

Although the Wednesday vote was 4-0, there were three abstentions. There are concerns that the work will enable the Norfolk Southern Railway, which has tracks running below the bridge, to run double-stack trains through the city's most populous neighborhood.

The trouble is that the bridge is at risk of becoming hazardous and really must either be rehabilitated or removed.

SEARCH: TRAINS

Eager to learn more

Teachers challenge students to use their imaginations. And Pittsburgh Public Schools Superintendent Anthony Hamlet is challenging school leaders to "re-imagine" the district and its approach to problems.

"It's time to imagine PPS differently," Mr. Hamlet said during the school board's education committee meeting Tuesday in Oakland. "We can't do it alone. That's why we have partners with us."

The proposal titled "Imagine PPS" suggests more than a dozen initiatives, including birth-to-age-8 programming, mental health care, special education, expanded arts and

athletics, and career-focused classrooms.

Community "stakeholders" will meet in January to discuss specific focus areas and deliver recommendations to the board in June.

SEARCH: SCHOOLS

Staging a protest

Students in Point Park University's conservatory theater program weren't play-acting when they demanded a meeting with school President Paul Henigan last week over concerns regarding racial and gender insensitivity.

The students took issue with an all-white COPA Theatre faculty and some of the shows selected for production.

After a Tuesday meeting, the university released a statement promising to "convene a steering committee made up of students, staff, faculty and administration, with a goal to collaborate on an action plan for both short-term and long-term changes."

SEARCH: COPA

Concern for mind and body

Residents attending a Pittsburgh Public Schools budget hearing Monday expressed more concerns about the district's proposed funding for counseling and mental health services than the proposed 2.3% tax increase.

About 15 people addressed district officials, including many who said they

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represented advocacy groups and urged reallocation of funding away from security and toward social services.

The 2020 budget would fund 92 employees for security, about 45 counselors and about 40 social workers. Advocates recommended that the district increase its in-school mental health providers by lowering the number of security personnel.

"If we actually had that many service providers, instead of security guards and police officers, I think our students would be better served," said Angel Gober, the Western Pennsylvania director of the social justice group OnePA, and a resident of the North Side.

SEARCH:
COUNSELING

An oral exam

Our schools are quite the topic of conversation. Just wait until this coming weekend, when Democratic presidential candidates come to town to participate in an education forum at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

They'll be asked questions about charter schools, special education, funding and more, posed by representatives of 11 local and national social justice advocacy groups.

Look for full coverage at post-gazette.com on Saturday night and in next Sunday morning's Post-Gazette.

SEARCH: ONEPA

Whooping cough outbreak

The state Department of Health reported a rare outbreak of whooping cough through four school districts in Indiana County, infecting as many as 45 people since August.

Though it is relatively rare now, and there is a vaccine that can prevent it from spreading, whooping cough remains a dangerous respiratory disease, state Secretary of Health Rachel Levine said in a statement Tuesday.

"Pertussis, or whooping cough, is a very contagious and serious disease of the respiratory system," Dr. Levine said. "However, whooping cough is preventable with a vaccination, which is why we encourage everyone to be vaccinated."

SEARCH: PERTUSSIS

The Buc starts here

Have you met Derek Shelton? He's the Pirates' new manager, and we crafted an introduction to him after his first news conference here Wednesday at PNC Park.

There was a bit of banter, some posing for pictures and a lot of laughter. But if you read between the lines, you'll get a pretty good idea of who you'll be rooting for come spring.

So you might as well start rooting for him now.

SEARCH: SHELTON

The countdown begins

We just got rid of the leftover turkey, and already they want us to start making plans for New Year's Eve.

We call it First Night in these parts, and it means 2020 will burst into being with TWO Zambelli fireworks displays, a parade and all kinds of music.

You'll want to be somewhere in the Cultural District at about 6 p.m. Dec. 31 to experience the local, national and international artists that the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust announced Tuesday.

And don't worry about the weather — 90% of the programming will take place inside theaters, galleries and event spaces.

The fireworks and the parade, of course, will be outside.

SEARCH: FIRST NIGHT

Today

HIGH: 48
LOW: 42



Breezy with intervals of clouds and sunshine. Winds S at 10-20 mph.

Tomorrow

53
44



Mild with periods of rain. Winds S at 7-14 mph.

Tuesday

48
23



Rather cloudy, morning rain, then colder. Winds WNW at 8-16 mph.

Wednesday

30
16



Colder with clouds and sunshine. Winds WSW at 8-16 mph.

Thursday

31
24



Cold with times of clouds and sun. Winds E at 6-12 mph.

Weather outlook

Breezy today with intervals of clouds and sunshine. Considerable cloudiness tonight with occasional rain late. Chance of precipitation 60%. Mild tomorrow with periods of rain. Chance of precipitation 70%. Tuesday: periods of rain in the morning; otherwise, mostly cloudy. Chance of precipitation 80%. Wednesday: clouds and sunshine.

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City	Today		Tomorrow	
	Hi/Lo	W	Hi/Lo	W
Albany	34/32	pc	46/44	r
Albuquerque	47/37	sh	48/29	pc
Allentown	44/34	pc	52/49	r
Anchorage	36/33	i	42/31	r
Atlanta	56/49	c	65/59	c
Atlanta City	50/45	pc	58/56	r
Baltimore	48/37	pc	55/51	r
Birmingham	61/56	c	70/60	r
Boise	47/28	c	44/26	pc
Boston	39/36	pc	55/52	r
Buffalo	45/41	pc	49/40	r
Charleston, S.C.	61/51	c	72/61	c
Charleston, W.Va.	55/45	pc	60/51	sh
Charlotte	53/44	pc	59/55	sh
Chicago	46/41	sh	48/21	sh
Cincinnati	54/48	c	56/34	r
Cleveland	51/45	pc	54/37	r
Columbus	51/46	c	55/38	r
Dallas	70/60	pc	73/35	c
Dayton	53/47	c	55/33	r
Denver	50/23	s	34/21	pc
Des Moines	48/33	pc	35/14	c
Detroit	47/44	c	51/34	r
Erie	48/44	pc	51/39	r
Fairbanks	18/10	pc	30/23	pc
Grand Rapids	44/40	c	46/28	r
Greensboro	51/40	pc	56/54	sh
Hartford	37/32	pc	52/48	r
Harrisburg	46/36	pc	52/49	r
Honolulu	85/69	s	85/70	s
Houston	74/62	pc	81/56	pc
Indianapolis	51/47	c	54/25	r
Jackson, Miss.	68/55	c	73/54	t
Kansas City	53/37	c	43/20	c
Las Vegas	64/47	c	61/40	s
Los Angeles	64/50	sh	66/48	s
Louisville	58/52	c	60/37	r
Memphis	63/57	c	66/40	r
Miami	81/69	pc	83/74	pc
Milwaukee	45/37	c	44/21	c
Minneapolis	36/24	c	26/1	sn
Myrtle Beach	58/51	c	69/58	pc
Nashville	60/55	c	66/42	r
New Orleans	71/57	pc	77/66	c
New York City	44/42	pc	57/53	r
Norfolk	56/50	pc	67/61	r
Oklahoma City	64/45	c	52/28	c
Omaha	48/26	pc	29/17	sf
Orlando	80/60	pc	82/65	r
Philadelphia	46/40	pc	56/53	r
Phoenix	68/53	sh	65/46	pc
Portland, Maine	34/30	pc	47/44	r
Portland, Ore.	51/40	pc	50/38	c
Providence	38/36	pc	56/51	r
Richmond	51/40	pc	60/58	r
Sacramento	61/44	sh	58/43	s
St. Louis	56/48	c	55/25	sh
Salt Lake City	43/32	sh	40/25	c
San Diego	66/55	c	65/50	s
San Francisco	59/49	sh	56/48	s
San Juan	87/77	s	86/77	pc
Seattle	52/42	c	50/39	c
Spokane	39/27	pc	36/30	c
Syracuse	39/34	pc	45/42	r
Tampa	79/63	pc	80/64	s
Toledo	49/47	c	53/35	r
Tucson	64/50	sh	58/39	r
Washington, D.C.	48/41	pc	56/54	r
Wheeling	49/43	pc	54/45	r
Wilmington, Del.	46/37	pc	56/53	r

Yesterday's Record

Readings from the Pittsburgh Int'l. Airport through 5 p.m. Dec 7, 2019

TEMPERATURE

High	37
Normal high	42
Year ago	31
Record high	70 (1892)
Low	22
Normal low	28
Year ago	18
Record low	4 (1882)

DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL

Yesterday	-5.3
Month to date	-1.0
Year to date	+0.9

HUMIDITY

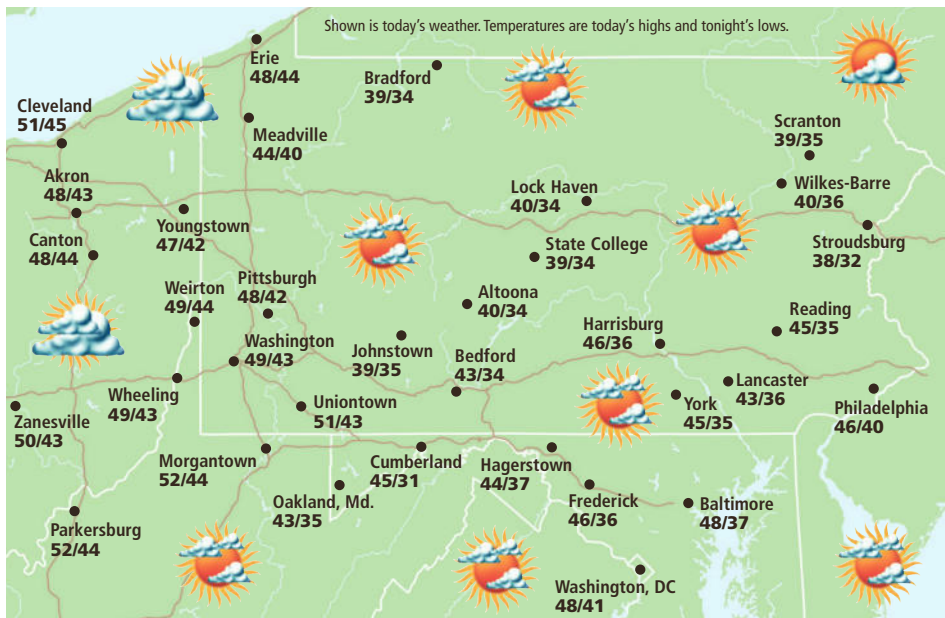
High	84 (at 8 a.m.)
Low	47 (at 4 p.m.)

PRECIPITATION (inches)

24 hours ending 5 p.m. yest.	0.00
Month to date	0.69
Normal month to date	0.68
Departure from normal	+0.01
Year to date	49.62
Normal year to date	36.02
Departure from normal	+13.60

BAROMETER

Yesterday's high	30.42
Yesterday's low	30.27



River Stages

ALLEGHENY	
Franklin, Pa.	5.20 F
Parker, Pa.	4.50 R
Sharpsburg, Pa.	11.70 F
MONONGAHELA	
Gray's Landing, Pa.	10.30 R
CHEAT	
Parsons, W.Va.	4.80 S
WEST FORK	
Clarksburg, W.Va.	2.04 R
YOUGHIOGHENY	
Sutersville, Pa.	4.00 S
BEAVER	
Beaver Falls, Pa.	5.70 R
OHIO	
Pittsburgh, Pa.	16.30 F
Dashields Dam	15.00 F
Montgomery Dam, Pa.	12.80 F
Pike Is. Lock and Dam, W.Va.	14.90 F

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

Moon Phases

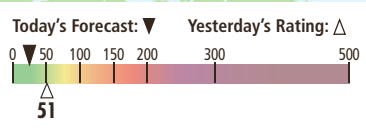


Skywatch today

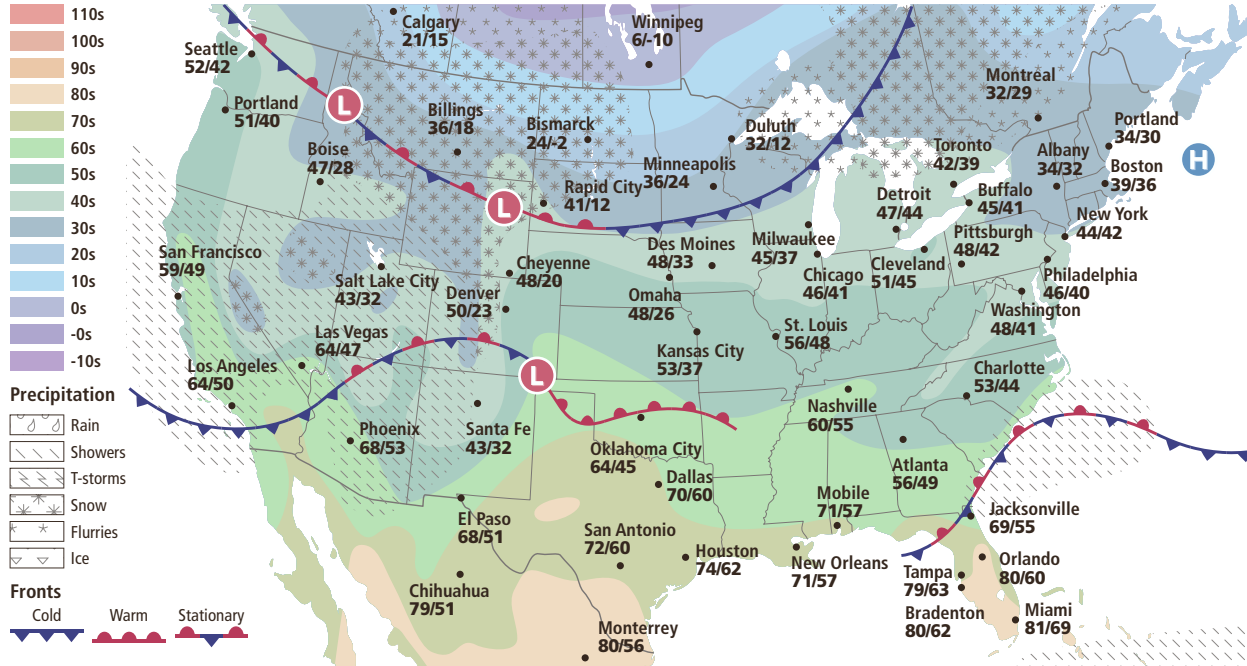
Sunrise	7:31 a.m.
Sunset	4:54 p.m.
Moonrise	3:02 p.m.
Moonset	3:38 a.m.

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
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Staged hate crimes are rare, but damage is real

Partisan spin obscures actual documentation

The Washington Post

The rise in reported hate crimes across the United States over the past several years has been accompanied by the revival of a polarizing debate: How many of those crimes are real?

The arguments of some conservative commentators that most or all of those incidents are fake have grown louder, especially since President Donald Trump's 2016 election.

Some on the left have also made dubious claims, citing misleading statistics that hate crimes rose dramatically in areas where Mr. Trump held campaign rallies.

But beneath the partisan spin, the evidence points to some firm conclusions — as well as ongoing scholarly disagreement.

No serious researcher believes the majority of hate crime reports are false. Even Wilfred Reilly, a political scientist at Kentucky State University and author of "Hate Crime Hoax: How the Left is Selling a Fake Race War," believes that fewer than two out of 10 reported hate crimes are fabricated. Where academics disagree is on just how many hoaxes take place.

Mr. Reilly estimates that as much as 15% of the hate crimes reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation are falsified. Another researcher who has closely examined the subject — Brian Levin of the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at California State University at San Bernardino — puts the hoax rate much lower, at less than half of 1%.

What accounts for the difference? Mr. Levin and Mr. Reilly diverge on what should be classified as a hoax. Mr. Levin, a criminologist, counts hate crimes that are reported to authorities — such as the police or college campus officials — and later are shown to be deliberately falsified.



"Vote Trump" is spray painted on the side of the fire-damaged Hopewell M.B. Baptist Church in Greenville, Miss., in November 2016. But authorities discovered that it was done by one of the church's black parishioners, over a dispute within the congregation.

Associated Press

sified.

Mr. Reilly casts a wider net, including in his database various non-criminal incidents that initially generated speculation about hateful motives. He counted cases where there was no hoaxer, such as the toppling of tombstones in a Jewish cemetery outside Philadelphia because of age and recent landscaping, or the discovery of a "noose" on a Washington, D.C., construction site that police determined was merely a rope used to move equipment.

He said his 15% figure is an estimate based on extrapolating from the dozens of hoaxes he has identified per year and inferring that many less-publicized hate crimes must also be hoaxes that were never revealed.

Mr. Reilly acknowledged that there are cases in his database — which also includes alleged incidents of racial profiling by police — that might be seen by some as questionable.

But Mr. Reilly, who is black and

teaches at a historically black university, defended his expansive criteria in an interview with The Washington Post, saying one goal of his research is to hold the news media to account for embracing questionable stories of bigotry.

"No one's denying that there are real hate crimes. I think the focus for me is on media coverage," he said. "I think my focus is on the media's intentional creation of this narrative of ethnic conflict. Both the left and the right do this."

Mr. Levin said a stricter definition is needed to separate deliberately falsified reports of hate crimes from more ambiguous events.

"A hate crime is more than a folkloric, cultural label," he said. "It's actually a legal and statutory one as well. And that's the one that I study."

But Mr. Levin's criteria exclude some incidents that others might classify as hoaxes. For instance, he

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Hate-crime hoaxes are rare, despite spin

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does not count a wave of telephoned threats to Jewish community centers and institutions in the United States in 2017 that were later found to be the work of a Jewish, Israeli American man. Mr. Levin argued that case is not a hoax, noting that the victims were selected because of their religion — and because most bomb threats, even if they never materialize, still terrorize people.

Mr. Levin acknowledged the damage done by bogus hate allegations, even if they are few in number. Hoaxes call into question the credibility of all victims, he said, and can inflame existing tensions around race, gender, religion and sexual orientation.

"It's really terrible, what these false reporters are doing," he said.

Causing an uproar

The uproar one person can cause through a hate hoax has been seen again and again. In the fall of 2017, a car at Kansas State University was covered in racist graffiti, prompting the university's president to suspend classes and hold a campuswide rally to denounce hatred.

When the car's owner admitted that he was responsible for the graffiti, police opted not to press charges. The campus Black Student Union denounced that decision, saying that "the fact that an African American man committed this act should not undermine its effect on K-State students" and "does not negate the current racist and discriminatory actions that continue to occur on our campus and in our community, state and nation."

Almost a year to the day later, in November 2018, a second hate hoax hit the university. This time, a student posted a photo of a racist sign he claimed to have found on his apartment door. He later admitted to campus police that he created the sign himself.

Such clusters of staged incidents periodically pop up, perhaps because one hoax inspires another. Twice in July 2018, servers at Texas restaurants said they received racist notes scrawled on receipts by customers, claims that circulated widely on social media. In both cases, the servers confessed to having written the slurs themselves.

Some hoaxers have also sought to exploit political divisions exacerbated by Mr. Trump's election. The week before voters went to the polls in 2016, a historically black church burned down in

Greenville, Miss. The words "Vote Trump" were spray-painted on the building's brick exterior, drawing national media coverage.

In Mississippi, with its bitter history of slavery, segregation and lynchings, the attack on an African American church was especially ominous. But authorities soon discovered that it was committed by Andrew McClinton, one of the church's black parishioners, over a dispute within the congregation.

"I'm an old man. I've been around a long time. You have a church fire in Mississippi, you better be on it, investigating it, to make sure it's not racially motivated," said Mike Chaney, the state fire marshal and insurance commissioner.

"The problem you run into is the perception," he added. "Once it gets on the news as racially motivated, and then they do a retraction three days later in small print — nobody notices that."

But while hate hoaxes may seize the national imagination, they are all but absent from the day-to-day work of many on the ground who investigate and prosecute hate crimes. Detective Orlando Martinez, hate crimes coordinator for the Los Angeles Police Department, estimated that five of his unit's approximately 1,500 cases over the past five years have involved deliberate false reports.

Hoaxes, he said, "are not something that we have to worry about."

Far bigger challenges, he said, stem from the difficulty in solving hate crimes — which often involve stranger-on-stranger attacks, vandalism or other offenses that leave few clues for police — and victims' reluctance to come forward in the first place.

FBI warns that a smart TV could give hackers a way in

The Washington Post

A smart TV probably watches people more closely than they watch it, and the FBI wants folks to keep that in mind this holiday shopping season.

Smart TVs top many holiday wish lists. But like any internet-connected device, they can be a convenient portal for hackers, as the FBI's Portland, Ore., field office pointed out in a warning to consumers last week.

"A bad cyber actor may not be able to access your locked-down computer directly, but it is possible that your unsecured TV can give him or her an easy way in the backdoor through your router," the agency said.

"Hackers can also take control of your unsecured TV. At the low end of the risk spectrum, they can change channels, play with the volume, and show your kids inappropriate videos. In a worst-case scenario, they can turn on your bedroom TV's camera and microphone and silently cyberstalk you."

Many smart TVs are equipped with cameras and microphones, which allow users to control them from the comfort of the couch. Those features also allow TV makers like Samsung, Roku and Vizio to track what people are up to and relay it to advertising partners, whether they're in a streaming app or browsing the web or kicking it old school with a DVD.

Automatic content recognition, in which the TV monitors itself and broadcasts it back to the TV maker as often as once a second, has become an industry standard; it's part of why the cost of TVs has fallen so much. Although watching TV is protected as

a private activity under U.S. law, companies aren't always transparent with customers about when they're being tracked. The Federal Trade Commission fined Vizio \$2.2 million in 2017 for not being forward with consumers about tracking software and ordered the rest of the industry to make it so that customers had to opt into tracking, but many of these agreements are still buried in fine print.

Americans spend an average of 3½ hours a day in front of the TV, according to eMarketer, a hefty chunk of time for an unwanted party to exploit. These kinds of attacks aren't common, but they're not impossible either, though the FBI did not include any statistics in its warning. A 2018 Consumer Reports investigation found that millions of popular smart TVs have hosts of security vulnerabilities that a relatively unskilled hacker could take advantage of. And this year at Defcon, the famed hacker conference, security researchers showed how smart TVs could be commandeered for darker purposes.

The FBI offered some suggestions for locking down smart TVs. To start, the agency suggests doing a basic search on the TV model and its features, using words like "microphone," "camera" and "privacy." It also urged users not to depend on default security settings and to read privacy policies carefully.

"Know how to turn off the microphones, cameras, and collection of personal information if possible. If you can't turn them off, consider whether you are willing to take the risk of buying that model or using that service."

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President addresses water efficiency standards

Compiled from news services

President Donald Trump is taking on Americans' flushing habits and the country's water efficiency standards.

"We have a situation where we're looking very strongly at sinks and showers and other elements of bathrooms, where you turn the faucet on — in areas where there's tremendous amounts of water, where the water rushes out to sea because you could never handle it — you turn on the faucet, you don't get any water," he said Friday at a White House meeting about small businesses.

Mr. Trump also noted that "people are flushing toilets 10 times, 15 times as opposed to once" and that "they end up using more water," according to a transcript of the discussion.

He said the federal Environmental Protection Agency was looking at the issue at his suggestion.

"So we're looking at, very seriously, at opening up the standard. And there may be some areas where we'll go the other route — desert areas. But for the most part, you have many states where they have so much water that it comes down — it's called rain — that they don't know, they don't know what to do with it," he said.

Older toilets use as much as six gallons per flush, according to the EPA. The agency also notes that recent advancements allow low-flow toilets to use 1.28 gallons or less per flush.

PG&E to pay out billions

California utility giant Pacific Gas and Electric has agreed to pay \$13.5 billion to individuals affected by several recent fires in the state, the company announced Friday night.

The agreement still has to be approved by a bankruptcy court. PG&E has



Associated Press

Caroline Kennedy gets a hug from former Secretary of State John Kerry, center, after she christened the nuclear aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy on Saturday.

filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy, which allows for restructuring.

The claims stem from the 2015 Butte Fire, the 2017 Northern California fires, the 2018 Camp Fire and the fire at Oakland's Ghost Ship warehouse in 2016.

"From the beginning of the Chapter 11 process, getting wildfire victims fairly compensated, especially the individuals, has been our primary goal," PG&E president and CEO Bill Johnson said.

"We want to help our customers, our neighbors and our friends in those impacted areas recover and rebuild after these tragic wildfires."

PG&E has previously settled claims with insurance companies for \$11 billion and local governments for \$1 billion.

JFK carrier christened

With the crash of a bottle against its hull, the aircraft carrier John F. Kennedy was christened Saturday in Newport News, Va.

Caroline Kennedy, the late president's daughter, did the honors as ship's sponsor. It marked the second time she christened an aircraft carrier in her father's name. The first aircraft carrier

named for JFK served through Vietnam and into the post-9/11 era. Ms. Kennedy, then a child, launched that ship in 1967.

The ceremony marked an important milestone for Newport News Shipbuilding, the sole designer and builder of nuclear-powered aircraft carriers for the Navy. It comes three months ahead of schedule.

Guardsmen identified

The Minnesota National Guard says the three soldiers who were killed when their helicopter crashed near St. Cloud this week were part of a unit that returned last May from a nine-month deployment to the Middle East.

The Guard identified the men who were killed in Thursday's crash as Chief Warrant Officers 2nd Class James A. Rogers Jr., 28, and Charles P. Nord, 30, and Sgt. Kort M. Plantenberg, 28.

All three soldiers were assigned to Company C, 2-211th General Support Aviation Battalion, which is based in the central Minnesota city of St. Cloud.

The soldiers were killed when their Black Hawk crashed in a field about 15 miles southwest of St. Cloud.

Committee lays out grounds for pursuing impeachment

Post-Gazette wire services

WASHINGTON -- The House Judiciary Committee released a report Saturday making the legal case for why President Donald Trump's conduct rises to the level of impeachment.

The 55-page document lays out the constitutional arguments Democrats will make in drafting articles of impeachment against the president and seeks to undermine Republicans' main talking points against it.

"The Framers' worst nightmare is what we are facing in this very moment. President Trump abused his power, betrayed our national security, and corrupted our elections, all for personal gain.

The Constitution details only one remedy for this misconduct: impeachment," House Judiciary Chairman Jerrold Nadler, D-N.Y., said in a statement accompanying the report.

Democrats on the Ju-

diary Committee contend that the framers of the Constitution, in writing the terms of impeachment, meant to capture circumstances unforeseen, so it was left intentionally vague.

Although there are several provisions in the Constitution on impeachment, Article II, Section 4, only states, "The President, Vice President and all civil Officers of the United States, shall be removed from Office on Impeachment for, and Conviction of, Treason, Bribery, or other high Crimes and Misdemeanors."

What constitutes such action is not defined within the document.

The Judiciary Committee report determines that the "Framers principally intended impeachment for three overlapping forms of Presidential wrongdoing: (1) abuse of power, (2) betrayal of the nation through foreign entanglements, and (3) corruption of office and elections."

The impeachment inquiry against Mr. Trump centers on a July 25 conversation he had with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, during which he asked the foreign leader to investigate former Vice President Joe Biden and his son, Hunter Biden, and their dealings with Ukraine.

Mr. Trump, at the time, had ordered a hold on military assistance to Ukraine, which is in open conflict with Russia.

Mr. Trump has claimed that he never sought to link aid and investigations into the Bidens, noting that the money was released to Ukraine without the promise of a probe.

"Read the Transcripts! Also, see where I say 'us' (our Country) as opposed to 'me' (meaning me) and where I then say that the Attorney General (of the United States) will call you," Mr. Trump tweeted Saturday.

Trump: Giuliani to report on Ukraine

Post-Gazette wire services

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said his personal attorney Rudy Giuliani planned to issue a report to the Justice Department and Congress detailing what he'd learned from his investigations in Ukraine.

Mr. Trump claimed not to know what Mr. Giuliani was doing in Ukraine this week or what he found out while there, but he asserted that Mr. Giuliani says "he has a lot of good information."

"He's going to make a report, I think to the attorney general and to Congress," Mr. Trump told reporters

Saturday outside the White House. "He says he has a lot of good information. I have not spoken to him about that information yet."

During Mr. Giuliani's trip to Ukraine, the country at the center of the impeachment inquiry against Mr. Trump, the former New York mayor met with Ukrainians who have peddled conspiracies of misdeeds by former Vice President Joe Biden in Ukraine and claims that Ukraine, not Russia, interfered in the 2016 election.

While in Kyiv, Mr. Giuliani tweeted that he had "compelling evidence of criminal conduct" by Mr.

Biden. He also suggested that until a corruption probe in Ukraine is resolved, "it will be a major obstacle to the U.S. assisting Ukraine with its anti-corruption reforms."

The crux of the impeachment probe is whether Mr. Trump withheld military assistance to Ukraine to pressure the government to announce a probe into a political foe. Career State Department officials have testified that Mr. Giuliani was operating a shadow foreign policy in Ukraine to dig up dirt on Mr. Biden, his son Hunter, and the Ukrainian company Burisma, where Hunter Biden sat on the board.

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Impeachment collides with year-end deadlines

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Impeachment is dominating Washington, but leading figures such as House Speaker Nancy Pelosi still have their day jobs to do.

The California Democrat faces a test over the next two weeks, toggling between the impeachment of President Donald Trump and past-ripe issues including North American trade legislation and a massive government-wide funding bill.

December is always a busy time in Congress as busted deadlines come due and must-pass legislation reaches the floor. But the poisonous atmosphere has raised questions about whether lawmakers can deliver their usual year-end bundle.

“American families deserve better than this partisan paralysis where Democrats obsess over impeachment and obstruct everything else,” said Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., attacking Democrats for delays in the defense budget.

Behind the scenes, Ms. Pelosi is confronting a difficult set of issues that requires agreement with Republicans controlling the Senate, not to mention the signature of the very president she is working to impeach.

Topping the agenda is legislation to avoid another government shutdown. A government-wide funding bill expires on Dec. 20, leaving lawmakers little time to prevent a repeat of last winter’s shutdown fiasco. A new battle over money for Mr. Trump’s U.S.-Mexico border wall, the same issue that started the last shutdown, remains unresolved.

Ms. Pelosi is also at the center of a long-sought deal

Congress seeks to avoid shutdown

on an updated North American trade pact. It is a top bipartisan priority but requires a delicate two-step involving the Mexican government, Democratic labor allies and the Trump administration.

Prospects are looking better on another front: The administration and Democrats have struck an informal agreement on the annual defense policy measure, with a key add-on that would deliver up to 12 weeks of parental leave to federal workers.

But it is the funding measure that looms largest. Closing out a \$1.4 trillion catchall spending package before Christmas could be a long shot, though Ms. Pelosi says she is optimistic.

“I don’t think we’re headed for a shutdown. I don’t think anybody wants that. I think the president and the Republicans learned in the last shutdown that ... there was no upside to it,” Ms. Pelosi said Thursday. “And we’re on a good path.”

That path, however, is likely to lead to some split-the-differences agreements that liberals will find frustrating, such as continued funding for Mr. Trump’s border wall. Ms. Pelosi typically proceeds with care before committing to such deals, consulting with stakeholders inside the party such as the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.

House Appropriations Committee Chairwoman Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., a Pelosi ally, said Friday she’s hopeful that lawmakers could meet the Dec. 20 deadline to complete their work without resorting to a

third government-wide stopgap spending bill.

“There’s an overwhelming desire to be home for the holidays,” Ms. Lowey said.

Ms. Pelosi said that if more time is needed, she would only advance a short-term extension — a move that would require lawmakers to return to Washington early next month. That in itself could provide motivation for wrapping up before Christmas.

A positive sign came Thursday night as Senate Appropriations Committee Chairman Richard Shelby, R-Ala., spoke with Mr. Trump about trying to wrap up the spending package.

Some lawmakers and lobbyists believe that impeachment is actually helping the trade deal talks because Democrats are facing pressure to show voters they are still legislating. It helps that the U.S.-Mexico-Canada trade deal is a good fit for more moderate Democrats who will be running for re-election in Trump-leaning districts.

On Friday, Democrats controlling the House voted to update the Voting Rights Act and reduce voter suppression; next week features a vote on legislation to address sky-high prescription drug prices. The votes, on two major Democratic priorities, aren’t getting much attention as the legislation joins a pile of Democratic bills that are dead in the GOP-held Senate.

The time crunch is exacerbated by a Senate impeachment trial that is likely to consume at least the month of January. That scenario has lawmakers eager to clear the decks now.

“Let’s get as much done as we can, for crying out loud,” said Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho.

GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND



The Berkshire Eagle via AP

Fran Tremblay shovels a path through the snow for veterans and community members to gather Saturday for Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day at the Peace Memorial on South Street in Pittsfield, Mass.

DOJ report to clear FBI of alleged bias in Russia, Trump investigation

The Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department’s internal watchdog has determined that political bias did not influence the federal investigation of potential links between Russia and the Trump campaign in 2016, according to people familiar with the matter — countering White House claims of deliberate partisan influence.

Inspector General Michael Horowitz, who will release his long-anticipated report Monday, also found that the FBI had enough evidence to justify obtaining a foreign intelligence warrant in 2016 to conduct secret surveillance of a former Trump campaign adviser who had multiple contacts with Russian officials, the people said.

The report’s findings are expected to effectively reject

or dismiss allegations from President Donald Trump and his allies that FBI officials and agents broke rules and laws in their pursuit of evidence or deliberately sought to derail Mr. Trump’s candidacy.

But the report also will provide grist for other criticism, and thus may create new partisan friction even as Mr. Trump battles an impeachment inquiry in the House.

Mr. Horowitz uncovered cases of FBI agents and lawyers acting in careless and unprofessional ways, according to the people, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the report’s findings.

Mr. Trump and Republicans are eagerly awaiting the report, with the president saying he expected it to be “historic.”

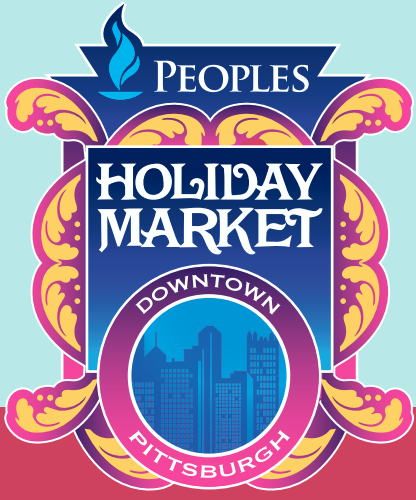
The Senate Judiciary Committee has scheduled a

public hearing Wednesday into Mr. Horowitz’s findings.

The report will be released as the House Judiciary Committee holds its second impeachment hearing into whether Mr. Trump abused his power when he pressured Ukraine to announce investigations of his political foes.

Mr. Horowitz is not investigating Mr. Trump’s efforts regarding Ukraine. Instead, Mr. Horowitz looked into the FBI’s handling of secret warrants obtained in 2016 to help determine if Carter Page, a former Trump campaign adviser, was working for Russian spy services.

The inspector general also looked at whether the FBI allowed political bias to shape counterintelligence probes involving potential connections between the Kremlin and the Trump campaign.



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International

Iran frees Princeton scholar for U.S.-held scientist

Rare step forward, but sanctions stay

The Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — A Princeton scholar held for three years in Iran on widely criticized espionage charges was freed Saturday as part of a prisoner exchange that saw America release a detained Iranian scientist, a rare diplomatic breakthrough between Tehran and Washington after months of tensions.

The trade on the tarmac of a Swiss airport saw Iranian officials hand over Chinese-American graduate student Xiyue Wang for scientist Massoud Soleimani, who had faced a federal trial in Georgia over charges he violated sanctions by trying to have biological material brought to Iran.

The swap, however, had clear limits. Crushing U.S. sanctions on Iran blocking it from selling crude oil abroad remain in place, part of President Donald Trump's maximum pressure campaign imposed following his unilateral withdrawal from Tehran's nuclear deal with world powers last year. Those sanctions in part fueled the anger seen in nationwide protests last month that Iranian security forces violently put down, unrest that reportedly killed over 200 people.

Meanwhile, Western detainees from the U.S. and elsewhere remain held by Tehran, likely to be used as bargaining chips for future negotiations. At least two American families of detainees, while praising Mr. Wang's release, questioned why their loved ones didn't come home as well.

Mr. Wang's release had been rumored over recent days. One lawyer involved in his case tweeted out a Bible verse about an angel freeing the apostle Peter just hours before Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif broke the news in his own tweet. He posted pictures of himself with Mr. Soleimani at the Zurich airport before quickly whisking him back to Tehran by jet.

Mr. Trump shortly after acknowledged Mr. Wang was free in a statement from the White House, thanking Switzerland for its help. The Swiss Embassy in Tehran looks out for America's interests in the country as the U.S. Embassy there has been closed since the 1979 student takeover and 444-day hostage crisis.

"We're very happy to have our hostage back. The whole Princeton University community is very thrilled and it was a one-on-one hostage swap," Mr. Trump told reporters outside the White House before he left on a trip to Florida. "Actually, I think it was a great thing for Iran. I think it was great to show that we can do something. It might have been a precursor as to what can be done. But

we have our hostage back."

Brian Hook, the U.S. special representative for Iran, accompanied Mr. Soleimani to Switzerland to make the exchange. He later posed for a photograph with Mr. Wang, who carried a folded U.S. flag in his arms while wearing gray workout clothes.

Mr. Hook and Mr. Wang traveled to Landstuhl hospital near Ramstein Air Base in Germany, where Mr. Wang likely will be examined by doctors for several days.

Mr. Wang's wife, Hua Qu, released a statement saying "our family is complete once again."

"Our son Shaofan and I have waited three long years for this day and it's hard to express in words how excited we are to be reunited with Xiyue," she said. "We are thankful to everyone who helped make this happen."

Mr. Soleimani arrived at Tehran's Mehrabad International Airport with Mr. Zarif, where his wife and family wrapped garlands of yellow and purple carnations around his neck. He briefly spoke to journalists from state-run media, his voice shaking and a tear running down his face under a portrait of the late Supreme Leader Ayatollah



Xiyue Wang with his wife, Hua Qu, in 2015.

Associated Press

themselves tried and convicted in closed-door trials, only later to be used as bargaining chips in negotiations.

Mr. Zarif said in a September interview with NPR that he had pushed for an exchange of Mr. Wang for Mr. Soleimani.

It remains unclear whether this exchange will have a wider effect on Iranian-U.S. relations. Iran has accused the U.S. without evidence of being behind the mid-November protests over gasoline prices. The demonstrations and the crackdown reportedly killed at least 208 people, though Iran has refused to release nationwide statistics over the unrest.

Meanwhile, Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei has ruled out direct talks.

A U.S. official, speaking to journalists on condition of anonymity to discuss negotiations with Iran, suggested the maximum pressure campaign targeting Tehran would continue.

"There's been absolutely no payment of cash or lifting of sanctions or any sort of concessions or ransom in any of these cases, and certainly not with respect to Mr. Wang," the official said.

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Official: Naval base shooter watched videos of mass shootings with others

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from a car, the official said.

Ten Saudi students were being held on the base Saturday while several others were unaccounted for, said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity after being briefed by federal authorities.

A U.S. official on Friday identified the shooter as Mohammed Saeed Alshamrani. The official wasn't authorized to discuss the matter publicly and spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity. The official also said the FBI was examining social media posts and investigating whether he acted alone or was connected to any broader group.

Two U.S. officials identified the student as a second lieutenant in the Saudi Air Force and said Friday that authorities were investigating whether the attack was terrorism-related. They spoke on condition of anonymity to disclose information that had not yet been made public.

Mr. Trump declined to say whether the shooting was terrorism-related. The president tweeted his condolences to the families of the victims on Friday and noted that Saudi King Salman had reassured him in a telephone call that the shooter "in no way, shape or form represents the feelings of the Saudi people."

But in comments echoing those made earlier by Defense Secretary Mark Esper, Mr. Trump said Saturday that he would review policies governing foreign military training in the U.S.

The U.S. has long had a robust training program for Saudis, providing assistance in the U.S. and in the kingdom. Currently, more than 850 Saudis are in the United States for various training activities. They are among more than 5,000 foreign students from 153 countries in the U.S. going through military training.

"This has been done for many decades," Mr. Trump said. "I guess we're going to have to look into the whole procedure. We'll start that immediately."

The shooting has shined a spotlight on the sometimes rocky relationship between the United States and Saudi Arabia.

The kingdom is still trying to recover from the killing last year of Washington Post columnist Jamal Khashoggi at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul. Saudi intelligence officials and a forensic doctor killed and dismembered Khashoggi on Oct. 2, 2018, as his fiancée waited outside the diplomatic mission.

Naval Air Station Pensacola is one of the Navy's most historic and storied bases. It sprawls along the waterfront southwest of the

city's downtown and dominates the economy of the surrounding area.

Part of the base resembles a college campus, with buildings where, in addition to foreign students, 60,000 members of the U.S. Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard train each year in multiple fields of aviation.

The base has been closed until further notice.

Residents of Pensacola mourned the attacks and offered their condolences to affected members of the community.

Family members on Saturday identified one of the victims as a 23-year-old recent graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy who alerted first responders to where the shooter was even after he had been shot several times.

"Joshua Kaleb Watson saved countless lives today with his own," his older brother Adam Watson wrote on Facebook. "He died a hero and we are beyond proud."

A second victim was identified as Mohammed "Mo" Haitham, 19, of St. Petersburg, Fla., who joined the Navy after graduating from high school last year, according to the Tampa Bay Times.

Mr. Haitham's mother, Evelyn Brady, herself a Navy veteran, said the commander of her son's school called her and told her Mr. Haitham had tried to stop the shooter.

The former track and field star had been assigned to flight crew training and was looking forward to graduating from the program later this month, Ms. Brady said. "He said he was going to get his flight jacket for Christmas," she said. "Now that's not going to happen." The shooting is the second at a U.S. naval base in one week. A sailor whose submarine was docked at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, opened fire on three civilian employees Wednesday, killing two before taking his own life.

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A reveler depicting a grim reaper runs during a traditional St. Nicholas procession Saturday in the village of Valasska Polanka, Czech Republic. This pre-Christmas tradition has survived for centuries in a few villages in the eastern part of the country. The whole group parades through the village for the weekend, going door-to-door. St. Nicholas presents the kids with sweets. The devils wearing homemade masks of sheep skin and the white creatures representing death with scythes frighten them.

Reddit bans slew of accounts, suspects Russian interference in U.K. election

The Associated Press

LONDON — The prospect of Russian interference in Britain's election flared anew Saturday after the social media platform Reddit concluded that people from Russia leaked confidential British government documents on Brexit trade talks just days before the general U.K. vote.

Reddit said in a statement that it has banned 61 accounts suspected of violating policies against vote manipulation. It said the suspect accounts shared the same pattern of activity as a Russian interference operation dubbed "Secondary Infektion" that was uncovered earlier this year.

Reddit investigated the leak after the documents

became public during the campaign for Thursday's election, which will determine the country's future relationship with the European Union. All 650 seats in the House of Commons are up for grabs.

Reddit said it believed the documents were leaked as "part of a campaign that has been reported as originating from Russia."

"We were able to confirm that they did indeed show a pattern of coordination," Reddit said.

The British government has not challenged the authenticity of the documents.

Britain's main opposition party has argued the documents prove that Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Conservative Party is seeking a deal with the United States

after Brexit that would drive up the cost of drugs and imperil the state-funded National Health Service. The issue has been a central election theme, largely because the country deeply cherishes the health service, which has suffered under years of austerity.

Opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn said the 451 pages of documents, which covered six rounds of preliminary talks between U.S. and U.K. negotiators, proved Mr. Johnson was planning to put the NHS "up for sale" in trade talks. Mr. Johnson — who was not prime minister for most of the two-year period when the trade talks took place — has rejected Mr. Corbyn's analysis.

Britain is scheduled to leave the EU on Jan. 31.

World briefs

U.S., Taliban resume peace talks in Qatar

Compiled from news services

The U.S. and the Taliban have resumed peace talks in the Qatari capital of Doha, a Taliban spokesman tweeted Saturday.

The announcement comes more than a week after President Donald Trump made a surprise Thanksgiving visit to U.S. troops in Afghanistan and said talks had restarted. He told troops at the time that "the Taliban wants to make a deal. We'll see if they want to make a deal. It's got to be a real deal, but we'll see. But they want to make a deal."

During that trip, Mr. Trump also held a bilateral meeting with Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, who later tweeted that "both sides underscored that if the

Taliban are sincere in their commitment to reaching a peace deal, they must accept a ceasefire."

In September, Mr. Trump announced an end to formal talks after a Taliban-claimed attack in Kabul killed a dozen people, including an American soldier.

Israel PM suggests vote

With no sign of an end to Israel's political stalemate, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Saturday proposed that he and his main challenger, Benny Gantz, go head-to-head in a runoff vote.

Neither Mr. Netanyahu's right-wing Likud party nor Mr. Gantz's centrist Blue and White party has been able to form a coalition government after two elections

that left them neck-and-neck — but far from a majority — in the Israeli Knesset.

Lawmakers have until midnight Wednesday to find a way out of the current political deadlock or else head back to the polls.

India moves to exit deal

India's withdrawal from negotiations for the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership free trade deal — which includes Japan, China, South Korea and members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations — is coming closer to reality.

Japan intends to continue efforts to persuade India to remain in the initial 16-country framework, but it remains to be seen whether the negotiations will go smoothly.



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- Employee Discount for Everyone.....\$1,762

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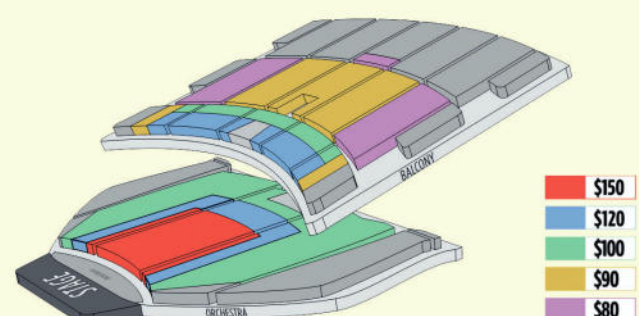
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Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Derek Shelton has been through a lot in baseball. Elbow surgery ended his professional playing career before it ever really started — 46 games, none above Class A. As a hitting coach, he reached the ALCS with the Cleveland Indians in 2007 and worked under two terrific managers, Joe Maddon and Kevin Cash, with the Tampa Bay Rays.

In Minnesota this past summer, Shelton was part of a Twins team that won 101 games — 23 more than the previous year — and slugged an MLB-record 307 home runs.

But in the month after that magical season ended, Shelton and his family experienced a trying time. Relatively speaking, of course.

The Pirates' on-again, off-again hiring process for a manager was difficult, Shelton admitted Wednesday at his introductory news conference at PNC Park. He passed the time by repeatedly cleaning his garage, joking that, "I have the cleanest garage in Florida because I've cleaned it about 15 times."

Turns out that's only the tip of the iceberg when it comes to how difficult this time period was on Shelton's family, specifically his wife, Alison, who tried her best to stay positive during the entire ordeal.

"It all worked out," Alison said Wednesday. "And as far as the process of it and our nerves, I think it did bring us closer together because we had each other to lean on."

Although the Sheltons have long made their off-season home in Florida — more on that shortly — recently they had been spending the first couple months of the off-season at Alison's father-in-law's house on Put-in-Bay, Ohio, a village on South Bass Island in Lake Erie.

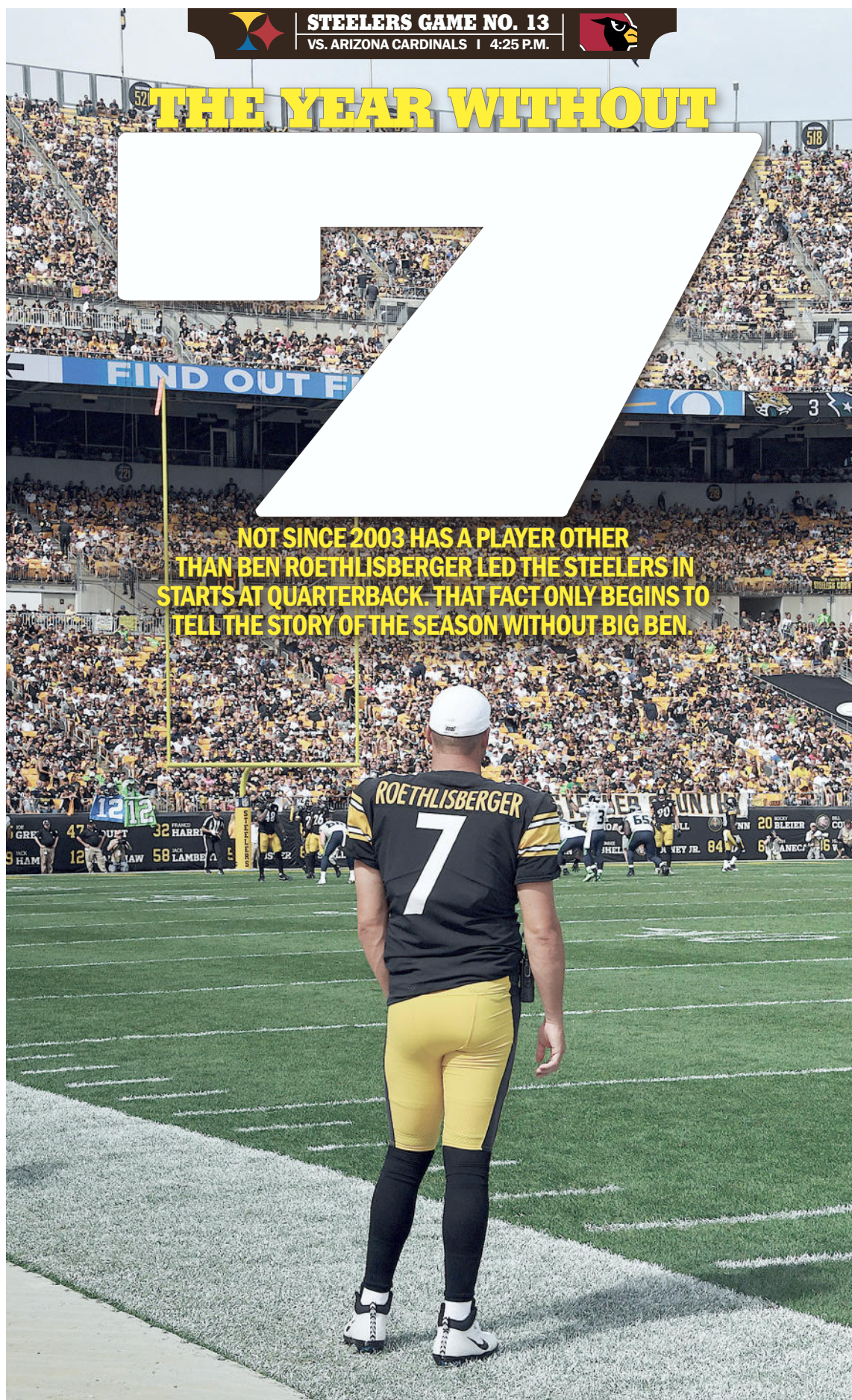
As Alison explained, it helped in the summer because it was close to many of the Twins' AL Central opponents — specifically Cleveland and Detroit — so it allowed Jackson, Isabella and Gianna to see more of their dad.

But after the 2019 season, things got a little chaotic, Alison said. While Jackson was away at college and Isabella stayed with her biological mother, Gianna was with Derek and Alison, the three of them sharing a bedroom while Derek interviewed with the Mets and Pirates.

Making matters more difficult, the Sheltons had decided to move out of their off-season home in Florida — on Treasure Island, north of St. Pete Beach — and their landlord actually wound up selling the place.

"We thought we'd find something before we went back," Alison explained. "But the Twins ended up going to the playoffs, then Derek had interviews...."

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THE YEAR WITHOUT

NOT SINCE 2003 HAS A PLAYER OTHER THAN BEN ROETHLISBERGER LED THE STEELERS IN STARTS AT QUARTERBACK. THAT FACT ONLY BEGINS TO TELL THE STORY OF THE SEASON WITHOUT BIG BEN.

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Bushy-bearded Ben Roethlisberger sat down on a Gatorade jug, head-set on, Microsoft Surface tablet in hand, and waved over Devin Hodges from a couple seats down the bench.

It was early in the second quarter Sunday against Cleveland. Hodges had just rolled out to his right and thrown the ball away on third-and-8, wasting a near-perfect blitz pick-up by his offensive line and running back Jaylen Samuels. After a Jordan Berry punt, the old Pittsburgh gunslinger and the new chatted for about a minute, then went their separate ways.

"Just talking ball," Hodges recalled a few days later. "It's always good to get some insight, especially from a guy like Ben who's been in this system and knows this system better than anybody. Usually when he says something, it's pretty accurate."

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A couple drives later, Roethlisberger sat with Diontae Johnson, explaining some route concepts and coverage schemes to the team's rookie wide receiver, the one who has only had a game and a half of action with the winningest quarterback in franchise history.

Last week, when Hodges replaced Mason Rudolph, the Steelers became the only NFL team this season to have at least three quarterbacks start multiple games. This week in Arizona will mark the first time in Roethlisberger's career that the Steelers will need two quarterbacks who don't wear No. 7 to start three times or more in a season. There have been the years with Landry, with Vick, with Batch, with Leftwich, but an unprecedented season-ending injury has meant uncharted territory for the Steelers to adjust to as a team.

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Malkin scores, stays hot

C Murray earns much-needed win

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

DETROIT — One night after the Penguins held on for a dramatic win inside their home arena, they found a way to make things interesting again Saturday before beating a cellar-dweller off to one of the worst starts in recent NHL history.

The Penguins, who had pushed their lead to 4-1 early in the third period, let the Detroit Red Wings off the mat and they pulled within a goal with 3:04 left.

"We let up," Jared McCann said. "That's what it comes down to. We let up."

Darren Helm set up Filip Hronek at the seven-minute mark, a pretty play that any goalie would have had a hard time stopping. The same could not be said for Dylan Larkin's goal, scored with Detroit's goalie pulled for a 6-on-4 man advantage. Matt Murray was parked on his goal line when Larkin's long shot whizzed by him.

But the Penguins would give up just one shot on goal the rest of the way and John Marino scored an empty-netter to seal a 5-3 win at Little Caesars Arena.

"The last five minutes, we did not play great. We need to play stronger," Evgeni Malkin said. "We lead [by] three goals and we need to win like easy."

The still-rebuilding Red Wings are last in the league standings with just seven wins. Their 17 points through the first 30 games were the fewest in franchise history and the second-fewest in the

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PIAA football championships

Lost tale of wrong-way Warriors

Central Valley falls in 3A title game

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

HERSHEY, Pa. — Through three quarters Saturday afternoon at Hersheypark Stadium, the Central Valley Warriors (13-2) appeared to be cruising to its first PIAA championship in school history.

Wyoming Area quarterback Dominic DeLuca had other plans.

DeLuca threw two fourth-quarter touchdown passes and ran for a go-ahead 1-yard score with 41 seconds remaining to cap off a remarkable comeback as the Wyoming Area Warriors (14-1) captured the PIAA Class 3A championship, 21-14.

"That's why they gave us 48 minutes," Wyoming Area coach Randy Spencer said.

DeLuca finished 10-of-15 passing for 202 yards and two touchdowns while adding 15 yards and an additional score on the ground.

Central Valley's vaunted defense looked impenetrable through three quarters,

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College Championship Saturday

Scores and stories from a day that moved college football one (big) step closer to crowning a champion for 2019.

Key scores

- SEC championship**
No. 1 LSU 37
No. 4 Georgia 10
- Big Ten championship**
No. 2 Ohio State 34
No. 10 Wisconsin 21
- ACC championship**
No. 3 Clemson 62
No. 22 Virginia 17
- Big 12 championship**
No. 6 Oklahoma 30
No. 8 Baylor 23 (ot)



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No. 2 LSU gave its fans plenty of reasons to let loose Saturday.

Quick hits ...

Before Saturday, no FBS team had won five consecutive outright conference titles since Bear Bryant's Alabama teams of 1971-75. Then two accomplished the feat within hours of each other — Oklahoma in the Big 12 and Clemson in the ACC.

LSU's rout of No. 4 Georgia in the SEC championship made the Tigers only the fourth team in the history of the Associated Press poll to defeat five top-10 teams in a single season. They join Alabama (2015), Miami (1987) and Notre Dame (1943).



Sunday

What: Bowl selection show during which the national semifinal pairings will be announced.
When: Noon.
TV: ESPN.

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Panthers eliminated
Cincinnati outlasts Pitt in five sets in NCAA volleyball tournament. **Page B-7**

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STEELERS ROSTER

HEAD COACH: MIKE TOMLIN

No.	Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Exp
2	Mason Rudolph	QB	6-5	235	2
4	Jordan Berry	P	6-5	195	5
5	Paxton Lynch	QB	6-7	244	3
6	Devlin Hodges	QB	6-1	210	R
9	Chris Boswell	K	6-2	185	5
13	James Washington	WR	5-11	213	2
14	Tevin Jones	WR	6-2	225	1
17	Deon Cain	WR	6-2	202	2
18	Diontae Johnson	WR	5-10	183	R
19	Juju Smith-Schuster	WR	6-1	215	3
20	Cameron Sutton	CB	5-11	188	3
22	Steven Nelson	CB	5-11	194	5
23	Joe Haden	CB	5-11	195	10
24	Benny Snell	RB	5-10	224	R
25	Artie Burns	CB	6-0	197	4
26	Mark Barron	LB	6-2	230	8
28	Mike Hilton	S	5-9	184	3
29	Kam Kelly	S	6-2	205	1
30	James Conner	RB	6-1	233	3
31	Justin Layne	CB	6-2	192	R
33	Trey Edmunds	RB	6-2	223	2
34	Terrell Edmunds	RB	6-1	217	2
37	Jordan Dangersfield	S	5-11	199	3
38	Jaylen Samuels	RB	6-0	225	2
39	Minkah Fitzpatrick	S	6-1	207	2
40	Kerrith Whyte	RB	5-10	204	R
41	Robert Spillane	LB	6-1	229	1
44	Tyler Matakevich	LB	6-1	235	4
48	Bud Dupree	LB	6-4	269	5
51	Tuzar Skipper	LB	6-3	246	R
53	Maurkice Pouncey	C	6-4	304	10
55	Devin Bush	LB	5-11	234	R
56	Anthony Chickillo	LB	6-3	255	5
57	Kameron Canaday	LS	6-4	245	3
66	David DeCastro	G	6-5	316	8
67	B.J. Finney	G	6-4	318	4
71	Matt Feller	OT	6-6	330	3
72	Zach Banner	OT	6-8	360	3
73	Ramon Foster	G	6-5	328	11
76	Chukwuma Okorafor	OT	6-6	320	2
78	Alejandro Villanueva	OT	6-9	320	5
79	Javon Hargrave	NT	6-2	305	4
80	Johnny Holton	WR	6-3	190	3
81	Zach Gentry	TE	6-8	265	R
88	Nick Vannett	TE	6-6	261	4
89	Vance McDonald	TE	6-4	267	7
90	T.J. Watt	LB	6-4	252	3
92	Ola Adeniyi	LB	6-1	248	2
93	Dan McCullers	DT	6-7	352	6
94	Tyson Alualu	DE	6-3	304	10
96	Isaiah Buggs	DT	6-3	295	R
97	Cameron Heyward	DE	6-5	295	9
98	Vince Williams	LB	6-1	233	7

CARDINALS ROSTER

HEAD COACH: KLIFF KINGSBURY

No.	Player	Pos	Ht	Wt	Exp
1	Kyler Murray	QB	5-10	207	R
5	Zane Gonzalez	K	6-0	202	3
7	Brett Hundley	QB	6-3	226	5
11	Larry Fitzgerald	WR	6-3	218	16
12	Pharoah Cooper	WR	5-11	208	4
13	Christian Kirk	WR	5-11	200	2
14	Damiere Byrd	WR	5-9	180	4
16	Trent Sherfield	WR	6-1	219	2
19	KeeSean Johnson	WR	6-1	201	R
21	Patrick Peterson	CB	6-1	203	9
25	Chris Jones	CB	6-0	200	1
27	Kevin Peterson	CB	5-11	185	3
28	Charles Washington	S	5-10	192	3
29	Chase Edmonds	RB	5-9	210	2
31	David Johnson	RB	6-1	224	5
32	Budda Baker	S	5-10	195	3
33	Byron Murphy	CB	5-11	190	R
34	Jalen Thompson	S	5-11	190	R
35	Deionte Thompson	S	6-1	195	R
38	Chris Banjo	S	5-10	207	6
41	Kenyan Drake	RB	6-1	211	4
42	Dennis Gardeck	LB	6-0	232	2
43	Haason Reddick	LB	6-1	235	3
46	Aaron Brewer	LS	6-5	232	8
47	Ezekiel Turner	LB	6-2	214	2
49	Kylie Fitts	LB	6-4	260	2
51	Tanner Vallejo	LB	6-1	230	3
52	Mason Cole	OL	6-5	292	2
53	A.Q. Shipley	OL	6-1	307	8
54	Cassius Marsh	LB	6-4	254	6
55	Chandler Jones	LB	6-5	265	8
56	Terrell Suggs	LB	6-3	265	17
58	Jordan Hicks	LB	6-1	236	5
59	Joe Walker	LB	6-2	236	4
64	J.R. Sweezy	OL	6-5	310	8
65	Lamont Gaillard	OL	6-3	305	R
66	Joshua Miles	OL	6-5	314	R
67	Justin Pugh	OL	6-5	311	7
71	Justin Murray	OL	6-5	315	2
72	Miles Brown	DT	6-2	320	R
73	Max Garcia	OL	6-4	309	5
74	D.J. Humphries	OL	6-5	307	5
81	Darrell Daniels	TE	6-3	256	3
85	Charles Clay	TE	6-3	246	9
87	Max Williams	TE	6-4	252	5
89	Andy Isabella	WR	5-9	188	R
90	Jonathan Bullard	DE	6-3	296	4
91	Michael Dogbe	DE	6-3	284	R
92	Zach Kerr	DT	6-2	334	6
94	Caraur Reid	DT	6-2	292	6
95	Rodney Gunter	DE	6-5	305	5
98	Corey Peters	DT	6-3	335	10



Ben Roethlisberger on the sideline is more than a little strange. **THE COVER:** Roethlisberger after coming out Sept. 15.

Big Ben still big factor

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“It starts and ends with him a lot of times — with everything,” said tight end Vance McDonald. “Whenever you get rid of that and eliminate that, yeah, everything’s going to be different. I mean, jokes, cutting up, just the overall temperament of the locker room and everything else. Everything changes, for sure.”

Different vibes

One of the first things Alejandro Villanueva noticed? The music. “Oh, yeah. You hear the music that’s playing over there?” Villanueva asked on a recent Wednesday, sitting across the way from some post-practice tunes playing in a defensive area of the locker room. “You can’t play music with Ben.” “Yeah, that wouldn’t be happening,” cornerback Mike Hilton said, with a smile. “It’s a little different, but maybe it’s a blessing in disguise.”

Villanueva mentioned other “certain rules” that kept the team where it needed to be, searching for the right way to put it.

“Ben knew exactly what had to happen for us to be good,” Villanueva finished. “And I think, to a degree, he was the only person in the building who knew what had to happen, so he had a lot more say and authority on certain issues. For us on the O-line, it was perfect, because we just had to follow him.”

But that pace car has been in the shop for most of this season. When Roethlisberger first went down just before halftime of Week 2 and needed surgery to repair his right throwing elbow, there was suddenly a major void, on and off the

field. As he rehabbed, in the early stages of his recovery, Roethlisberger wasn’t around on a day-to-day basis, wasn’t on the road trips or even in the team facility on the South Side all that much.

When he stopped by at practice, it was noteworthy. It was a reminder of what life used to be like for anyone who had gotten used to being part of this offense.

“Ben always brought that good, old, experienced kind of energy — cracking a lot of jokes, keeping it light,” right guard David DeCastro said in November.

A couple of weeks earlier, before his own season ended with a back injury, Ryan Switzer was at practice talking with fellow wide receiver Johnny Holton. Two days before, Roethlisberger had popped in for a rare appearance about a month out of surgery.

Switzer told Holton how he was missing out. Sure, he spent the spring, training camp and preseason with the Steelers, but he didn’t really see “in-season Ben,” and still hasn’t.

“It’s something special to witness that man when he’s doing what he does best,” said Switzer, who added that he probably sees Roethlisberger outside of football more than most teammates. “Like when we ripped off six straight last year, the things Ben was doing...”

During that win streak in 2018, Roethlisberger threw for more than 300 yards three times. The Steelers have yet to have a 300-yard passer this year.

After an offseason in which Roethlisberger’s leadership was called on the carpet — or, in the case

of Antonio Brown’s sit-down interview with ESPN, a lavish marble floor — and his role in the franchise questioned by outsiders, he hasn’t had opportunities to quell those doubts. But depending on who you ask, the jury’s not out. Not when it comes to what really matters most when you assess what the Steelers lost this season in Roethlisberger.

“I would say it’s more in here. It’s more off the field,” said McDonald, whose locker is next to Roethlisberger’s. “On the field, obviously, we miss him. But it’s easier, I think, to cope with that. ... You end up missing him and his personality and his presence in the locker room. Just in between meetings, or in meetings, for me personally, that’s where you miss him more.”

“Nah, it’s more on the field,” said center Maurkice Pouncey, as staunch a defender of Roethlisberger as anyone throughout his career. “[Shoot], we don’t care. Every franchise quarterback is different, but on that football field, they make every throw.”

A new role

One of the next things Villanueva noticed? The guys he’s blocking for are starting to seem younger and younger; first Rudolph, then Hodges.

“I think Ramon [Foster] and I say that because we’re getting older,” Villanueva, 31, said of himself and his left guard after Hodges started for the first time, in Los Angeles. “I think that when we hang out with our teammates and we see the topics that they pick and the things that they care about, we feel like we’re a little bit distant, in that

sense. We’re used to Ben, who’s somebody who’s tough to be replicated in his demeanor and who he is and how he plays football.”

At 37, Roethlisberger is by far the oldest and longest-tenured player in the organization. Foster, 33, is next in line. So in a way, it’s almost as if Roethlisberger is looming over everything, even when he’s not there in person.

“His presence is always felt, whether he’s here or not,” said receiver Tevin Jones.

“It really doesn’t feel like there’s too much off,” said receiver James Washington, “but you can definitely tell that experience really isn’t here right now.”

“It’s the small things that you really don’t notice until he’s not doing it anymore,” said linebacker Bud Dupree.

Sure, that might include whatever guidelines he has for locker room decorum. But it’s also his pregame routine of greeting every player while they stretch during warm-ups, going one-by-one to give a quick handshake and word of encouragement. “You’ve got my back,” is what he tells Villanueva.

For running back James Conner, whose locker also neighbors Roethlisberger’s, it’s the brief chats anytime they’re in at the same time.

“Especially with him being right next to me, the small conversations, we don’t have that [this year],” Conner said. “But he’s out rehabbing, trying to get better so he can make this comeback for us.”

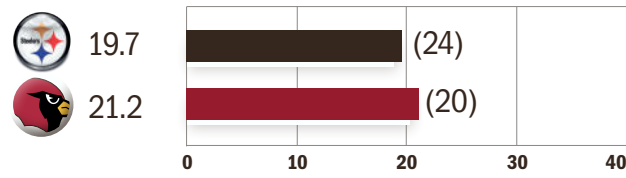
To an extent, Roethlisberger’s comeback has already begun. He only played six quarters in 2019,

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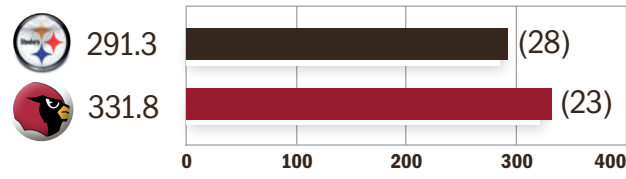
CRUNCHING THE NUMBERS

A comparison of key offensive and defensive numbers for the Steelers and Cardinals (NFL rank) entering Week 14:

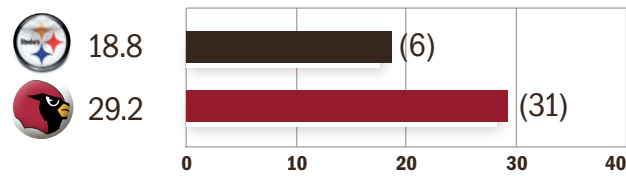
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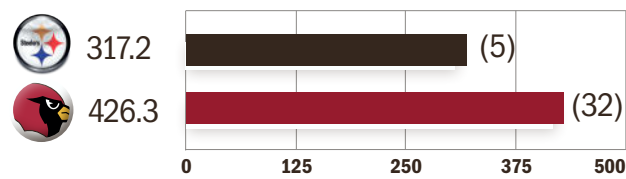
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YARDS ALLOWED PER GAME



STEELERS SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Result	Record	Time	TV
Sept. 8	lost to New England Patriots		33-3 (W-L: 0-1)		
Sept. 15	lost to Seattle Seahawks		28-26 (W-L: 0-2)		
Sept. 22	lost to San Francisco 49ers		24-20 (W-L: 0-3)		
Sept. 30	defeated Cincinnati Bengals		27-3 (W-L: 1-3)		
Oct. 6	lost to Baltimore Ravens		26-23 (W-L: 1-4)		
Oct. 13	defeated Los Angeles Chargers		24-17 (W-L: 2-4)		
Oct. 28	defeated Miami Dolphins		27-14 (W-L: 3-4)		
Nov. 3	defeated Indianapolis Colts		26-24 (W-L: 4-4)		
Nov. 10	defeated Los Angeles Rams		17-12 (W-L: 5-4)		
Nov. 14	lost to Cleveland Browns		21-7 (W-L: 5-5)		
Nov. 24	defeated Cincinnati Bengals		16-10 (W-L: 6-5)		
Dec. 1	defeated Cleveland Browns		20-13 (W-L: 7-5)		
Dec. 8	at Arizona Cardinals		4:25 p.m. TV: KDKA		
Dec. 15	vs. Buffalo Bills		8:20 p.m. TV: KDKA		
Dec. 22	at New York Jets		1 p.m. TV: KDKA		
Dec. 29	at Baltimore Ravens		1 p.m. TV: KDKA		

NFL flex scheduling is in effect for the rest of the season.

Pro Football

WHAT'S NOT THERE

Career numbers for Ben Roethlisberger and where they put him in NFL history (before Week 14)

259.4
Passing yards/game
(NFL rank: 12)

363
Touchdown passes
(NFL rank: 7)

94.0
Quarterback rating
(NFL rank: 12)

31
Comebacks: 4th Qtr/later
(NFL rank: 6t)



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An indirect consequence of Ben Roethlisberger's absence is how old it has made his linemen feel.

It's been 'a little wierd'

STEELERS, FROM B-2

but has now spent the past six games with his teammates and coaches on the sideline. Mostly, he's working here and there with the quarterbacks, and his overall involvement is fluid.

"Obviously, his experience puts him in a different category in terms of input and ideas," coach Mike Tomlin said Thursday. "But we challenge all our quarterbacks to be active participants in game day, even ones that aren't playing."

Tomlin called it "not anything unusual" for Roethlisberger to pull aside a younger player, and that "we've got coaches on the field" for more in-depth instruction. But Roethlisberger has been "really good talking with the quarterbacks," according to offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Randy Fichtner.

"I think all the players feel really self-confident when he's around," Fichtner said, "because he's going to give you confidence. He always has. It's been great."

But he also has challenged players, publicly and privately. Ultimately, it drove a wedge between Roethlisberger and Brown. For Washington, who's now breaking out in his second season, his rookie year was cast in an interesting light when Roethlisberger said "you're not going to be out there if you're not going to make those plays for us" on his radio show after Washington dropped a possible touchdown in Denver.

If that edge is missing this season, for better or worse, no one is saying.

"You talk about a quarterback with that much experience, he's able to talk to us, to keep us up when we're down

How long?

The last time Ben Roethlisberger did not start at least 12 games in a season for the Steelers was 2003. Reason: He was still a senior at Miami (Ohio). How long ago was that?

► **Mike Tomlin** was an unknown defensive backs coach for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

► **"Friends," "ER"** and "Everybody Loves Raymond" were still on prime-time TV.

► **A BlackBerry** was the mobile tech device of choice.

► **The NFL salary cap** was \$75 million and Chicago Bears LB Brian Urlacher was the league's highest paid player at \$15.05 million.

► **Nick Saban** was the head coach at LSU.

► **The Steelers** offensive line consisted of: Alan Faneca, Keydrick Vincent, Jeff Hartings, Kendall Simmons and Oliver Ross.

► **Booksellers** couldn't keep "The Da Vinci Code" on their shelves.

► **Andrew McCutchen** was 17, Sidney Crosby 16 and Josh Bell 11.

► **Twenty-one million** of the 31 million TV sets sold were analog direct view, although 50-inch flat screen plasma models were out there and could be had for a steal at "less than \$6,000."

► **"The Apprentice"** was in its first season on TV and brought Donald Trump into America's homes on a regular basis (for the first time).



and just stay positive," said JuJu Smith-Schuster. "When you hear it from a coach, it's kind of like, 'Yeah, yeah, I've heard it before.' But from him, it's a Hall of Fame quarterback telling you what's good, what we see out there and how he can help us improve our game, which is awesome."

Johnson, who, like Smith-Schuster this year, has battled inconsistency and injury as a rookie, views Roethlisberger as "an extra set of eyes out there, for Randy and us."

"Ben practically calls the whole offense when he's in," said Johnson, who was even out for the one preseason game Roethlisberger played in August. "He knows it like the back of his hand. He's been in the league for a long time, so just the way he

throws the ball and how he sees the game back there, and how he prepares every week, I'm kind of looking forward to getting to play with Ben a little more next year."

What the future holds

But next year will have to wait. The Steelers still have four regular-season matchups and, they hope, a postseason run to navigate without their face of the franchise and highest-paid player.

Roethlisberger figures to remain both of those things until he retires. But presently, the Steelers are getting a glimpse into what life will be like without him. It hasn't always gone smoothly offensively, but to a man, the Steelers insist it has resulted in more leaders than ever stepping up to that responsi-

bility.

"Not a lot of guys have won without Ben," said co-captain Cam Heyward. "We're starting to make our own identities. But when he comes back around, hopefully he feels even more comfortable and more confident going forward."

"As veterans, we've got to be the glue. In years past, we've relied on Ben so much."

Without him, Heyward, Pouncey and Foster have been the elder statesmen on the roster. But Foster pointed out that younger players have emerged, too, to hold others accountable, from Vince Williams to Bud Dupree to T.J. Watt.

There's little doubt that over the years, Roethlisberger has become one of the most polarizing figures in Pittsburgh sports. We'll never know how 2019 would've been different with him, but just about everyone can agree it's been strange without him.

"A little weird, simply because he's not here," Foster said. "I've said time and time before, we all got spoiled by him being around. Now, it's like, you've got to focus on what you have in front of you, how you're going to operate and how you're going to win."

Seeing Roethlisberger back in the mix a bit more lately has given Foster "a breath of fresh air, like yep, there he is." If anything, it's just that beard that might take a little getting used to.

"He says he's going to grow it until he can't grow it anymore," Foster said, with a laugh. "So, we'll see what he looks like, I guess, in May of next year."

That's when OTAs begin, and we'll all know how the year without the quarterback turned out by then.

MATCHUP BREAKDOWN

The Post-Gazette analyzes Sunday's game from both sides of the ball.



Larry Fitzgerald: 1,364 receptions — No. 2 in NFL history.

WHEN THE CARDINALS HAVE THE BALL

Key performers: QB Kyler Murray, RB Kenyan Drake, RB David Johnson, WR Larry Fitzgerald, WR Christian Kirk, LT D.J. Humphries, LG Justin Pugh, C A.Q. Shipley, RG J.R. Sweezy.

What's been working: Since he was acquired from the Miami Dolphins after Week 7, Kenyan Drake has replaced David Johnson as the No. 1 back in Arizona. He's averaging 4.5 yards per carry in his four games with the Cardinals, and three of Kyler Murray's five-best rushing games have come with Drake in the backfield. Speaking of Murray, he's having a promising rookie year in a difficult situation and trails only Lamar Jackson in rushing yards among quarterbacks.

Who's hot (or not): The Cardinals have started the same offensive line every game this season, but is that stability a good thing? Their 42 sacks allowed are fifth most in the league, which isn't great when you're protecting a mobile No. 1 draft pick starting as a rookie. Last week against the Rams, they allowed six sacks, their highest total since giving up eight in Week 3 to Carolina. They've allowed at least one sack in every game but one and have given up multiple sacks in six consecutive games.

Game plan: The first thing you'll notice about the Cardinals offense is that you might think you're watching high school or college football. That's how often they use run-pass option, play-action fakes, with first-year coach Kliff Kingsbury and Murray both coming from the spread-out, offense-happy Big 12 Conference. A lot of shotgun, a lot of short passes, as Murray's 6.9 average intended air yards per throw are the sixth fewest in the NFL, per Next Gen Stats.

Keep an eye on: At 36, Larry Fitzgerald is still going strong in his 16th season removed from his spectacular career at Pitt. But the Cardinals have another local tie with A.Q. Shipley at center. The former Moon High School star who played in college at Penn State is on his sixth team since the Steelers drafted him in the seventh round in 2009. Arizona, though, has been Shipley's most permanent home. He has been a starter in four of his five years there, missing the 2018 season with an injury.

WHEN THE STEELERS HAVE THE BALL

Key performers: NT Corey Peters, OLB Chandler Jones, OLB Terrell Suggs, ILB Jordan Hicks, CB Byron Murphy, CB Patrick Peterson, FS Budda Baker, SS Jalen Thompson

What's been working: Well, there was that one game, back in October, when the Cardinals held the Giants to 263 yards on the road. That's the only time this season Arizona has allowed fewer than 300 yards of offense. The Cardinals have twice surrendered 500-plus yards, including just last week against the Rams when they gave up a season-high 549. They've given up at least one passing touchdown to every opponent.

Who's hot (or not): While the defensive effort overall has been lackluster, veteran pass-rusher Chandler Jones is having another dominant year. He's third in the NFL with 13 sacks and has now hit that number three seasons in a row in the desert. A Patriots first-round pick in 2012, Jones has at least a half-sack in four consecutive weeks and had four in one game this season at the Giants.

Game plan: Vance Joseph was the Broncos head coach last year and is now running Kingsbury's defense. Joseph is a 3-4 guy, but his base defense has left a lot to be desired, given that Arizona's relative strengths are in the back end. Aging Baltimore Ravens great Terrell Suggs isn't the same edge-rushing force he used to be, so you could see more of 2017 first-rounder Haason Reddick at outside linebacker this week.

Keep an eye on: In addition to Jones, veteran inside linebacker Jordan Hicks has been another stat-stuffer for this defense in his first season not with Philadelphia. Hicks is second in the NFL with 116 tackles and also leads Arizona with three interceptions, while ranking second on the team with six pass breakups. But he's also part of the reason the Cardinals have allowed by far the most yards (953) and touchdowns (13) to tight ends this season.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Zane Gonzalez has become a reliable kicker, hitting 26 of 29 field goals and 21 of 22 extra points so far this season, with two kicks of 50-plus yards. ... Punter Andy Lee, another former Pitt Panthers player, has been in Arizona since 2017 and led the league last season in punts, yards, yards per punt and net yards. ... This year, Lee is averaging the second-most yards per punt (48.1). ... Wide receiver Pharoah Cooper returns punts and kicks, and is in his second stint with the Cardinals after playing for the Bengals in the 2019 season opener.

KEYS TO VICTORY

To win, the Cardinals must ...

1 Get in the taking season. Only nine giveaways this season? That's good. But only 12 takeaways? That won't help win the turnover battle against a ball-hawking Steelers defense.

2 Stay hungry. There's not much to play for when you're 3-8-1, and even the normal home-field advantage might be gone if (maybe when) Steelers Nation shows up in droves.

3 Beat a Duck with a Heisman. It's not just about the QBs in this matchup, but the first overall pick needs help from his teammates just like the undrafted free agent on the other side.

To win, the Steelers must ...

1 Jump the trap. Riding high on a two-game win streak, with a key prime-time home game looming next, don't play down to the competition and stub your toe on the road.

2 Egg on Benny. Snell has been good lately, but he can be even better with more room to run against a porous defense that has allowed three 100-yard rushers so far.

3 Keep laundry off the field. Too many penalties nearly proved costly against Cleveland, and more mental mistakes could keep a lesser team in the game.

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Points by which the Steelers are favored against the Cardinals this afternoon at State Farm Stadium. The over/under is 43.5.



NUMEROLOGY

1987

The most recent season that an undrafted rookie QB won his first three starts. Devlin Hodges can equal the start of Washington's Ed Rubbert — a 1987 replacement player who never played another NFL snap.



STATE FARM Stadium has a retractable roof, meaning showers forecast for the area around kickoff won't be a problem. Otherwise, it would have been a nice day to have the roof open, with temperatures in the 60s.

Pro Football



AROUND THE NFL

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STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

Table with columns: EAST, SOUTH, NORTH, WEST. Rows: New England, Buffalo, N.Y. Jets, Miami, Houston, Tennessee, Indianapolis, Jacksonville, Baltimore, Steelers, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Kansas City, Oakland, Denver, L.A. Chargers.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Table with columns: EAST, SOUTH, NORTH, WEST. Rows: Dallas, Philadelphia, Washington, N.Y. Giants, x-New Orleans, Carolina, Tampa Bay, Atlanta, Green Bay, Minnesota, Chicago, Detroit, San Francisco, Seattle, L.A. Rams, Arizona.

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY'S GAME: Chicago 31 vs Dallas 24. SUNDAY'S GAMES: Washington at Green Bay, Detroit at Minnesota, Carolina at Atlanta, San Francisco at New Orleans, Cincinnati at Cleveland, Indianapolis at Tampa Bay, Denver at Houston, Miami at N.Y. Jets. MONDAY'S GAME: N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia. THURSDAY, DEC. 12: N.Y. Jets at Baltimore.

THE NFL AT 100

The NFL celebrates its centennial in the 2019 season. Each week, we'll offer a headline, highlight or accomplishment from the NFL's first century that occurred this week:



December 8, 1940

The Sid Luckman-led Chicago Bears set an NFL record for margin of victory with a 73-0 rout of the Washington Redskins in the season-ending championship at Griffith Stadium in Washington. Ten Bears score touchdowns. Defensively, they hold the Redskins to 5 yards rushing and intercept eight passes. So many touchdowns are scored that officials nearly run out of balls in a time when there are no nets in the end zone and fans can keep the balls that go into the stands.

GAME-DAY NOTES

Facts, figures and story lines for Week 14:

- RAVENS QB Lamar Jackson needs 23 yards vs. Buffalo to become the second quarterback to rush for 1,000 in a season. Of greater note, with 63 yards — a total he has eclipsed nine times this season — he would break Michael Vick's single-season record for a QB (1,062). STRUGGLES and frustrations over the past month aside, Patriots QB Tom Brady is just four TD passes shy of tying Peyton Manning (539) for most in NFL history. SEAHAWKS-RAMS (8:20 p.m.) is likely the final NFL night game in the history of the 96-year-old Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum. The Rams move into a new stadium in Inglewood in 2020. THE MONDAY night game between the Giants and Eagles is a December dud (8:15 p.m., ESPN). But there is a local reason to watch. Penn State's past two feature RBs — Saquon Barkley (Giants) and Miles Sanders (Eagles) — hook up. FYI: With four games left, Sanders (Woodland Hills) already has the third-most yards from scrimmage by a rookie in Eagles history (879). HOW BAD is the NFC East? The Redskins are still alive at 3-9.

Around the NFL

Saints eye top seed in NFC

49ers also have shot in matchup of 10-2 teams

The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS—Drew Brees and the Saints are ready to up the ante. A third consecutive NFC South Division title has been wrapped up. Next on the list is a second consecutive No. 1 overall playoff seed in the NFC, a goal New Orleans (10-2) can get closer to accomplishing Sunday when the San Francisco 49ers (10-2) visit the site of their previous Super Bowl appearance.

"We all know what this game means," Brees said. And so do the 49ers, who had the inside track to the top seed until they lost last week at Baltimore.

"The more you win, the more people like to say, 'Isn't it easier or more relaxing now that you have a good record?'" 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan said. "It's totally opposite. The more you win in this league, the harder it gets."

Especially this week. The Saints have won three in a row and 9 of 10 as they meet a 49ers team that has dropped 2 of 4 after an 8-0 start.

For relatively inexperienced quarterbacks like San Francisco's Jimmy Garoppolo, such games are as much about an opportunity to grow professionally as to improve prospects for a first-round playoff bye.

"With a young team and everything, and myself included, these big games, these big moments ... it'll only help us," Garoppolo said. "It's just about stepping up in the right situation, the right crucial times and just making the plays that are there for you."

Saints coach Sean Payton sees San Francisco as "a good test," given the 49ers top-ranked defense, led by a line full of first-round draft picks. And while Garoppolo is an adept passer with proven receivers at his



Associated Press

New Orleans' Taysom Hill is one of the most interesting weapons available to any offense.



The game

Matchup: San Francisco 49ers (10-2) at New Orleans Saints (10-2), Mercedes-Benz Superdome, New Orleans.

When: 1 p.m. TV: WPGH. Favored: Saints by 2.

The skinny: The 49ers conclude a three-game stretch in which they've played the Packers, Ravens and Saints, teams that are a combined 29-7. ... Saints WR Michael Thomas leads NFL with 110 receptions and 1,290 yards receiving. ... Saints QB Drew Brees is seven TD passes from Peyton Manning's NFL-record 539.

disposal, he's also had the luxury of leaning on a deep and effective running game to slow down opposing pass rushes.

"These guys, I'm telling you, just when you watch this team play, defensively and offensively and in the kicking game, they're as balanced a team" as there is, Payton said.

It is against that team that he'll match his defense. The Saints have had success taking down quarterbacks. Last week, they had nine sacks to bring their season total to 40, led by Cameron Jordan's career-high four.

"He's extremely strong and very aggressive," Shanahan said of Jordan. "He never turns anything down and keeps coming

every game, all year long."

So does that Swiss-Army-knife of a player, Taysom Hill. While Brees, NFL-leading receiver Michael Thomas and dynamic running back Alvin Kamara remain the Saints' primary producers on offense, it's this third-string quarterback/utility player that is becoming more of a menace to opponents. In his most recent game, he deflected a punt to set up a short touchdown pass for Brees — a TD pass that Hill then caught. He later ran for a pivotal 30-yard score.

"He's a factor every week for them, whether it's at quarterback or any of the positions except for [offensive] line is, I think, the only one I haven't seen him play,"

Shanahan said. "He's an unbelievable player on special teams. There's no doubt we're going to see him, we just don't know exactly how."

Perhaps it will be in ways to negate a San Francisco pass defense that is playing at an historic level. The 49ers are allowing only 134.3 net yards passing per game, nearly 30 yards better than the second-ranked Patriots and on pace for the fewest in the NFL since Miami allowed 114.1 in the strike-shortened 1982 season. A defensive line that ranks second in the league with 45 sacks has played a major part, but the secondary has also been outstanding, led by cornerback Richard Sherman. Sherman's status this week is in doubt with a knee injury, but Ahkello Witherspoon is healthy again and Emmanuel Moseley fared well earlier this season when Witherspoon was hurt.

All told, 10-2 vs. 10-2 in December and with the playoffs only a month away. The Patriots and Chiefs might be a rematch of last season's AFC championship, but this is the marquee game of the day.

THE POST-GAZETTE'S WEEK 14 FORECAST • LAST WEEK: 11-5 (.687) • SEASON: 119-73 (.620)

- Steelers (7-5) at Arizona Cardinals (3-8-1): 4:25 p.m. ... The Steelers are 2-3 in Arizona since the Cardinals moved from St. Louis in 1988. But they own one victory that matters: Super Bowl XLIII. These Cardinals have lost five in a row and have allowed 30 or more points six times. Prediction: Steelers, 24-17. Baltimore Ravens (10-2) at Buffalo Bills (9-3): 1 p.m. ... The Ravens have won eight in a row and clearly are the best team in the league. A victory against the Bills would make next week's game between the Bills and Steelers a battle for the AFC's fifth seed. Prediction: Ravens, 23-19. Cincinnati Bengals (1-11) at Cleveland Browns (5-7): 1 p.m. ... This will be a telling indicator about the Browns. Do they go in a Cleveland-like tank after losing to the Steelers and effectively being knocked from playoff contention? Or do they have enough character to bounce back? Prediction: Browns, 27-21. Carolina Panthers (5-7) at Atlanta Falcons (3-9): 1 p.m. ... It's too bad the Panthers lost four in a row to force the ouster of Ron Rivera, a good man who was once a candidate to replace Bill Cowher with the Steelers. This is the last of five consecutive division games for the Falcons. Prediction: Falcons, 27-21. Washington Redskins (3-9) at Green Bay Packers (9-3): 1 p.m. ... The Packers have won six of their past eight games. They didn't let a little snow bother them last week. Don't look now, but the offensively challenged Redskins put up 29 points vs. Carolina and won for the second week in a row. Prediction: Packers, 30-17.

- Denver Broncos (4-8) at Houston Texans (8-4): 1 p.m. ... The Broncos have used seven different starting QBs since the midpoint of 2017, a sad state for a franchise that once had John Elway and Peyton Manning. The latest is Drew Lock. Won't matter in Houston. Prediction: Texans, 31-21. Detroit Lions (3-8-1) at Minnesota Vikings (8-4): 1 p.m. ... Three of the Vikings' four losses are to division leaders, the latest coming Monday in Seattle. The Lions, who have lost eight of nine, gave up 42 points in their first meeting with the Vikings. This could be just as bad ... or worse. Prediction: Vikings, 44-20. San Francisco 49ers (10-2) at New Orleans Saints (10-2): 1 p.m. ... In a span of four games, the 49ers went from being a division leader and No. 1 seed in the NFC to the No. 5 seed as a wild-card team. The Saints haven't played a team with a winning record since Week 4 vs. Dallas. Prediction: 49ers, 27-24. Miami Dolphins (3-9) at New York Jets (4-8): 1 p.m. ... About a month ago, this game was on pace to be one of the worst in NFL history. But then the Dolphins won two in a row and the Jets won three, and now it's just a bad game. Prediction: Jets, 18-15. Indianapolis Colts (6-6) at Tampa Bay Buccaneers (5-7): 1 p.m. ... The Buccaneers have won three of four and are averaging 28.8 points in their past five games. The Colts are going the other way. They've lost four of their past five because they can't score points. Prediction: Buccaneers, 28-20.

- Los Angeles Chargers (4-8) at Jacksonville Jaguars (4-8): 4:05 p.m. ... Last week's bizarre ending in Denver was a microcosm of the Chargers season. Their eight losses are by an average of 4.8 points. The Jaguars are the opposite. They have been outscored, 109-57, in a four-game losing streak. Prediction: Chargers, 27-14. Kansas City Chiefs (8-4) at New England Patriots (10-2): 4:25 p.m. ... After scoring 30 or more points in six of their first seven games, the Patriots are averaging 19.8 points in their past five. But they have won 21 consecutive games at home, including postseason. Prediction: Patriots, 27-24. Tennessee Titans (7-5) at Oakland Raiders (6-6): 4:05 p.m. ... The Titans can put a dent in Oakland's playoff chances. That would also keep them in the division hunt with the Texans, whom they meet twice in the final three weeks. The Titans have won five of six by scoring a bunch of points. Prediction: Titans, 34-30. Seattle Seahawks (10-2) at Los Angeles Rams (7-5): 8:20 p.m. ... The Seahawks are the only team unbeaten on the road (6-0). If the defending NFC champion Rams want to remain alive for a playoff spot, they cannot afford another loss. Prediction: Rams, 30-28. New York Giants (2-10) at Philadelphia Eagles (5-7): 8:15 p.m. Monday ... After the Cowboys gave them the opening they needed with a loss to the Bills, the Eagles started their easy stretch run to a division title by losing to Miami. This is the first of two games vs. the Giants in December. Prediction: Eagles, 28-16.

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Hockey

Malkin's words come to fruition

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

DETROIT — Evgeni Malkin, proving to be prophetic, has indeed been fire.

On Nov. 14, the day the Penguins announced that Sidney Crosby had surgery to repair a sports hernia, Malkin vowed, “I will be fire,” a playful nod to a fire alarm that had just blared at the New Jersey rink where they practiced that day.

Over the next 11 games, not including Saturday’s game against the Detroit Red Wings at Little Caesar Arena, the team’s other superstar center would score five goals and dish out 11 assists. He posted a plus-5 rating. And Malkin scored the winner Friday in a 2-0 victory over the Arizona Coyotes at PPG Paints Arena.

Yup, Malkin has done it again, elevating his play while Crosby is out.

“I think he takes it on himself to ... raise his game to another level, and that’s what he’s done for us,” coach Mike Sullivan said. “He has the ability to change the outcome of games. He’s done that for us. He’s really playing hard for us right now.”

Malkin, in 132 such instances heading into Saturday, had scored 71 goals with 106 assists when Crosby was out with an injury — an average of 1.34 points per game. In 738 career games with both players in the lineup, he averaged 1.15.

But Sullivan says this time around, it has been more than just scoring for Malkin. He is pleased with how Malkin is “playing on both sides of the puck.”

“He’s winning faceoffs. He’s priding himself in a lot of the details, the little things associated with the game that are so important to helping teams win,” Sullivan said, adding, “He’s getting more defensive-zone starts. He’s getting matchups against other teams’ top lines. ... We think Geno can play against anybody.”

Malkin, entering Saturday, had averaged a little more than 20 minutes of ice time per game in Crosby’s absence. He was fire on the majority of those shifts.

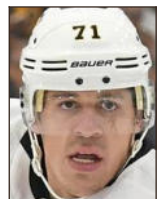
“He’s an elite player obviously. He’s one of those generational talents. He’s been one of the best players in the game for the last decade-plus,” Sullivan said.

Schultz knocks off rust

Justin Schultz returned to the lineup Friday after sitting out for more than two weeks with a lower-body injury. He logged nearly 19 minutes of ice time.

“I thought the guys did a good job helping me out,” the defenseman said after the win. “Obviously, a little rusty right away. But it comes back pretty quick.”

Bryan Rust and Jack



Evgeni Malkin 16 points in 11 games before Saturday

Penguins notebook

Johnson also returned to the lineup Friday. In the coming weeks, they also could see Crosby, Nick Bjugstad and Patric Hornqvist join them on the ice for practice. But Schultz said the Penguins aren’t focused on that.

“We’re doing a good job of just looking to each game and trying to get the job done,” said Schultz, who missed seven games. “The more guys we get back, the better. But whoever’s in on any given night is doing a great job for us.”

Sullivan supports Simon

Entering Saturday, Dominik Simon had gone 16 games without a goal. That was despite the winger seemingly getting a couple of great looks every game.

While acknowledging that Simon had a rough game against the Coyotes, which included a few uncharacteristic turnovers, Sullivan believes the scoring slump had not caused Simon to neglect other areas of his play in previous games.

“Dom’s been a fairly consistent player for us. He does so many things well,” he said. “The only thing he’s really struggled at is just his ability to finish. But he’s so strong on the puck, he creates space, he wins puck battles, he’s conscientious at both ends of the rink. He does a lot of other things that help lines have success.”

Saturday, Simon skated with Teddy Blueger and Zach Aston-Reese. Brandon Tanev joined Jared McCann and Dominik Kahun on the second line. Sam Lafferty was between Alex Galchenyuk and Stefan Noesen on the fourth.

Late-game trust

With the Penguins clinging to a 1-0 lead, Sullivan turned to Tanev, a first-year Penguin, in the final minute of Friday’s win. Tanev and his teammates got the job done. Tanev was rewarded with an empty-netter with two seconds left.

“He’s a good defensive player. He’s willing to block shots and he closes on people with his speed. He has awareness away from the puck. Given those attributes, that’s the type of player we’re looking for in those kinds of situations,” Sullivan said, adding, “He’s very good on the penalty kill for those same reasons.”

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Chad Ruhwedel, left, celebrates his first-period goal with Marcus Pettersson and Jake Guentzel Saturday night in Detroit. The Penguins held on to beat the Red Wings, 5-3.

Penguins get third consecutive win

GAME, FROM B-1

NHL over the past 20 years. They rank 31st in scoring and goals against. They have a minus-58 goal differential.

It was far from their sharpest performance of the season and caused more anxiety than it should have. But the Penguins got it done against the Red Wings, winning both games of a back-to-back for the first time since Oct. 12 and 13.

Malkin had another multi-point night, Chad Ruhwedel got his first goal in nearly a year and Murray got a much-needed win despite another uneven performance. The Penguins have won three in a row since losing Nov. 29-30.

Jake Guentzel scored the opening goal 5:37 into the first period. He couldn’t poke Kris Letang’s centering pass behind Jonathan Bernier. But the rebound caromed off Guentzel’s skate and between the goalie’s pads, trickling over the line.

Guentzel scored that goal, his 16th of the season, on his first shift after he spent a few minutes hunched over in pain on the bench after an open-ice collision.

Ruhwedel made it 2-0 later in the first. Malkin swooped through the offensive zone and dropped the puck off to Ruhwedel at the point. With Bryan Rust and a few other bodies in front of him, Bernier never saw Ruhwedel’s wrist.

It was the defenseman’s first goal since a Feb. 19.

“Geno drew the defenders, so I kind of had a lane to the net. Rusty took the goalie’s eyes away and the puck found the back of the net,” he said, adding, “It felt good. It’s always nice to get the first one of the season out of the way.”

The Red Wings made it 2-1 and had the Penguins on their heels in the second until Malkin restored a two-goal lead with about nine minutes left in the period. Guentzel, with his back to the net, batted the puck toward the goal. Malkin intercepted it, spun and flung a shot past Bernier for his 399th career goal.

Malkin also assisted on both first-period goals and finished the night with three points. He extended his point streak against the Red Wings to six games.

“Just the way he’s playing, he’s a top player in the game right now,” Guentzel said. “It’s pretty fun to see him like that and go with him like this.”

Dominik Kahun made it 4-1 early in the third, just after a Red Wings penalty expired. He carried the puck into the zone, watched his pass to McCann hit a shin guard and come right back to him then lifted a shot under the crossbar.

That’s the kind of roll

Kahun is on right now. He has five goals and 10 points in his past 11 games, helping to make up for a lack of production from Alex Galchenyuk, a more ballyhooed offseason addition who is skating on the fourth line.

After Tristan Jarry posted his second shutout in a row in a 2-0 win Friday against the Arizona Coyotes at home, coach Mike Sullivan turned to Murray in the second half of a back-to-back. Murray won just two of his 10 starts

in November and had last played seven days earlier, an uninspiring showing in a 5-2 loss in St. Louis.

Murray got better as this game went on, at least until he allowed that Larkin goal that made it interesting late in the third. He finished with 25 saves.

“He was real solid, especially down the stretch when they pushed,” Sullivan said.

The Penguins next play Tuesday, when they play host to Montreal.

Penguins report

Saturday’s game

Penguins..... 2 1 2-5
 Detroit..... 0 1 2-3

First period—1, Penguins, Guentzel 16 (Malkin, Letang), 5:37. 2, Penguins, Ruhwedel 1 (Malkin, Guentzel), 17:24. Penalties—None.

Second period—3, Detroit, Fabbri 7 (Larkin, Bertuzzi), 6:02 (pp). 4, Penguins, Malkin 8 (Ruhwedel, Guentzel), 10:42. Penalties—Galchenyuk, Penguins, (tripping), 5:14; Letang, Penguins, (cross checking), 11:42; Nemeth, Red Wings, (hooking), 19:34.

Third period—5, Penguins, Kahun 8 (Marino, Pettersson), 1:38. 6, Detroit, Hronek 6 (Helm), 13:00. 7, Detroit, Larkin 8 (Cholowski, Fabbri), 16:56 (pp). 8, Penguins, Marino 3 (Letang, Tanev), 19:51 (pp). Penalties—Rust, Penguins, (high sticking), 15:24; Detroit bench, served by Perlini (too many men on the ice), 18:14.

Shots on goal—Penguins 12-9-7-28; Detroit 7-13-9-28.

Power-play opportunities—Penguins 1 of 2; Detroit 2 of 3.

Goalies—Penguins, Murray 10-5-4 (28 shots-25 saves); Detroit, Bernier 5-9-2 (23-19), Conrnie 0-0-0 (4-4).

A—NA, T—29.

Referees—Francois St Laurent, Kelly Sutherland. Linesmen—Jesse Marquis, James Tobias.

Three stars

3 Dylan Larkin, Red Wings C
 1 goal, 1 assist, 4 shots

2 Jake Guentzel, Penguins C
 1 goal, 2 assists, plus-2

1 Evgeni Malkin, Penguins C
 1 goal, 2 assists, plus-2

Statistics

(Before Saturday’s game)

NO. PLAYER	GP	G	A	PTS +/-	PIM	
59 Guentzel	29	15	13	28	4	
71 Malkin	18	7	16	23	7	
19 McCann	27	9	9	18	12	
87 Crosby	27	5	12	17	-1	
17 Rust	15	9	8	17	6	
24 Kahun	28	7	9	16	10	
58 Letang	21	7	9	16	8	
13 Tanev	29	6	9	15	3	
12 Simon	29	2	11	13	-1	
72 Hornqvist	20	6	5	11	3	
6 Marino	27	2	9	11	10	
18 Galchenyuk	20	2	8	10	-2	
37 Lafferty	22	4	6	10	6	
28 Pettersson	29	1	8	9	-1	
53 Blueger	29	3	5	8	-17	
4 Schultz	22	2	6	8	-5	
46 Aston-Reese	29	4	3	7	3	
8 Dumoulin	23	1	6	7	7	
3 Johnson	27	1	3	4	8	
36 Blandisi	11	1	2	3	0	
47 Johnson	7	1	1	2	-1	
27 Bjugstad	10	1	0	1	2	
14 Noesen	2	1	0	1	0	
50 Riikola	12	0	1	1	0	
2 Ruhwedel	6	0	1	1	10	
26 Agostino	1	0	0	0	-1	
6 Gudbranson	7	0	0	0	4	
5 Trotman	5	0	0	0	1	
NO GOALIES	GP	MINS	GAA	W	L	OT
30 Murray	20	1161	2.84	9	5	4
35 Jarry	11	595	1.82	7	4	0

Calendar

Dec. 12 — U.S. Hockey Hall of Fame induction, Washington.
 Dec. 19-27 — Holiday roster freeze.

Capitals’ Ovechkin nears league’s top scoring marks

From wire dispatches

Alex Ovechkin needs 217 goals to pass Wayne Gretzky for the NHL record, and he told ESPN he has a plan if he does.

“You’re probably never going to see me on the ice again,” the Washington Capitals forward said with a laugh when asked what he would do if he surpasses Gretzky’s record of 894 goals. “Right away. See ya.”

Ovechkin leads active NHL players and is 12th in league history with 678 goals in 1,115 games, including 20 in 31 games this season.

He’s on pace for his ninth season of at least 50 goals, which would tie the NHL record held by Gretzky and Mike Bossy. Ovechkin set an

NHL notebook

NHL record last season when he led the NHL in goals for the eighth time.

Ovechkin needs 22 goals to become the eighth player to score 700. With 50 goals, Ovechkin would tie Mike Gartner for seventh with 708 and pass Teemu Selanne (684), Mario Lemieux (690), Steve Yzerman (692) and Mark Messier (694).

Flyers

Scott Laughton had a goal, an assist and a hard check in a chippy contest to lead the Philadelphia Flyers to a 4-3 victory Saturday against the Ottawa Senators. “It was a physical game,” Laughton said. “I like playing in those, so it was nice.”

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Observations, instant analysis and other neat stuff from a college football Saturday.

First thoughts



JOE BURROW: The most powerful man in Louisiana these days.

ON SOME LEVEL, the regular season was unneeded. The teams we're talking about this morning leading up to the pairings announcement by the playoff committee are pretty much the same teams that we were talking about on the final weekend of August. The pollsters had it right: The delineation between best and good this season was that clear. The top six in the AP Top 25 preseason poll: 1. Clemson. 2. Alabama. 3. Georgia. 4. Oklahoma. 5. Ohio State. 6. LSU. All that the regular season did was rework the order. The four teams that will be called: 1. LSU. 2. Ohio State. 3. Clemson. 4. Oklahoma.

AS IF HE hadn't already done enough to win the Heisman, get LSU into the playoff and earn free drinks for life on the bayou, Joe Burrow achieved the unthinkable: He affected real political change. Sensing how the winds were blowing, Louisiana Gov. John Bel Edwards canceled his inauguration ball. The soiree had been set for the night of Jan. 13 — the same night as the national championship. Dance or Big Dance? Easy call, even for a politician. After Burrow registered his SEC record-tying 11th 300-yard passing game in a 37-10 rout of Georgia in the league title game (349, 4 TDs), His Governorship just might have made the wisest decision of any politician in this campaign season.

JACOB ZENO. He was almost a legend. Instead, Baylor lost to Oklahoma in OT in the Big 12 championship and Zeno, Baylor's third-string QB, is relegated to footnote. He had thrown three passes all year when sent in with about 11 minutes left and the Bears trailing, 23-13. His first pass went for 81 yards and a TD to Trestan Ebner. His second went 78 yards to Chris Platt that set up a tying field goal that forced OT. OMG! Then, unfortunately, reality set in. As it was, he still fashioned a bit of trivia. According to STATS, with those first two passes, he became the only player in four seasons with two completions of 78 or more yards in the same game.

Game balls

SAMORI TOURE: Montana WR broke the FCS playoff record with 303 yards receiving (on 12 catches) in a 73-28 win vs. SE Louisiana.

CJ VERDELL: Oregon RB rushed for 208 yards in a 38-15 win vs. Utah Friday in the Pac-12 championship. FYI: The Utes defense had not allowed a team to rush for more than 100, let alone one player.

Numerology

7 Players that have rushed for 6,000 yards in FBS history with the addition of Wisconsin's Jonathan Taylor Saturday. Setting him apart, he is the first to do it in three seasons.

He can sleep when the season is over

If it seemed as if ABC analyst Kirk Herbstreit was everywhere you tuned in this weekend, he pretty much was. Beginning Friday night in Santa Clara, Calif., and ending 36 hours later in Bristol, Conn., Herbstreit worked the Pac-12 championship, flew to Atlanta for ESPN's GameDay Saturday morning, took in the SEC title game later in the day, then flew to Indianapolis, Ind., for the second half of the Big Ten final Saturday night. With a champion crowned, he was to return to the mothership in Bristol for Sunday's bowl reveal show at noon. Why? Says Herbstreit: "I love being there and taking it in." Or, as the saying goes: It's why they pay him the big bucks (a reported \$2 million a year).

Championship Saturday

Tigers steamroll Georgia



Georgia's J.R. Reed, rear, and Tyrique McGhee force LSU's Clyde Edwards-Helaire out of bounds Saturday in the second half of the Southeastern Conference championship in Atlanta.

Roundup

Clemson makes statement

Tigers throttle Virginia for fifth ACC title in row

By The Associated Press

Trevor Lawrence threw four touchdown passes, three to Tee Higgins, and No. 3-ranked Clemson won its fifth consecutive ACC title with a 62-17 victory against No. 22 Virginia Saturday night at Bank of America Stadium in Charlotte, N.C.

The defending national champion Tigers (13-0; No. 3 CFP) have won 28 games in a row and head to the College Football Playoff with chance for a third crown in four years.

And while Virginia (9-4; No. 23 CFP) and quarterback Bryce Perkins put forth a game plan that caused the Tigers to sweat early on, there was no stopping Clemson's dazzling set of experienced playmakers led by Lawrence and Higgins on the way to ACC championship records for points and yards (621).

Lawrence set an ACC title-game record with his four touchdown throws and had 302 yards passing, his second-best total this season, and completed 16 of 22 passes before coming out in the third quarter.

Other title games

Big 12: Rhamondre Stevenson had a 5-yard touchdown run in overtime and No. 6 Oklahoma made its bid for another playoff berth with a 30-23 win over No. 8 Baylor. Oklahoma went to the playoff three of the past four seasons. Baylor (11-2, No. 7 CFP) tied the game in the fourth quarter after two long passes by



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Oklahoma receiver CeeDee Lamb caught eight passes for 173 yards Saturday in Oklahoma's 30-23 victory against Baylor for the Big 12 championship in Arlington, Texas.

freshman Jacob Zeno, the second quarterback used after starter Charlie Brewer left the game in the second quarter following a big hit he delivered on a defender. Oklahoma quarterback Jalen Hurts was 17-of-24 passing for 278 yards and a touchdown.

Big Ten: No. 2 Ohio State found its form after halftime and turned a slugfest into a rout while overcoming a 21-7 deficit to defeat No. 10 Wisconsin, 34-21. Ohio State (13-0, No. 1 CFP) and Wisconsin (10-3, No. 8 CFP) had a good day on the ground. Ohio State running back J.K. Dobbins carried 33 times for 172 yards and a touchdown. Wisconsin's Jonathan

Taylor carried 20 times for 148 yards and a score. Ohio State quarterback Justin Fields went 19 for 31 for 299 yards and three touchdown passes.

AAC: Antonio Gibson caught a 6-yard touchdown pass from Brady White with 1:14 left and No. 16 Memphis defeated No. 21 Cincinnati 29-24. The victory marked the first time Memphis (12-1, No. 17 CFP) has won the AAC title in its third straight conference championship game. Mike Norvell celebrated the best season in Memphis history with his team, while deflecting questions about his next job. There's plenty of time to focus on Florida State Sunday,

when the Seminoles reportedly will introduce Norvell as their next coach.

Mountain West: Jaylon Henderson threw for 220 yards and two touchdowns and ran for another score to lead No. 19 Boise State to a 31-10 victory over Hawaii. Boise State (12-1, No. 19 CFP) won its second conference title in three years. After rolling up 518 yards of offense in the first game, the Broncos leaned on their defense in the rematch.

Sun Belt: Darrynton Evans scored three touchdowns and 20th-ranked Appalachian State repeated as champions with a 45-38 victory over Louisiana-Lafayette. Evans won the game's MVP for the second straight season. Zac Thomas threw for 149 yards and two touchdowns and Daetrich Harrington and Marcus Williams added touchdown runs.

Conference USA: Facing fourth-and-goal very early in a scoreless game, Lane Kiffin did not even hesitate in his call to leave his Florida Atlantic offense on the field. What a rebel. No, really. He's off to Ole Miss — to coach the Rebels. FAU turned that decision into a touchdown and kept rolling from there, going on to a surprisingly easy 49-6 win over UAB. Chris Robison threw for 267 yards and four touchdowns and the Owls — in Kiffin's finale — sent their coach off with his second league title in three years.

MAC: Brett Gabbert threw a 31-yard touchdown pass to Jack Sorenson early in the third quarter, and Miami of Ohio controlled most of the second half, beating Central Michigan 26-21. The RedHawks (8-5) won a record 16th MAC championship.

Burrow makes case for Heisman in SEC title win against Bulldogs

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Joe Burrow collected a shiny award as the game's MVP. LSU's fans had another trophy on their minds.

"Heisman! Heisman! Heisman!" they chanted.

The coronation is likely complete.

Burrow turned in another dazzling performance on the big stage, leading No. 1-ranked LSU to a spot in the College Football Playoff with a 37-10 rout of No. 4 Georgia in the Southeastern Conference championship Saturday at Mercedes-Benz Stadium.

"Joe is the heartbeat of this team," running back Clyde Edwards-Helaire said.

The Tigers, going for their first national title since the 2007 season, will either return Dec. 28 to Atlanta or head to suburban Phoenix for a semi-final. They surely made a persuasive case to be the top overall seed when the four-team field and pairings are announced Sunday.

Burrow was all over the stat sheet for LSU (13-0, No. 2 CFP). He threw for 349 yards and four touchdowns. He was the Tigers' second-leading rusher with 41 yards on 11 carries, often leaving the Bulldogs grasping at air as he twirled this way and that. He even caught a pass on a ball that was batted down at the line and wound up his arms, taking off for a 16-yard gain.

"He's a great athlete, man," Georgia safety J.R. Reed said. "We had a lot of plays out there we were supposed to make, and he'd just squeeze out of it."

The Heisman-worthy moment came late in the third quarter. With Georgia (11-2, No. 4 CFP) bringing the heat, Burrow spun to his left to get away from lineman Travon Walker, whirled back to his right to send Walker sprawling to the turf, then delivered a pass on the run while sprinting toward the LSU sideline with another defender in hot pursuit.

Justin Jefferson hauled in the throw just beyond midfield and took off down to the Bulldogs 9 for a 71-yard play. Three plays later, Burrow delivered his third touchdown pass of the game, hooking up with Terrace Marshall Jr., on a 4-yard TD pass that essentially finished off the Bulldogs.

"It was all improvised," Burrow said. "Justin ran a 6-yard hitch route and saw me scrambling and took off deep. We got a great feel for each other. I knew exactly where he was going to be when I got out of there."

LSU left no doubt it is the king of the mighty SEC, completing its run through a gauntlet of the league's top teams. The Tigers already had knocked off Alabama, Florida and Auburn. Now, they can add the Bulldogs to the list, ensuring the SEC will only get one team in the national playoff.

LSU came into the game as the second-highest scoring team in the country behind Ohio State. They figured to have a tougher time against Georgia's stellar defense, ranked No. 2 in points allowed, but Burrow kept the Bulldogs on their heels the entire game.

It was by far the most points Georgia has given up their season. Until Saturday, they held every opponent under 20 except South Carolina, which stunned the Bulldogs in double overtime nearly two months ago.

It was a painful loss — literally — for the Bulldogs, who were making their third consecutive appearance in the SEC title game. Two players were carted off the field with apparent major injuries. Another player wobbled off with a concussion after being leveled on a kickoff. Fromm twisted an ankle and had to go to the medical tent to get taped, though he missed just one play.

Slippery Rock escapes Notre Dame College in shootout

From local and wire dispatches

Slippery Rock had all of the motivation it needed Saturday in a rematch against Notre Dame College in the quarterfinal round of the NCAA Division II playoffs.

And that motivation was on display as Slippery Rock (13-0) scored a 65-59 victory at Mihalik-Thompson Stadium and advanced to next

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week's semifinal.

Chris Brimm's 7-yard touchdown pass to Marvell Ross pulled Notre Dame to within 59-45 at the end of the third quarter. Then Brimm — who threw for 360 yards and five touchdowns — connected with Zaire Mitchell for a 19-yard score and the Falcons (12-2) trailed by only a touchdown.

"When they got up on us, I really didn't panic," Slippery Rock coach Shawn Lutz said. "I knew that we're a great football team. They're a great football team. I just thought we needed to settle down."

The Slippery Rock offense, led by quarterback Roland Rivers III, did settle down and put the game away. Rivers threw for 383 yards and six touchdowns.

James Madison

Ben DiNucci (Pine-Richland) accounted for 339 yards and four touchdowns as the the Dukes set school marks for offense (623 yards) and points in a post-season game in a 66-21 rout of Monmouth in the FCS playoffs. DiNucci was 21-of-25 passing for 273 yards and two touchdowns and also rushed for two more scores.

College Basketball / Volleyball

District roundup

Dukes women now 7-2

Outlast Toledo for 7th win in row

From local and wire dispatches

The Duquesne women battled a tough Toledo team, but were able to come away with a narrow 79-74 win Saturday night at La Roche.

The Rockets (2-5) outscored the Dukes (7-2), 25-18, in the fourth quarter, making the game much closer than it was throughout. Duquesne led, 43-31, at the half. Amanda Kalin led the way with 20 points for the Dukes. She added 4 rebounds, 2 assists and 1 block in 39 minutes. Libby Bazalak added 17 points, 7 rebounds and 6 assists.

The biggest difference for the Dukes was the free-throw line. They weren't hugely efficient from the stripe, shooting 20 of 29, but they hit them when it mattered, going 9 of 12 in the fourth quarter.

Men's games

Robert Morris 64, Florida Gulf Coast 58: Robert Morris concluded a three-game road trip by picking up its first road victory of the 2019-20 campaign against Florida Gulf Coast at Alico Arena in Fort Myers, Fla. Tied, 58-58, with just over a minute to go, Caleb Gatto fouled Josh Williams on a drive to the basket. Williams knocked down both free throws to put RMU (3-8) in front, 60-58. Robert Morris closed the game 7 for 12 at the free-throw line to seal the victory, as four Colonials connected at the stripe. Josh Williams paced Robert Morris in the win with 16 points while also registering six rebounds and three assists.

Ohio State 106, Penn State 74: Kaleb Wesson scored 28 points and had 10 rebounds for his ninth career double-double, helping No. 6 Ohio State rout Penn State. Ohio State scored 100 points against a Big Ten Conference rival for the first time since 1991. Four players hit double figures for the Buckeyes (9-0, 1-0 Big Ten), who shot 57.4 percent from the field. Andre Wesson scored 15, and sophomores Duane Washington Jr. and Luther Muhammad each had 14. Izaiah Brockington scored 19 points and Seth Lundy added 10 for the Nittany Lions (7-2, 0-1).

St. John's 70, West Virginia 68: Rasheen Dunn scored nine of his 13 points in the second half including the winning free throws with five seconds remaining and St. John's handed West Virginia its first defeat. Dunn shot only 3 of 11 from the floor, missing his four attempts from the arc, but made all seven of his free throws, including the final two after he was fouled as Dunn appeared to slip driving to the basket. Sean McNeil scored 13 points with four 3-pointers for West Virginia (7-1).



Pitt's Chinaza Ndee spikes the ball against Cincinnati's Damjana Cabarkapa Saturday early in an NCAA tournament second-round match at Petersen Events Center.

Pitt basketball

Offensive woes hurt in loss to Louisville

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — With just 29.5 seconds remaining, a game that was very much in the balance only eight minutes earlier had long been decided. Pitt, trailing No. 1-ranked Louisville by 20 points, was about to lose in relatively lopsided fashion Friday night at KFC Yum! Center.

Still, there was a message Jeff Capel wanted to get across to his players.

"Move the [freaking] ball!" he shouted.

Capel's anger was understandable. In a 64-46 loss to the Cardinals, the Panthers had faltered late, getting outscored, 17-4, in the final 8:44. That run came after Pitt had gotten within five, at which point a hotly debated foul was called on Panthers sophomore forward Au'Diese Toney as he chased after a loose ball near midcourt.

The whistle was blown when Toney reached out and appeared to grab at the left arm of Louisville's Jordan Nwora, though it's unclear if any kind of grip was established, at least enough of one to impede Nwora's movement.

The call drew the ire and befuddlement of many on the Panthers' sideline. The Pitt bench was then slapped with a technical foul.

What elicited the intense and vocal disappointment from Capel late in the game, however, had much more to do with how his team responded to that sequence. Not only had the Panthers become distracted and flustered, but, as their coach made quite clear, they were no longer executing their

offense as it is meant to be.

On Pitt's final 14 possessions, it had an average of just 3.5 passes in half-court sets while using an average of about 18 seconds off the shot clock. Eight of those 14 possessions featured three passes or fewer, six of which had only one or two passes. Dribbling quickly replaced crisp ball movement.

As a result, and due to some other variables, the Panthers' offense suffered. In the opening 11:16 of the second half, they scored 21 points on 16 possessions (1.31 points per possession), made eight of their 13 shots and had no turnovers. In the final 8:44, they had four points on 14 possessions (0.29 points per possession), made two of their 10 shots and had five turnovers.

"We have to be locked in and focused for 40 minutes," Capel said. "We can't become too emotional and allow emotions to distract us."

Some of Pitt's offensive shortcomings showed themselves in subtler ways — not so much with the shots its players took, but some of the ones they didn't.

Louisville plays a variation of the pack-line defense, a scheme that looks to, among other things, limit an opponent's ability to get into the lane for clean looks close to the basket. If there's one effective way to beat that kind of a defense when it's operating as it should, it's by going over the top of it, namely by firing 3-pointers.

The Panthers attempted just 12 3s Friday, matching a season low, but passed up a number of decent looks against one of college basketball's top five statistical

defenses.

Junior guard Ryan Murphy embodied some of those puzzling decisions. One of the team's better outside shooters, Murphy passed up a corner 3 early in the game.

Five minutes later, after a loose ball had been corralled by Pitt and with the shot clock winding down, he again didn't fire on a clean look against an unsettled Louisville defense.

Later in the half, he had an opening but passed up that shot to later take an off-balance 2-pointer with Louisville's Samuel Williamson draped on him.

"I thought he was gun shy," Capel said. "I thought he passed up a lot of shots in the first half. They're a really good defense, but I thought we passed up some opportunities in the first half. He has to shoot them."

In the opening minutes, Xavier Johnson came off a screen from Eric Hamilton at the top of the key, giving him some room to fire. He didn't, and the possession ended with a Johnson turnover.

In the second half, with Pitt only down nine and with just over seven minutes remaining, freshman Justin Champagne had an open look from the corner. Rather than shooting, he pulled the ball in and took a dribble to get by the oncoming defender. In doing so, however, he took a step and was called for a travel.

"Guys were kind of hesitant," Johnson said. "They're young and they're new. We're going to tell them they have to start shooting. That's what it's going to take."

NCAA volleyball tournament

Cincinnati spikes Pitt's title dreams

Bearcats topple Panthers in 5 sets in second round

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Pitt volleyball coach Dan Fisher, minutes after his Panthers fell to Penn State in five sets Sept. 22, sat at the Petersen Events Center media dais and offered perspective.

"We were, I think, 120th in RPI when I took the job, and they were No. 1. We weren't looking at how we could be No. 1. ... We were looking at the next step," Fisher said when asked if Pitt saw Penn State's powerhouse status as something to strive toward. The Panthers finished the 2012 season ranked 119th in RPI, but Fisher's point still stood.

"That being said, it's cool to be here now and to play them as equals," he continued.

At the time, Fisher didn't know his squad would win every match the rest of the regular season. And he didn't know the player sitting to his left, outside hitter Kayla Lund, would be named ACC player of the year.

Pitt made impressive strides in 2019, the seventh season under Fisher. Still, that progress didn't soften the blow Saturday night after a tough loss.

The No. 6-seeded Panthers were defeated by Cincinnati, 3-2 (26-24, 21-25, 25-16, 21-25, 15-13), in the second round of the NCAA tournament at Petersen Events Center. Pitt's season is over after posting a 30-2 overall record and 18-0 mark in ACC play.

Cincinnati (27-6) and the Nittany Lions (26-5) square off Friday at Stanford University in California. The winner likely face either No. 3-seeded Stanford or No. 14 Brigham Young University with a trip to the Final Four — which will be held at PPG Paints Arena — on the line.

In the buildup to this NCAA tournament, Pitt players reiterated that it was their preseason goal to play at home in the Final Four. Before

reaching that peak, though, the Panthers had to make a bit of history and get by Cincinnati.

Pitt, 0-7 all time in second-round action, had never reached a Sweet 16 before. That drought nearly ended Saturday night at home.

The Panthers won the first set on the right arm of outside hitter Chinaza Ndee (five kills in the set, 16 total). Fisher's squad dropped the second set after Cincinnati's Jordan Thompson — whose uncle, Chris Doleman, starred at Pitt as a pass rusher in the 1980s — tallied eight kills. And the Panthers rebounded in the third, ripping off six consecutive points to close the set.

But one win away from the Sweet 16, the Panthers couldn't close out Cincinnati. The Bearcats' fourth-set win extended the match to a first-to-15, win-by-two fifth set.

Behind a crowd in full throat, Pitt jumped to a 4-0 advantage thanks in large part to a pair of kills from redshirt senior Stephanie Williams. Cincinnati responded the way it had all evening, rattling off five consecutive points with Thompson (27 total kills) the primary reason why. And, naturally, the Panthers answered.

Technical diving saves from Pitt's Zoi Faki and Williams kept a Thompson kill attempt alive, a volley Pitt later won on a Thompson attack error. That gave the Panthers a 6-5 lead it extended to three — and eventually surrendered. Cincinnati snagged a 13-12 advantage before Pitt tied it up with a Lund kill.

But Pitt's campaign closed with two Bearcats points. Cincinnati's Maria Mallon secured the game-winning kill, prompting the Bearcats back-ups to storm the court and celebrate. The crowd quieted for a minute or two, as did the Panthers, stunned at the result. But as Pitt's players gathered, the Petersen Events Center patrons offered an ovation, a nod to the season Fisher's squad put together.

It was a round of applause that was well-deserved — and, yet, gut-wrenching given the circumstances.

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Baseball

Waiting game finally comes to an end

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"I'm looking, and it's peak season in Florida. Everything's gone or like \$6,000 a month. Derek didn't want to look at houses, and I'm like, 'We don't have a home!'"

Even clothing got complicated. Alison said Derek didn't have enough suits with him to work through two separate interview processes without repeating one, so the Pirates' new manager wound up buying a couple of extras before he flew to various interviews in New York and Pittsburgh.

"I'd constantly remind him, 'It's not the end of the world. We're healthy. We're very blessed. What's the worst outcome if you don't get it? Our life is still great. We still had a great organization to go back to,'" Alison said.

That sounds great, but it's doubtful the message stuck with Derek, who admitted Wednesday that he was probably something of a crank during the entire process.

Things got a little better when new president Travis Williams and assistant general manager Kevan Graves called Shelton shortly after Williams was hired, seeking to re-establish connections with all who interviewed. Williams apparently told Shelton they really liked him as a candidate and asked for his patience.

But the whole thing was hardly easy on Derek Shelton, who was finally a phone call away from his lifelong dream. Nor was it logistically preferable for Shelton's family — spread everywhere, except on Put-in-Bay, where things were a little tight.

"When Derek wasn't around and I'd talk to my dad, I'd say, 'This is his dream. This is his goal.'" Alison explained. "Then I'd talk to Derek, and he'd say, 'Yeah, but I put you all through this to get here.' ...

"Your heart just breaks.

Why can't they see? He's the guy. He knows this. This is his life. This is his passion. You want something so bad for someone, and you feel so helpless. I'd say to him, 'Can I call someone? Can I do something?'"

It sounds like, to hear Derek's parents tell it, Alison did plenty.

"The key word to that is Alison," Derek's father, Ron, said when asked how the family supported Derek. "Seriously, from the time all the Mets stuff started, we're anxious, we're hopeful. Then as things dragged on and got longer, then the Mets thing didn't go, then this one went longer, our role was just to be there to support him."

"We knew what he was going through. We knew what Alison was going through. We really just tried to leave him alone."

"He was just waiting," Shelton's mom, Kathy, added. "And the waiting is the hardest part."

Obviously the Pirates thing worked out, but so, too, did the Sheltons' housing situation. Turns out they found a townhouse five minutes from their old one, on the water, exactly what they wanted.

Alison said her husband isn't a man of many hobbies. "Baseball is his life," she said. But they do like living near water and spending time on boats.

"We're the people who bring the food and the alcohol," Alison joked. "Just pick us up. Let us come on your boat."

The Sheltons were actually at their new place when Derek got the call that the Pirates wanted to hire him as their manager. At one point, Alison sneaked out on the back patio by herself, trying to get through a momentary sense of panic.

"I was praying, and he was like, 'What are you doing?' ... 'Umm, just relaxing,'" Alison

said, poking a little fun at her own nervousness.

Two hours later, the phone rang. It was the Pirates. Derek Shelton, at long last, would become a major league manager for the first time.

"As anybody who has spent any time in the game knows, if you don't have a really good support system, you're in deep trouble," Derek said. "I've been very fortunate, especially this offseason; as you're all aware, this process didn't go very quickly. Having someone that supported me, by my side, was extremely important."

The work, of course, isn't done. While Derek needs to fill out his major league coaching staff and tackle a bunch of baseball-related tasks to help fix the Pirates, Alison needs to once again find a house, this time in Pittsburgh.

"I can always find a baseball house," Alison said. "Because we like to live in the city, hopefully near some water and close to the ballpark."

One the Sheltons hope to have rocking next summer because, as Alison said, "Towns like Pittsburgh, where you only get so much sun, you want your baseball team to be good. Life's exciting when your team's winning."

Life is also exciting when you can access all your clothes, your family is spending a significant amount of time together, and everybody is happy, something that felt light years away in the middle of a difficult process for Derek Shelton and his family.

"Throughout this whole thing everyone was just like, 'Hold out. Believe that this is the market,'" Alison said. "This has always been the type of market and city he's been with."

"We're just so happy it worked out. I know this is something he can do, too. He knows how to build a winning team."



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Alison Shelton on husband Derek during interview season — "Derek didn't want to look at houses, and I'm like, 'We don't have a home!'"

Pirates hire Mt. Lebanon's Kelly

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

ON THE WEB: A longer version of this story can be found at post-gazette.com.

The excitement was evident in Don Kelly's voice.

Although the start of the 2020 season is still nearly four months away, it sounded as if Kelly was ready to take the field Saturday, an hour or so after the Pirates named him their new bench coach, replacing Tom Prince and adding a key piece to Derek Shelton's coaching staff.

Kelly was born in Butler, went to Mt. Lebanon and Point Park and now he'll work for the Pirates, pursuing his professional dream while also getting to remain with his family year-round.

"I'm just really humbled to come back home to Pittsburgh to be the Pirates' next

bench coach," Kelly told the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette. "It's exciting for me and my family to come home. Growing up here as a Pirates fan, playing here, making my debut in the big leagues with the Pirates, now to return as bench coach, it's just extremely humbling."

Kelly, 39, had been the Houston Astros first-base coach, a position he held since November 2018. Before that he spent two seasons as a scout with the Tigers.

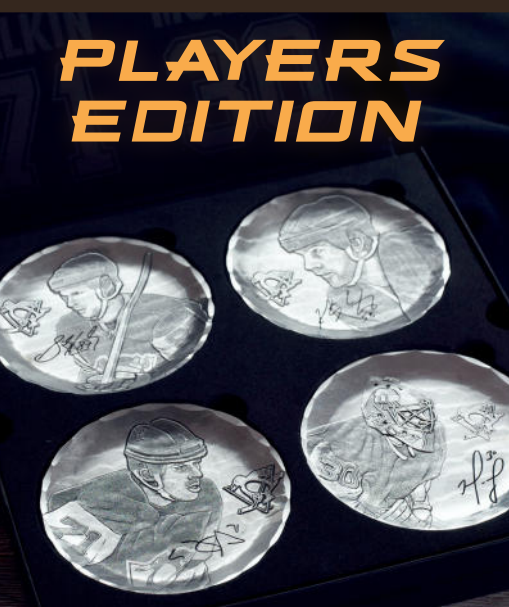
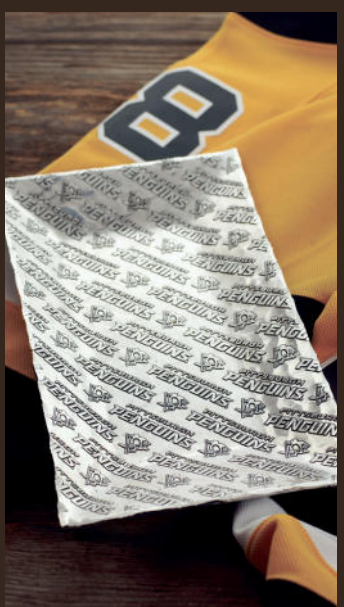
Also on Saturday, the Pirates said they'll retain third-base coach Joey Cora, hitting coach Rick Eckstein

and assistant pitching coach Justin Meccage. The Pirates still need to hire a head pitching coach, which could change Meccage's job title some.

The news also thrilled former Pirates skipper Jim Leyland, who has served as a mentor to Kelly since the two spent time together in Detroit.

"He's coming home; I think it's great," Leyland said. "He's a Pittsburgh guy. To be able to coach for your hometown team, it's pretty good. Donny is a great fit anywhere. Him and Derek will do well together. They'll have a good rapport, obviously. A mutual respect for one another. I think it's great. I couldn't be happier for him."

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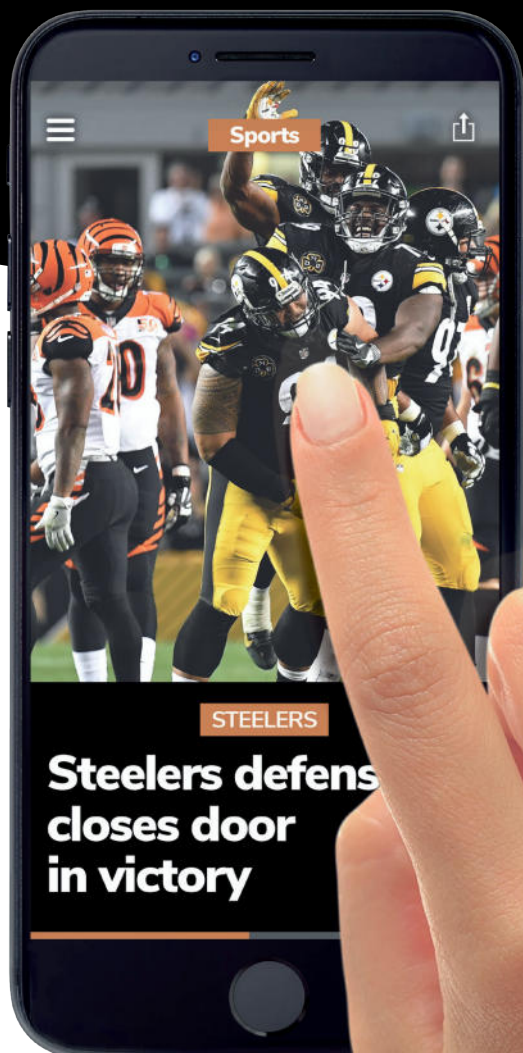
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SCOREBOARD

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

RESULTS

Friday's Games
FAR WEST
Pac-12 Championship
 No. 13 Oregon 37, No. 5 Utah 15

Saturday's Games

SOUTH
Sun Belt Championship
 No. 20 Appalachian St. 45, La.-Lafayette 38
Conference USA Championship
 FAU 49, UAB 6
SEC Championship
 No. 1 Louisiana State 37, No. 4 Georgia 10
SWAC Championship
 Alcorn State 39, Southern 24

ACC Championship

No. 3 Clemson 62, No. 22 Virginia 17

MIDWEST

Mid-American Championship
 Miami (Ohio) 26, Central Michigan 21
AAC Championship
 No. 16 Memphis 29, No. 21 Cincinnati 24
Big Ten Championship
 No. 2 Ohio State vs. No. 10 Wisconsin, late
SOUTHWEST
Big 12 Championship
 No. 6 Oklahoma 30, No. 8 Baylor 23, OT
FAR WEST
Mountain West Championship
 No. 19 Boise State 31, Hawaii 10

FCS PLAYOFFS

Second Round

Saturday's Games
 James Madison 66, Monmouth (NJ) 21
 Northern Iowa 13, South Dakota State 10
 Weber State 26, Kennesaw State 20
 Montana State 47, Albany (NY) 21
 Illinois State 24, Central Arkansas 14
 North Dakota State 37, Nicholls 17
 Montana 73, Southeastern Louisiana 28
 Austin Peay (10-3) at Sacramento State (9-3), late
Quarterfinals
Dec. 13 or Dec. 14
 North Dakota State (13-0) vs. Illinois State (10-4), TBD
 Montana State (10-3) vs. Austin Peay-Sacramento State winner, TBD
 Weber State (10-3) vs. Montana (10-3), TBD
 James Madison (12-1) vs. Northern Iowa (10-4), TBD

NCAA DIVISION II PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern
Quarterfinals
Saturday's Games
 Slippery Rock 65, Notre Dame (Ohio) 59
 West Florida 43, LeNoir-Rhyne 38
 Ferris St. 25, Northwest Missouri State 3
 Minnesota St. 42, Texas A&M-Commerce 21
Semifinals
Saturday, Dec. 14
 TBD

NCAA DIVISION III PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern
Quarterfinals
Saturday's Games
 Muhlenberg 24, Salisbury 8
 North Central (Ill.) 31, Delaware Valley 14
 Wis.-Whitewater 26, Mary Hardin-Baylor 7
 Saint John's (Minn.) 34, Wheaton (Ill.) 33
Semifinals
Saturday, Dec. 14
 Muhlenberg (13-0) vs. North Central (Ill.) (12-1), TBD
 Saint John's (Minn.) (12-1) vs. Wisconsin-Whitewater (12-1), TBD

NAIA PLAYOFFS

All times Eastern
Semifinals
Saturday's Games
 Marian (Ind.) 34, Lindsey Wilson 24
 Morningside 21, Grand View 16
Championship
Saturday, Dec. 21
At Eddie G. Robinson Stadium, Ruston, La.
 Morningside (13-0) vs. Marian (Ind.) (12-0), 7 p.m.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

MEN'S RESULTS

SATURDAY'S GAMES
EAST
 Binghamton 84, Boston U. 79, OT
 Bucknell 65, Albany (NY) 64
 Davidson 70, Northeastern 63
 George Washington 66, Delaware 56
 Harvard 89, UMass 55
 LIU Brooklyn 85, Army 72
 La Salle 71, Drexel 63
 Lafayette 62, Cornell 59
 Loyola (Md.) 64, Mount St. Mary's 48
 Maine 66, Central Connecticut State 64
 Manhattan 54, Fordham 53, OT
 Maryland 59, Illinois 58
 Mass.-Lowell 94, St. Francis (NY) 63
 Missouri 64, Temple 54
 Navy 53, Marist 51, OT
 Quinnipiac 75, New Hampshire 67
 St. Bonaventure 73, Hofstra 45
 St. Francis (Pa.) 63, UMBG 60
 St. John's 70, West Virginia 68
 Stony Brook 79, Brown 63
 Vermont 55, Towson 38
 Villanova 78, Saint Joseph's 66
 Yale 78, Lehigh 65
SOUTH
 Alabama A&M 67, Jacksonville St. 62, OT
 Austin Peay 90, North Florida 83
 Charleston Southern 58, NC Central 53
 Charlotte 76, UNC-Wilmington 57
 Coastal Carolina 92, Winthrop 88
 FIU 84, Kennesaw St. 81
 George Mason 68, American U. 53
 Georgia St. 73, Mercer 61
 Hampton 64, Norfolk St. 53
 Jacksonville 82, Bethune-Cookman 60
 Kentucky 83, Fairleigh Dickinson 52
 Memphis 65, UAB 57
 Mississippi 83, CS Bakersfield 67
 Morgan St. 73, Longwood 65
 Murray St. 85, Middle Tennessee 52
 NC State 91, Wake Forest 82
 Robert Morris 64, Florida Gulf Coast 59
 SC State 80, Presbyterian 68
 Southern Miss. 72, S. Illinois 69
 Syracuse 97, Georgia Tech 63
 The Citadel 108, Carver 40
 UCF 78, NJIT 65
 UNC-Greensboro 60, Radford 58
 VCU 69, Old Dominion 57
 VMI 88, Stetson 61
W. Carolina 78, UNC-Asheville 77
 W. Kentucky 86, Arkansas 79, OT
 Wofford 81, Gardner-Webb 77
MIDWEST
 Ball St. 102, IUPUI 54
 Boston College 73, Notre Dame 72
 Bowling Green 68, Oakland 65
 Bradley 83, NC A&T 52
 Butler 76, Florida 62
 Creighton 95, Nebraska 76
 Drake 78, SE Missouri 73
 E. Illinois 93, Green Bay 80
 E. Michigan 55, Detroit 51
 Evansville 101, Miami (Ohio) 87
 Illinois St. 61, Morehead St. 50
 Indiana St. 84, Wright St. 77, OT
 Kansas 72, Colorado 58
 Kent St. 81, Cleveland St. 59
 Loyola of Chicago 90, Quincy 59
 N. Dakota St. 78, ETSU 68
 Ohio St. 106, Penn St. 74
 UIC 62, Fort Wayne 49
 W. Michigan 66, Youngstown St. 64
 Wisconsin 84, Indiana 64
 Xavier 73, Cincinnati 66
SOUTHWEST
 Abilene Christian 102, Dallas Christian 34
 Arkansas St. 66, Tulsa 63
 Baylor 63, Arizona 58
 Incarnate Word 101, Trinity (TX) 65
 Lamar 73, Rice 60
 North Texas 76, UALR 53
 Samford 113, Houston Baptist 90
 Texas A&M-CC 81, St. Mary's (TX) 53
 Texas Southern 85, Concordia (TX) 47
 UC Santa Barbara 72, Texas-Arlington 68
 UTEP 59, Ark.-Pine Bluff 50
 UTSA 77, Texas State 71
FAR WEST
 BYU 83, UNLV 50
 Boise St. 75, Colorado St. 64
 Nevada 100, Air Force 85

New Mexico 79, Wyoming 65
 Oregon 89, Hawaii 64
 Pacific 65, Long Beach St. 46
 S. Utah 73, Utah Valley 72
 Santa Clara 71, California 52
 UC Davis 66, N. Illinois 57
 Utah 98, Cent. Arkansas 67
 Utah St. 77, Fresno St. 70, OT
 Washington St. 63, New Mexico St. 54
 Weber St. 86, Westcliff University 46

ROBERT MORRIS 64, FLORIDA GULF COAST 59
ROBERT MORRIS (8-8)
 Mendy 2-6 0-0 4, Bain 0-6 2-2 2, Jon Williams 1-2 1-2 4, Treacy 3-7 1-2 8, Jos.Williams 4-6 3-4 16, McEwen 2-4 0-0 6, Hawkins 4-10 3-6 12, Bramah 3-8 6-7 12. Totals 20-52 16-23 64
FLORIDA GULF COAST (2-10)
 Hector 1-3 0-0 2, Rainwater 5-5 1-1 11, Gagliardi 2-8 0-0 5, Catto 3-12 0-0 9, Scott 4-10 3-3 14, Rivers 1-1 0-0 2, Samuels 1-1 0-0 2, Hardy 1-3 0-0 2, Warren 4-10 3-5 12, Harper 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 22-57 7-9 59.
 Halftime—Robert Morris 28-21. 3-Point Goals—Robert Morris 8-20 (Jos.Williams 3-4, McEwen 2-4, Jon Williams 1-1, Treacy 1-3, Hawkins 1-3, Bain 0-5), Florida Gulf Coast 8-35 (Scott 3-9, Catto 3-10, Warren 1-4, Gagliardi 1-7, Hardy 0-1, Hector 0-2, Harper 0-2). Fouled Out—Treacy. Rebounds—Robert Morris 32 (Bramah 8), Florida Gulf Coast 31 (Hector, Catto 6). Assists—Robert Morris 12 (Treacy 4), Florida Gulf Coast 17 (Hector 6). Total Fouls—Robert Morris 14, Florida Gulf Coast 21. A—2,341 (4,633).

NO. 6 OHIO STATE 106, PENN STATE 74

PENN ST. (7-2)
 Stevens 4-8 2-2 11, Watkins 3-8 0-0 6, Wheeler 0-1 2-4 2, M.Jones 3-7 1-9, Dread 1-6 2-2 5, Harrar 1-2 0-0 2, Lundy 3-4 2-4 10, Buttrick 1-1 0-0 2, McCloskey 0-1 0-1 0, Brockington 7-13 3-4 19, C.Jones 2-8 2-2 8. Totals 25-59 14-20 74.
OHIO ST. (8-4)
 K.Wesson 9-16 6-28, Young 3-3 3-4 9, Washington 5-7 0-0 14, Muhammad 4-6 2-2 14, Walker 2-5 5-6 9, Gaffney 0-0 0-0 0, Ahrens 1-2 0-0 3, A.Wesson 5-9 4-6 15, Liddell 1-3 3-4 5, Hummer 0-0 1-2 1, Carton 1-3 6-7 8. Totals 31-54 30-37 106.
 Halftime—Ohio St. 46-35. 3-Point Goals—Penn St. 10-29 (Lundy 2-3, M.Jones 2-5, Brockington 2-5, C.Jones 2-7, Stevens 1-3, Dread 1-6), Ohio St. 14-26 (Muhammad 4-5, K.Wesson 4-6, Washington 4-6, Ahrens 1-2, A.Wesson 1-3, Walker 0-2, Liddell 0-2). Fouled Out—Stevens. Rebounds—Penn St. 19 (Stevens, Harrar, Watkins 3), Ohio St. 31 (K.Wesson 10). Assists—Penn St. 7 (Wheeler, Harrar 2), Ohio St. 15 (Walker 7). Total Fouls—Penn St. 25, Ohio St. 18. Technicals—Stevens. A—12,901 (18,809).

ST. JOHN'S 70, WEST VIRGINIA 68

WEST VIRGINIA (7-1)
 Culver 5-8 2-12, Tshiebwe 3-7 2-3 8, Matthews 3-9 0-1 6, McCabe 0-1 0-0 0, Haley 3-6 0-0 6, Osabuohien 2-4 0-0 4, Rountt 0-0 0-0 0, McNeil 4-9 1-2 13, McBride 1-10 0-0 2, Harler 2-5 0-0 6, Knapper 2-4 0-0 5, Sherman 2-4 0-0 6. Totals 27-57 12-68.
ST. JOHN'S (8-2)
 Roberts 2-6 0-0 4, Rutherford 4-9 3-4 11, Heron 2-12 5-6 9, Figueroa 7-13 2-3 17, Champagnie 1-9 2-4 2, Sears 0-0 0-0 0, Earlington 2-6 0-1 4, Dunn 3-11 7-13, Williams 2-2 3-4 8, Caraher 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 23-70 22-27 70.
 Halftime—36-36. 3-Point Goals—West Virginia 9-24 (McNeil 4-7, Sherman 2-2, Harler 2-5, Knapper 1-2, McCabe 0-1, McBride 0-3, Matthews 0-4), St. John's 2-17 (Williams 1-1, Figueroa 1-2, Caraher 0-1, Rutherford 0-2, Champagnie 0-3, Heron 0-4, Dunn 0-4). Fouled Out—Culver. Rebounds—West Virginia 44 (Culver 18), St. John's 39 (Roberts 9). Assists—West Virginia 16 (McCabe, McBride 4), St. John's 9 (Dunn 4). Total Fouls—West Virginia 22, St. John's 20. A—7,281 (19,812).

WOMEN'S RESULTS

SATURDAY'S GAMES
EAST
 Bowling Green 82, Marshall 69
 Buffalo 46, St. Bonaventure 36
 Delaware 73, Robert Morris 62
 Delaware St. 89, St. Peter's 66
 Duquesne 79, Toledo 74
 Fairfield 73, Hofstra 64
 George Washington 78, Quinnipiac 67
 Harvard 69, Maine 40
 Monmouth (NJ) 52, Lafayette 44
 NJIT 61, Hartford 52
 Penn 81, Stetson 41
 Princeton 62, Marist 50
 Providence 76, Bryant 32
 Rhode Island 89, Brown 44
 Rider 70, La Salle 43
 Siena 52, Albany (NY) 46
 South Carolina 78, Temple 71
 Vermont 76, Canisius 53
 Villanova 60, Saint Joseph's 44
 Youngstown St. 56, St. Francis (Pa.) 46
SOUTH
 Bethune-Cookman 68, Palm Beach Atlantic 45
 Charleston Southern 92, Virginia-Lynchburg 55
 Houston Baptist 72, Louisiana-Monroe 65
 Howard 64, Fairleigh Dickinson 56
 Mercer 62, Georgia Southern 52
 Murray St. 70, Indiana St. 62
 Norfolk St. 77, Hampton 56
 SE Louisiana 63, Jackson St. 59
 South Alabama 62, Tulane 53
 UNC-Greensboro 64, Georgia St. 49
 Wofford 89, Bob Jones 38
MIDWEST
 DePaul 73, Green Bay 65
 E. Illinois 65, Omaha 52
 Indiana 72, North Florida 45
 Northwestern 79, Dartmouth 37
 Ohio 70, IUPUI 64
 SE Missouri 79, S. Illinois 65
 South Dakota 82, Coppin St. 44
 Texas Rio Grande Valley 72, Texas A&M International 56
 W. Illinois 88, Chicago St. 78
 W. Kentucky 91, Ball St. 86
 Wichita St. 63, E. Michigan 52
SOUTHWEST
 Arizona 54, UTEP 43
 Arkansas 81, Kansas St. 72
 Cent. Arkansas 82, Crowley's Ridge 26
 North Texas 69, Louisiana-Lafayette 66
 Oklahoma 90, LSU 68
 Stephen F. Austin 104, Central Christian College of Kansas 46
 TCU 80, Auburn 65
 Texas A&M 74, Oklahoma St. 62
 Texas A&M-CC 90, Texas Wesleyan 52
 Texas Southern 63, Rice 56
 UALR 63, Tulsa 51
FAR WEST
 Air Force 68, Nevada 61
 CS Bakersfield 80, Pacific 70
 Cal St.-Fullerton 72, San Diego 67
 California 73, Boston U. 62
 Loyola Marymount 94, Cal State San Bernardino 46
 Montana 63, Utah Valley 52
 New Mexico St. 77, Weber St. 47
 Saint Mary's (Cal) 84, Cal Poly 67
 San Jose St. 84, San Diego St. 67
 UCLA 58, CS Northridge 44
 Wyoming 73, New Mexico 66

Colorado 29 19 8 2 40 107 79
 Winnipeg 29 17 10 2 36 84 80
 Dallas 30 16 11 3 35 79 75
 Minnesota 30 14 12 4 32 90 98
 Nashville 28 13 10 5 31 95 92
 Chicago 29 12 12 5 29 80 89
PACIFIC GP W L OT Pts GF GA
 Edmonton 31 18 10 3 39 95 90
 Arizona 31 17 10 4 38 85 72
 Vegas 31 15 11 5 35 93 88
 Vancouver 30 15 11 4 34 103 91
 Calgary 30 14 12 4 32 77 89
 San Jose 31 15 14 2 32 87 106
 Anaheim 29 12 13 4 28 77 87
 Los Angeles 30 11 17 2 24 74 98

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Friday's Games
 Chicago 2, New Jersey 1, 50
 Montreal 2, N.Y. Rangers 1
 Pittsburgh 2, Arizona 0
 Edmonton 2, Los Angeles 1
 Washington 3, Anaheim 2

Saturday's Games
 Philadelphia 4, Ottawa 3
 Vancouver 6, Buffalo 5, OT
 Colorado 4, Boston 1
 Carolina 6, Minnesota 2
 Tampa Bay 7, San Jose 1
 Toronto 5, St. Louis 2
 Florida 4, Columbus 1
 Pittsburgh 5, Detroit 3
 Nashville 6, New Jersey 4
 N.Y. Islanders at Dallas, late
 Los Angeles at Calgary, late

Today's Games
 Anaheim at Winnipeg, 3 p.m.
 San Jose at Florida, 5 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Vegas, 7 p.m.
 Arizona at Chicago, 7 p.m.
 Buffalo at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
Monday's Games
 N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
 Columbus at Washington, 7 p.m.
 Boston at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
 Calgary at Colorado, 9 p.m.

FLYERS 4, SENATORS 3

OTTAWA 1 1 1 1 3
PHILADELPHIA 2 0 2 2 4
 First Period—1, Philadelphia, Konecny 11 (Frost, Giroux), 1:45. 2, Ottawa, Tkachuk 10 (C.Brown, Pageau), 4:27. 3, Philadelphia, Gostisbehere 4 (van Riemsdyk, Pitlick), 6:16. Penalties—Braun, PHI, (interference), 14:07; Voracek, PHI, Major (fighting), 18:43; Paul, OTT, Major (fighting), 18:43.
 Second Period—4, Ottawa, Duclair 12, 13:18 (sh). Penalties—Farabee, PHI, Major (fighting), 0:19; Pageau, OTT, Major (fighting), 0:19; Hayes, PHI, (hooking), 8:19; Ottawa bench, served by Tkachuk (too many men on the ice), 12:19.
 Third Period—5, Philadelphia, Provorov 7 (Laughton, Farabee), 3:17. 6, Ottawa, Duclair 13 (Chabot, DeMelo), 15:00. 7, Philadelphia, Laughton 4 (Hayes, van Riemsdyk), 15:11. Penalties—Provorov, PHI, (tripping), 10:36; Tkachuk, OTT, (cross checking), 19:35; Tkachuk, OTT, (roughing), 19:35.
 Shots on Goal—Ottawa 9-11-10-30. Philadelphia 6-8-7-21.
 Power-play opportunities—Ottawa 0 of 3; Philadelphia 0 of 3.
 Goals—Ottawa, Anderson 5-8-0 (6 shots-4 saves), Nilsson 7-8-1 (15-13). Philadelphia, Hart 10-5-3 (30-27).
 A—18,031 (19,543). T—2:29.
 Referees—Tom Chmielewski, Dan O'Halloran. Linesmen—Brandon Gawryletz, Jon Murray.

CANUCKS 6, SABRES 5, OT

BUFFALO 0 3 2 0 0 5
VANCOUVER 1 2 2 1 1 6
 First Period—1, Vancouver, Leivo 5 (Stecher, Benn), 12:57. Penalties—Okposo, BUF, (tripping), 2:01.
 Second Period—2, Vancouver, Roussel 2 (Myers, Virtanen), 3:07. 3, Buffalo, Okposo 2 (Skinner, Larsson), 5:24. 4, Buffalo, Reinhart 11 (Ristolainen, Olofsson), 6:28. 5, Vancouver, Leivo 6 (Pettersson, Boeser), 17:11. 6, Buffalo, Olofsson 12 (Eichel, Reinhart), 19:16 (pp). Penalties—Virtanen, VAN, (slashing), 7:12; Beagle, VAN, (tripping), 14:51; Hughes, VAN, (tripping), 18:50.
 Third Period—7, Vancouver, Myers 1 (Miller, Pearson), 4:51 (sh). 8, Vancouver, RUITT 3 (Virtanen, Stecher), 10:40. 9, Buffalo, Girgensons 4 (Larsson), 12:05. 10, Buffalo, Johanson 5 (Eichel, Ristolainen), 19:01.
 Penalties—Roussel, VAN, (tripping), 3:35.
 Overtime—11, Vancouver, Miller 13 (Boeser, Hughes), 3:21 (pp). Penalties—Jokiharju, BUF, (interference), 2:09.
 Shots on Goal—Buffalo 5-15-8-28. Vancouver 9-10-9-2-30.
 Power-play opportunities—Buffalo 1 of 4; Vancouver 1 of 2.
 Goals—Buffalo, Hutton 6-5-4 (30 shots-24 saves). Vancouver, Demko 7-4-1 (28-23). A—18,871 (18,910). T—2:33.
 Referees—Ghislain Hebert, Garrett Rank. Linesmen—Kiel Murchison, Travis Toomey.

AVALANCHE 4, BRUINS 1

COLORADO 1 2 1 1 4
BOSTON 1 0 0 1 1
 First Period—1, Boston, Wagner 3 (Bjork, Moore), 13:14. 2, Colorado, Nichushkin 4 (Nieto), 17:25. Penalties—None.
 Second Period—3, Colorado, Cole 1 (Barberio, Donskoi), 9:17. 4, Colorado, Burakovsky 12 (Donskoi, MacKinnon), 18:21. Penalties—None.
 Third Period—5, Colorado, Landeskog 5 (Bellemare), 19:57. Penalties—Graves, COL, (high sticking), 5:54; Marchand, BOS, (hooking), 8:02; Donskoi, COL, (high sticking), 8:27; Landeskog, COL, (high sticking), 17:39.
 Shots on Goal—Colorado 9-5-6-20. Boston 4-4-12-20.
 Power-play opportunities—Colorado 0 of 1; Boston 0 of 3.
 Goals—Colorado, Francouz 7-2-0 (16 shots-16 saves), Grubauer 10-5-2 (4-3). Boston, Halak 7-2-3 (19-16).
 A—17,850 (17,565). Referees—Jake Brenk, Jon McIsaac. Linesmen—Greg Devorski, Tony Sericolo.

LIGHTNING 7, SHARKS 1

SAN JOSE 0 0 1 1 1
TAMPA BAY 1 2 4 1 7
 First Period—1, Tampa Bay, Johnson 6 (Verhaeghe), 3:10. Penalties—Palat, TB, (tripping), 0:15; Joseph, TB, major (high sticking), 5:51.
 Second Period—2, Tampa Bay, Killorn 8, 12:29. 3, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 8 (Killorn, Hedman), 19:33 (pp). Penalties—E.Karlsson, SJ, (slashing), 2:28; Labanc, SJ, major (high sticking), 16:16.
 Third Period—4, Tampa Bay, Hedman 7 (Killorn, Cirelli), 0:52. 5, Tampa Bay, Johnson 7 (Verhaeghe, Stamkos), 3:51. 6, San Jose, Vlasic 5 (E.Karlsson, Meier), 14:44. 7, Tampa Bay, Stamkos 9 (Killorn, Hedman), 15:36 (pp). 8, Tampa Bay, Verhaeghe 1 (Maroon, Gourde), 19:35. Penalties—Meier, SJ, (slashing), 15:29; Joseph, TB, (high sticking), 16:18.
 Shots on Goal—San Jose 15-15-8-38. Tampa Bay 10-9-19-38.
 Power-play opportunities—San Jose 0 of 4; Tampa Bay 2 of 4.
 Goals—San Jose, Dell 3-4-1 (17 shots-14 saves), Jones 12-10-1 (21-17). Tampa Bay, Vasiljevskiy 11-8-1 (38-37).
 A—19,092 (19,092). T—2:28.
 Referees—Kendrick Nicholson, Chris Rooney. Linesmen—Scott Driscoll, Brian Murphy.

PANTHERS 4, BLUE JACKETS 1

COLUMBUS 0 0 1 1 1
FLORIDA 1 1 2 1 4
 First Period—1, Florida, Dadonov 11 (Yandle, Barkov), 0:18. Penalties—Robinson, CBJ, (holding), 8:52; Boyle, FLA, (holding), 10:49; Foligno, CBJ, Major (fighting), 14:56; Brown, FLA, Major (fighting), 14:56.
 Second Period—2, Florida, Brown 2 (Huberdeau, Barkov), 8:53. Penalties—Txiexir, CBJ, (holding), 1:22; Dubois, CBJ, (roughing), 13:22; Vatrano, FLA, (slashing), 19:24.
 Third Period—3, Florida, Connolly 13 (Hoffman, Yandle), 6:09 (pp). 4, Columbus, Gavrlikov 2 (Txiexir, Anderson), 10:34. 5, Florida, Hoffmann 11 (Seviour), 17:37. Penalties—Kukan, CBJ, (tripping), 5:58; Ekblad, FLA, (holding), 11:9.

SHOTS ON GOAL—COLUMBUS 10-14-10-34. FLORIDA 3-15-9-27.

Power-play opportunities—Columbus 0 of 3; Florida 1 of 4.
 Goalsies—Columbus, Merzlikins 0-4-3 (26 shots-23 saves). Florida, Bobrovsky 10-6-4 (34-33).
 A—11,640 (19,250). T—2:22.
 Referees—Gord Dwyer, Tim Peel. Linesmen—Brad Kovachik, Bryan Pancich.

HURRICANES 6, WILD 2

MINNESOTA 1 1 0 0 2
CAROLINA 2 2 2 0 6
 First Period—1, Minnesota, Donato 4 (Foligno, Brodin), 2:21. 2, Carolina, Wallmark 4 (van Riemsdyk, Dzingel), 9:00. 3, Carolina, Svechnikov 13 (Aho, Teravainen), 15:02 (pp). Penalties—Eriksson Ek, MIN, (holding), 14:10; Greenway, MIN, (tripping), 14:10; Slavin, CAR, (interference), 16:25.
 Second Period—4, Carolina, Aho 14 (Niederreiter, Teravainen), 4:43. 5, Minnesota, Zuccarello 7 (E.Staal), 9:08. 6, Carolina, Aho 15 (E.Staal, Teravainen), 15:15 (pp). Penalties—Wallmark, CAR, (holding stick), 9:30; Fiala, MIN, (high sticking), 14:30; Wallmark, CAR, (interference), 15:54.
 Third Period—7, Carolina, Edmondson 3 (Aho), 12:24. 8, Carolina, Aho 16 (Slavin), 18:39 (sh). Penalties—Bishop, CAR, (tripping), 17:09.
 Shots on Goal—Minnesota 7-10-7-24. Carolina 12-15-13-40.
 Power-play opportunities—Minnesota 0 of 4; Carolina 2 of 3.
 Goalsies—Minnesota, Stalock 8-4-2 (39 shots-34 saves). Carolina, Mrazek 13-6-1 (24-22).
 A—18,680 (18,680). T—2:27.
 Referees—Frederick L'Ecuycer, Kevin Pollock. Linesmen—Steve Barton, Kory Nagy.

MAPLE LEAFS 5, BLUES 2

TORONTO 4 1 0 0 5
ST. LOUIS 1 0 1 0 2
 First Period—1, Toronto, Hyman 4 (Marner), 2:50. 2, St. Louis, Barbashev 5 (Thomas), 4:25. 3, Toronto, Matthews 17 (Nylander), 6:51. 4, Toronto, Hyman 5 (Engvall), 9:12 (sh). 5, Toronto, Spezza 4 (Kapanen, Rielly), 12:57 (pp). Penalties—Rielly, TOR, (tripping), 7:56; Walker, STL, (holding), 11:28; Spezza, TOR, (high sticking), 16:43.
 Second Period—6, Toronto, Matthews 18 (Marner), 9:29 (pp). Penalties—Kerfoot, TOR, (delay of game), 5:51; Dunn, STL, (interference), 8:48; Holl, TOR, (hooking), 10:15.
 Third Period—7, St. Louis, Perron 12 (O'Reilly, Pietrangolo), 2:02. Penalties—Brouwer, STL, Major (fighting), 2:59; Dermott, TOR, Major (fighting), 2:59.
 Shots on Goal—Toronto 12-5-10-27. St. Louis 8-11-9-28.
 Power-play opportunities—Toronto 2 of 2; St. Louis 0 of 4.
 Goalsies—Toronto, Andersen 14-7-3 (28 shots-26 saves). St. Louis, Allen 5-1-2 (16-15). Binnington 13-6-4 (11-7).
 A—18,096 (19,150). T—2:24.
 Referees—Peter MacDougall, Wes McCauley. Linesmen—Ryan Gibbons, Trent Knorr.

PREDATORS 6, DEVILS 4

NEW JERSEY 2 1 1 1 4
NASHVILLE 2 1 2 2 6
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High Schools

Central Valley lets title slip away

PIAA, FROM B-1

giving up only 79 total yards. But Wyoming Area more than doubled its yardage total on DeLuca's 80-yard touchdown pass to Riley Rusyn with 11:13 remaining, flipping the momentum and bringing the Wyoming Area fans to life.

"They made some big plays at the end of the game, and that's what happens when you play for the state championship," Central Valley coach Mark Lyons said. "It's not easy. Someone's losing that last game of the year."

Senior running back Jaylen Guy was by far Central Valley's most productive player in the game, carrying the ball 30 times for 166 yards and a touchdown and consistently bowling over the first defender he engaged.

"I can't even explain how I felt after that loss, if I'm being honest," Guy said. "I thought we had it at first. I don't know what happened."

The teams battled to a scoreless first quarter as both defenses came ready to play from the opening whistle. Late in the second quarter, Central Valley put together its first scoring drive, the

highlight being a 24-yard run by Guy when the senior running back steamrolled a defender to set Central Valley up inside the red zone.

A few plays later, Guy plunged into the end zone from 1 yard to give Central Valley a 7-0 lead at the break. Central Valley then put together a clinical drive after receiving the second-half kickoff, and this time junior Stephon Hall carried the ball in from 2 yards to take a 14-0 lead.

Meanwhile, Central Valley's defense continued to swarm DeLuca, who briefly exited the game with an apparent leg injury. His backup, Jake Williams, came into the game and immediately threw an interception on his first snap. DeLuca returned for the next drive.

With Wyoming Area facing a third-and-8 from its 20 early in the fourth quarter, two Central Valley defenders appeared to have DeLuca wrapped up for a sack. DeLuca somehow fired a pass over the middle to Rusyn, who caught it in stride and raced to the end zone for an 80-yard touchdown.

"They got the slightest bit of

momentum, and they just ran with it," Central Valley linebacker Reed Fitzsimmons said. "That's what good football teams do. They take their opportunities and they make plays out of them."

After Wyoming Area stuffed Guy on fourth-and-2 near midfield, DeLuca came up clutch again on third-and-long with a 32-yard completion to Brian Williams down to Central Valley's 8. On fourth-and-goal, DeLuca found Derek Ambrosino wide open for a 4-yard touchdown.

After a shanked punt and personal foul penalty gave Wyoming Area the ball at the Central Valley 42 with 1:50 remaining, DeLuca threw a perfect 39-yard pass to Williams down to the 1. DeLuca kept it himself on the next play for a 1-yard touchdown run.

Wyoming Area's defense sealed the deal with a fourth-down stop to clinch its first PIAA championship in school history.

"We worked the whole summer for this, and we didn't want to end with a loss," DeLuca said.

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Defeat sinks in for Central Valley's Josh Campbell Saturday as Wyoming celebrates a 21-14 comeback win in the PIAA Class 3A championship in Hershey, Pa.

HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS, SCHEDULE

Table with SATURDAY, Football PIAA CLASS 6A CHAMPIONSHIP, St. Joseph's Prep 35, Central Dauphin 13, Wyoming Area 21, Central Valley 14, Wyoming Area 0 0 0 21 - 21

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Basketball highlights

South Fayette topples host

Lions edge South Park for crown

From local dispatches

For the second year in a row, South Fayette met the host Eagles in the championship of the season-opening South Park tournament.

For the second consecutive year, the Lions took the hosts to task as Kade St. Ledger dropped 16 points to lead three players in double figures and hold off a fourth-quarter rally from South Park (1-1) as South Fayette (2-0) pulled out a 61-60 victory against the Eagles.

It is the fourth consecutive season South Fayette opened with consecutive victories. The Eagles had four players score in double figures, led by junior Eli Podgorski's 16 points.

Other boys games

If there was any doubt No. 1-ranked Our Lady of the Sacred Heart was ready to defend its WPIAL Class 2A title, it evaporated in the championship of the Keystone Oaks tournament when Jake DiMichele had six 3-pointers as part of his 29-point performance and Dante Spadafora went for 22 to help the Chargers to a 79-60 victory over Brashear. DiMichele had 61 points in the two tournament games.

Ryan Meis showed why he is one of the players to watch in Class 6A as he rolled through the Fox Chapel defense for 27 points, but Bethel Park could not get him enough support as Arnold Vento put up 20 and Eli Yofan chipped in 18 to help the Foxes (2-0) to a 55-48 victory against the Black Hawks (1-1).

Class 5A No. 1 Mars (2-0) continues to impress in the first weekend as Michael Carmody and Mihali Sfanos each scored 16 points to lead the Planets to a 72-26 rout of Burrell (1-1) in the championship of the Freepoint tournament. Mars will begin its Section 3 slate Friday in its home opener against Indiana.

Ben Ringeisen had his second consecutive solid outing as the Hampton senior notched a game-high 26 points, pulled in 18 rebounds and blocked 6 shots to help the Talbots to a 71-51 victory against North Hills to upset the host Indians in the finale of their tournament. In a matchup that

features two teams with legitimate WPIAL finals aspirations, A.J. Nelson went for a game-high 14 points as eight players had points for Class 2A No. 3 Sto-Rox (2-0), which pulled out a 55-44 victory over 2019 Class 2A semifinalist Sewickley Academy (1-1). Mackenzie Amalia scored a game-high 26 points to lead Class 4A No. 3 Blackhawk to a 64-58 victory against 5A No. 2 Trinity. Amalia went 6 for 7 from the free-throw line with 8 points in the deciding fourth quarter. Riley DeRubbo paced the Hillers with 21 points. Both teams made frequent trips to the free-throw line. Blackhawk went 26 of 36, while the Hillers were 23 for 37. Playing in its tournament, North Allegheny closed out its clash against Penn Hills with a 20-6 fourth-quarter run to secure a 46-29 victory. Lizzy Groetsch led the Tigers with 18 points. North Allegheny held a 26-23 lead heading into the final quarter. Class 5A No. 1 Chartiers Valley extended its win streak to 32 in a row after handling Oakland Catholic with ease, 80-42, at the Oakland Catholic tournament. Peri Page scored 28 to lead the way for the Colts. Less than 24 hours after snapping Peters Township's 30-game winning streak, Woodland Hills got its second win of the season by beating South Park, 52-32, at the Baldwin/Peters Township tournament. The Wolverines' Joi Burleigh led all scorers with 17 points. Marley Wolf of Riverside had a huge game, scoring a career-high 37 points, two shy of the school record, and connecting on 23 of 34 free-throw attempts as Riverside defeated Shenango, 58-53, at New Castle.

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

Table with Girls Basketball AMBRIDGE TOURNAMENT, Quigley Catholic vs. Neshannock, 1 p.m.; Shaler vs. West Allegheny, 2:30 p.m.



Gwen's Girls CEO Kathi Elliott, center, with some of the girls the organization serves.

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Unsolicited offers rolling in for Regent Square Theater

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The Regent Square Theater, known for screening independent, foreign and Oscar-nominated films, went dark last month after its owner, the Pittsburgh Center for Arts & Media, laid off 40 employees.

Now, as many as three bidders are interested in buying the Edgewood landmark, which opened in the late 1930s.

Brian Mendelsohn, who owns Row House Cinema in Lawrenceville, is one of those potential buyers, whose offers were unsolicited, according to Hannah Arnold, a spokeswoman for Pittsburgh Center for Arts & Media.

"We would absolutely be interested in talking with the current owners about buying the building," Mr. Mendelsohn said. Row House Cinema is next door to Bierport, which sells 900 beers, cider and soda that moviegoers can have chilled and take into the theater.

"Row House is in a position to invest in The Regent and bring it back to its former glory while also fixing the mechanical system and the roof. As an independent theater, we really want to see the Pittsburgh film scene thrive, and this is a way we can help make that happen," he said.

"The Regent is Pittsburgh's classic art house cinema, and we want to see that legacy live on," he added.

Kathryn Spitz Cohan is executive director of Film Pittsburgh, which presents three film festivals each year plus an education program during the school year.

"We have had phone calls from interested individuals — people who are interested in talking about possibly purchasing the venue," Ms. Cohan said.

The Regent, Ms. Cohan added, is in "a wonderful location. We would love to utilize it more, but extensive renovations would be needed for us to be able to present our programming there."

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GIVING BACK TO THE GIRLS

Gwen's Girls serves 100 girls a day in after-school programs

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In a corner of a classroom at Gwen's Girls, a white Christmas tree is decorated with drawings. One, titled "My Perfect Christmas," shows music notes, Smiley cookies and a table full of food. Another says "Christmas is the best holiday," with drawings labeled "chicken" and "fam."

Across the room, girls ages 8 to 18 are finishing homework time and cleaning up after snacks at the Gwen's Girls after-school program on the North Side, one of three locations that serve about 100 girls each day combined.

Gwen's Girls was founded in 2002 by a retired Pittsburgh police commander, Gwen Elliott, one of 12 officers in the first class of women to join the police force in the 1970s.

"Throughout her tenure she would often come across families that needed additional support for girls, but there really wasn't anything in the com-



The PG's Goodfellows Fund has collected money for toys for needy children since 1947.

munity for her to refer them to," said her daughter, Kathi Elliott, who is now the CEO of Gwen's Girls. Cmdr. Elliott died of cancer in 2007.

Gwen's Girls runs after-school programs on the North Side, Wilkinsburg and Clairton, serving girls for about four hours a day, Monday through Friday. They get snacks, help with homework and receive enrichment in subjects such as STEM, dance or conflict reso-

lution. It also is a founding member of the Black Girls Equity Alliance, which researches systemic solutions to problems facing their communities.

Gwen's Girls also does occasional out-of-state trips, sometimes as a reward for making a school honor roll. On Dec. 27, a group of girls will be going to Washington, D.C., to visit the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture.

The organization serves any girl from 8 to 18 who lives within three miles of one of its sites, and it provides transportation to and from the after-school program.

At their Christmas party this year, girls each will receive a wrapped gift from Toys for Tots or one of the agency's other charitable partners, in exchange for a promise not to open it until Christmas morning. At Gwen's Girls one day last week, the girls talked excitedly about their dream gifts — from aspirational items such as laptops or iPhones to more re-

alistic gifts such as art kits or sneakers.

"We are so grateful when we do get this opportunity to be able to pass along gifts and sometimes we get financial donations, or food baskets," Ms. Elliott said, "to be able to provide families with things so that they don't need to be stressed out and worried about because financially they can't make ends meet."

Since 1947, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's Goodfellows Fund has collected money to provide toys for needy children at Christmas, working through agencies such as Gwen's Girls. The Marine Corps Toys for Tots program works with more than 100 agencies to identify families to receive toys.

To donate, send your tax-deductible contribution to Post-Gazette Goodfellows, Box 590, Pittsburgh, PA 15230 or donate online. By tradition, the Post-Gazette acknowledges every contribution, no matter the size, in the newspaper.

Making Christmas come alive for kids fighting medical battles

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Natalie and Zack Reed's 5-year-old son, Connor, has been through a lot in the last year since he was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia.

He's been undergoing chemotherapy to fight the cancer of the blood and bone marrow while still trying to live as much of a normal kindergarten's life as possible.

"He's responding incredibly well," Ms. Reed, of New Kens-

A Christmas to Remember lives up to its name

ington, said Saturday, noting her son has another year of chemotherapy in front of him.

But the impact of a potentially life-threatening disease is not just a physical battle. It is also emotional and social, impacting everyone in the family, including Connor's two young sisters, Avril, 7 and Quinn, 4. Focusing on Connor's disease meant that Christmas was quite a

bit down on the list of priorities this year.

A social worker at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, where Connor is being treated, recognized that. She suggested that Ms. Reed contact Jamie's Dream Team so that the family could take part in A Christmas to Remember party on Saturday in the Lynx FBO hangar at the Allegheny County

Airport in West Mifflin.

Back in November, the Reeds — just like about 250 other kids and adults with life-threatening diseases, handicaps or serious injuries who were put in touch with the Dream Team — were given a form to fill out for 10 gifts that each of their kids' would like for Christmas. Ms. Reed then sent it back to the McKeesport-based nonprofit.

"Then I got a call from Kim Shidel," the mother of Jamie

Holmes Ward, who started the organization in 2005. "And she said, 'You'll be getting everything off the list for all of your kids.' I was just floored. I thought maybe they'd get just a few of them," Ms. Reed said.

The wish-list included bikes for all three kids, as well as a crane and Hot Wheels toy cars for Connor.

"It's a huge help this year," said Ms. Reed, who had to stop working to care for Connor. Though Mr.

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Police say drug robbery led to killing

Suspect told informant he threw gun in river

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Using an informant and potentially incriminating Facebook messages, police have made an arrest in a fatal shooting last month in Aliquippa that stemmed from an attempted drug robbery.

Javonte Simmons, 24, of Beaver Falls, was charged Friday in the Nov. 25 death of Richard Jackson.

Mr. Jackson, 31, of Aliquippa, was shot multiple times about 7:12 p.m. on Cooper Street in the Plan 11 Extension area and died at the scene.

Mr. Simmons told the informant

that he had "smoked" a man after being robbed by two people — one of them with the initials "R.J." — and then got rid of the gun, according to a criminal complaint.

"Are you laying low?" the informant messaged Mr. Simmons.

"Yea," was the reply, the complaint said.

"Hopefully no one saw you did they," the informant wrote.

"Nah."

"What you do with gun?"

Mr. Simmons wrote, "Got rid of it," the complaint said.

Pennsylvania State Police arrested Mr. Simmons and charged him with homicide, illegal possession of a firearm and tampering with evidence.

He was arraigned Saturday and was being held in the Beaver

County Jail without bond. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Dec. 19.

State troopers responding to the homicide spoke to a woman, identified as the victim's friend, who said she was with Mr. Jackson about a half-hour before the shooting.

She told them that she saw Mr. Jackson arguing with two people — neither of whom was Mr. Simmons — as they walked along Cooper Street. As she turned to leave, she heard gunshots.

The informant contacted authorities the next day and eventually provided details about cell phone calls and Facebook messages with Mr. Simmons.

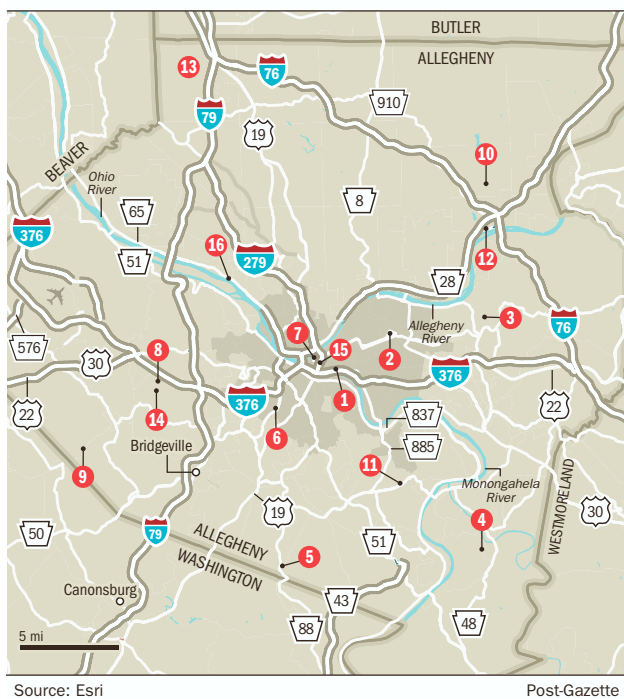
Less than 90 minutes before the

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SINGALONG Sophie Williams, 6, and her mother, Laura, participate in the ninth annual Handel's Messiah Sing-Along on Saturday at Calvary United Methodist Church in Allegheny West. Another concert is scheduled for 4 p.m. Sunday. Calvary United's Festival Choir is joined by the Chancel Choir of First United Methodist Church of Shadyside for the singalong.



Source: Esri Post-Gazette

Traffic watch

Highlights from major construction projects around Pittsburgh and surrounding areas this week

- 1. Boulevard of the Allies/Pittsburgh:** Single-lane closures in both directions as needed, 9 a.m.- 3 p.m. Monday through Saturday, between the Liberty and Birmingham bridges.
- 2. South Euclid Avenue/Pittsburgh:** Single-lane restrictions until 5 p.m. Sunday between Baum Boulevard and Commerce Street.
- 3. Lime Hollow Road/Penn Hills:** Will close to traffic between Springdale Drive and Coal Hollow Road from 8 a.m.-noon weekdays through Friday. Detour posted.
- 4. West Smithfield Street/Lincoln Borough:** Closed to through traffic between Route 48 and Liberty Way from noon-5 p.m. weekdays through Friday. Detour posted.
- 5. Library Road/Library:** Single-lane alternating traffic from 8 p.m.-6 a.m. weeknights between Churchill Road and Clifton Road through the spring of 2020.
- 6. Carnahan Road/Pittsburgh:** Left-hand turn lane from Banksville Road onto Carnahan Road is closed. Two lanes of traffic will be maintained on Banksville Road. Project will be completed in April.
- 7. Rachel Carson (Ninth Street) Bridge/Downtown:** Closed through summer for rehabilitation.
- 8. McMichael Road/Collier:** Single-lane alternating traffic between Baldwin Road and Burrell Drive 7 a.m.-4 p.m. through late December.
- 9. Station Street/North Fayette:** Closed between Noblestown Road and McNary Street through end of the year.
- 10. Jacoby Road/Harmar:**

- Reopening expected to be delayed until late May. Road closed between Rosedale Road and Ecker Lane.
- 11. Lebanon Road, Butter-milk Hollow Road/West Mifflin:** Single-lane restrictions 9 a.m.-3 p.m. daily. Lebanon Road: between Lebanon Church Road and Mifflin Road; Buttermilk Hollow Road: between Lebanon Church Road and Pittsburgh-McKeesport Boulevard.
 - 12. Freeport Road, Route 910/Harmar:** Single-lane restrictions at various intersections weekdays from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. through June. Route 910: From Freeport Road to the southbound Route 28 on- and off-ramps. Freeport Road: From the Hulton Bridge to Alpha Drive East.
 - 13. Warrendale-Bayne Road/Marshall:** Single-lane alternating traffic between Providence Drive and Innovation Drive 7 a.m.-5 p.m. weekdays through Dec. 20.
 - 14. Baldwin Road/Collier:** Roadway closed to through traffic for slide remediation between Cowan Road and McMichael Road. Detour posted.
 - 15. Interstate 579/Up-town:** Lane restrictions northbound 8 p.m.-6 a.m. Monday-Friday. Also, a closure of the ramp that carries traffic from northbound I-579 to Seventh Avenue through Aug. 6, 2021. Bedford Avenue ramp to southbound I-579 and Seventh Avenue ramp to southbound I-579 closed through Dec. 10.
 - 16. Route 65/Ben Avon:** Single-lane restriction in each direction on the Route 65 bridge between Laurel Road and Dickson Avenue through early December.

Making families' Christmases come alive

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Reed is still working, finances were going to be tight this year, she said. On Saturday, as Christmas music filled the 40-foot-tall hangar, volunteers — mostly teenage girls — played the part of elves and escorted some of the invited children to crafts tables. There were cookies to snack on, too, which brought smiles to the faces of kids like Connor, who have endured so much battling their diseases or injuries. The smiles of the kids in attendance got larger still just after noon Saturday when Santa made his appearance. He landed in the WPXI news helicopter just outside the hangar, along with Mrs. Claus and one helper elf, coming in to visit with each child and giving them one small gift each. Parents, meanwhile, quietly stored away the sealed bags of gifts from their lists in their cars.



Jess Holloway, of Norwin, dances Saturday with Sophia McWhinney, 5, during the sixth annual A Christmas to Remember — a program for families with children dealing with life-threatening illnesses, disabilities or trauma — at the Lynx hangar at the Allegheny County Airport in West Mifflin.

“When you’re going through treatment, or your child is, the last thing the family is thinking about is Christmas,” said Ms. Ward, the founder of the organization she started when she was 18 years old after enduring years of medical procedures herself because of the VATER syndrome she is afflicted with. “So we make sure their Christmas needs are met.” This sixth year of the party for more than 250 kids and adults was a change from what Ms. Ward and her band of Western Pennsylvania-based volunteer elves used to do to deliver presents: Go door-to-door for kids and adults on the list, delivering gifts individually. “But we thought a party would be a nice addition,” Ms. Ward said. Jessica Holloway, 19, a sophomore at Seton Hill University, has been volunteering with the Dream Team since she was 7 and

lived in North Huntingdon, and she has volunteered to be an elf at every Christmas party since it began six years ago. Her work with the organization helped lead her into medicine — she is working to be a physician’s assistant — and to help kids come to the party every year in a direct way. Dennis Mowery came to the party Saturday from Marianna in Washington County with his stepdaughter, Alyssa, 7, who was diagnosed with a cancerous germinoma brain tumor five months ago. Being invited to the party and to be given gifts for all four of his and his girlfriend’s children “was surprising.” “You don’t expect it,” he said. “You’re just out there trying to get through life. You’re busy with everything else. You’re just not thinking about Christmas. You’re thinking about getting done what needs to be

done.” When Ms. Ward started her organization in 2005, her goal was to give, like the name implies, “dreams” to people battling disease or recovering from an injury or handicap. The original concept addressed each case individually, working somewhat like the Make-a-Wish Foundation, allowing people to fulfill a dream or wish, whether it was visiting Boston’s Fenway Park, renovating a home or yard, or giving someone a quickly arranged wedding. Meghan Koziel, of Kennedy, dressed in an elf’s outfit while she painted the faces of children Saturday, was the recipient of a wedding Ms. Ward hastily arranged and put on for her just before she began going through chemotherapy for breast cancer in 2015. “I didn’t want to be bald for my wedding,” Ms. Koziel said about the decision to get married quickly.

An aunt knew about Ms. Ward’s organization and put a call in to her, and before Ms. Koziel knew what was happening, “Jamie called and said she’s putting on my whole wedding,” including renting a venue, hiring a DJ, purchasing food, and even arranging a horse and carriage for the couple’s entrance. “Ever since then, my family and friends were so thankful for what she did for me that we’ve helped out with this [Christmas party] every year since,” she said. “I probably have 10 to 15 family and friends volunteering here today.” One of the hardest parts of the Christmas party every year for volunteers is when some of those in attendance who they got to know don’t survive to the next Christmas. “We know for some of them, this will be their last Christmas,” Ms. Koziel said. “That’s the hardest part about this.”

Offers rolling in for Regent Square Theater

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In January 1999, Oakland-based Pittsburgh Filmmakers used a \$145,000 grant from the Heinz Endowments to buy the Edgewood movie house, which it began renting and operating in June 1998. Current property records on the Allegheny County website show the total assessed value at \$278,400. Seven years later, in 2006, Pittsburgh Filmmakers formally merged with Pittsburgh Center for the Arts, based at the yellow Charles Marshall mansion in Mellon Park. The ill-fated merger that created Pittsburgh Filmmakers/Pittsburgh Center for the Arts began unraveling nine years

later. In December 2015, its longtime executive director, Charlie Humphrey, resigned after 35 employees told the board of directors that they had no confidence in his leadership. A year ago this month, Pittsburgh Filmmakers/Pittsburgh Center for the Arts sold the Filmmakers building on Melwood Avenue for \$3.75 million to the Pittsburgh Center for the Arts. The new nonprofit is called Pittsburgh Center for Arts & Media. By year’s end, PC&M is moving out of the Charles Marshall mansion, which is owned by the city, and into a classroom building behind it called the Marshall Annex. Gary Kaboly, who was

director of exhibition at Pittsburgh Filmmakers from 1999 to 2016 and was based for much of that time at the theater, said attracting audiences to a single-screen theater like the Regent Square requires successful marketing. “Word has to get out about what you’re playing and why you’re playing it. Marketing at Pittsburgh Center for Arts & Media has been lacking,” Mr. Kaboly said. The Regent Square Theater property, he added, includes two small retail spaces on either side of it, and the entire structure needs to be renovated. “Obviously, the bathrooms have to be expanded and more room provided in the lobby area for patrons. I think

mechanicals are in need of repair, such as HVAC and electrical. The marquee could use a little work,” Mr. Kaboly said. The 300-seat movie house, Mr. Kaboly added, “should be owned and operated by a nonprofit. The Regent Square could play films that you did not see in other theaters because their mission was not to make a profit but to present a wide variety of cinema as art for the public.” Rick Pierchalski, president of the Polish Cultural Council, which has presented its Polish film festival at the Regent Square Theater, said his organization is not interested in buying the property. Magazine@post-gazette.com or 412-263-1648.

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Suspect charged in Aliquippa killing

SIMMONS, FROM C-1

homicide, Mr. Simmons contacted the informant looking for a ride “to make this big play,” but the informant could not help, the complaint said. About two hours after the shooting, Mr. Simmons spoke with the informant again to say that he had “smoked” someone, the complaint said.

Later, during a conversation at Mr. Simmons’ house, he told the informant that he was set up during the drug deal by another person who tried to get the victim to steal his “whole pound,” according to the complaint. “Simmons explained that he shot Jackson because he “tried to take his [stuff],” police said. “Simmons said

Jackson was reaching for something, Simmons pulled out his gun, and he asked Jackson three times to give his drugs back. “Simmons said the last words out of Jackson’s mouth were, ‘Bro, you’re going to have to smoke me.’” “‘Alright, bet,’” police said Mr. Simmons recounted. “‘Boom, boom, boom all five, I don’t care, bro.’” “‘What you want me to do?’” police said Mr. Simmons asked. “‘Lose my [stuff]?’” Mr. Simmons then told the informant that he threw the gun in a river and was leaving just as police were arriving at the shooting scene. “‘No gun, no case, bro,’” police said Mr. Simmons told the informant. Authorities have announced a news conference for Monday morning about the arrest.

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Body found in waters near Point identified

A body that was recovered Wednesday from the waters off Point State Park has been identified as a 27-year-old Munhall man.

The cause and manner of Brian Foster Greenhow's death remains pending, but the Allegheny County medical examiner's office on Friday listed the case as a drowning.

He was pulled from the confluence of the three rivers near the park's fountain at about 9 a.m. Wednesday.

An online obituary said Mr. Greenhow is survived by his parents and two siblings. He worked at OK Grocery in Fairview, the obituary said.

Pittsburgh police are investigating.

Catholic Diocese closing church on South Side

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh announced Saturday the closing of the St. Peter church building on the South Side.

Bishop David Zubik and church leaders cited financial reasons for the closure of the building on South 28th Street, according to a di-

ocese news release.

The church belonged to the Prince of Peace Parish — a product of the 2018 parish mergers that brought together St. Mary of the Mount in Mount Washington and St. Adalbert Church and St. Peter Church, both on the South Side.

"This is a time of grief and loss, but it's also a time to celebrate the wonderful heritage we have received, and to reflect upon where God is calling us to deeper mission and ministry within our parish community and our world," said the Rev. Michael Stumpf, parish pastor.

Pressing repairs, including masonry work, a new roof and a new electrical system, factored into the decision to close the structure, according to the diocese. The building is not designated as historic.

All religious items will be removed from the building before it is rented or sold. Any future use will "respect the dignity of the building as a prior place of worship," according to the release.

"I share in the grief of the parishioners receiving the news of the closure of St. Peter's church building in South Side. This is also, however, a moment to remember that our shared

faith is bigger than any building," Bishop Zubik said in the release.

Worker facing charges of cruelty to raccoon

A Crafton man who killed a raccoon with a hammer in August and posted a video on Facebook is now facing multiple charges, including a felony for aggravated cruelty to animals.

Police issued a warrant Saturday for the arrest of Troy Beglinger, 22.

Mr. Beglinger was re-decking a porch roof on Jancey Street in Morning-side on Aug. 21 when he and his fellow CS Home Improvement crew found a raccoon living in the roof, according to the criminal complaint.

Mr. Beglinger confessed that when the raccoon crawled out of the hole, he hit it with a hammer and killed it. The raccoon fell off the roof, and a crew member below picked it up, waved its paw and made it dance, according to the complaint.

Pittsburgh Animal Care and Control officials were alerted the next day about a video that Mr. Beglinger posted of a man waving a dead raccoon's paw.

The crew member's name is unknown.

CLASSIFIED OBITUARIES

AHEIMER, Jack "Pap"
BAK, Helen Elizabeth, Whitehall, formerly Castle Shannon
BALDRIGE, Ann M., Mount Washington
BARCELLINO, Katherine A. Shehady, Monroeville
BARRETT, Carl M., Wexford
BECHTOLD, Kelly A. Stewart, Shaler, formerly South Hills
BENDER, Betty Jane, Allison Park, formerly Detroit
BERRINGER, Patricia M., McKees Rocks
BEVINGTON, Alice S., Ross
BLACK, Laverne
BORDOGNA, Angelo J., Churchill, formerly East Pittsburgh
BRIM, Marilyn Tolbert
BRINDLE, Margaret A. McGuire, Whitehall, formerly Oakland
BROWN, Elizabeth L.
BUCAR, Angeline Alesse
BUFKIN, Janice J., Edgewood
CASALI, Anne Louise, McCandless
CASHDOLLAR, Lois Marie Cain
CORCORAN, Mary Lou, formerly North Side
CREEK, Roy John, Cranberry
CRUSAN, Robert L., Richland, formerly Ross
DeMASI, Vincent J. Jr., Morning-side
DeMATTEO, Ronald Casimir
DEMOR, Annette Manzella, Crafton
DRAPALA, Nicholas J. "Nicky"
EVANS, Harry Michael, Upper St. Clair, formerly Peters
FERRARI, Richard A., Naples, Fla., formerly Nevillewood
GALA, Paul L.
GAVEL, Andrew R. Jr., Scott
GENDLER, Louis A. Sr., Crafton,

formerly McKees Rocks
HANLON, Leonard Thomas "Tom," Bethel Park
HARRISON, Jack, Pittsburgh
HEFFNER, Barry S., Gibsonia
HOROSKO, Kathleen M., South Park
HOUSTON, William Arnot, Fox Chapel
JENKINS, Maxine, Sewickley
JORDAN, John C., Plum
JULIAN, Viola R.
KENNEDY, Ashley M., Pittsburgh, formerly Bethel Park
KILLMEYER, Jeffrey D., Bellevue, formerly Reserve
KIRSTEIN, Rosemary Kosslow, Penn Hills
KLEPEIS, Dolores, Beechview
KRYL-SENCHISEN, Joseph J.
LIVINGSTON, Leo
LORD, William George, Plum
LUKITSH, Walter R., Riverside, Ill.
MAHA, Robert J. Sr., Dravosburg, formerly McKeesport
MAIOLA, Anthony F., Butler
McCLOSKEY, Edgar "Ed" "Red," Elizabeth, formerly Duquesne
MCDANIELS, Jacqueline
MIARA, Michael L., Swissvale
MINSTER, Dolores J., Plum, formerly Dorseyville
MOCK, Marcus Micah Sr., Glenwood
MOIO, Elaine E. Calabrese, Monroeville
NIMICK, Deborah, Sarasota, Fla., formerly Sewickley
PAYNE, Kristi
PEPLER, James R., North Versailles
PERKINS, Richard Dowling Jr., Fairfield, Conn.
PFENDLER, Patricia C. Lamneck, Ingomar

PLUNG, Howard E.
RAPACH, Constance P. Kushnir, Cranberry, formerly Duquesne
RICHARDSON, Judy Herrick, Pittsburgh
RIOTT, Rose Ann Tardio, Cincinnati, formerly Beechview
RUDICK, Stanley Frank, Mt. Lebanon
SCHALL, Bruce G., Pittsburgh
SCHWARZMEIER, James D. Sr., West View, formerly Spring Hill
SILVERMAN, Audrey, Boca Raton, Fla.
SIMMONS, Margaret S. Sander, Scott
SLACK, Margaret Hankey, Penn Hills
SLADIC, Vincent, Pittsburgh
SMITH, Thomas Edward, Robinson
SPAHR, David R.
SPARGAL, Doris, Jefferson Hills
STEFFAN, David Michael, Monroeville, formerly Swissvale
STOLP, Hilda M. Bubeck, Oakmont, formerly Penn Hills and Schuylkill Haven, Schuylkill County
STRIBLIN, Nikki Lee, Braddock
THOMPSON, Murl Ray, formerly Bellevue and Baden
TOVCIMAK, Ann Kost, Sebastian, Fla., formerly Woods Run
TRANCHINI, Melva "Cookie," Jefferson Hills
VOEGLER, Norman W. Sr., McCandless
WELSH-MALONE, Nancy
WILCZEK, Edward S., Clearwater, Fla., formerly North Hills and West Kensington
YEATES, Joan C.
ZEIS, Joseph R. Sr., Troy Hill

OTHER DEATHS

ZELINSKY, Margaret, Cecil

JACK AHEIMER

"PAP"

Jack "Pap" Aheimer, age 82, passed away on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 after a long hospital stay even duct tape couldn't fix. Son of the late William and Carolyn (Nosseck) Aheimer; he is survived by his devoted wife of 59 1/2 years, Shirley Ann (Kuna) Aheimer; loving children Jacqueline (Ken) Stadterman, John (Cynthia) Aheimer, Glenn (Kelly) Hayward, Diana (Michael) Baca, Katherine (Donald) Duritza, Tim Aheimer and Charlotte (David) Sutton; 14 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren; and by many nieces and nephews. Jack was also preceded in death by siblings, Frank Ulrick, Caroline Ulrick, William G. Aheimer, II, Annette Phillips and Don Snyder. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Holy Spirit Church, Millvale. Interment will follow in St. Anthony Cemetery, Shaler Twp. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Jack's memory to the Millvale Volunteer Fire Company or Holy Spirit Church. Arrangements were entrusted to **HEALY-HAHN FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, Millvale, and online condolences may be offered at www.healyhahnfuneralhomes.com.

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HELEN ELIZABETH BAK

Age 86, of Whitehall (formerly of Castle Shannon) passed away on Wednesday, December 4, 2019. She was the beloved wife of her late husband, Edward P. Bak. Loving mother of Edward (Lisa) Bak, Stephen (Roxann) Bak, Sandra (the late Fred) Brown, Patty (Dennis) Fennell, Lorianne (Curtis) Kubiak. Cherished grandmother of Alexis, Cory, Nichole, Johnathan, Justin, Jessica, Adam, Joey, Marty, and eight

great-grandchildren. Helen was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Edward; her parents, Adam and Barbara Werner; and her siblings, six brothers and one sister. Through the years, Helen loved polka dancing and fishing with her husband, she enjoyed dining out, bowling and playing card games and especially loved to yell "Bingo" with her friends. She will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved her. Visitation will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2019 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. and Monday, December 9, 2019 from 3 to 7 p.m. at the **JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 301 Curry Hollow Road, Pleasant Hills. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 10 a.m. at St. Gabriel of the Sorrowful Virgin, 5200 Greenridge Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15236. Online condolences may be shared at www.jeffersonmemorial.biz.



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ANN M. BALDRIGE

Age 78, of Mt. Washington, passed away on Monday, November 18, 2019. Beloved daughter of the late Frank and Martha (Miller) Baldrige; loving sister of Frances Ohlsen; beloved sister-in-law of Rev. Milton Ohlsen, retired; loving aunt of Milton H. "Skip" Ohlsen, III, Mark Hamilton Ohlsen. Longtime member of Unity Presbyterian Church (Formerly Wallace Memorial). Ordained as an Elder in 2000 and served as Clerk of

Session for over 15 years. Devoted member of the Civic Light Opera Guild and helped coordinate many of their events. Past President of the 19th Ward Council of Republican Women, Pittsburgh, PA. Employed by Pittsburgh National Bank and was Assistant Manager of the Mt. Washington Branch for many years. She had many Mount Washington Community Connections including the enjoyment of the Senior Activities Center. A Memorial Service and Celebration of Ann's Life will be held on Sunday, December 15 at 1:00 p.m. at the Unity Presbyterian Church, 1146 Greentree Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15220. A reception will be held following the service in the church chapel. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Unity Presbyterian Church Memorial Fund. Arrangements entrusted to **WM. SLATER & SONS, INC.**, Mt. Washington. (412-381-3345)

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KELLY A. (STEWART) BECHTOLD

Age 47, Successful Realtor, resident of Shaler, formerly of the South Hills, passed away on Thursday, December 5, 2019 after a long battle against Melanoma. Beloved mother of Amber and Jenna Bechtold; dear sister of Mark Stewart, Sue Ellen Chajkowski and Bernard Chajkowski, Jr.; daughter of Timothy Stewart, the late Anna Marie (Kubiak) Stewart-Chajkowski; also daughter of the late Bernard H.

Chajkowski, Sr. Also many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Visitation Sunday 12-6 p.m. in **THOMAS J. GMITER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 2323 E. Carson St. Interment Private. www.thomasjgmiter.com

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KATHERINE A. (SHEHADY) BARCELLINO

Katherine A. (Shehady) Barcellino, age 80, of Monroeville, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Thursday, December 5, 2019. Beloved wife for 61 years of David "Leo" Barcellino; loving mother of Dana (Bill) Titus and Jeffrey (Carla) Barcellino; grandmother of Gregory, Ashley (Mike), Christina (Tim) and Karrie (Josh); great-grandmother of Hunter, Vada, Kinley, Arabella and Gabby; sister of Adele, Fred, Rick, Tom and the late Charlie, Wade, Jim, Alice and Evie; sister-in-law of Dolores "Mae", Roseann, Eileen, Larry and the late Nino. Also survived by nieces and nephews. Friends received 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at **MAURICE L. KNEE, LTD. FUNERAL HOME**, 7663 Saltsburg Rd. (across from S & T Bank) Plum, PA 15239. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at Unity Community Church, 215 Unity Center Rd., Plum. Interment will follow in Plum Creek Cemetery.

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BETTY JANE BENDER

Betty Jane Bender, age 94, of Allison Park, PA, formerly of Detroit, MI, passed away on Wednesday, December 4, 2019. Born on April 16, 1925, she was the daughter of the late Elizabeth Kosko and Louis Lengyel; beloved wife to the late Charles Bill Bender; loving mother to Charles V. Bender; cherished grandmother to Adam (Hyun Young Song) Bender and Elizabeth (Matt) Carter; dear great-grandmother to Andrew and Ansel Bender. Betty enjoyed arts and crafts and will be dearly missed. At the family's request, all services will be held privately. Arrangements have been entrusted to **PITTSBURGH CREMATION AND FUNERAL CARE**, 3287 Washington Road, McMurray, PA 15317, (724) 260-5546. Please view and sign the family's online guestbook at pittsburghcremation.com.



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PATRICIA M. BERRINGER

Patricia M. Berringer, 84, of McKees Rocks, passed away on Thursday, December 5, 2019 at Genesis Rehabilitation & Care Center, Bridgeville. She was born in Pittsburgh on January 20, 1935, the daughter of the late Charles Edward and Hilda (DeJohn) Milligan. She wore multiple hats in her daily life and worked in many professions to support her family. The position she really loved was being a school bus driver for the Montour School District. She always said that the kids on the bus were "all her kids", and she looked after them as if they were. She had a special fondness for driving "that crazy bunch of kids" to Band Camp in the summer. She enjoyed volunteering, dancing, bowling, swimming and traveling to Presque Isle State Park. Pat also had a passion for cooking and creating new recipes. She was very proud of her granddaughters, with whom she shared her love of sewing and visiting local parks and libraries. She was raised in the Lutheran Faith. Surviving her are two sons: Scott Berringer (Joy), Hanover Twp. and Dale Berringer (Diana), McKees Rocks; two granddaughters, Auberly and Ainsley Berringer; and a sister, Kathleen Oliver. All will miss her dearly. In addition to her parents, Patricia was predeceased by two sisters, Joyce Seka and Rosemary Wilson. A memorial gathering will be held from 5-8 p.m. on Thursday, December 12th at the **HUNTSMAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES** in Moon Township (1522 Coraopolis Heights Road). Private interment will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to: Gallagher Hospice, 1370 Washington Pike, Suite 401B, Bridgeville, PA 15017 or at www.gallagherhospice.com

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LAVERNE BLACK

On Friday, December 6, 2019, Wife of the late William Black; loving mother of Robert (Phyllis) Black and Sandra (late Pete) Vanags; preceded in death by two sisters and four brothers; grandmother of Doug (Tina), Robert, William (Kim) Black, Scott (Kristen) and Christopher (Lauren) Vanags; also survived by 11 great-grandchildren. Friends received Tuesday, 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the **SZAFRANSKI-EBERLEIN FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 101 Third St., Carnegie. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church on Wednesday at 10 a.m. Burial in Chartiers Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Animal Friends, 562 Camp Horne Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

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Age 84, of Wexford, on Wednesday, December 4, 2019. Beloved husband of 59 years of the late Dolores J. (Comp) Barrett; father of Carlene (Joe) LaMolinare and Jeffrey (Ann) Barrett; grandfather of Cari (Paul) Dumler, Parker Barrett, Samuel Barrett, and the late Chad LaMolinare; great-grandfather of Cambree LaMolinare, Barrett Dumler, Harper Dumler, and Adilyn Dumler. No Viewing. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Athanasius Church on Tuesday, December 10 at 10 a.m. Arrangements entrusted to **SCHELLHAAS FUNERAL HOME, INC.** (West View). Carl was a United States Marine Veteran, in which he served for four years. He was also an avid hunter. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Semper Fi Fund: 825 College Blvd., Suite 102, PMB 609, Oceanside, CA 92057. Please express condolences at www.schellhaasfh.com.

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ANGELO J. BORDOGNA

Angelo J. Bordogna, age 66, of Churchill, formerly of East Pittsburgh, passed away Friday, December 6, 2019. He was born January 2, 1953 to the late Rudolph "Rudy" and Dolores Bordogna. He is survived by his wife Joylene of 45 years, brothers Vincent (Dolores) Bordogna and Charles (Nouhaa) Bordogna, son Angelo (Melissa) Bordogna, daughter Allison (Jonathan) Perciavalle, grandchildren Gianni, Enzo, Nia, and Mario Bordogna, and numerous nieces and nephews. All of whom he was most proud. Angelo was a 1970 graduate of East Pittsburgh High School and attended Slippery Rock University. Angelo's passion in life was the sport of bowling. He was an active member and Past President of various Pennsylvania bowling organizations, including the Pennsylvania State Bowling Association, Greater Pittsburgh Ten Pin Bowling Association, and Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Bowling League. Angelo was also the coach of the bowling teams at the CCAC Boyce campus, Oakland Catholic High School and Pittsburgh Central Catholic High School for over 25 years. The high school teams never had a regional or state championship competition until Angelo created them through the WPIBL. During his coaching reign, his Central Catholic team won the state championship in 1992 and 1995, and his Oakland Catholic team won the state championship in 1999. Angelo's teams also have won various local and regional championships. While at CCAC Boyce, Angelo coached a National Singles Champion. Friends are welcome on Monday from 2-8 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 presided by Fr. Thomas Burke in Sacred Heart Church of Good Shepherd Parish, Brinton Rd., Braddock Hills on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m. Angelo will be laid to rest in Good Shepherd Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Rudolph Bordogna Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o 700 Linden Ave., East Pittsburgh, Pa. 15112

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MARILYN (TOLBERT) BRIM

Age 81, passed away peacefully on December 3, 2019. Marilyn was born in Pittsburgh, PA on January 18, 1938. She was a graduate of Shenley High School and Connelly Trade School. She was a Licensed Practical Nurse for many years in local VA Hospitals; beloved mother of Robin Beddingfield, Cheryl Brim, and William Brim III; also four grandchildren. Marilyn was preceded in death by her parents, Edmund Tolbert and Isabel Tywman Tolbert; her brother, Ronald Tolbert; and a grandson, Charles Weems. Friends received Wednesday 11 a.m. - 12 Noon at **SAMUEL J. JONES FUNERAL HOME**, 2644 Wylie Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15219, (412) 621-9644, where Service will be held immediately afterward at 12 Noon.

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ELIZABETH L. BROWN

Sadly on December 3rd, Elizabeth "Betty" L. Brown, 72, passed away after a long struggle with vascular dementia. Preceded in death by her beloved husband, William L. Brown, Jr. and parents, William and Jean Reindle. She is survived by her sister, Carol Young (husband David Huffman) and in-laws, James and Joyce Brown. Special aunt to three nieces Katherine, Christine and Kimberly and nephew, Steven. There will be No Visitation. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place in St. Irenaeus Church, Oakmont, on Thursday, December 12, at 10 a.m. Final prayers and interment at Mt. Hope Cemetery, Penn Hills. Arrangements entrusted to **TRENZ FUNERAL HOME**, Penn Hills.

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CLASSIFIED OBITUARIES

ALICE S. BEVINGTON



Alice Bevington, of Ross Twp., passed away on Friday, November 29, at the age of 86. She was the wife of the late Donald Bevington, Jr.; daughter of the late Joseph and Emma Bechak; loving sister of Ruth P. McCrumb (Ronald), Gerald D. Bechak (Angela) and the late Nancy Wenzel, Walter Bechak and Joseph Bechak, Jr. Alice was a kind and thoughtful person and a gifted watercolor artist with many of her lovely

creations shown at local galleries and coffee shops. She was an avid reader and especially enjoyed the Sunday afternoon concerts with the Pittsburgh Symphony. She is also survived and missed by many loving nieces and nephews, treasured friends and her loyal feline companion Phoebe. Arrangements by **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME, INC.**
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MARGARET A. (McGUIRE) BRINDLE



Age 80, peacefully surrounded by family on Thursday, December 5, 2019, of Whitehall, formerly of Oakland. Beloved wife of the late Charles D. Brindle; loving mother of Kimberly A. (the late Charles) Stepanek and the late Kelly L. Brindle; proud Nana of Ashley Gruber (Ryan McVay); great-grandmother Nana of Aliyah and Rylynn; sister of Marlene Campbell and the late Janice "Bonnie" Wereszcynski; sister-in-law of

Kathy (Carl) Staiger; sister at heart to Margaret "Peg" (Dave) Hammill. Also survived by nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Margie was always a sweet and loving person who was well known for comforting others. Her selfless personality will be missed by all who knew and needed and loved her. She was a longtime employee of the University of Pittsburgh Radiology Department. Friends will be received at the **JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 412-881-4100, 4201 Brownsville Road, Brentwood 15227, Monday, 2 - 4 p.m. and 6 - 8 p.m. Funeral Prayer on Tuesday morning at 9:45 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial in Holy Apostles Parish in St. Albert the Great Church at 10:30 a.m. Interment after mass will be private. If desired, family suggests contributions to National Multiple Sclerosis Society Keystone Chapter, Cardello Building, 1501 Reedsdale Street # 105, Pittsburgh, PA 15233. Please send condolences to www.johnfslater.com.
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ANGELINE (ALESSE) BUCAR



Age 98, passed away on December 5, 2019 at her daughters house. Born March 18, 1921. Daughter of the late Giuseppe and Lucia (Longo) Alesse. Preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, John P. Bucar and son, John P. Bucar, Jr.; mother of Kathy (Bill) Venturini; grandmother of Barbara (Tim) Girone, Vicki (Chuck) Dusch and Kassi Venturini; proud great-grandmother of Cenzo Girons and Bill Duson; preceded in

death by sisters, Mary (Bucar), Josephine (Doran) and infant, Angela; brothers, Tony, Charlie, Frank and John. She enjoyed family gatherings, cooking, baking and cruises to numerous places, especially Italy, and her works of art which won many awards. Prayer Services Friday, December 13, 2019 12 p.m. at **NIED'S FUNERAL HOME**, 7441 Washington St., Swissvale and a celebration of life. Luncheon immediately following at Jodi B's at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the charity of your choice.
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JANICE J. BUFKIN

On Wednesday, December 4, 2019 Janice J. Bufkin, 76, of Edgewood, PA. Mother of Jacqueline "Cathy" Lawrence and Nichole D. Helby; sister of Marlene Jones Also survived by a host of other family members and friends. Visitation Monday 4 to 8 p.m. on December 9, 2019 at Union Baptist Church, 2117 Collingwood Ave., Swissvale, PA., where the funeral service will be held Tuesday 11 a.m. on December 10, 2019. Interment Monongahela Cemetery. Services of comfort entrusted to **WATTS MEMORIAL CHAPEL, INC.**, 808 Talbot Ave., Braddock, PA 15104 (412) 271-3880.
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ANNE LOUISE CASALI



Age 93, of McCandless on Dec. 5, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Julius R. Casali, Jr. for 65 years; mother of Cynthia (William) Hawthorne and Janet Casali (Paul Kennelly); sister of the late Robert and James Zahringer, Dorothy Coll, Mary Jane Jester, Helen Fisher, Alyce Cunningham and Margaret Thomas. Visitation Sun. 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at **NEELY FUNERAL HOME**, 2208 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw. Mass

of Christian Burial Mon. 10 a.m. at St. Ursula Church. Please visit us at neelyfuneralhome.com
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LOIS MARIE (CAIN) CASHDOLLAR

Age 90, on Saturday, November 30, 2019. Wife of the late Russell R. Cashdollar; devoted companion of Bruce McCullough; only daughter of Helen (DePoe) Cain and John Cain. Survived by her loving daughters, Pamela Cashdollar and Millie Casper; loving son Russell K. Cashdollar and sons-in-law, James Casper and Michael McGovern. Lois passed away peacefully at Holy Family Manor where she resided. Known for her sweet smile and warm demeanor, she left behind many friends and care givers who will miss her greatly. There will be no visitation. Services were held privately. Arrangements by **JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 412-881-4100, 4201 Brownsville Road, Brentwood 15227. If desired, family suggests contributions to Holy Family Manor, 301 Bellevue Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15229. Please send condolences to www.johnfslater.com.
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DR. ROY JOHN CREEK

Age 88, of Cranberry Twp., passed away on November 28, 2019. Beloved husband to Patricia Creek. Loving father of Roy Creek, Jr. and Jeanine Creek. Loving stepfather to Michael Laukaitis (Carol) and grandson Michael, II. Roy was a veteran of the Korean War. Roy earned his Doctorate in Education and retired from his educational career as Director of Falk Laboratory School. He retired in 1994 as the longest serving Director in Falk School history. Friends received Thursday, December 12th 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME OF CRANBERRY**, 2678 Rochester Rd., 724-772-8800 where a blessing service will be held Friday, 11 a.m.
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ROBERT L. CRUSAN

Age 87, of Richland Twp., Gibsonia, formerly of Ross Twp. On Wednesday, December 4, 2019. Husband of Virginia M. Swearingen Crusan, who he married on June 3, 1961. Robert had been an accounts payable supervisor for Rust Engineering, before retiring in 1994. Arrangements are private under the direction of the **MCDONALD-AEBERLI FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 238 Crowe Ave., Mars, PA and condolences are available at www.mcdonald-aeberli.com.
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MARY LOU CORCORAN

Peacefully, surrounded by family, on Thursday, December 5, 2019, Mary Lou Corcoran, age 91, formerly of the NS. Beloved wife for 60 yrs. of the late Edward J. Corcoran; mother of Dan (Kris), Tim (Katie), and Rick (Robin) Corcoran and Connie (Jamie) Fischer; grandmother of Patrick, Colleen, Thomas, Annie, Mike, Cassie, Connor, Tim, Owen, Kevin, Paige, and Jane; also survived by six great-grandchildren. Friends received Sunday, 2-6 p.m. at **SIMONS FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 7720 Perry Hwy, Pgh, PA 15237. Mass of Christian Burial on Monday at 10 a.m. in St. Bonaventure Church, 2001 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw, PA 15116. Contributions may be made to North Hills Community Outreach, 1975 Ferguson Rd., Allison Park, PA 15101.
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VINCENT J. DEMASI, JR.



Age 86, of Morningside, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Thursday, December 5, 2019. Beloved husband of Carol (Monaco); father of Michael (Lisa) Crapis, Gina Lecce, Michael (Stacy) and Deanna DeMasi; grandfather of Maria Elena, and Alexander Lecce, and Gianna Josephine DeMasi, Rocco, Nicole and Nathan Crapis; brother of Geraldine Vincent and the late Nicholas

and Anthony DeMasi; brother-in-law of Phyllis DeMasi of Plantation, FL; also survived by loving nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Friends received in the **WILLIAM F. GROSS FUNERAL HOME, LTD.**, 11735 Frankstown Road (at Rodi Road) Penn Hills Sunday, December 8, 2019 2-8 p.m. Funeral prayers Monday December 9, 2019 10:15 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial 11 a.m. in St. Raphael Church.
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ANNETTE (MANZELLA) DEMOR

Age 80, of Crafton, peacefully surrounded by her family on Saturday, December 7, 2019. Wife of the late Joseph; beloved mother of Donald Demor, Angela (John) Hughes, Christine Pixley and Vincent Demor; grandmother of Dominick, Malena, David, Jessica, Shaun, Marisa, Nicole, Vincent, Joseph and Emily; sister of Joseph (Tootsie) Manzella, Celeste (James) Lach and the late Vincent (Patty) Manzella. Also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends. Annette will be sadly missed by all who knew her. Visitation MONDAY ONLY 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. **SCHEPNER-MCDERMOTT FUNERAL HOME**, 165 Noble Ave., Crafton. Mass of Christian Burial 10 a.m. Tuesday in St. Philip Catholic Church where Annette was a longtime member. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, Western PA, 2 Chatham Center #1520/112 Washington Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. www.schepnermcdermott.com
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NICHOLAS J. DRAPALA "NICKY"



Nicholas "Nicky" John Drapala, age 66, passed away peacefully on December 6, 2019, surrounded by his family. Born February 28, 1953, to the late Nick and Julia (Wasylik) Drapala; loving husband of 42 years to Regina "Gina" Minkus - the love of his life; beloved brother of David (Kathy) and Karen (Wayne) Dilla; devoted father of Kristin (Jason) Ritter and Michelle (Phil) Brusco; proud and doting grandfather

of Hayley, Sophie, Emmy, Mason and Mia; special and loving Uncle to Lauren, Julie and Tyler; Brother-in-law of Yvonne (Bruce) Thompson; son-in-law of Antoinette Minkus. Passing away on the feast of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker, his patron saint, Nicky was our wonderworker with all the talents he had helping many family members, neighbors and friends. If Nicky heard of a problem, you would surely hear "I'll be over," always selfless and putting everyone else first. Nicky was an employee at Port Authority for many years. Friends will be received at **JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME**, 301 Curry Hollow Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15236 on Sunday, December 8, 2019, from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. where services and burial will be held on Monday, December 9, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. Donations in lieu of flowers, may be made to the breast cancer organization The Pink Pamper www.pinkpamper.org Box 223, 5225 Library Road, Bethel Park, PA 15102. Please state in memory of Nicholas Drapala.
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RONALD CASIMIR DeMATTEO

Ronald Casimir DeMatteo died on November 26, 2019 after a brief illness. He was born March 11, 1940, in Pittsburgh to Italian immigrants, Edith and Domenic DeMatteo. He was raised in the Bloomfield neighborhood of Pittsburgh and attended Central Catholic High School. He graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and eventually earned a Master's of Health Administration at George Washington University. He started his career at Johns Hopkins Hospital and then moved to New Jersey to oversee the establishment of Riverside Hospital in Secaucus. Subsequently, he was the President of Englewood Hospital for many years. He devoted his life to healthcare and was steadfast in his principles. He was only able to play a few songs on the piano, but that never stopped him. He loved blue Buicks, the beach, parades, and solving crossword puzzles (in pen). He was predeceased by his sisters, Marion Sciuilli and Marlene Pulaski. He is survived by his second wife of 32 years, Jane Martin DeMatteo of Montclair, NJ; and his first wife, Donna DeMatteo; his children, Ron DeMatteo and Diane Szott; and five grandchildren.
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HARRY MICHAEL EVANS



Age 94, of Upper St. Clair, formerly Peters Township, passed away peacefully on December 6th at The Sheridan Personal Care Home in Bethel Park. He lived independently since the passing of his beloved wife, Corinne, on December 23, 2010. They were married for 61 years. Loving father to his cherished daughters, Karen (Eric) Pfeil of Mt. Lebanon, Sandra "Sandy" (Sam) Sarnicke and Corinne "Rene" (Dale) Opeka of Peters Township. Adoring "Poppy" to his eight grandchildren, Natalie (Ben) Snyder, Lesley (Eric) Drobotij, Hilary (Doug) Perino, Samantha Sarnicke, Melissa Sarnicke, Diana Sarnicke, Evan Opeka, Ross Opeka and six great-grandchildren, Eve, Eli, and Austin Snyder, Hudson and Olivia Drobotij, and Penelope Perino. He attended Saint Vincent Preparatory School, Latrobe, PA. Prior to graduation, he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. He proudly served in the Eighth Air Force, "The Mighty Eighth," as a member of the 579th Bomb Squad, 392nd Bomb Group, and was stationed in Wendling, England. He was a Radar Specialist for the B-24 Liberators. He received the Good Conduct Medal, American Theater Ribbon, European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, the World War II Victory Ribbon, and the AAF Radar Specialist Bar. As an area businessman, he owned and operated the largest collection agency in the Tri-State area, as well as consumer finance companies, and Kings Mountain Resort. His hobby was spending time with his family, taking many family vacations and cruises together. He also enjoyed successfully playing the Stock Market. Our dad, our hero, will be greatly missed by his family. To honor his memory, please take the time to thank a U.S. Military Serviceman and a U.S. Veteran for their service whenever possible. Arrangements entrusted to **BEINHAUER**. At the request of the family, all services are private.
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RICHARD A. FERRARI

Richard A. Ferrari, 84, of Naples, FL, formerly of Nevillewood, PA, peacefully on Monday December 2, 2019. He was preceded in death by his parents, Michael and Lillian (Cristina) Ferrari; and his brother, Mick Ferrari; beloved husband of Sandra (LauX) Ferrari; loving father of Jodi (Andrew) Hannah of Peters Township, Julie (William) Weyers of Peters Township, Richard A. (Jessica) Ferrari, Jr. of South Fayette; and loving grandfather of Paige Hannah, Dylan Weyers, Sydney Hannah, Jared Weyers, Emma Ferrari, and Olivia Ferrari. Dick was born in Monongahela, PA and was a proud 1958 graduate of Penn State University (Mechanical Engineering) and member of Alpha Sigma Phi fraternity, and spent his long career at J & L Steel and J & L Specialty Metals. He retired 26 years ago and never looked back. After retirement all of his time was taken up with golfing and his love of travel. His final wishes were not to have a service, so a private memorial for family and friends will be held at a later date in Pittsburgh. His presence will be with us now and always and he will be greatly missed by all who knew him.
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PAUL L. GALA



Age 55, passed away peacefully on December 2, 2019. He was in the presence of his loving family. Paul was diagnosed with gastric cancer in May of 2018. Facing his foe with unwavering courage and dignity, Paul spent the last 19 months making indelible memories with his beloved wife and children. Paul was born on March 16, 1964 in Elizabeth Township, PA to the late Charles and Margaret Gala. He earned his Bachelor

of Science degree from the University of Pittsburgh in 1986 and the following year, his MBA from the Katz Graduate School of Business. Paul dedicated 30 years to IBM as a business executive and market leader and most recently, two years as the Senior Director of Sales Operations at Blackboard. Paul is survived by his wife, Angela (Pyne-Ponder); his three children, Cole, Hayden, and Grant; as well as siblings, Charles (Patricia) Gala, Ronald (Lori Ann) Gala, Marlene (John) Shields, and Lisa (Mark) Cirucci; in-laws, Rachelle (Jason) Atkins, Libby Ensminger, Al (Bobbette) Pyne, Ken Ponder; and many nieces and nephews. Paul was a man of many passions. He achieved Eagle Scout rank in Troop 99, enjoyed karate, earning his Kempo Black Belt, as well as relished both leisure travels abroad and to his hometown of Pittsburgh. When not playing the Panthers, Paul remained a true fan of the Steelers. Above all else, he harbored a deep and all-encompassing love for his wife, children, and dog, Indy. Paul Gala was always wise beyond his years, a deep sense of fairness, integrity, and honesty were his most prominent qualities. While Paul will be sorely missed, his life and legacy will be forever celebrated. Friends will be received at **HANKINS & WHITTINGTON FUNERAL HOME**, 1111 East Blvd., Charlotte, on Monday, December 9, 2019 from 5-7 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at St. Gabriel Catholic Church, 3016 Providence Rd., Charlotte, and reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Debbie's Dream Foundation: Curing Stomach Cancer, debbiesdream.org or Big Brothers Big Sisters of Central Carolinas, bbbscentralcarolinas.org. Local arrangements made by **DANIEL F. BEKAVAC FUNERAL HOME**.
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ANDREW R. GAVEL, JR.

Of Scott Twp., after a long illness, passed away on December 6, 2019. Beloved husband of Bettyann; father of David and Andrea (Michael) Babich; grandfather of Matthew and Andrew Babich and preceded in death by precious granddaughter Alyson; brother of Robert (Judy), Roberta, Joan and the late Mary Ann and Pat. Family and friends received Sunday from 2-6 p.m. at the **WARCHOL FUNERAL HOME**, 3060 Washington Pike, Bridgeville (412.221.3333), where a Blessing Service will be held on Monday at 10:30 a.m. Interment is private. The family would like to thank Gallagher Hospice and The Pines of Mt. Lebanon for their compassionate care. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. View and share condolences at www.warcholfuneralhome.com
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LOUIS A. GENDLE, SR.



Age 78, of Crafton, formerly McKees Rocks, passed away on Friday, December 6, 2019. Husband of the late Cheryl (Nagy) and his first wife, Thelma (Diamond); beloved father of Louis (Candius Caulder) Gendle, Jr., Diane (Paul) Fornear, Kathy (Roland) Spotti, Stacey (Richard) Ramolt, Heather (Nicholas) Gialloretto, Ashley (Kevin) Thiel and Michael (Fiance, Samantha Sprague) Gendle; 11, plus one on the way,

grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; brother of Lora Filipovits, Carl, Jr. and Glenn Gendle; and predeceased by Christine Hiltgen. Lou will be missed by his family and all who knew him. Visitation Sunday 1-3 and 6-8 p.m. at the **SCHEPNER-MCDERMOTT FUNERAL HOME**, 165 Noble Ave. Crafton. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Lou's name to the American Cancer Society, 320 Bilmar Drive, PGH, PA 15205. www.schepnermcdermott.com
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WILLIAM ARNOT HOUSTON



William Houston, of Fox Chapel, PA, died peacefully on December 4, 2019, surrounded by family. A proud Pittsburgher, he was born on August 17, 1938 and raised in the Point Breeze section of Pittsburgh, attended Sterrett Street School and Shady Side Academy before attending Haverford College and Duquesne University Law School. Bill loved the law and being an integral member of

the Allegheny County Bar Association. He started his business career in Pittsburgh with Rust Engineering, and then in corporate law with Litton Industries in Connecticut and Wisconsin, and later moved back to Pittsburgh to join his brother, John and father, James in private practice at the firm founded by his father. Relationships with colleagues in the Bar Association were close. Bill took great joy in lunches at the Grant Street Tavern with fellow lawyers and judges. Bill lived in Fox Chapel and was a member at Fox Chapel Golf Club for the last 48 years. He and his wife Jean were an active couple in social events with Bill always the life of the party. Gifted with a tremendous voice, Bill was a longtime member of the Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church choir, a Barbershop Quartet and showcased in the chorus of the Civic Light Opera production of "The Student Prince" in 1977. Golf with friends and family was very important to him. Saturdays and special annual weekend events were devoted to his love of the game and the many friends with whom he enjoyed playing. His nickname of "The Bagger" was well earned, as the many appearances of his name on the various trophies at Fox Chapel Golf Club will attest. Bill was a lifelong learner, evident in his deep love for reading on a host of topics and literary genres. His mother told the story that the Sterrett Street School librarian called one day to remark that "Bill has read all the books in the library," a fact confirmed at Bill's 80th birthday party by his classmate and dear friend, Bill Meyer. He is survived by his wife, Jean Houston; brother, John Houston, II of Pittsburgh; sisters, Jeannie of Tampa, FL, and Roberta of Pittsburgh; sons, James of Granby, CO and William of Jupiter, FL; as well as two grandsons, Thaddeus and Nathaniel Houston in California. Friends will be received at **JOHN A. FREYVOGEL SONS, INC.**, 4900 Centre Avenue at Devonshire Street on Monday 1-3 and 5-7 p.m. A Memorial service will be announced and held in the Spring of 2020. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Salvation Army or your favorite charity. freyvogelfuneralhome.com
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LEONARD THOMAS HANLON

"TOM"

Leonard Thomas "Tom" Hanlon, of Bethel Park, peacefully at home, on Thursday, December 5, 2019, age 81. Beloved husband for 60 years of Marion (Franklin) Hanlon; loving father of Thomas Kirk Hanlon (Tricia), Jeffrey Scott Hanlon (Judy Fogle) and Tracy Lynn and Jeff Cogley; brother of the late James and Joyce Hanlon; grandfather of Jordan TJ, Casey and Cole; also several nieces and nephews. Tom was a member of the Jugo-Slav Club and St. Valentine Men's Golf and Bowling leagues. A Memorial Service will be Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. in Ruthfred Lutheran Church at Patterson and South Park Roads in Bethel Park. The family will receive friends at the Church one hour prior to the service. Arrangements handled by the **DAVID J. HENNEY FUNERAL HOME**. www.davidhenneyfuneralhome.com
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JACK HARRISON



Age 99, of Pittsburgh, Jack departed this life on Monday, December 2nd, 2019. He was born in Chicago, Illinois. He attended Lincoln Elementary School and graduated from Westinghouse High School in 1939. He worked at various jobs until he finally pursued his dream of becoming a firefighter in 1942. In 1944, Jack enlisted in the US Navy where he worked on the "crash crew" as an aviation boatswain. In 1946, he



returned to the Fire Department and on September 4, 1947, Jack and Alcia, who preceded him in death, were wed and this happy couple was blessed with two children, Darryl and Rhonda. Jack earned the title of Captain in 1955. He worked his way up to Battalion Chief in 1963 and in 1971, he was promoted to Deputy Fire Chief—the first African American to hold this position. He was a man who believed in equality and was proud to swear in the city's first female firefighter. Chief Jack Harrison was a loving, considerate man, and generous to a fault. A free spirit with a sharp mind and wry sense of humor, he could discuss politics for days and had solutions for all the country's problems. He especially loved his scanner so he could continue to fight fires from his home. He was a great storyteller and loved to reminisce about the good old days with veteran and current firefighter friends. Chief Jack Harrison will be remembered often and fondly by all who knew and loved him—especially Darryl and Rhonda, his many nieces and nephews, cousins, his friends and his firefighter buddies. God Bless you, Chief on a life well lived. Visitation Monday 4-8 p.m. at White Lily Baptist Church, 3621 Chartiers Avenue. Services 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday at the church.
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BARRY S. HEFFNER

Age 68, on December 5, 2019, of Gibsonia. Beloved husband of 42 years of Jacqueline (Bergman) Heffner. Son of the late Robert (Betty) Heffner. Loving father of Kelly Loren (Michael) McCullough, Katherine Erin (Allan) Haddad, Leah Corrine (Ryan) Coalmer and Brent Steven Peter Heffner. Proud grandfather of Jax O'Brien, Josephine McCullough, Noah Haddad, Heidi Haddad, Owen Haddad, Aiden Haddad and Olivia Coalmer. Brother of Barbara Heffner, Beverly (Rick) Wolfer and the late Lee Heffner; brother-in-law of Lynn Heffner. Family will receive friends on Sunday, from 2-5 p.m. at **SHELLHAAS FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, INC.**, 1600 Stone Mansion Drive, Sewickley, PA 15143 (Franklin Park/Wexford). Mass of Christian Burial will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Alexis Church. Barry had a love of life, his family and his pets. Always instilling values of hard work, he was greatly involved in his outdoor advertising company and giving back to the community. Barry was drawn to the water and ocean. He enjoyed fishing, boating, music, the Steelers, and "frosties". His greatest love was being surrounded by his family and friends. "All my birdies are back home." In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to the American Heart Association, 444 Liberty Ave., #1300, Pgh., PA 15222 or the Western PA Humane Society, 1101 Western Ave., Pgh., PA 15233. Please offer condolences at www.schellhaasfh.com <<http://www.schellhaasfh.com>>
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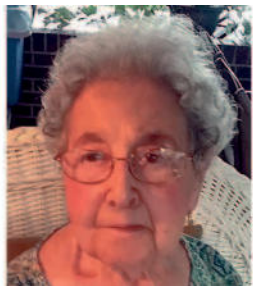
KATHLEEN M. HOROSKO



Age 57, on Thursday, December 5, 2019 of South Park. Beloved wife of Daniel; cherished mother of Kristin and Emily; daughter of the late Agnes Seiler; sister of James (Gloria) Coyle, Daniel (Peggy) Coyle, George (Cheryl) Coyle, Deborah (Paul) Flick and Brian Coyle. Also survived by her nieces and nephew. Kathy loved figure skating and was a treasured coach and instructor throughout the South Hills.

She enjoyed traveling and loved animals, spending her time volunteering at Humane Animal Rescue. Friends will be received at the **JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 412-881-4100, 4201 Brownsville Road, Brentwood 15227 Monday, 6 - 9 p.m. and Tuesday, 1 - 4 and 6 - 9 p.m. Funeral Prayer on Wednesday morning at 9:15 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial in Nativity Church, South Park at 10:00 a.m. If desired, family suggests contributions to Humane Animal Rescue, 1101 Western Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15233. Please send condolences to www.johnfslater.com.
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VIOLA R. JULIAN



In celebration of a life well lived, at 2:18 a.m. on December 5, 2019, Viola R. Julian is now in the presence of Jesus Christ. She was born on July 3, 1921 to Anna DelVecchio and Joseph Rich. She was the beloved wife of the late Albert Julian; she was the beloved mother of Melody Ann (Nicholas) Coholic and Debbie Julian; a loving grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt. She graduated from Langley High

School in January, 1939 and graduated from Robert Morris School of Business in December, 1940. She worked for the IRS for two years and for the state for eight years. She also worked for the JC Penney company in the collections department for 16 years. She was always active in many church functions. Viola was the organist at the Lorenz Avenue Baptist Church for 26 years and also a substitute organist for Temple Baptist Church, as well as other churches in the Pittsburgh area. She has also been very active with the Baptist Homes. She volunteered in the gift shop since 1984 and played piano for the weekly sing-a-long for many years. She also organized all the clothing and baked good items for the flea markets in the activity room. These are quarterly sales so she was kept very busy. Her strong faith and example of living has been an inspiration to all who know and love her. Over the years she has touched many lives and is now living in the Heavenly Kingdom. In James 1:22 it states "But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only." She lived this and also in Colossians 3:23 it states "Whatever your work is, put your heart into it as if it were for the Lord." She truly was an example of a Godly woman who lived the Word and who walked the walk. She will be greatly missed by all. Friends will be received at the **JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 412-881-4100, 4201 Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15227 on Sunday from 2-6 and Monday 2-4 and 6-8 where funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 11:00 a.m. in the Chapel. Please send condolences to www.johnfslater.com.
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MAXINE JENKINS

Maxine Jenkins, 99, a resident of Sewickley PA, entered into eternal rest on Sunday November 24, 2019. Family and friends will be received Sunday, December 8, 2019 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Monday, December 9, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. until services at 12 noon, in the St. Matthews AME Zion Church on Thorn and Walnut Street, Sewickley PA. Interment will follow in Sewickley Cemetery. Transitional services entrusted to the **CALVIN L. SHEFFIELD FUNERAL HOME**, 1125 Allegheny Avenue, Pittsburgh PA.
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JOHN C. JORDAN



Age 87, of Plum Boro, on Friday, December 6, 2019. Beloved husband of Carol Ann (Schutzman); loving father of Ian Jordan and Janeen Rich; step-father of Ted (Kathy) Schutzman, Elaine (Robert Shaffer) Churchin, Lynda (Jim) Kitchen) Schutzman and David Schutzman; grandfather of 11; great-grandfather of five; Korean Us Army Veteran. Friends received, Monday 2-8 p.m. at **SOXMAN FUNERAL**

HOMES, LTD. 7450 Saltsburg Road Penn Hills, PA 15235 . Mass of Christian Burial Tuesday 10 a.m. at St. John the Baptist Church, Plum. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research.
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ASHLEY M. KENNEDY

Ashley M. Kennedy, of Pittsburgh, formerly of Bethel Park, peacefully on Thursday, December 5, 2019, age 30, daughter of Jeffrey and the late Catherine (Hackett) Kennedy; loving sister of Kelly Danley (Ryan), Kristy Kennedy, Trish Fink (Doug), and Michael Kennedy; aunt of Parker, Imri and Arti. Visitation Monday 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the **DAVID J. HENNEY FUNERAL HOME**, 6364 Library Road (RT 88), Library, A Memorial Service will be Tuesday at 1:00 p.m. in Christ United Methodist Church. EVERYONE PLEASE MEET AT CHURCH. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Washington Humane Society, 1527 PA-136, Eighty-Four, PA 15330 or Mercy Behavioral Health Crisis Center, 264 S. 9th St., Pgh, PA 15222.
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JEFFREY D. KILLMEYER



Jeffrey D. Killmeyer, age 65, of Bellevue formerly of Reserve Township, on Thursday, December 5, 2019. Son of Mary C. Killmeyer and the late Marcus A. Killmeyer, Jr. Beloved husband for 25 years of Janet (Conway) Killmeyer; brother of Maureen (Gary) Hartwick, Kimberly (Tim) Siebert, Gary (Carole) Killmeyer, and the late Bruce Killmeyer. Jeff will be greeted on the other side by his faithful dog Rosie.

Family will welcome friends on Sunday from 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. at **SHELLHAAS FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, (West View) 388 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15229. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday at 11 a.m. in Assumption Catholic Church. Jeff loved the outdoors, especially camping and fishing. He was an avid Steelers fan. He will be dearly missed. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital: PO Box 1893, Memphis, TN 38101. Please offer condolences at www.schellhaasfh.com.
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ROSEMARY (KOSSLOW) KIRSTEIN

Age 69, of Penn Hills, on Monday, December 2, 2019. Beloved wife of Joel L. Kirstein, Sr.; mother of Joel (Elizabeth) Kirstein, Jr., and Katie Kirstein; grandmother of Joel, III., and Jacob. Sister of AnnaMae (John) Malle, George (Barbara) Kosslow, Donald (Judith)Kosslow, Grace (Thomas) Eiszler, Kathleen (Donald) Cardone, and the late Robert William Kosslow and Sarah Schake; sister-in-law of Dorothy Kosslow and Donald Schake; also survived by many nieces and nephews; preceded in death by parents, William R. and AnnaMae (Sproul) Kosslow. A Memorial Service will be scheduled for a later date. Interment in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. Arrangements private and entrusted to **SOXMAN FUNERAL HOMES, LTD.** Family suggests donations in Rosemary's memory be made to American Cancer Society, 320 Bilmar Drive, Pgh., PA 15205.
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DOLORES KLEPEIS

Suddenly on Saturday, December 7, 2019 Dolores of Beechview. Beloved wife of the late Stephen. Loving mother of Thomas (Diane) Lahey and the late Kathleen Gromek. Sister of Patricia (Daniel) Galszewski. Grandmother of Gregory, Paul (Yasmine), Johnathan, Ashley Gromek and Thomas Lahey. Great-grandmother of three. Relatives and friends received 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Monday in **WILLIAM ECKELS F.H.**, 1923 Broadway Ave., Beechview. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Catherine of Siena Church on Tuesday at 11:30 a.m.
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JOSEPH J. KRYL-SENCHISEN

Unexpectedly, passed on Tuesday, December 3, 2019, at the age of 44. Loving son of the late Harry K. Senchisen and Donna (Seng) and Joseph W. Kryl. Beloved father of Brandon M. O'Toole, Jordan J. (Airieanna) Kryl, and Rebecca A. Kryl. Joseph was also survived by his five grandchildren. Brother of James Kryl and the late Robert A. Senchisen. The family will receive visitors on Monday, December 9, 2019 from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at **O'BRIEN'S**, 3724 California at Cooper Aves., N.S. where there will be a service at 7 p.m.
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WALTER R. LUKITSH



Walter R. Lukitsh, age 75 of Riverside, IL. U.S. Army Reservist. Beloved wife of Janet Meyers; loving father of Jeffrey R. (Rachel) Lukitsh and Susan (Daniel) Gierczyk; cherished grandfather of Lauren, Thomas, Angelina, Lilly Ana. Walter studied at Duquesne University and the University of Pittsburgh, he worked at J and L Steel, was a draftsman at Allis Chalmers and was a sales manager for various fluid power

companies, most currently for Northman America Fluid Power. Walter was also an active parish member of St. Mary of Czestochowa Church. Funeral Wednesday, December 11, 9:15 a.m. Prayers at **KURATKO-NOSEK FUNERAL HOME**, 2447 S. DesPlaines Avenue, North Riverside to St. Mary of Czestochowa Church, Cicero. Funeral Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Private. Visitation Tuesday, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations would be appreciated to St. Mary of Czestochowa Parish. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.KuratkoNosek.com. Info: (708) 447-2500



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LEO LIVINGSTON

On Sunday, December 1, 2019. Beloved son of the late Martin and Carolyn Livingston; brother of Mitchell (Ellen) Livingston; uncle of Sam and Adam Livingston. Also survived by cousins, co-workers and many devoted caregivers and friends. Leo was employed as a clerk by the US Bankruptcy Court for over 34 years. Known for his kindness, Leo was selfless and never complained. He was a joy to know by all that knew and cared for him. Services were held at **RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC.** Interment Tree of Life Memorial Park. Contributions may be made to Tree of Life Congregation, 5859 Wilkins Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217. www.schugar.com.
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WILLIAM GEORGE LORD

Age 98, of Plum Borough, on Monday, December 2, 2019. Beloved husband of 65 years of Faye (Ferris) Lord. Father of William Scott Lord, Lezlee (Terry) Holt, and James (Leigh Anne) Lord. Grandfather of Elizabeth (Tariq) Francis, Dylan (Catherine) Holt and Catherine Lord. Great-grandfather of Tariq, Jr., Jayden, Olivia, Luna and "One on the Way!" He was born in Cleveland, Ohio on February 12, 1921 to Hazel Irene Corman of Aylmer, Canada and Olaf Frederick Lord of Sweden. He graduated from West High in 1938. He then matriculated at Case Western and Kent State University until enlisting in the US Army in 1943. William was an infantry Scout during WWII and served in combat from December 1944 through May 1945. He was awarded the Purple Heart and a Bronze Star for Valor during the Battle of the Bulge. After the end of WWII, he began his studies at Michigan State University and graduated in 1948 with a B.S. in Zoology. His next calling was as a Naturalist and a Park Ranger for the nascent Blue Ridge Parkway. His duties included creating Markers that identified the local flora and "chasing" moonshiners. It was while residing in Roanoke, Virginia that he met Faye O'Reta Ferris. She had recently graduated from the University of Virginia with a M.Ed. and was teaching at Christiansburg High School. Their common love of dancing was a prime reason they married on April 16, 1954. In 1955 he was admitted into the University of Georgia College of Veterinary Medicine. He studied large and small animal medicine and graduated in 1959. After graduation, and the birth in Roanoke, Virginia of Scott and Lezlee, the family moved to Pittsburgh and subsequently purchased a home in Plum Borough. He was then admitted to the University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health and studied during the day while creating the Plum Animal Clinic during evening hours. It was also during this time that he began writing and completing the Blue Ridge Parkway Guide. The Guide, first published in 1962, was a four-part series that was at one time the bestselling guidebook sold on the Parkway. After graduation from Pitt, he began a 20-year career at the Allegheny County Health Department. He held many titles, from Food Inspector to Director of Communicable Diseases. In 1965, his son James was born. In 1969, a producer for the TV show To Tell the Truth read an article he had written for the Pittsburgh Press and invited him to be a guest on the television show. "Doc" was proud of fooling most of the panel. In 1979, he retired from Allegheny County and devoted his energies to the Plum Animal Clinic. Retiring for good in 2001, he spent his time gardening and landscaping, swimming and walking, and traveling. He also was passionate about the return of the American Chestnut. He was a founding member and on The Board of Directors of the American Chestnut Foundation. In 1992, he began a 7-year project writing a historical masterpiece based on the Hillsville, VA Courthouse shootout of 1912. This book is considered by many the definitive narrative of the event. In 2012, at the 100th Anniversary of the Hillsville Courthouse Shootout, he could be seen signing his book on the Courthouse lawn. Determination was his Watchword. Committal Prayers and Military Honors will be held privately at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. Arrangements entrusted to **SOXMAN FUNERAL HOMES, LTD.**
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ROBERT J. MAHA, SR.



Robert J. Maha Sr., age 83, of Dravosburg, formerly of McKeesport, PA. Beloved Son of John Maha and Mary (Boris) Maha; beloved father of Robert J. Maha Jr. M.D. (Alia), Lance P. Maha (Janet), and William F. Maha (Beth); beloved grandfather to Lauren, Ryan, Cory, Mitchell, Ava, and Colby. Sandra Yoders was the former wife of the deceased. Bob's work ethic, perseverance, and likable nature were an

inspiration to his family. At age 26, he shattered his right leg when he jumped three stories from a fire that killed 5 people. Despite his injured leg, he worked 29 years as a steel worker in numerous positions including the coveted open hearth. While a steel worker, he also operated a business on weekends and evenings, where he made spaghetti sauce and ravioli with the assistance of his children in a Munhall shop. Despite working multiple jobs, he found time to attend all of his sons' athletic events, coach his sons' sports teams, and sponsor all-star teams. When the steel industry collapsed, Bob bootstrapped his way to become owner of the Locker Room Bar and then the Airways Nightclub in Dravosburg, PA. He was friends to many and an enemy to none. Bob received great joy from the academic, athletic, musical, and professional accomplishments of his children and grandchildren. He served his country in the National Guard from 1957-1962. Visitation and funeral service are private. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Hope Academy, 3150 Washington Rd #201, Canonsburg, PA 15317, phone 724-933-4673. Arrangements entrusted to the **GEORGE IRVIN GREEN FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 412-461-6394.
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ANTHONY F. MAIOLO

Anthony F. Maiolo, 80, of Butler, Pennsylvania, passed away on December 5, 2019 at his residence. Tony is survived by his wife, Shirley Becker Laquatra, who he married on August 22, 1970; two sons, Michael (Catherine) Laquatra of Sarver, PA, Jack Laquatra of Pittsburgh, PA; one daughter, Frances (Rod) Swidzinski of Butler, PA; three grandchildren, Tim Swidzinski, Corey Swidzinski, Juliana Teresa Laquatra; one sister, Josephine Braunstein of OH; and many nieces and nephews. Family and friends will be received on Monday, December 9, 2019, 3:30 pm - 6:30 p.m. at **THOMPSON-MILLER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 124 East North Street, Butler, PA. Private entombment will take place in the Allegheny County Memorial Park. Online condolences can be given at www.thompson-miller.com.
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EDGAR MCCLOSKEY

"ED" "RED"



Age 91, of Elizabeth, PA, formerly of Duquesne, on December 5, 2019 at Jefferson Regional Medical Center surrounded by his family and friends. He was a son of the late Leo and Hermina "Minnie" (Kampert) McCloskey. He was retired from US Steel Duquesne Works as a High Tension Lineman. He was a former member of St. Joseph's Church, Duquesne and a current member of St.

Michael Church in Elizabeth. He proudly served his country in the Air Force. Husband of the late Dorothy (Gyduška) McCloskey; father of Chris McCloskey of Buena Vista; grandfather of Brandon Iams and April Iams; brother of the late Esther Marie (late Ernest) Morris; uncle of Kathy (Kurt) Kullberg, Robert (Dorothy) Morris and Richard Morris. Visitation Monday, December 9 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the **MALOY-SCHLEIFFER FUNERAL HOME**, 915 Kennedy Ave. Duquesne 412-466-3300 where a blessing service will be held on Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. Followed by Mass of Christian Burial at St. Joseph's Church at 10:00 a.m. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery, West Mifflin, with Military Honors.
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JACQUELINE MCDANIELS



Age 64, quietly on November 30th, 2019, Case Manager for Community Care Behavioral Health Organization, UPMC. Beloved sister of Luther McDaniels and a host of relatives. Friends may call Monday, December 9, 2019 4-8 p.m. at WHITE MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 800 Center St. at South Ave. Wilksburg 15221. Funeral ceremony Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 11 a.m. at Central Baptist Church, 2200 Wylie Ave. 15219. Burial Private.

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KRISTI PAYNE

Age 52, quietly passed away on November 30, 2019, retired Corrections Officer of 26 years for SCI Western. Daughter of the late Samuel E. and Dolores King Payne; sister of Kimberly Payne; her beloved Labrador Retriever, Buttercup; and a host of relatives. Friends may call Tuesday, December 10, 2019 4-6 p.m. ONLY at WHITE MEMORIAL CHAPEL, 800 Center St. at South Ave., Wilksburg 15221. Funeral Ceremony Wednesday, December 11, 2019 11 a.m. in the Chapel. Burial Greenwood Cemetery.

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CONSTANCE P. (KUSHNIR) RAPACH

Constance P. (Kushnir) Rapach, 92, of Cranberry Twp., formerly of Duquesne, died peacefully Friday, November 29, 2019 in Laure Wood Care Center, Johnstown. Born in Duquesne on April 16, 1927, she was the daughter of the late Michael J and Pauline (Vesonder) Kushnir. Mrs. Rapach was a former member of Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church, West Mifflin and a very active former member of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers at Holy Trinity Church; beloved wife of the late Michael Rapach; she is survived by two sons, Michael T Rapach and Luke M. (Ronna) Rapach; a brother, Bernard (Joy) Kushnir; three grandchildren, Natalie, Emily and Melanie Rapach; and nieces, nephews and cousins. Per Mrs. Rapach's request, there will be no visitation and all services and burial will be private. The WILLIAM S. SKOVRANKO MEMORIAL HOME, INC., Duquesne is entrusted with all arrangements. The Family wishes for donations to be made to the National Alzheimer Association 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 in her memory.

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MICHAEL L. MIARA



Of Swissvale, age 92, passed away on Friday, December 6, 2019. Beloved husband of the late Sophie (Rolczynski) for 61 years. Loving father of Michael John (Arlette) Miara of N. Fayette Twp., Lisa Marie (Alex) McCambridge of North Carolina, Paul (Kathleen) Miara of Swissvale, and Ann (Ken) Wagner of East Pittsburgh. Cherished grandfather of Carissa Miara, Michael Miara, Chris McCambridge, Kristin (fiancé, Brian) Miara, Emily Miara, and Lily Miara. Preceded in death by seven siblings and numerous nieces and nephews. Mike served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He worked for a number of years in the U.S. Steel Edgar Thompson Works, before retiring. Mike loved spending time with his family and greatly enjoyed polka dancing. Hip Hip Hooray! Friends welcome Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 at PATRICK T. LANIGAN FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY, INC., 700 Linden Ave. at Cable, East Pittsburgh, 412-824-8800. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday at 10 a.m. in Sacred Heart Church. Interment with military honors will follow at Braddock Catholic Cemetery.

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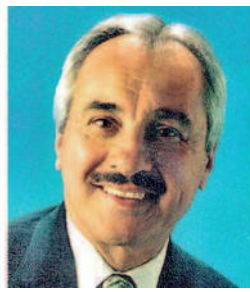
JAMES R. PEPPLER



On Friday, December 6, 2019, James, age 89 of North Versailles passed away. Son of the late James C. and Ethel Pepler. Beloved husband of Frances (Wil) Pepler. Loving father of Carleen (Fred) Heinz, James M. (Sandra) Pepler, Cynthia Pepler, Cathy (Steve) Epshtein, Robert (Nelsy) Pepler, and Christopher (Jen) Pepler. Dear grandfather of Kelly, Erin, A.J., Chris, Kaylee, Katrina and Alyssa. Great-grandfather of Maddie and Aubrey. Brother of Ethel Sunday. Friends received Sunday, 2 p.m. - 8 p.m. at the JAMES F. KUTCH FUNERAL HOMES & CREMATORY, 433 Lincoln Hwy., East McKeesport, PA 15035 (412) 823-4054. Mass of Christian Burial Monday, 10 a.m. St. Robert Bellarmine Church. Burial with full military honors will follow at New St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donation can be made to Ma's Pantry or St. Robert Bellarmine Church. www.kutchfuneralhome.org.

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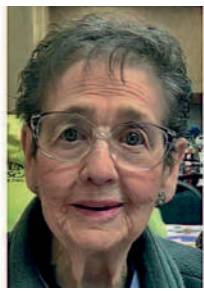
STANLEY FRANK RUDICK



Beloved husband, extraordinary father and all-around great guy, Stanley Frank Rudick of Mt. Lebanon passed away early in the morning of December 6, 2019, after a brief illness. Stan was born the youngest of a large, Ukrainian family. There is nothing Stan loved more than telling stories from his childhood, whether it was running to get freshly baked bread for his Mom or describing escapades from his eight older brothers and sisters. Stan graduated from South High School. After working at the Duquesne Club for a few years to save money, Stan became the first person in his family to attend college. Stan graduated from Westminster College with a degree in mathematics, which he parlayed into a successful career in the computer industry. Although Pittsburgh was always his home, Stan spent a few years living in New York City, which he thoroughly enjoyed! Stan was a huge Penguins fan his whole life. He was a season ticket holder for many years and attended games wherever he was. Stan belonged to Sigma Psi Epsilon fraternity while at Westminster College. He also served in the National Guard. He was a proud member of Chartiers Country Club for over twenty years, thoroughly enjoying everything about it. Stan made many friends among both the members and staff. He was an excellent golfer, looking forward to every round with his buddies. Stan was also a great skier, enjoying time with his friends in Vail until his later years. Stan loved his family, lived life to the max and never gave up at anything he did. Stan is survived by his loving wife, Jeanne Murphy Rudick and beloved children - daughter, Silvie Fiona and son, Edward John, both still at home. He also has two older children, James Rudick (Dora) of Pittsburgh and Lee Rudick of Portland, Oregon, along with several grandchildren. Stan has two surviving sisters, Mildred Jans (Frank) and Theresa Glod and many loving nieces and nephews. Stan was predeceased by his parents, Mary and John Rudick as well as sister Anna Majeski and brothers Joseph, Harry, Walt, Andrew and Jimmy along with brother-in-law Thomas Glod who recently passed away. Stan was loved by all of Jeanne's family for his kindness, humor and deep commitment to family. The Rudick Family would like to thank all the nurses, aides and staff working on St. Clair Hospital's floor 5G. They provided unwavering care, love and support during a difficult time. Visitation will be Monday, December 9th, at BEINHAEUSER FAMILY FUNERAL HOME in McMurray, PA from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday at St. Louise de Marillac Church in Upper St. Clair. In lieu of flowers, the Family suggests contributions in Stan's memory to The Kiski Fund, 1888 Brett Lane, Saltsburg, PA 15681 or St. Clair Hospital Foundation, 1000 Bower Hill Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15243.

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DOLORES J. MINSTER



Dolores J. Minster, 85, of Plum (formerly of Dorseyville) passed away on Friday, December 6, 2019 at her home with her devoted daughter and grandson by her side. Beloved Wife of the late Ralph R. Minster. Loving Mother of Ralph (Margaret) Minster and Deborah (the late Steve) Vernon. Grandmother of Joshua Vernon, Monica (Joseph) Eader, Ryan Minster, and Ralph Minster, III. Great-Grandmother of Avenleigh, Lynne, Joseph, Hannah, and Angelica. Sister of James (Shirley) Roncevic, Frank (Joan) Roncevic, and the late Rose Patrick, William, George, Paul, and Thomas Roncevic. Dolores was a member of St. Irenaeus Catholic Church and the former Dorseyville Ladies Auxillary. She enjoyed gardening, baking cookies, the Pittsburgh Pirates and Steelers, and her family and friends meant everything to her. She was a former Wal-Mart employee in the Waterworks for the last 10 years. She will be missed by her four legged friend, Samara. Friends and relatives will be received on Monday, December 9, 2019 from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. at the BURKET-TRUBY FUNERAL HOME CREMATION & ALTERNATIVE SERVICES INC. 421 Allegheny Ave. Oakmont. Mass of Christian Burial Tuesday, December 10, 2019, 10 a.m. St. Irenaeus Catholic Church. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to the Dorseyville Fire Department, 100 Charles Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15238

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RICHARD DOWLING PERKINS, JR.



Of Fairfield, Connecticut, born May 27, 1970, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Elizabeth Thompson Wainwright and the late Richard Dowling Perkins, Sr., passed away at the age of 49 on December 4, 2019, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, surrounded by his wife, mother and sister. He was a graduate of Shady Side Academy, Emory University and received his MBA at the University of Pittsburgh. He is survived by his wife, Allison Haines Perkins of Fairfield, Connecticut; daughters, Emma and Aubrey; mother, Elizabeth Thompson Wainwright of Pittsburgh; sister, Sarah Perkins Stallings (Stephen) of Pittsburgh; and nephews, Tyler and Henry Stallings of Pittsburgh. Rich was the rock at the center of a beloved group of family and friends and was a dedicated Steeler, Pirate, and Penguin fan. Friends and family members are invited to a Celebration of Rich's Life on Sunday, December 8, 2019, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Fox Chapel Racquet Club at 355 Hunt Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15238. Wearing Pittsburgh team attire is encouraged. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully suggests memorial contributions to the Richard D. Perkins Athletic Scholarship fund in his honor at Shady Side Academy, ATTN: Development Office, 423 Fox Chapel Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238. Arrangements by WEDDELL-AJAK FUNERAL HOME, Aspinwall.

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PATRICIA C. (LAMNECK) PFENDLER

Age 88, of Ingomar, on Saturday, December 7, 2019; wife of the late Richard J. "Dick" Pfendler; loving mother of Daniel, Douglas, Dale, Debbie, Dean, Diane and the late David; sister of Bill, Ronald and Martin Lamneck and the late Roberta Noonan; also survived by 12 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Family and friends received THURSDAY 2-4 and 6-9 p.m. at the GEORGE A. THOMA FUNERAL HOME, INC. 10418 Perry Hwy, Wexford. Funeral mass Friday at 10 a.m. in St. Alexis Church, Wexford. If desired, the family suggests memorials to Good Samaritan Hospice House of Wexford, c/o Concordia Lutheran Ministries Foundation, 134 Marwood Rd, Cabot Pa 16023

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HOWARD E. PLUNG

On Friday, December 6, 2019; beloved son of the late Louis and Jane Plung; brother of the late Donald (the late Rose) Plung and the late Shirley Goldman; beloved uncle of Debbie (Josh) Resnick, Patty (Kevin) Maloney, Bobby (Ame) Goldman, Dan (Lisa) Goldman, Louis (Lori) Plung, Linda (Marc) Levine, and the late Stephen Plung; great-uncle of Stephanie (Sean) Stockton, Hillary Maloney, Alex, Max and Natalie Goldman, Aaron and Elise Goldman, Ryan (Marie) Levine, Brandon Levine, Samantha Resnick, and Danielle and Jesse Plung; great-great-uncle of Landon and Lucas Levine. Also survived by his devoted caregivers. Howard was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by all those that knew him. Services at RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC., 5509 Centre Avenue, Shadyside on Tuesday at 11 a.m. No prior visitation. Interment Beth Shalom Cemetery. Contributions may be made to a charity of the donor's choice. www.schugar.com.

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JUDY HERRICK RICHARDSON



Judy Herrick Richardson passed away peacefully on Dec. 3, 2019. She is survived by her husband James B. Richardson III of Pittsburgh, PA; daughter, Heather and Jim Charron and their sons, Alexander and Aidan of Mt. Lebanon, PA; son, James and Carol Richardson of Penn Hills, PA; her brother, Douglas Herrick and Nancy Webster of Owasco, NY and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Judy was born on May 29, 1939 to parents Kenneth and Jessie Herrick of Owasco. She attended SUNY Potsdam and taught school in the 1960's. She came to Pittsburgh in 1967 when her husband accepted a position at the University of Pittsburgh. They raised their children Heather Mary and James B. IV, in Regent Square. Judy was a nurturing mother who always had a smile and laugh for all occasions. Judy was a volunteer and member of many organizations including serving as Vice President of the Regent Square Civic Association. The loves of her life were her grandchildren Alexander (Alec) and Aidan Charron. In the summers she loved to be at the family home in East Chop on Martha's Vineyard, MA. A memorial service will be held at Mount Lebanon Evangelical Presbyterian Church (255 Washington Rd., Mt. Lebanon, PA 15216) on Dec. 16, 2019 at 4 p.m. with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, donations in her name can be made to the Martha's Vineyard Museum (Collections) at 151 Lagoon Pond Road., Vineyard Haven, MA 02568, or Mt. Lebanon EP Church (the Friends of Music Fund) at 255 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15216. laughlinfuneralhome.com.

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ROSE ANN TARDIO RIOTT

Age 91, of Cincinnati, OH, formerly of Beechview, on Friday December 6, 2019. Loving wife of the late Joseph Tardio; beloved mother of Margaret "Peggy" Monaco (Karl) Crytser and Christopher (Sarah) Tardio; loving grandmother of six; great-grandmother of nine. Friends received 6-8 p.m. Monday only at BRUSCO-NAPIER FUNERAL SERVICE, LTD., 2201 Benson Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15216. Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday at 10 a.m. in St. Teresa of Kolkata Parish, St. Catherine of Siena Church. Burial to follow in Calvary Cemetery. Add a tribute: www.brusco-napierfuneralhome.com.

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JAMES D. SCHWARZMEIER, SR.



James D. Schwarzmeier Sr., 78, of West View, formerly of Spring Hill, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 6 2019 surrounded by family. Beloved and loving husband of 54 years to Rita (Griffith); father to Lisa (Scott) Nogrady, Lori (Randy) Geche, and James (Julie) Schwarzmeier, Jr.; loving grandpa to Michael, Andrew, and Luella; brother of Patricia Watson, Catherine Schwarzmeier, and the late Frank "Bud" Schwarzmeier, John "Jack" Schwarzmeier, Barbara Salvini, Mary Ann Fazio, and Rita Salvini; loving Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Family will welcome friends on Sunday December 8 from 2-8 p.m. at SCHELLHAAS FUNERAL HOME, INC., (West View) 388 Center Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15229. Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday at 10 a.m. at St. Athanasius Church. Jim was a graduate of Connelley Vocational High School, Triangle Tech Trade School, a former Westinghouse Electric Electrical Fitter, and a recent retired and well-loved Custodian of the North Hills School District. He was a longtime member of St. Athanasius Parish and a man of faith. He also enjoyed his membership in the West View VFW and enjoyed spending time with his close friends. He was also a member of the local AARP chapter of the North Hills. Jim and Rita loved their Slippery Rock Campground weekends where he spent many hours fishing and riding his grandkids through the trails on his golf cart. He enjoyed tinkering and creating his famous Spark Plug airplanes. He could fix anything! Please offer condolences at www.schellhaasfh.com

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AUDREY SILVERMAN

Born on September 8, 1932 in Winnipeg, Canada, passed away peacefully on December 6th, 2019, in her home in Boca Raton, Florida. She was surrounded by her loving family. Survived by devoted and beloved husband of 65 years, Edward Silverman; daughters, Janie Rubin (Allan), Lynne Padison (Arik) Lori Silverman, Margie Halem (Mitch) and Marla Garchik (Steve); loving daughter of the late Nathan and Ann Rosenfield; and sister of the late Gerald Rosenfield; and sister-in-law, Rena Rosenfield; sister-in-law of Paul Silverman and the late Dale Silverman; sister-in-law to Lois Cohen and the late Hershey Cohen; cherished grandmother of Sydne Garchik Russell (Marc), Jesse Garchik Wright (Jay), Michael Garchik (Samantha), Harrison Halem (Courtney), Adam Halem (Amanda), Eliot Padison, Iliia Silverman Esrig, (Alex) Nora Padison, Sam Halem, Jared Esrig and Jack Garchik; loving great-grandmother of Blair and Eliza Russell; also survived by her loving cousins, nieces and nephews. A private service will be held on Monday, December 9th. Family will be observing Shiva Monday evening in Pittsburgh at the Rubin Residence, 5432 Hobart Street (Squirrel Hill) 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Shiva will continue in Rockville, Maryland Tuesday and Wednesday evening at the home of Margie and Mitch Halem, 13606 Anchor Cove Court, Rockville. 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. May her sunshine, light and pure kindness continue to bring peace to all that knew her. Memorial contributions may be made to http://act.autismspeaks.org/goto/marlaandjackgarchik. Arrangements entrusted to RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC., family owned and operated. www.schugar.com

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MARGARET (HANKEY) SLACK

Age 91, of Penn Hills, on Thursday, December 5, 2019. Wife of the late Robert J.; beloved mother of Stephanie and Thomas Alt, Thomas and Robin Jacobs Slack, Susan and David Teets and Robert, Jr. and Lori Slack; grandmother of Stephen Slack, Torrey Jackson, Sarah Halem, Margo Teets, Allison Kazlauskas, and Jeffrey Alt; great-grandmother of five; sister of Wilbur Hankey. Also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Friends received, Monday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. with a service to follow 12 noon at SOXMAN FUNERAL HOMES, LTD., 7450 Saltsburg Road (at Universal Road) Penn Hills. In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to the Penn Hills Service Association.

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MARCUS MICAH MOCK, SR.

Age 48, of Glenwood, on Tuesday, December 3, 2019; beloved father of Marcus, Jr. and Zachary Mock; former spouse of Shannon Kuc; brother of John (Heather) and Matt Thompson; uncle of Jawan Smith, Shyanne, Sierra, Shea Aria and Destiny Thompson; great-uncle of Amara and Carver; son of the late Mary and Fred Humphries, John Thompson, Sr. Private services for the family only. Arrangements by the ELMER L. HERMAN FUNERAL HOME, Pittsburgh.

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ELAINE E. (CALABRESE) MOIO



Age 76, of Monroeville, passed away on Friday, December 6, 2019. Daughter of the late Arthur and Anne (Spicacci) Calabrese, and was the beloved wife of the late Ralph Moio Jr. Mother of Patricia LaVerne (Michael), David Moio (Erin) and Christina Fagan (David); grandmother of Christopher, Kayla, Jack, Marlena, Ethan, Jay, and Santino. She will be missed by her many nieces, nephews and friends. Elaine

was one of 10 children in her family, and had 4 sisters and 5 brothers. Friends will be received Sunday from 2-4 and 6-9 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 Monday, December 9 th at 10:30 a.m. Interment following in Mt. Carmel Cemetery. Please visit www.corlfuneralchapel.com

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DEBORAH NIMICK

September 20, 1934 - November 18, 2019



Deborah "Debbe" Shupert Nimick, 85, of Sarasota, FL (formerly of Sewickley, PA), was born in Wellesley, MA. Her father, William H. Shupert, was a financial adviser to trust departments of small banks. Her mother, Florence, was a model as well as eager volunteer for Philadelphia charities including Bryn Mawr hospital and the Devon House Show. Debbe earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in The Classics

from Brown University. She received her Master's and Post-master's degrees from Duquesne University in Educational Psychology. With this educational background, Debbe entered the professional world as a passionate advocate for children focusing her attention on testing and counseling. She was also a curriculum writer in the emerging field of game-theory, the use of games for helping youngsters understand how to overcome specific learning deficits. Debbe is survived by her beloved husband of 62 years, George Guthrie "Gus" Nimick of Coraopolis, PA; and three children; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. A memorial service will be held at Allegheny Cemetery Chapel, 4715 Penn Ave., Pittsburgh, PA, on Saturday, December 21, 2019, with visitation beginning at 9:30 a.m. and service at 10:30 a.m. Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to New Life Center Foundation in Chiang Mai, Thailand (https://allegrosolutions.org/donate/NewLifeCtrFtdn001) or checks mailed to: New Life Center Foundation, PO Box 29, Chiang Mai, 50000 THAILAND. Please note your gift is a memorial gift for Deborah Nimick.

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BRUCE G. SCHALL

Bruce G. Schall, 61, of Pittsburgh, PA passed away Saturday, November 30, 2019 at home with family by his side. He was born in Pittsburgh, PA on April 24, 1958 son of Gordon Schall and the late Wanda Miller Schall. Bruce was a graduate of Langley High School. He worked as a tool and die operator for Jennison Corp. He enjoyed Harley Davidsons, trains and birds. In addition to his father left to cherish Bruce's memory are his son Joshua Schall of Pittsburgh, PA and sister, Tammy Pyeritz of Markleysburg, PA. Arrangements have been entrusted to the **ANDREW D. FERGUSON FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORIES, INC.**, 80 Morgantown St., Uniontown, PA. Per Bruce's request there will be no public viewing. Donations in memory of Bruce, can be made to Fayette Friends of Animals, PO Box 1282, Uniontown, PA 15401.

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MARGARET S. (SANDER) SIMMONS

Age 95, of Scott Twp., on Friday, December 6, 2019. Wife of the late John Simmons. Mother of Michael J. Simmons and John P. (Joanna) Simmons. Grandmother of Benjamin Simmons. No Visitation. A Funeral Mass will be held at a later date. Arrangements entrusted to the **LEO J. HENNEY FUNERAL HOME**, Carnegie. www.leohenneyfuneralhome.com.

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VINCENT SLADIC



Vincent Sladic, age 96, of Pittsburgh, passed away peacefully on Thursday, December 5, 2019. Born in 1923 on East Ohio Street and he spent his entire life in the North Side area. His parents, the late, Yanko John and Pepa Josephine Sladic came to Pittsburgh from Croatia just before his birth. He was married to the late Vera Bowser of Kittaning, PA for 27 years. He was the long-time companion of the late Marygrace Denk and is also survived by many "adopted" nieces and nephews. Vince was in the US Army during WWII. He went to Normandie Beach on D-Day plus five. Vince was awarded a Good Conduct Service Medal, European, African, and Middle Eastern with five Bronze Stars for service. Committal Prayers and Military Honors will be held at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, 1158 Morgan Road, Bridgeville, PA 15017 on Thursday, December 12, 2019 at 1:30pm. Arrangements entrusted to **PITTSBURGH CREMATION AND FUNERAL CARE**, Robinson Township. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans-DAV, 1000 Liberty Ave. #1606, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

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THOMAS EDWARD SMITH



Thomas Edward Smith, age 92, of Robinson Township, passed away suddenly on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 to be reunited with his beloved wife, the late Dorothea Smith; father of Lori Polick and Gary (Kim) Smith; grandfather of Kyna Smith, Adam (Brianna) Smith, Kayla (Garrett) Grenek, Ian Smith, and the late Connor Polick; great-grandfather of Kensi and Paityn Smith; sister of Barbara (Jim) Morse. Tom was

an engineering graduate of the University of Michigan. He had a long distinguished career at Eichleay Corporation providing leadership and innovative, creative, yet tempered with common sense solutions to numerous construction and engineering projects. Tom was a competitive swimmer from a young age, a letterman at the U of M, and winner of many YMCA and US Masters swimming events where he was nationally and internationally ranked. Private arrangements entrusted to **PITTSBURGH CREMATION AND FUNERAL CARE**, Robinson Township.

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DAVID R. SPAHR



Retired Baldwin-Whitehall teacher, David R. Spahr, III, died after a brief illness on December 1, 2019. Born in National Heights, PA. He graduated from Tarentum Heights School and earned a B.S. in chemical engineering from Penn State. Later, he completed course work at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute for a Master degree in Science. After graduating from Penn State he was station in DC, as a Naval

officer. He returned to Pittsburgh after the Navy and worked for Gulf Research as a chemical engineer. But he quickly found teaching was his calling. He took a job as a science teacher at Tarentum High School few years, and later joined Baldwin-Whitehall. For 55 years, he taught physics, mathematics and even chemistry for a time at the Senior High. He loved every minute. Additionally, he taught Summer classes at Bethel Park and Community College in Pittsburgh. He occasionally tutored students over the years, as well. He was also a life long learner, attending retreats and workshops. While receiving awards over the years and workshop certificates, he was able to help one student reach national recognition. In 1992, he was honored for his encouragement, support and vision of excellence to a high school senior, who was awarded the Presidential Scholar. That high school senior, Dr. Shawn Kelly, is now a professor in Biomedical Engineering at Carnegie Mellon University. While the work and education might have been more cerebral, the relationship with his students was not always serious. Over the years they made lighthearted recognition of his work and gags. In 2012, his 8th Period AP Physics class had a star named after him, in the Constellation Ursa Major. He retired in 2017. Survivors include his wife, Dolores; son, David R. Spahr, IV of Mill Valley, CA; brother, Jim (Jackie) Spahr of Lakeport, CA; and sister, Margaret Melinda (Denny) Scheid of Fort Myers, FL; sister in-laws, Dr. Jane Adams Spahr of San Francisco, Janet Spahr, Mt. Vernon, OH. Brother and sister-in-law, Manuel and Carole Gonzalez of Pittsburgh, PA, Zachary Scheid, Jim (Ronda) Spahr, II, Chesterfield (Teresa) Spahr, John (Kelly) Spahr, Jr., Mathew Spahr, Margaret Jean (Michael Kilhoffer), Robert (Jessica) Gonzalez, Joseph (Lissa) Gonzalez. He was predeceased by his parents, Dr. David R. Spahr, Jr, Margaret Elizabeth Spahr; and brother, Reverend John Spahr Sr. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made through a donation to the Spahr Memorial Fund at Baldwin-Whitehall High School; 4653 Clairton Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15236. Donations go to an outstanding physics student at the high school. There will be no visitation. A memorial will be held on Saturday January 25, 2020 at 10 a.m. Southminster Presbyterian Church; 799 Washington Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15228.

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DAVID MICHAEL STEFFAN

Age 59, of Monroeville and formerly of Swissvale on Wednesday, December 4, 2019. Brother of Donald (Mary Pat) Steffan and Debbie (Bill) Tomer. Son of the late Ruth and Donald Steffan, Sr. Nephew of Jane Caldwell and many nieces and nephews. All Services are private. Arrangements by **ELMER L. HERMAN FUNERAL HOME**, Pittsburgh

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NIKI LEE STRIBLIN

On Saturday, November 30, 2019, Niki Lee Striblin, 71, of Braddock, PA. Mother of DaMita Grant, Aetha Burke and George Loren Burke; daughter of Ernestine Reed; sister of Kevin Reed. Also survived by a host of other family members and friends. Visitation Monday 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. on December 9, 2019 at Unity Baptist Church, 420 Fifth Street, Braddock, where the funeral service will be held after the visitation Monday 12:00 p.m. Interment private. Services of comfort entrusted to **WATTS MEMORIAL CHAPEL, INC.**, 808 Talbot Ave., Braddock, PA 15104 (412) 271-3880.

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DORIS SPARGAL

On Fri., Dec. 6, 2019, age 76, of Jefferson Hills. Beloved wife of the late David Lee Spargal; mother of Kirk Spargal and Glenn Spargal; and grandmother of Samantha Jo Spargal. Friends received in the **PAUL E. BEKAVAC FUNERAL HOME**, 221 North Second Avenue, Elizabeth on Sun., Dec. 8, 2019 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Blessing Monday at 10 a.m. in the funeral home. Memorial contributions to St. Isaac Jogues Roman Catholic Church, 1216 Collins Avenue, Jefferson Hills, PA 15025. Offer condolences at www.bekavacfuneralhome.com.

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HILDA M. (BUBECK) STOLP

Age 104, of Oakmont, formerly of Penn Hills and Schuylkill Haven, PA, on Wednesday, December 4, 2019. Beloved wife of the late Theodore H. Stolp; loving mother of Theodore C. Stolp and Barbara Stolp Hernandez; grandmother of Will, Pete, Jason, Erin, Jonathan and Gabriela; seven great-grandchildren and one on the way; sister of the late Fern Coover, Sylvia Heim and Pete Bubeck; sister-in-law of Doris Jones; also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Hilda was an avid traveler and reader. For Hilda and Ted's 50th Wedding Anniversary, they traveled to their 50th state. She was an active member of Zion Lutheran Church in Penn Hills where she will be laid to rest with her husband. She was a psychiatric nurse at Western Psych and taught Anatomy at the University of Pittsburgh in the German Room. A Memorial Service will be held in Hilda's honor at the Zion Lutheran Church at a later date and time. Those that wish to make a memorial contributions to the Zion Lutheran Church, 11609 Frankstown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235. Arrangements by the **WALTER J. ZALEWSKI FUNERAL HOME**.

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MURL RAY THOMPSON



Murl Ray Thompson, 75, formerly of Bellevue and Baden, passed away with his wife, Susan and good friend, Gary Murphy at his side on Saturday, December 7, 2019 at Brighton Rehab & Wellness Center, after a long battle with dementia. Murl retired from the Boro of Bellevue and was known for his sense of humor and antics. In addition to his wife, Susan E Rossi Thompson, he leaves two daughters, Janice and Tammy; two grandchildren, Justine and Garrett; two brothers, Ross (Wilma) and Larry (DeAnne); a sister, Sherry. The Rossi family, Sheila (late Tom), Leslie (Michael), Amy (Tom), and Michael (Holly) and their extended families. Private burial in Illinois will be at a later date. Arrangement by **SIMPSON FUNERAL & CREMATION SERVICES**, Monaca. To share online condolences, visit simpsonfuneralhome.com.

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ANN KOST TOVCIMAK



Originally from the Woods-Run area of Pittsburgh's North Side, passed away on November 27, 2019 at the age of 100 in Sebastian, Florida. Ann was preceded in death by her husband, George "Yuddy" Tovcimak; daughter, Paula Peterson, Michael Kost, Ella Parks, Dorothy Hanasek, John Kost and Helen Metz Petrancosta. Ann is survived by her loving son, Bob Tovcimak; daughters, Shirley Tovcimak Marks, Georgia Tovcimak; sister, Mary Sahayda, age 102; and many loving grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Ann will be interred in Union Dale Cemetery in Pittsburgh in the Spring of 2020.

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MELVA "COOKIE" TRANCHINI



Melva "Cookie" Tranchini, age 83, of Jefferson Hills, passed away on Thu., Dec. 5, 2019 in Jefferson Hospital. Born Aug. 10, 1936 in New York, NY, she was a daughter of the late Theodore Mirkovich and Zorka (Terzich) Mirkovich Check. A member of Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church, its Kola Sisters, and the SNF, Cookie worked as a secretary at both Fisher Scientific and the City of Clairton. She loved her Serbian culture, and loved to bake, cook, and parasail. Cookie is survived by her husband of 59 1/2 years Joseph Tranchini; her children, Leslie (Johnathan) Thomas of Arlington, VA and Joseph (Carla) Tranchini of Jefferson Hills; her grandchildren, Nicole (Daniel) Muhr, Bryan Wish, and Alexandra and Laura Tranchini; and also nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, Cookie was preceded in death by her sister Nedra Drobac. Friends will be received in the **A.J. BEKAVAC FUNERAL HOME**, 555 5th. St., Clairton, PA 15025 (412-233-5700), on Mon., Dec. 9, 2019 from 2 to 4 p.m. (with a 2:30 p.m. Pomen Service) and 6 to 8 p.m. A Funeral Liturgy will be held on Tue., Dec. 10, 2019 at 10 a.m. in Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Church, 450 Maxwell Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15236. PLEASE MEET AT THE CHURCH. Interment will be held on Wed., Dec. 11, 2019 at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Bridgeville. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorial donations in Cookie's name be made to either the Serbian Kola Sisters, c/o Holy Trinity S.O. Church, 450 Maxwell Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15236 or St. Jude's Hospital, 501 St. Jude's Place, Memphis, TN 38105 www.bekavacfuneralhome.com

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NORMAN W. VOEGLER, SR.

Norman W. Voegler, Sr., age 84, of McCandless Township, on Thursday, December 5, 2019. Born in Pittsburgh, PA on August 24, 1935. Son of the late Norman Paul and Elizabeth (Volz) Voegler; beloved husband of the late Thelma A. (Hayes) Voegler; father of Norman (Sandra) Voegler, Jr., Jean Kislung and Donna Platt; proud grandfather of Norman (Jackie) Voegler III, Kimberly (Nick) Fennick, Kelly (Corey) Cypher, Brian Kislung, Amanda (Nate) Tabeling and Christine Platt; three great-grandsons; and one great-granddaughter; brother of Gerald (Georgia) Voegler, Linda (John) Stirling and Kenneth (Sylvia) Voegler. Family will receive friends on Monday and Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at **SHELLHAAS FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 388 Center Ave. Pgh, PA 15229, where a service will be held on Wednesday at 11 a.m. Norman was a member of North Hills Lodge #716, former Volunteer Firefighter with Mt. Troy and Former Ordained Elder. Please offer condolences at www.shellhaasfh.com.

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NANCY WELSH-MALONE



On Saturday, December 7, 2019. Wife of the late Jack Malone and John M. "Jack" Welsh; loving mother of Michele Welsh-Gamble, John (Beth), James (Tina), David, Daron (Dana) Welsh and the late Dwayne Welsh; sister of Ralph (Arlene) Nolan, Jr. and the late John, Daniel, Ernest, Ralph, Herman and William Nolan; also survived by 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. Friends received Thursday, 6-8 p.m., Friday, 2-4 and 6-8 at the **SZAFRANSKI-EBERLEIN FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 101 Third St., Carnegie. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Malachy Church on Saturday at 10 a.m. Burial in Resurrection Cemetery.

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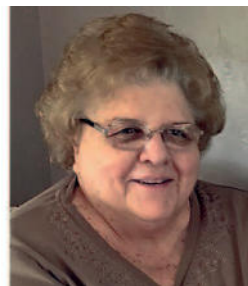
EDWARD S. WILCZEK



Age 74, of Clearwater FL formerly of North Hills and New Kensington, on November 27, 2019. Interior Designer and former instructor at Art Institute of Pittsburgh and Realtor for Howard Hanna. Son of the late John and Olive Gifford Wilczek; brother of Janice Carnes, Upper Burrell, Thomas (Pamela) Wilczek New Kensington and John (Jean) Wilczek, Pittsburgh; uncle of Brandon (Nicole) and Connor Wilczek. Private Burial in St. Mary Cemetery, Lower Burrell.

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JOAN C. YEATES



Passed away on Tuesday, December 3, 2019. Left, not to mourn her death but to celebrate her life. Beloved wife of 56 years to Myron Yeates; loving mother of Janet Snak (Jim Openbrier), Barbara Yeates (Al Sauter) and James Yeates; sister of Michael (Sharon) Andrezik and Thomas Andrezik; grandmother of Lindsay (Wayne) Polley and Chelsey (Frank) Hunter; great-grandmother of Caden, Nixon, Bishop and Ezra. Friends received Saturday and Sunday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the **SZAFRANSKI-EBERLEIN FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 101 Third St., Carnegie where a Blessing Service will be held on Monday, 10 a.m. Entombment in Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Joan's family would like to express their sincere thanks to Gallagher Hospice and the nurses and staff at Five G and CCU of St. Clair Hospital for their care and compassion given to our Mother.

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JOSEPH R. ZEIS, SR.

Age 89, of Troy Hill peacefully on Friday, December 6, 2019 at Vincentian Home. Beloved husband of the late Marie B. (Dengler) Zeis; devoted father of Patricia (James Hagen), Joseph, Jr. (Carol), James (Anne), Mary (Charles Bleil), John (Mary), Richard (Kim) and Gregory (Donna) Zeis; loving grandfather of Shannon, Alicia, Matthew, Andrew, Amy, Kaitlin, Kylie, Carolyn and Zachary; dear great-grandfather of Anna, Emily and Madelyn; dear brother of William "Buck" Zeis; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Family and friends will be received from 2-8 p.m. MONDAY ONLY at the **HUGHES FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 1501 Lowrie St. Pgh., PA 15212 - Troy Hill. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. in Most Holy Name Church - Troy Hill. Joe was a member of St. Anthony Lyceum and was a longtime volunteer at Vincentian Home. His family would like to thank the staff at Vincentian's Memory Lane especially, Tsetsa and Rita. In lieu of flowers, memorials suggested to Vincentian Home, 111 Perryment Rd., Pgh., PA 15237. Please visit his online guestbook at www.hughesfhinc.com

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In Memoriam

DONNELL D. REED

8/13/1932-12/8/2016

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Wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren

SCOTT SKIRPAN

September 16, 1958 ~ December 9, 2019



In loving memory of our Brother and Uncle Scott. We think of you and miss you every day. We had some wild and fun times. If we could only talk to you one more time. Take care of Mom and Skippy up there. Semper Fi Brother! Love you, Nathan, Eathen, Sandy, and Sharon

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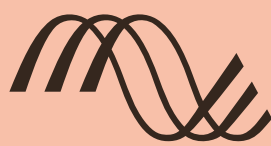
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When it comes to investing for his retirement, Nick Stratigos is a hands-on type of guy.

"At the end of the day, nobody cares about me more than I do. For that reason, I don't put my destiny in anyone else's hands," said the 60-year-old Cranberry resident.

He runs a nonprofit organization in Warrendale and volunteers for the Pittsburgh chapter of Better Investing, which is a nonprofit organization that helps individual investors set up investment clubs.

"I want to be in control of my financial future," he said. "I don't want anyone else to apply their general investment strategies to my goals."

Mr. Stratigos is part of the first generation of Americans forced to manage their own retirement savings with 401(k) accounts and other investment vehicles. Many people in his generation have made mistakes through trial and error. They didn't set enough money aside, or they waited too long to get serious about saving.

He said he has a long-term plan in place that allows him to maximize his investment returns now and protect the assets he will need to fund his retirement as he approaches age 65.

Although Mr. Stratigos feels confident about his financial future, most retirement research points to an impending crisis for about half of Americans who have not saved enough money over their working careers to support themselves as they get older.

Baby boomers are hitting retirement age in massive numbers each day. A significant number have practically no retirement savings, according to a July poll by GoBankingRates.com, which found 64% of U.S. workers expected to retire with less than

The no-pension generation scrambles

Many retirees are at risk of outliving their savings

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\$10,000 set aside.

Since 2011, the Pew Research Center estimates 10,000 people have been turning age 65 on a daily basis.

This trend is expected to continue until 2030, when all baby boomers will have turned 65. At that point, 18% of the nation's population will be at least that age compared to just 13% of Americans today who are 65 and older.

Consequences for Pa.

For Pennsylvanians, the avalanche of older people heading into their golden years could be troublesome.

"Large numbers of Pennsylvanians are seriously unprepared for the financial challenges of retirement and their insufficient savings will have consequences for both their own lives and for our Commonwealth," reads a report by the Retirement Security Task Force

and released in 2018 by the Pennsylvania Treasury.

The report blamed the low savings rate on the fact that 2.1 million Pennsylvanians work for employers who do not offer retirement plans.

It also estimated that lack of retirement savings will add about \$1 billion in costs to the state's strained general fund budget due to increased spending programs that help elderly residents, such as Medicaid, reduced property taxes and rent rebates, and transportation assistance.

Insufficient retirement saving will impact private-sector business activity because senior citizens will have to cut back on household spending for goods and services, which is likely to have ripple effects on the state economy.

"While this situation is not unique to Pennsylvania," the report notes, "the demographics of our aging state mean greater fiscal consequences for Pennsylvania than for many other states."

The Pennsylvania retirement task force identified a number of central themes and critical insights regarding the state's retirement crisis.

- Many employers don't offer a retirement program or any sort in their workplace.

- Employers who do offer a retirement plan are less likely to provide a pension.

- Fewer workers remain in the same job and take advantage of a single retirement plan for the majority of their careers.

- When workers do not have a retirement savings plan at their job, few open their own individual retirement accounts.

- Retirees are living longer, and that puts them at a higher risk of

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Retirement and an aging workforce

Pittsburgh needs workers and a growing number of older people need — or want — to work. This month's Business of Pittsburgh package looks at the complicated issues that arise when an outsized generation faces the financial dilemmas and opportunities that getting older brings. The Pew Research Center estimates 10,000 people have been turning age 65 on a daily basis, and a recent poll found 64% of U.S. workers expected to retire with less than \$10,000 set aside. Will that strain the state's resources? Will it mean more people will never truly retire?

Voices from the real world

How a business owner changed her mind about retirement planning

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For years, Kelli Robbins' retirement plans hinged on hope.

The 60-year-old president of Contact One Communications, a South Side-based telephone answering service she founded with family in 1985, counted on one of two scenarios playing out just in time for her to enjoy a retirement filled with travel and comfort.

Her nephews would take over the business and "write me and my brother big, fat checks every month." Or she and her brother, the CEO, would sell the business and live off of the proceeds.

"I thought I was saving, because every dime that we've made has gone into new investment," she said. "We just keep investing in our business and

hoping that that will suffice to be able to serve us in the future."

Now, she said, "I don't know if that's really going to work."

Two things changed her thinking.

One of her clients, a financial adviser, told her that her retirement strategy was like counting on hitting a home run in the ninth inning to win a baseball game.

She also participated in a hearing for the Pennsylvania Treasury Department's task force on private sector retirement security in 2017 and recognized that her lack of retirement planning was both common and troublesome.

"I have this feeling that I'm going to work until I'm 80 and I'm still 22," she said. "That's a problem."

She decided to change her strategy.

"I took a second job," she said, "just to save for retirement."

She enrolled in real estate classes at night and became an associate at Berkshire Hathaway HomeServices, a flexible gig that fits with her schedule.

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Kelli Robbins, president of Contact One Communications, talks about the difficulties small-business owners have planning and saving for retirement.

Still punching the time clock. 'Continuing workers' aren't going anywhere

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Calming the angry woman on line 1 who wants to know why the paint she just bought isn't sticking and coming up with ideas for another caller asking about ways to hide a rust stain on the ceiling is the stuff that can make Albert Thomas' job in the paint department at the East Liberty Home Depot seem like a grind.

But it's not the hardest work he's ever done, he said, not by a long shot.

This is a guy who's worked as a gang leader in a steel mill, distributed food at a church food bank and been a self-employed dessert baker (key lime pie made with cream cheese is his specialty). Mr. Thomas took a part-time spot in Home Depot's lawn and garden department nine years ago, which led to the full-time gig in paint that he didn't like at first.

It was too confining behind the counter, he said. But he approached the task with the same

diligence and care that early on he learned to bring to every job.

"I worked everywhere," the 65-year-old said. "I was raised by a committee of women and they knew how to make a living."

Mr. Thomas is among a growing group of people choosing to work at an age that previous generations considered retirement. Retail is a common choice for these "continuing workers," who the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics says earned a median hourly wage of \$11.70 in 2018.

Between the mid-1990s and 2018, the share of people between the ages of 55 and 79 in the workforce increased to about one-third — the result of continued increases in the number of working women and a reversal of previously falling employment trends for men, according to a September report by the Congressional Budget Office.

The drop in the number of employed men between the ages of 55 and 79 before the mid-1990s had been attributed to a number of

factors, including an increase in Social Security benefits, a decline in opportunities for less skilled workers and growth in the disability insurance system, the CBO said.

People between the ages of 55 and 79 comprised 24% of the nation's workforce in 1990, a number that grew to 31% in 2018. The increase is expected to continue at least through 2027.

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The Post-Gazette's Business of Pittsburgh monthly report on Retirement and An Aging Workforce can also be found at post-gazette.com. This month, you'll be able to see data breaking down the rising numbers of older people in the workforce and the shift away from pension plans, as well as meet a financial advisor who spends long days answering questions at Carlow University.



As 401(k) accounts grow retirees at risk of outliving savings



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Nick Stratigo, vice president of the Pittsburgh Chapter of Better Investing, outside his office in Warrendale.

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running out of private savings and then being forced to rely solely on Social Security benefits.

Cutting spending by \$10,000

Ashby Daniels, a financial adviser at Shorebridge Wealth Management on Washington Landing, said many seniors go into retirement financially unprepared because they struggle with a certain amount of intimidation with the subject of managing money.

The combination of the demise of pension funds, longer life spans and inadequate savings have created a recipe for disaster, he said.

He has some strategies that might help.

“People underestimate the value of saving in their 60s,” Mr. Daniels said. “But it’s not just how much money you can add to your account. It’s the reduction of spending that could help your money last for decades.”

An example of that he said is if someone were to reduce spending by \$10,000 a year. That would be roughly equivalent to saving an extra \$250,000 for retirement, because it would take \$250,000 to generate \$10,000 a year based on a 4% annual withdrawal rate.

“What it boils down to is if you are getting close to retirement and have not hit your retirement goals, it might be easier to cut \$10,000 in annual expenses than it would be to save \$250,000,” he said. “We have far more control of our spending than the value of our portfolio anyhow.”

Running the numbers

People who turn 65 this year are still one year away from the full retirement age of 66. But they have been eligible to start receiving Social Security benefits as

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early as age 62.

For lower income earners, Social Security typically makes up a bigger percentage of the income they need to live on every month.

The system is not designed that way for higher-income people who want to maintain their lifestyles, said J. Victor Conrad, owner of Pinnacle Financial Strategies in Pine.

“A household with \$200,000 in annual income will need a bigger percentage of their own investment generating income because Social Security will make up a smaller percentage of their

monthly need in retirement,” he said.

One good thing that happens at age 65, Mr. Conrad noted, is that people qualify for health insurance through federal program Medicare.

“When you retire from a lot of companies, you are on your own to figure out the maze of health care until you turn 65,” he said.

Spending time as well

As a financial adviser who works with clients in retirement and planning for retirement, Mr. Ashby said many people envision that

period as an unknown world — a lifelong vacation where you get six Saturdays and a Sunday every week.

“The No. 1 thing I hear people want to do in retirement is travel,” he said. “My response is, ‘What will you do with the other 48 weeks of the year?’”

“I say that tongue-in-cheek. Most people think they will spend all this time traveling. But the great majority of time is spent at home doing other things.”

It’s a serious consideration that might factor into whether people supplement their income with some sort of job. Keeping some income flowing can also help address a common problem that people have when their working days are done: feeling uncomfortable about spending their life savings.

“The portfolio is a representation of what they accumulated, and it’s an insurance plan not to end up poor like many of them were when they started,” Mr. Daniels said.

It really all comes down to having a firm estimate of how much you expect to spend in retirement.

“If you have that estimate, then you can directly compare it against your income and how much you will be dependent on your savings,” Mr. Ashby said. “If your annual withdrawal is more than 4% or 5% of your savings, then you may need to revisit your spending plan.”

The investment club

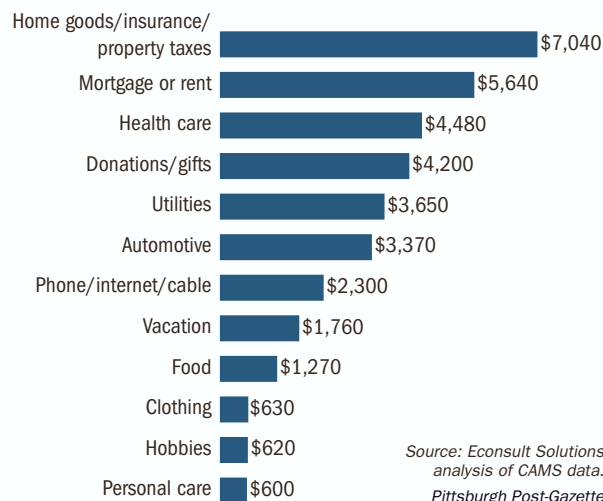
At age 60, Mr. Stratigos said he has built up a retirement bucket in excess of \$1 million thanks to his portfolio being able to beat the returns of the S&P 500 in 11 of the last 13 years. The stock market has been in a record-breaking bull mode since bottoming out in 2009 following the housing collapse.

He was a founder of his investment club when it started in 1998. But 10 years

Elderly households: Where the money goes

Of the 12 expenditure categories, the most spent on average was on housing and health care for Pennsylvania’s elderly households (homes occupied by people age 65 and older).

AVERAGE SPENDING PER ELDERLY HOUSEHOLD, BY SECTOR (2015)

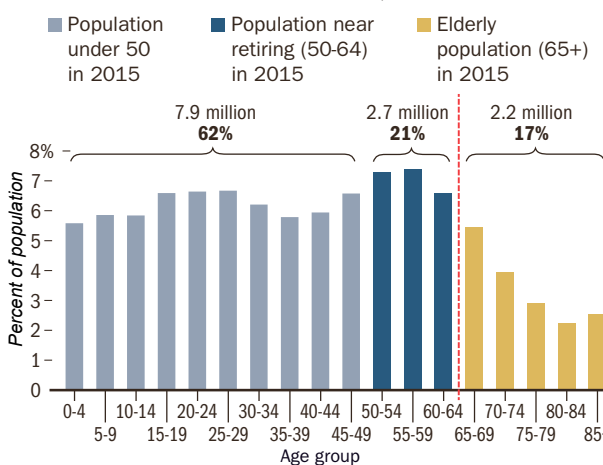


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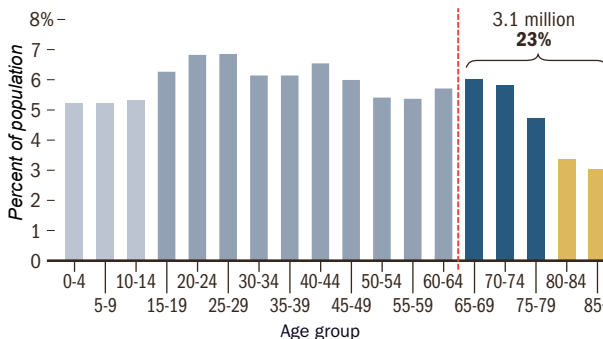
Growth of Pa.’s elderly population

The population of Pa. residents age 65 and older is projected to increase from 2.2 million (2015) to 3.1 million by 2030, growing from 17% to 23% of the state’s population. This growth is driven primarily by the aging of this baby boomer population (born between 1946 and 1964), which will have crossed into the elderly age range (dashed line) by 2030.

AGE DISTRIBUTION OF PA.’S POPULATION, 2015



AGE DISTRIBUTION OF PA.’S POPULATION, 2030 PROJECTED



Source: Econsult Solutions analysis of U.S. Census Bureau, Pennsylvania IFO data

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after it got off the ground, he had to step away and raise small children.

His children are now in their late teens and early 20s. He came back to the club four years ago. Although he wasn’t in the club, he had stayed invested in the market. His retirement funds are in tax-advantaged IRAs and a 401(k). The investment club money is a separate pile.

The club has expenses for research websites and study tools that are paid out of its account. The 16 members decide how much they want to contribute monthly, from \$20 to \$250. The amount a member contributes affects what percentage of the fund he owns.

Mr. Stratigos owns about 5% of the club’s investment portfolio, which is valued in the low six figures.

The investment club is a taxable entity set up as a partnership. Investments are decided upon by the club partners based on research and study.

The club has a long-term view of holding stocks for at least five years. The investment strategy focuses on finding quality growing companies and paying reasonable prices for them, Mr. Stratigos said.

“The reality is most people who join our group realize their family has grown up, and they are within 15 to 20 years of retiring and need to take action.”



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Business owner hoping to hit a home run

ROBBINS, FROM D-1

She and her brother started working with a financial planner, putting money into savings and cutting back on personal expenses.

It is still really hard to catch up, she said.

"I like nice things. I would much rather buy another pair of shoes instead of put some money to the side."

She also began to think differently about her employees' retirement savings.

The call center industry generally has high turnover and low starting pay — between \$8 and \$12 an hour, depending on experience, she said. She found that those two factors meant her employees didn't want or couldn't afford to divert money from their paychecks to retirement savings accounts.

Contact One has between 40 and 50 employees, counting part-timers who might sign on for individual projects. About 25 employees work full time.

"We had a lot of conversations about retirement savings," she said. "Didn't have a single person take us up on it. And the reason why? College educations, car payments, mortgages and rents. [Retirement] was their last priority, too."

She has included her senior management staff in conversations with her financial planner so they can strategize for their own retirement. Some of those employees have worked for the company for 25 years, she said.

She is also optimistic about a proposal that came out of state Treasurer Joe Torsella's retirement task force.

The program, called Keystone Saves, would apply to the more than 2 million



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Kelli Robbins

workers in Pennsylvania who don't have access to workplace retirement programs.

It would automatically divert a percentage from employee paychecks into their personal individual retirement accounts, or IRAs, opened and facilitated by the state.

All employees would be enrolled automatically with the option to opt out. They would be able to choose among investment options and set their contribution rate.

Similar automatic IRA programs have been established in six states.

Neither employers nor the state would contribute money to the accounts, but a study by AARP, cited by the department, found that people are 15 times more likely to save for retirement if they have an easy, automatic way to do it.

The program is also designed to remove the obstacles — concerns about cost, liability and compliance obligations — that often keep small businesses from establishing retirement savings accounts for their employees.

Legislation to create the program is expected to be introduced soon by state Sens. Art Haywood, D-Philadelphia, and Pat Browne, R-Lehigh. There are 18 co-sponsors on the bill, nine Republicans and nine Democrats, so far.

Ms. Robbins said she likes the idea of making it simpler for businesses to help their employees build their savings.

"They're going to make it easily accessible for all of us," she said.



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Jack Ryan, financial adviser of Henderson Brothers Retirement.

Long days dishing out advice to Carlow employees on retirement finances

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Each time he enters a conference room at Carlow University, Jack Ryan knows that some of the workers he'll meet have saved enough and done the planning needed to comfortably retire, but many more haven't.

And either scenario could await him as he shares advice that might determine how secure the post-work years are for individual employees and their families.

Mr. Ryan, a financial adviser with Henderson Brothers Retirement, is on Carlow's campus once a month because the school a while back expanded its view of health and wellness to include finances. Carlow offers free financial planning sessions of a half-hour or an hour that can be repeated as needed.

For Mr. Ryan, these can be long days often filled with back-to-back, one-on-one sessions at which topics range from the definition of

Voices from the real world

a mutual fund to explaining that, yes, Medicare requires a monthly payment.

He takes the questions in stride.

"Don't have a conversation with me at the end of one of these days," he quipped. "I've got nothing left."

What exhilarates him is when an employee returns after a session, reporting that his advice helped to get things on track. "That's something I definitely take pride in, knowing that I was able to help someone retire," he said.

Employees of any age who contribute to Carlow's pension can sign up to ask questions, though he said 60% to 70% of the sessions involve those in their 50s and up.

For younger workers, student loans and getting ready for a first child are often pressing concerns. He walks them through an

explanation of what a mutual fund is and sustaining an expanding household.

"It's a much different conversation when they're nearing retirement," he said.

A lot of people may not have changed their investments in 10 or 20 years. Some may have a more aggressive mix than they should have at that stage in their lives.

If they tell him up front they are ready to leave work behind, "I say, 'That's great. Let's see if you can do it.'"

He tells them that they need to build a budget if he's going to be able to tell them whether they are secure.

"I ask them directly, 'What are you going to do in retirement? Travel? Work part time? Do you want to volunteer?'"

Various scenarios affect the sum they will need.

"The majority of the time they want to know what their Social Security payment will be, how much Medicare will cost. Some

don't know that the latter requires a monthly payment," he said.

"A majority of time, it's a fear that they're going to run out of money in retirement, or if there's a market crash, they're going to lose everything," he said.

If they do not have enough, they may have to work longer to boost their Social Security benefit.

Some, but not all, universities and other employers offer this kind of service. Mr. Ryan said financial literacy is a crucial skill for adults of all ages. He believes that by offering his firm's services to its employees, Carlow is helping them secure their future.

Bridgette N. Cofield, Carlow assistant vice president for human resources, diversity and inclusion, said the financial planning help can remove what otherwise might be a distracting concern for faculty and staff.

"Ultimately, it benefits us because we have more engaged employees," she said.

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WORKERS, FROM D-1

A shift that keeps workers working

In some ways, Mr. Thomas doesn't fit the typical older worker described in the Congressional Budget Office report. People in the age bracket with more education were more likely to work than those with less (he has a high school diploma), and men in that age group were more likely to be married than unmarried (Mr. Thomas is separated).

Overall, the CBO found that the number of people between ages 55 and 79 grew faster as a share of the employed population than as a part of the population generally — partly the result of increased life expectancy.

The increase can also be explained another way: Some older workers just don't have enough money to retire, which Mr. Thomas said he sometimes worries about.

Between 1992 and 2016, defined benefit retirement plans — plans that guarantee a certain stream of income and typically provide a financial incentive for leaving the workforce by a certain age — were mostly replaced by defined contribution plans such as 401(k) retirement accounts.

The huge shift freed employers from much of the burden of guaranteeing retirement benefits — workers now shoulder the responsibility for saving for the future.

Any savings they have are invested, but the returns vary with market forces. So workers with 401(k) accounts may have to work longer to have enough money to retire than they would've had to with conventional pension plans.

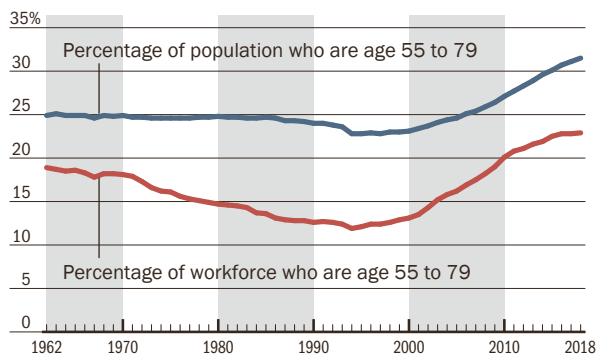
Generational shift

Mr. Thomas, who grew up on Homewood's Tioga Street,

Rising number of older people in workforce

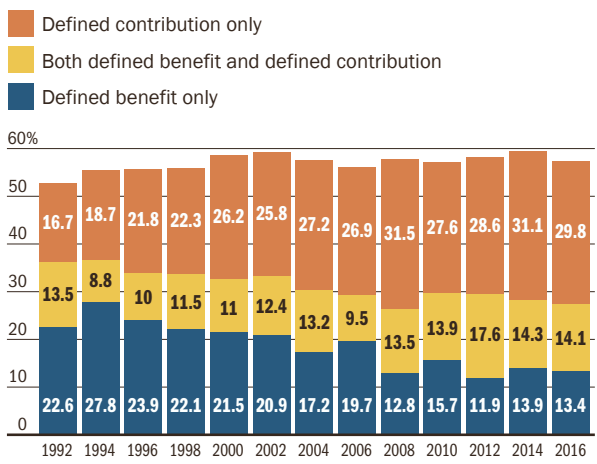
OLDER PEOPLE AS SHARE OF THE POPULATION AND OF THE EMPLOYED POPULATION, 1962-2018

In the mid-1990s, people ages 55 to 79 made up nearly a quarter of the population. In 2018, they comprised nearly one-third.



SHARE OF WORKERS AGE 55 TO 61 WITH EMPLOYER-SPONSORED RETIREMENT PLANS, 1992-2016

The number of traditional retirement plans that guarantee a certain income have given way to defined contribution retirement plans, which have a return based on amount saved and market conditions.



Source: Congressional Budget Office, September 2019 Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

learned his work ethic early.

As a child, he accompanied his grandmother to work in Shadyside, where she was a maid for an elderly woman. His grandfather was a city refuse truck driver. He remembers his grandmother — a meticulous housekeeper — cov-

ering the furniture with plastic when his grandfather brought co-workers home for an occasional beer.

Mr. Thomas is among 16.6 million U.S. workers who were in retail trade in 2018, including 2.4 million ages 55 to 64 and 1.1 million ages 65 and older, according to the



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Albert Thomas, 65, has worked in the East Liberty Home Depot paint department for years. He is among a growing number of older men nationwide who are staying in the workforce rather than retiring.

Bureau of Labor Statistics.

He said he keeps working simply because "I don't think I could sit still."

The mix of generations in the workplace isn't always a smooth one. He is flummoxed by the work ethic he sees in some younger people entering the workforce. Sometimes they seem too busy with text messaging and gossip to bother much with customers, he said.

"It's just different. It's just very, very different."

Mr. Thomas shrugs off the idea of advancing his career as a store manager.

"You've got to go to all those meetings," he said, shaking his head. "It just doesn't seem worth it."

Besides, he's grown accustomed to the early shift in the three-aisle paint department for 40 hours a week — thumbing through a tattered binder for color formulas, matching colors based on tiny paint specks that

customers plunk down on the paint counter. He's found ways to get out from behind the counter now and then in helping people find just the right wood stain, the better bathtub surface repair kit.

For the East Liberty Home Depot's army of do-it-yourselfers, Mr. Thomas is a familiar face, a trusted voice. His work ethic and steady employment helped he and his wife, Sharon, a retired crane operator, realize one of their proudest moments: getting their son Jason through college.

Jason Thomas is 32 now, and his father still remembers puffing out his chest at his only son's commencement exercise.

His other job

The pressures of mixing paint, answering the phone and fetching stuff for customers are no match for the difficulty that Mr. Thomas faces when he goes home: He

cares for his 94-year-old mother Grace Stevenson, a retired nurse.

It's just the two of them now in their tidy two-story brick house in East Hills.

He prepares all of her meals, counting out the seven pills she has to take each day before lunch and occasionally bringing home her favorite dish — fried liver and onions — from Ritter's Diner in Shadyside.

Her care has been the hardest work of his life, but he wouldn't give it up for anything, he said. He's awed by the ways the task has changed him.

Caring for his mom has softened the sharp tongue he once had, cooled his temper, and called up patience, empathy and kindness from a place deep inside — qualities that he said, "I didn't know I had in me."

"My mother has been good to me," Mr. Thomas said. "She's my buddy."

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The world's best pension system is being pushed to the brink

CNN Business

Record low interest rates are forcing the world's best pension system to take drastic action aimed at staving off cuts to payouts that were once unthinkable.

An extended period of negative or record low interest rates has put huge pressure on pension funds in the Netherlands, forcing them to alert retirees that their incomes could be cut. The Dutch government is working urgently to resolve the immediate problem, but the emergency is fueling concern in a country where an increase in the number of retiring workers means pension changes are inevitable.

Dutch workers have typically been able to retire on a pension equivalent to roughly 80% of their average pay.

But stress on pensions from low interest rates has led to talk of reduced payouts to retirees, or increased premiums for those still in work, shocking a nation that has come to rely on a system known for its strict accounting and reliability. Nearly everyone has access to pensions from both the government and through their employer, and the Netherlands was ranked first in investment adviser Mercer's 2019 annual review of global pensions.

For global pension funds, low interest rates couldn't have come at a worse time. Returns on their investments are poised to drop just as a seismic demographic shift takes hold. People are living longer, and populations are aging, which means there are fewer younger workers to pay into the system, keeping it afloat.

A report from the Group of 30 published recently estimates that the world's top economies will face a short-fall of \$15.8 trillion in 2050 — up from \$1.1 trillion in 2017

— in providing financial security for their citizens in retirement.

"It's an extraordinary situation," said Shaktie Rambaran Mishre, chair of the Dutch pension federation, which represents about 200 pension funds. The Dutch government was forced to propose an intervention, which Ms. Mishre said "creates peace for now."

But for the Netherlands, these are uncharted waters. Ms. Mishre said such actions haven't been necessary "as long as I've read the news."

These developments have roots not in The Hague, the Netherlands' seat of government, but in the cities that host the world's most powerful central banks: Washington, Frankfurt and Tokyo.

Central bankers have conducted an unprecedented experiment since the 2008 financial crisis. To juice a sluggish global economic recovery, they've pushed interest rates to their lowest points in history; in Europe and Japan, rates have been in negative territory since 2014 and 2016, respectively. Meanwhile, central banks have gobbled up bonds via massive asset purchase programs with the aim of lowering long-term borrowing costs.

Years later, the worrisome side effects of such policies face growing scrutiny. One consequence of negative rates has been the impact on banks, which have to pay to park their money with central banks instead of collecting interest. Savers have also been penalized. Now the impact on pension funds is coming into focus.

"In all likelihood, we will have to reduce pensions next year, and it does not look good for the coming years either," Corien Wortmann-Kool, the chair of ABP, one of the Netherlands' largest funds, warned last month.

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People on the move

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Special Olympics Pennsylvania named **Cindy S. Alvear** to its board. Ms. Alvear is a certified elder law attorney who specializes in planning for individuals with special needs at Julian Gray Associates.

Awards and Honors

Sharon L. McDaniel, president and CEO of A Second Chance Inc., received the 2019 Ronald H. Brown Award for Community Leadership in the Greater Pittsburgh community. The award will be presented by the Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh. A Second Chance Inc. is a licensed foster care agency that meets the needs of kinship care families in Pennsylvania's two largest counties, Allegheny and Philadelphia.

Dr. Dina Dosch, associate medical director, Good Samaritan Hospice, a mission of Concordia Lutheran Ministries, earned the designation Fellow of the American Academy of Hospice and Palliative Medicine. Dr. Dosch is also associate medical director for Concordia Visiting Nurses and Interdisciplinary Medical Director for GSH.

Tucker Arensberg, P.C. said **Ryan P. Siney** was designated by the International Association of Privacy Professionals as a certified information privacy professional. Founded in 2000, the IAPP is a not-for-profit organization that helps define, support and improve the privacy profession worldwide.

Three University of Pittsburgh researchers have been named to the American Association for the Advancement of Science 2019 fellowship cohort: **Kathryn Albers**, a professor in the department of neurobiology in the School of Medicine, was recognized for accomplishments in molecular and cellular neuroscience, including studies of sensory neuron development and its



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relation to nerve injury and pain; **Tao Han**, distinguished professor of high-energy physics in the department of physics and astronomy in the Kenneth P. Dietrich School of Arts and Sciences, was recognized for contributions to understanding physics beyond the standard model, specifically his work at high-energy particle accelerators; and **Rob Rutenbar**, senior vice chancellor for research, was recognized for contributions to tools for the design of custom integrated circuits and systems, as well as novel architectures for curricula in computer science and engineering.

Business notes

A \$1 million award from the Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and

Renewable Energy Small Business Innovation Research program will fund collaborative research to replace ITO with metal "micro-grid" conductors to improve OLED performance. The research will be led by **Paul Leu**, associate professor of industrial engineering at the University of Pittsburgh's Swanson School of Engineering, and Electroninks, a technology company in Austin, Texas.

Wade Tucker launched a new fantasy social media app through his web/mobile application company TrendTeams, LLC. TrendTeams Fantasy

Social Media is a competitive fantasy game, similar to fantasy sports games such as football or basketball. The key difference is that instead of tracking sports statistics, Fantasy Social Media is driven by global social media activity and the public's response to it.

Harvest Commercial Real Estate Services announced a commitment to Commercial Property Services for the greater Pittsburgh area. The company will now offer several commercial property services including leasing, non-residential property management, tenant representation, and disposition. The team is led by broker **David Stevenson**, who has 40 years of real estate transaction experience.

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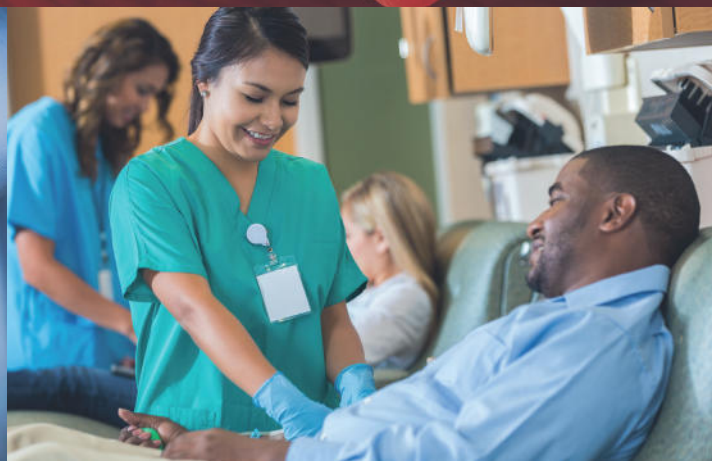
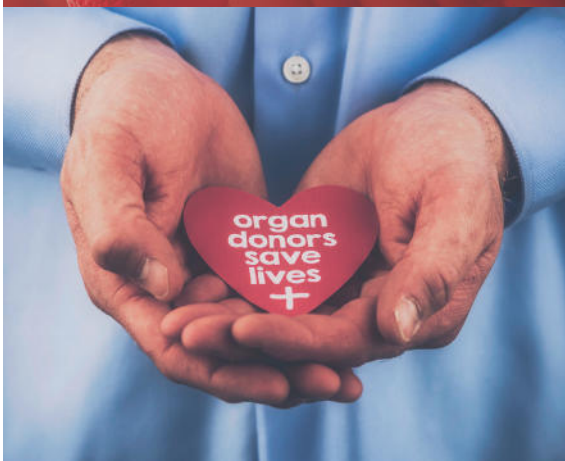
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Elderly housing property in Pgh 5 yrs experience in overall Building preventative maint, Estimate time & extent of repairs, maintain grounds, oversee work performed by outside contractors maintain material & supply inventory. Knowledge of fire protection sprinkler system, electrical, plumbing and HVAC systems. EOE. Send resume to tomlinson@ehdoc.org

KITCHEN & BATH INSTALLER

Shadyside Mgt. Co. needs experienced person w/ drivers lic & trans to install kits & baths & do minor carpentry repairs in area apts expert or novice installer OK, FT career positions w/ salary & signing bonus matched to expertise. Compensation range: \$32,000 - \$40,000. Signing bonus range: \$1,500 - 3,000.

MOZART - 412-682-7003
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Accounting / Finance

PAYROLL SPECIALIST-Assoc. Degree in Acctg. and/or on-the-job training in payroll/acctg. of no less than 3 yrs. preferred. Excellent math, including complex computations and accurateness, computer skills incl. word processing & financial software. Exceptional payroll, acctg., databases/spread sheets expertise, verbal/written communication & organizational skills req. Competitive salary/benefits. Professional candidates should send letter, resume, references transcripts/certificates and current clearances to Dr. Bryan O'Black, Asst. Superintendent, Shaler Area School Dist., 1800 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw, PA 15116 or email: oblackb@sasd.k12.pa.us by December 23, 2019. EOE

EMPLOYMENT

General Help Wanted

MAINTENANCE Shadyside Mgt. Co. seeks person w/bldg-type maint skills w/trans & small tools to work in area hi-rise & garden apts, FT career pos, w/ salary & signing bonus matched to expertise. Compensation range: \$32,000-40,000. Signing bonus range: \$1,500-3,000.

MOZART - 412-682-7003
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Communications Director

Township of Moon seeks a full-time Communications Director. Details on the position and instructions on how to apply at moontwp.com.

Trades

ROOFERS, SERVICE FOREMEN & SERVICE HELPERS Centimark Roofing is looking for laborers and roofers. Must have own transportation. \$17.00 an hour starting wage. Competitive wages w/Benefits. EOE. Contact Dave 724-514-8630. Drug Free Workplace.

Hospitality

Thai Place of Shadyside, Inc. d/b/a Thai Place Restaurant seeks a Food Server in Wexford, PA. Hours: Mon-Thur 11-2 & 5-9, Fri 11-2 & 5-10, Sat 5-9. Resume to: sthamwiwat@yahoo.com

Accounting / Finance

EMPLOYMENT

MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL

Multiple positions available at Suzanne & Associates LLC in Pittsburgh PA.

Provide Mental Health services & treatment to children, adolescents &/or adults w/ mental health, autism &/or behavioral disorders. Provide assessment, treatment, progress monitoring, referral & consultation to patients, family & patient network.

Must have Master's or foreign equiv in psych, social work, counseling, special ed or mental health; valid PA Behavior Specialist license to work w/ children or adolescents w/ autism spectrum disorders & at least 3 yrs post-Master's work exp in child/adolescent mental health counseling or in a CASSP system (ex: CYS, Juvenile Justice, Mental Health, Special Ed or Drug & Alcohol Program).

Regular travel in Pittsburgh, PA metro area to meet w/ clients at home, schools, other facilities. No overnight travel outside Pgh metro region. No fixed itinerary.

40 hrs/wk. OT as needed.

Flex work schedule to fit client schedules. Some evening/weekend hrs on scheduled or unscheduled emergency basis.

Send resumes to HR Dept, Suzanne & Associates LLC 110 Fort Couch Road, 2nd Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15241 or hr@shs-pgh.org

Engineering / Technical

Software Engineer (Multiple Openings)

Duolingo, Inc. has multiple openings for Software Engineers in Pittsburgh, PA to perform software engineering tasks on Duolingo's language education software. Duties: (i) under supervision, research, design, and develop software in conjunction with language education product design; (ii) collaborate on full-stack software projects; (iii) analyze and plan implementation of specifications from design team to change/add features of mobile application; (iv) work within a team to determine deadlines and time frames; (v) apply principles and techniques of computer science, engineering, and mathematical analysis to analyze software application requirements to determine feasibility of design within time and cost constraints; (vi) design test plans, scenarios, scripts, and/or procedures and run A/B testing on new/changed features of the application, and use statistical analysis/techniques to analyze test data; (vii) identify, analyze, and document software application defects, changes, and implementations; (viii) write and present summaries of statistical analysis of features to team; (ix) submit code to be reviewed by superiors, and review coding of peers and contractors; and (x) submit finished projects to quality assurance team. Requirements: Bachelor's degree in Computer Science or related field. Must have knowledge of (i) Java or Python; (ii) full-stack engineering; and (iii) statistical modeling. Email resume to jobs@duolingo.com with Job No. 20199 and Job Title Software Engineer in subject line.

Education

John Heinz Child Development Center in Pittsburgh is hiring a **Lead Toddler Teacher** for 2 year olds. A minimum of an Associate Degree in ECE or a related field with at least 18 ECE credits. Salary dependent on degree and credentials. Company paid health insurance and PTO days. Send resume to jhcdc.pgh@gmail.com or call 412 261-0373 X1.

Curriculum and Software Service Assistant (12 month Position)

Requirements: Bachelor's Degree. GSuite or Office 365 Certification, teaching experience preferred, but not necessary. Applicant must possess strong organizational and analytical skills with effective mastery of computer applications and software skills (particular proficiency using spreadsheets); expertise in technology equipment and software operations; ability to work with a wide range of end-user interests/skill levels and have knowledge of the curriculum process and applications appropriate for diverse instructional settings/user abilities. Applicant must communicate and collaborate effectively as a part of a cohesive team with district and community groups. Position available January 1,2020. salary range \$45-\$55,000, based on experience.

Applicants for this position should send a letter of interest and resume to Mr. Michael Porembka, Assistant Superintendent by November 29, 2019.

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EMPLOYMENT

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This is an entry level position. Experience in the clerical field is required.

The candidate should have strong computer skills, have a high degree of multi-tasking and time management capability, excellent written and verbal communication skills, foster a positive working environment and have a friendly demeanor. The candidate should also have the ability to learn quickly and retain information.

Candidate must be willing to consent to a background and credit check. The Office of the Chapter 13 Trustee is an EO employer and employs without regard to race, sex, creed, religion, disability, or national origin. This position does not constitute a government position.

Send resumes and salary requirements to HR@chapter13trusteedwpa.com
Subject line: File Clerk

HEAD COACH WOMEN'S VOLLEYBALL

Waynesburg University, A Christian, liberal arts, NCAA Division III institution seeks applicants for a Head Women's Volleyball Coach.

The head coach is responsible for, but not limited to, recruiting quality student athletes, practice organization, staff hiring/development, game scheduling, budget oversight, supervise the Waynesburg University Men's Club Volleyball team, student athlete development, academic monitoring, and positive alumni relations. Strong vision and leadership skills required. Applicants must show a willingness to advance the mission of Waynesburg University while adhering rules and policies established by Waynesburg University as well as NCAA Division III and President's Athletic Conference policies and rules.

This is a full-time, 12-month position reporting to the Athletic Director, who may assign additional duties. Qualifications include a bachelor's degree (masters preferred), 3-5 years of successful coaching in college or high school and excellent communication and personal skills. A valid driver's license will also be required, as the successful candidate may have to drive a university vehicle at times. Salary is commensurate with qualifications and experience. The successful candidate must demonstrate a strong Christian faith, a commitment to the University's Mission, and a demonstrated commitment to that faith, through his/her professional responsibilities, teaching, relationships and the mentoring of students.

Send resume/cv and letter of interest, along with a written statement that demonstrates the relationship between the candidate's profession and his/her Christian faith, and names/addresses/phone numbers of five references. Include transcripts (unofficial copies are acceptable initially).

APPLY TO THE HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE
Waynesburg University, 51 West College Street, Waynesburg, PA 15370
E-MAIL: hr@waynesburg.edu
Review of applicants will begin immediately and continue until the position is filled.

Education

ENGLISH / COMMUNICATIONS 7-12

English and Communications 7-12 Certifications Preferred **Communications 7-12 Certification Considered** (Permanent Position)

Position will include secondary Language Arts classes and elective courses in the Performing Arts. Experience in teaching performing arts courses including, but not limited to, theatre, dance and choreography preferred.

Position available immediately. Applicants for this position should send a letter of interest and resume to Mr. Michael Porembka, Assistant Superintendent by December 20, 2019.

Accounting / Finance

100 Tax Preparers Needed. Jackson Hewitt Tax Service is seeking applicants to join our **TAX PRO TEAM** for a seasonal position. **FREE 2 WEEK TRAINING STARTS JAN. 6th.** At various times and locations, throughout the Greater Pittsburgh area. **CALL 412-563-9000, TO SCHEDULE AN INTERVIEW!**

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Engineering / Technical

Mechanical Engineer

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Location: National Rubber Corporation, 367 Morganza Road, Canonsburg, PA 15317

Engineering / Technical

LANSBERRY, Deanna a/k/a Deanna L. Lansberry, deceased of Coraopolis, PA No. 04920 of 2019. Tracey Ellis, Extr., c/o Jennifer Rose, Esq., Julian Gray Associates, 954 Greentree Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

FRIEDMAN, Beverly J., deceased of Monroeville, PA. No. 006895 of 2019. Joseph Friedman, Extr., 118 Traymore Ln., Media, PA 19063 or to William G. Merchant, Esq., Papernick & Gelsky, One Oxford Centre, 34th Fl., 301 Grant St., Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

HIBLER, Audrey F. a/k/a Audrey Hibler, deceased of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 06806 of 2019. Robert F. Hibler, Jr., Extr., 142 W. Bruceton Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15236 or to Michael D. Seymour, Esq., 1431 Potomac Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15216.

DOERR, William F., deceased of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 06714 of 2019. Christine M. Vogel, Admrx., 149 Washington Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

YAGULLI, JoEllen a/k/a JoEllen Hoover, deceased of South Fayette Township, PA. No. 06906 of 2019. Teresa L. Harper, Extr., 137 Barrington Dr., Oakdale, PA 15071.

Sales Marketing

Marketing Specialist

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LANSBERRY, Deanna a/k/a Deanna L. Lansberry, deceased of Coraopolis, PA No. 04920 of 2019. Tracey Ellis, Extr., c/o Jennifer Rose, Esq., Julian Gray Associates, 954 Greentree Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

FRIEDMAN, Beverly J., deceased of Monroeville, PA. No. 006895 of 2019. Joseph Friedman, Extr., 118 Traymore Ln., Media, PA 19063 or to William G. Merchant, Esq., Papernick & Gelsky, One Oxford Centre, 34th Fl., 301 Grant St., Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

HIBLER, Audrey F. a/k/a Audrey Hibler, deceased of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 06806 of 2019. Robert F. Hibler, Jr., Extr., 142 W. Bruceton Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15236 or to Michael D. Seymour, Esq., 1431 Potomac Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15216.

DOERR, William F., deceased of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 06714 of 2019. Christine M. Vogel, Admrx., 149 Washington Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

YAGULLI, JoEllen a/k/a JoEllen Hoover, deceased of South Fayette Township, PA. No. 06906 of 2019. Teresa L. Harper, Extr., 137 Barrington Dr., Oakdale, PA 15071.

ARTHUR, William Joseph a/k/a William J. Arthur, deceased of Verona, PA. No. 06863 of 2019. Christine Marie Arthur, Admrx., 737 Washington Ave., Apt. 2, Carnegie, PA 15106 or to John P. Donovan & Associates, LLC, 434 Allegheny River Blvd., Ste. 200, Oakmont, PA 15139.

TUCKER, Nancy, deceased of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 06560 of 2019. Clarke R. Tucker, Sr., Co-Extr., 346 Canterbury Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15238; Clarke Reed Tucker, Jr., Co-Extr., 120 Riverview Terrace, Pittsburgh, PA 15215 or to Carolyn A.W. Whitworth, Esq., Tucker Arensberg, P.C., 1500 One PPG Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

HARDEK, Dorothy H., deceased of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 06788 of 2019. Teresa Harris, Admrx., 297 Montana St., Irwin, PA 15642 or to Kathleen Smith-Delach, Esq., Phillips, Phillips & Smith-Delach, P.C., 29 E. Beau St., Washington, PA 15301.

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SCOTTY, Marie A. McConnell a/k/a Marie Scotty, deceased of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 07018 of 2019. Karen Milko, Extr., c/o Ryan R. Mick, Esq., Mick & Wallisch LLC, 310 Grant St., Ste. 2317, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

THOMAS, Roberta J., deceased of South Fayette Township, PA. No. 05553 of 2019. Nancy T. Hillman, Extr., c/o Albert C. Odermatt, Esq., 429 Fourth Ave., Ste. 2105, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

SLOAN, Margaret F., deceased of the Borough of Oakmont, PA. No. 06815 of 2019. Nancy Sloan, Extr., c/o R. Jerry Little, Atty. at Law, 601 Washington Ave., Oakmont, PA 15139.

MACKIN, Frances R., deceased of the Borough of Bethel Park, PA. No. 06770 of 2019. Dean Mackin, Extr., 1555 Staunton Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108 or to Anthony M. Tedesco, Esq., One Gateway Center, 16th Fl., 420 Ft. Duquesne Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

ZUKOWSKI, Marguerite M., deceased of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 06723 of 2019. Michelle Scullis, Extr., 51 Calvin Dr., McKees Rocks, PA 15136 or to Edward P. Wojnarowski, Jr., Esq., One Gateway Center, 16th Fl., 420 Ft. Duquesne Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

AMENDOLA, David P. a/k/a David Paul Amendola, deceased of Elizabeth Township, PA. No. 06572 of 2019. Karl Anthony Amendola, Admrx., 311 Garden Center Ct., North Huntingdon, PA 15642 or to Daniel P. Beisler, Esq., 41 Robbins Station Rd., North Huntingdon, PA 15642.

SOWA, John G., deceased, of White Oak, PA. No. 06949 of 2019. Virginia L. Sowa, Admrx., 1600 Lower Heckman St., White Oak, PA 15131, or to Weston P. Pesillo, Esq., 1714 Lincoln Way, White Oak, PA 15131.

CESSNA, JR., Blair M., deceased, of Nokomis, FL. No. 06991 of 2019. Donna M. Mann, Extr., 13 Weber Rd., Jeannette, PA 15644, or to Molly M. Creenan, Esq., Creenan & Baczkowski, PC, 3907 Old William Penn Hwy., Ste. 304, Murrysville, PA 15668.

LELONIS, Richard M., deceased, of The City of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 06877 of 2019. Jack Demmy, Admrx. C.T.A., c/o John W. Giltinan, Esq., P.C., Atty., Three Gateway Center, 401 Liberty Ave., Ste. 1460, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-1004.

INGRAM, Robert R. a/k/a Robert Rhea Ingram, deceased, of N. Fayette Twp. PA. No. 03246 of 2017. William R. Ingram, Admrx., 1312 Bigger Rd., Bulger, PA 15019, or to Gary M. Zyra, Esq., 525 Carothers Ave., Carnegie, PA 15106.

MITZEL, Howard J., deceased, of Shaler Township, PA. No. 06984 of 2019. Timothy S. Mitzel, Extr., c/o John W. Giltinan, Esq., P.C., Atty., Three Gateway Center, 401 Liberty Ave., Ste. 1460, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-1064.

SMITH, Marie C., deceased, of Verona, PA. No. 05838 of 2019. Joseph A. Nese, Jr., Esq., and Extr., 7883 Salsburg Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15239.

EVANS, Elizabeth O., deceased, of Scott Township, PA. No. 06393 of 2019. Nancy C. Oswald, Extr., c/o Nicole L. Phatak, Esq., Cohen & Grigsby, P.C., Atty., 625 Liberty Ave., 7th Fl., Pittsburgh, PA 15222-3152.

PUPIK, Joan M. a/k/a Joan Marie Pupik, deceased, of South Park, PA. No. 06982 of 2019. Joan O. Pupik, Extr., 3020 Duncan Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15236, or to Dale P. Frayer, Esq., 250 Mt. Lebanon Blvd., Ste. 207, Pittsburgh, PA 15234.

ZELT, Albert R. a/k/a Albert R. Zelt, Jr., deceased, of Upper St. Clair Township, PA. No. 06097 of 2019. Albert R. Zelt, III and Roger P. Zelt and Frederick B. Zelt, Co-Extrs., c/o 133 Copperwood Dr., Bethel Park, PA 15102, or to Stephen F. Ban, Esq., c/o Metz Lewis Brodman Must O'Keefe LLC, 535 Smithfield St., Ste. 800, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

SCHNEIDER, Joseph J., deceased, of Allison Park, PA. No. 06908 of 2019. Patricia A. Copelin, Admrx., 45 Ramsey Rd., Cheswick, PA 15024, or to Laurel Hartshorn, Esq., PO Box 553, Saxtonburg, PA 16056.

SCHRECK, Jeanne Mary a/k/a Jeanne B. Schreck, deceased, of Bethel Park, PA. No. 05436 of 2019. John E. Schreck, Extr., c/o Karen S. Timko, CELA, and Julian Gray Associates, 954 Greentree Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

YAWORSKI, Elizabeth H. a/k/a Elizabeth Yaworski, deceased, of Scott Township, PA. No. 06688 of 2019. Debra L. Rozsa, Extr., c/o Edward L.

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YAWORSKI, Walter, deceased, of Scott Township, PA. No. 06687 of 2019. Debra L. Rozsa, Extr., c/o Edward L. Kelly, Esq., Jones, Gregg, Creehan & Gerace, LLP, 411 Seventh Ave., Ste. 1200, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

STEINER, Lorraine A., deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 07086 of 2019. Michele Rosen, Extr., 5425 Fifth Ave., #207, Pittsburgh, PA 15232, or to George J. Petrone, Esq., 113 Harlow St., Pittsburgh, PA 15218-1615.

HEINE, Catherine T., deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 06651 of 2019. Linda K. Johnston, Extr., 134 Eileen Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15214, or to Scott E. Kasbee, Esq., 3371 Babcock Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

FETZER, Lois S., deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 07056 of 2019. PNC Bank, National Association, Extr., c/o Stuart N. Hutchison, III, Esq., K & L Gates, K & L Gates Center, 210 Sixth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

KINGSBAKER, Suzanne L., deceased, of Monroeville, PA. No. 07063 of 2019. Daniel B. Unikel, Extr., c/o James J. Loll, Esq., James J. Loll, PC, 1122 Third St., Beaver, PA 15009.

BIANCHI, Evelyn Dorothy, a/k/a Evelyn D. Bianchi, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 06834 of 2019. Donna Snyder, Extr., 1809 Orchard St., Pittsburgh, PA 15207, or to Alan I. Farber, Esq., 5301 Grove Rd., Suite M-106, Caste Village, Pittsburgh, PA 15236.

VEATCH, Regis, a/k/a Regis G. Veatch, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 06689 of 2019. Gail E. Weckman, Extr., 123 Sturm Lane, Rochester, PA 15074, or to Scott E. Kasbee, Esq., Scott Kasbee Law, PLLC, 3371 Babcock Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

PETROSSI, Joyce A., deceased, of Oakmont, PA. No. 06966 of 2019. John T. Siglow, Extr., 11 Kinderwood Dr., Marcellus, NY 13108, or to Anthony R. Sossa, Jr., Atty., 1310 Freepport Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15238.

SULLIVAN, John L., a/k/a John Louis Sullivan, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 06878 of 2019. Suzanne L. Sullivan, Extr., 119 Mary Ann Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15227, or to Sara A. Gasser, Esq., LLC, 2021 Sunset Blvd., Steubenville, OH 43952.

McDONALD, T. Patricia, deceased, of Clairton, PA. No. 07329 of 2018. Alan G. McDonald, Extr., 903 Broughton Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15236, or to Carl B. Zacharia, Esq., Zacharia Brown Law Offices, 111 West McMurray Rd., McMurray, PA 15317.

MATHIESON, Helen F., deceased, of Plum Borough, PA. No. 07128 of 2019. Peter F. Mathieson, Extr., 1909 Waterfront Place, Apt. 468, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, or to Lance A. Whiteman, Esq., Lovett Bookman Harmon Marks LLP, Liberty Center, Ste. 1150, 1001 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15222-3714.

SCOTT, Mary Ann, deceased, of Rankin, PA. No. 07102 of 2019. Beverly M. Scott, Extr., 209 Rankin Blvd., Rankin, PA 15109, or to Keltion M. Burgess, Esq., 1300 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

GLENN, Elizabeth E., a/k/a Elizabeth Esther Glenn, deceased, of Swissvale, PA. No. 06644 of 2019. Karen L. Holler, Extr., 301 Shadow Wood Court, Trafford, PA 15085, or to Joseph S. Bielecki, Esq., 1200 Sarah St., Pittsburgh, PA 15203.

MULVHILL, James W., deceased, of Mt. Lebanon, PA. No. 06357 of 2019. Diane Olivo, Extr., 101 Sleepy Hollow Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15216, or to Joseph S. Bielecki, Esq., 1200 Sarah St., Pittsburgh, PA 15203.

THOMPSON, Homer R., deceased, of Crafton Borough, Pittsburgh, PA. No. 06847 of 2019. Adrienne Kamara Thompson, Co-Extr., 146 E. Hollywood Ave., San Antonio, TX 78212 and Amanda Suzanne Thompson, Co-Extr., 2217 SW Elmwood Ave., Port St. Lucie, FL 34953, or to Joseph R. West, Esq., West & Zuberbuhler, PC, 2605 Nicholson Rd., Ste. 3200, Sewickley, PA 15143.

MIKOL, Joan H., a/k/a Joan Mikol, deceased, of Monroeville, PA. No. 07098 of 2019. Alan C. Mikol, Extr., 222 Ann St., Greensburg, PA 15601, or to Terrence M. Ging, Esq., 801 Vinal St., 3rd Fl., Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

THOMAS, Maryellen C., deceased, of Monroeville, PA. No. 07123 of 2019. Craig Thomas, Admr., 2288 Chapparral Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15239, or to Melvin P. Gold, Atty., Melvin P. Gold, LLC, 2520 Mosside Blvd., Monroeville, PA 15146.

TRUXAL, Robert P., deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 07160 of 2019. Keltion Burgess, Esq., and Admr., c/o Keltion M. Burgess, Esq., 1300 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

TIBERIO, Leonard, a/k/a Leonard A. Tiberio, deceased, of Carnegie, PA. No. 06924 of 2019. Virginia Wivell, Extr., 1921 Spring Valley Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15243, or to Gary M. Zyra, Esq., 525 Carothers Ave., Carnegie, PA 15106.

PURVIS, Elizabeth A., deceased, of McCandless Township, PA. No. 07115 of 2019. Rodger T. Purvis, Admr.,

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8360 Van Buren Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15237, or to Amy D. Rees, Atty., Sherrard, German & Kelly, P.C., 535 Smithfield St., Ste. 300, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

HANEY, John R., deceased, of Whitehall Borough, PA. No. 07074 of 2019. Father Joseph R. McCaffrey, Extr., 873 Maple Lane, Pulaski, PA 16143, or to James F. Nowalk, Esq., 4701 Baptist Rd., Ste. 203, Pittsburgh, PA 15227.

CLASSIC, Stephanie, deceased, of Dravosburg, PA. No. 06920 of 2019. Christopher J. Classic, Admr., 109 Fifth St., Dravosburg, PA 15304, or to Weston P. Pessillo, Esq., 1714 Lincoln Way, White Oak, PA 15131.

GEARHART, Sandra J., deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 07065 of 2019. Jeffrey S. Gearhart, Extr., 206 Iroquois Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15241, or to Jennifer Roller Chontos, Atty., Chontos & Chontos, P.C., 561 Beulah Rd., Turtle Creek, PA 15145.

STREET, Shirley Cornelius, a/k/a Shirley C. Street, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 06996 of 2019. Harold Kent Street, Extr., 1034 Mifflin Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15221, or to Kathleen D. Schneider, Attorney at Law, Law Offices of Kathleen D. Schneider, Regent Square Professional Bldg., 1227 South Braddock Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15218.

RICE, Thomas O., deceased, of Richland Township, PA. No. 07000 of 2019. Robert L. Saunders, Extr., c/o Michael S. Butler, Esq., Heritage Elder Law & Estate Planning LLC, 318 South Main St., Butler, PA 16001.

FISHER, Bernard, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 06631 of 2019. Beth Fisher, Co-Extr., 5636 Aylesboro Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15217 and Louisa Rudolph, Co-Extr., 16 W. Woodland Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15232, or to Joel Pfeiffer, Esq., Meyer, Unkovic & Scott LLP, 535 Smithfield St., Ste. 1300, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

WINSTON, Jr., William James, a/k/a Wm. J. Winston, a/k/a William M. Winston, Jr., deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 06543 of 2019. Zahra Winston, Extr., 310 Marsonia St., Pittsburgh, PA 15214, or to Daniel R. Tobin, Esq., 2000 Corporate Dr., Ste. 350, Wexford, PA 15090.

WALLY, Richard James, a/k/a Richard J. Wally, deceased, of Lower Burrell, PA. No. 6519-2086. Judith A. Wally, Admr., 2933 of Edgecliff Rd., Lower Burrell, PA 15068, or to Michael J. Girardi, Esq., 2773 Leechburg Rd., Lower Burrell, PA 15068.

RIGATTI, Patricia S., deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 05538 of 2019. Richard L. Rigatti, Jr., Extr., 197 Thurmond Rd., Satham, GA 30666-2865, or to Edwin W. Russell, Esq., Feldstein Grinberg Lang & McKee, P.C., 428 Blvd. of the Allies, Ste. 600, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

VIGLIO, Margaret C., deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 06008 of 2019. Marco J. Viglio, Co-Extr., 1260 Free Lane, Turtle Creek, PA 15145 or Christine Walsh, Co-Extr., 317 Rennie Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15236, or to Edwin W. Russell, Esq., Feldstein Grinberg Lang & McKee, P.C., 428 Blvd. of the Allies, Ste. 600, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

DOURADO, Robert B., deceased, of Wilkensburg, PA. No. 05086 of 2019. Ramon Dourado, Admr., c/o George B. Handelsman, Esq., 2143 Ardmore Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15221.

LOWE, Robert N., deceased, of Penn Hills, PA. No. 07210 of 2019. Ronni Traficante, Extr., 2271 Lancelot Dr., North Huntingdon, PA 15642.

SEIBERT, Irene M., deceased, of McKeesport, PA. No. 07147 of 2019. David Seibert, Co-Extr., 3923 Greenspring Ave., West Mifflin, PA 15122, and Maria Hrizo, Co-Extr., 920 Washington St., McKeesport, PA 15132, or to Colleen D. Bratkovich, Esq., Zacharia & Brown, PC, 4500 Walnut St., McKeesport, PA 15132.

HOCK, Elizabeth, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 07218 of 2019. Donna M. Francis, Extr., 3754 Haven St., Pittsburgh, PA 15204, or to Joseph S. Bielecki, Esq., 1200 Sarah St., Pittsburgh, PA 15203.

KOLANO, John J., a/k/a John Kolano, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 06852 of 2019. Edward Kolano, Extr., 413 Legendary Lane, Mars, PA 16046, or to Joseph S. Bielecki, Esq., 1200 Sarah St., Pittsburgh, PA 15203.

SZRAMOWSKI, Jacqueline A., deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 07205 of 2019. Jacob Szramowski, Sr., Admr., 75 Seavey Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15223, or to Laura F. DeFratte, Esq., Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott LLC, 600 Grant St., 44th Fl., Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

NONAMAKER, Edward R., deceased, of Turtle Creek, PA. No. 07153 of 2019. Danella A. Williams, Admr., 523 Jackson Dr., Apollo, PA 15613, or to Molly M. Creenan, Atty., Creenan & Baczkowski, PC, 3907 Old William Penn Hwy., Ste. 304, Murrysburg, PA 15668.

FITZGERALD, Michael A., deceased, of Cranberry Township, PA. No. 10-19-0994 of 2019. Michael J. Fitzgerald, Admr., 6361 Blenheim Place, Ocean Isle Beach, NC 28469, or to Ozdinec LLC, 20399 Route 19, Ste. 200, Cranberry Township, PA 16066.

Estate Notices

NOTICE OF TRUST ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given of the administration of The Ruth A. Jaworski Living Trust dated June 6, 2011 pursuant to 20 Pa.C.S. § 775c. Ruth A. Jaworski, Grantor/Settlor of the Trust died on November 21, 2019, late of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. All persons indebted to said Trust are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay to: James A. Jaworski, Trustee, currently 151 Spencer Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15227, or to John A. D'Onofrio, Esq., P.C., located at 651 Holiday Drive, Ste. 400, Pittsburgh, PA 15220.

RUTH H. CULLEN TRUST
Ruth H. Cullen, Deceased, of Whitehall, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, died October 31, 2019. Prior to her death, she established the Ruth H. Cullen Trust. No Personal Representative has been appointed. Notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to Ruth H. Cullen to make payment and to those having claims against her to present them to: Paul T. Cullen, Trustee, c/o Robert J. Winters, Esquire, Goehring, Rutter & Boehm, 437 Grant Street, Suite 1424, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

Bids and Proposals

2019 OFFICIAL NOTICE
ROSS/WEST VIEW
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES AUTHORITY
Request for Bid

The Board of Director's of the Ross/West View Emergency Medical Services Authority is requesting bid proposals for a used 2014 or newer medium duty emergency ambulance. Specifications, Bidder's information and instructions are available, during business hours at the Authority Headquarters located at 5325 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229 All bids must be received prior to 4:00 pm, Monday December 16, 2019, to the Authority Headquarters located at the address above. The Board of Director's of Ross/West View Emergency Medical Services Authority reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Bryan S. Kircher
Executive Director

Fox Chapel Area School District
Announcement: District Accepting Proposals for Superintendent Search Firms
Submission Deadline: December 18, 2019

The Fox Chapel Area School District is initiating a national search for a superintendent to replace the incumbent following his retirement in June 2020. The Board of Directors is soliciting proposals from executive search firms to assist in conducting all phases of the search process.

Experience and Qualifications:

- Demonstrated expertise and experience recruiting top quality superintendents and other high-level education leadership positions;
- Thorough understanding of all phases of the recruitment process;
- Ability to conduct a national search and attract candidates with diverse backgrounds and experience;
- Experience recruiting for positions in Pennsylvania;
- Commitment to stakeholder engagement and transparency;
- Ability to customize the search process to the needs of the FCASD.

Proposal Submission:

- Interested firms should submit their proposals by email to the FCASD Board Secretary, Kathleen Anuszek at Kathleen.Anuszek@fcasd.edu no later than 5:00 pm on December 18, 2019.
- Proposals should include, but are not limited to, the following information:
 - o A description of the firm or consultant's qualification and experience.
 - o An estimated search timeline.
 - o An estimate of fees, specific services included in stated fees, and services available for an additional fee.

Proposal Review and Selection:

- The Board search committee will review submitted proposals and conduct telephone interviews with candidate firms.
- The search committee will make its recommendation to the full board for its approval at the January 13, 2020 combined meeting.

Invitation for Bids (IFB) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that specifications and proposal forms for furnishing all labor and materials and professional consulting and/or construction services for the following project entitled: **BONVUE PHASE II PROJECT** may be obtained by emailing darnell@pittsburghnorthside.com or picked up at the offices of the **Northside Leadership Conference** located at 1319 Allegheny Avenue, 2nd Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15233 from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., beginning 12/08/19.

BIDS FOR ALL PROJECTS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 1 P.M. ON 12/23/19. Bids will be publicly opened immediately afterwards at the **Northside Leadership Conference**.

Bids must be on standard proposal forms in the manner therein described and be enclosed in a sealed envelope, bearing the name and address of the bidder on the outside, addressed to the **Northside Leadership Conference 1319 Allegheny Avenue,**

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2nd Floor, Pittsburgh PA 15233, and marked with the project name. Compliance is required with the Civil Rights Act of 1964; the Department of Labor Equal Opportunity Clause (41 CFR 60-1.4); Executive Order 11265 (Utilization of Minority Business Enterprise); Executive Order 12138 (Utilization of Female Business Enterprise); in compliance with Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; the Urban Redevelopment Authority MBE/WBE, which sets forth goals of 18 percent Minority and 7 percent Female Business Enterprise. If there are additional questions, please contact Darnell Jackson, Northside Leadership Conference Real Estate Director, at 412-231-4714 x205 or at darnell@pittsburghnorthside.com.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
Port Authority of Allegheny County
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FOR BOND UNDERWRITING SERVICES

Port Authority of Allegheny County (Authority) is requesting proposals from qualified investment banking firms to provide bond underwriting services for the Authority. Interested firms may obtain an electronic copy of the Request for Proposals (RFP) via e-mailing the following points of contact for the Authority's designated Financial Consultant, PFM Financial Advisors, LLC: Geoffrey W. Stewart, Managing Director stewartg@pfm.com With a copy of the request to: Matthew Magarity, Senior Analyst magaritym@pfm.com

A hard copy of the RFP may be requested via calling Mr. Stewart at (215)567-6100. The requesting firm may be invoiced for copying and mailing costs.

The deadline for submission of all questions related to this RFP shall be 5 p.m. Eastern time on December 13, 2019. The Authority plans to provide a written response to any questions received by no later than December 20, 2019. Questions should be e-mailed to Mr. Stewart, with a copy to Mr. Magarity, at the above-noted e-mail addresses. Proposals will only be accepted in PDF file format via e-mail to Mr. Stewart, with a copy to Mr. Magarity, at the above-referenced e-mail addresses. The electronic delivery of proposals must be received by the Authority's designated Financial Consultant by no later than 2:00 p.m. Eastern time on January 6, 2020. E-mail your proposal, with both delivery and read receipt confirmations requested, to Mr. Stewart, with a copy to Mr. Magarity, at the above-noted e-mail addresses.

The proposal process for this RFP and the performance of the requested bond underwriting services will be in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations, including all civil rights laws and regulations. The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, in its sole discretion.

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT
Port Authority of Allegheny County
REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL NO. 19-10

Port Authority of Allegheny County is requesting proposals for the performance of the following service ("Contract Services"):

SECONDARY WIDE AREA NETWORK CONNECTIVITY SERVICES

The work under the proposed Agreement consists of providing secondary and redundant Wide Area Network services to connect various critical locations and services areas within the Port Authority.

A copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP) will be available on or after December 5, 2019, and can be obtained by registering at the Port Authority e-business website: <https://www.portauthority.org/business-center/procurement/bidder-registration/>

and following the directions listed on the website. Please note that Proposers must register under the e-business category of PSITS - Pro Information Technology for this RFP. Proposers may also register in other categories for any future RFPs issued by Port Authority. If you have specific questions regarding this RFP, please contact Catherine Terrill at (412) 566-5188.

An Information Meeting for interested parties will be held at 09:30 a.m., prevailing time, December 18, 2019 in the Fifth Floor Board Room of Port Authority of Allegheny County's downtown offices, 345 Sixth Avenue to answer any questions regarding this RFP. A call-in number has been set up for the Information Meeting. The dial-in information is as follows:

- Toll Free Number: 1-866-602-6731
 - Conference ID #: 3648880#
- Hard copy proposals must be both delivered to, and time stamped by a representative of the Purchasing and Materials Management Department at or before 2:00 p.m., prevailing time, January 7, 2020, at the Purchasing and Materials Management Department, Port Authority of Allegheny County, 345 Sixth Avenue, Third Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15222-2527. Proposals received or time stamped in the Pur-

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chasing and Materials Management Department after the advertised time for the submission of proposals shall be non-responsive and therefore ineligible for award. Each Proposer shall be solely responsible for assuring that its proposal is timely received and time stamped in accordance with the requirements herein. This Contract Services may be funded, in part, by, and subject to certain requirements of the County of Allegheny and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The proposal process and the performance of the requested services will be in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Port Authority of Allegheny County, in compliance with 74 Pa.C.S. § 303, as may be amended, require that certified Diverse Businesses ("DBs") have the maximum opportunity to compete for, and perform contracts and subcontracts for, the Contract Services. In this regard, all Proposers, and the Contractor, shall make good faith efforts in accordance with 74 Pa.C.S. § 303, to ensure that DBs have the maximum opportunity to compete for, and perform contracts and subcontracts for, the Contract Services. Further, proposers and the Contractor shall also not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, age, disability, national origin, sex, sexual origin, gender identity or status as a parent in the award and performance of these Contract Services. Port Authority of Allegheny County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

OFFICIAL ADVERTISEMENT THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION of the SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSBURGH

Sealed proposals shall be deposited at the Administration Building, Bellefield Entrance Lobby, 341 South Bellefield Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15213, on December 17, 2019, until 2:00 P.M., local prevailing time for: Pgh. Beechwood PreK-8 Floor Replacement General and Asbestos Abatement Primes
Pgh. Langley K-8 Pneumatic Tubing Replacement Mechanical Prime
Pgh. Sterrett 6-8 Exterior Door Replacement General and Asbestos Abatement Primes
Pgh. Milliones 6-12 Unit Ventilator Replacement Mechanical Prime
Project Manual and Drawings will be available for purchase on November 18, 2019 at Modern Reproductions (412-488-7700), 127 McKean Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15219 between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. The cost of the Project Manual Documents is non-refundable. Project details and dates are described in each project manual.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL THE PITTSBURGH WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY ADVERTISEMENT
SEPARATE AND SEALED BIDS for the following solicitation, will be received by the Office of Procurement, Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority, 1200 Penn Ave., Second Floor, Pittsburgh, PA 15222, until 4:00 PM Prevailing Time, December 16, 2019.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
DEBT MANAGEMENT AND INVESTOR RELATIONS PLATFORM
PWSA PROJECT NO. PWSA134
The PWSA is seeking

Bulletin Board

ATTENTION: If you worked in Pittsburgh, PA at WESTINGHOUSE ELEVATOR a/k/a SCHINDLER ELEVATOR or OTIS ELEVATOR between 1966-1985, please contact Asbestos Investigator Sherry Day at (734) 878-5236 or sherry@SLDinvestigations.com.

General Help Wanted

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MUNICIPALITY OF PENN HILLS 102 DUFF ROAD, 15235

Laborer – Department of Public Works, Municipality of Penn Hills to perform manual tasks for road maintenance, park maintenance, sign crews, pipe crews, and related work as required. Preferably some knowledge of semi-skilled maintenance and manual tasks. Must be able to obtain CDL within 6 months. Beginning hourly rate \$23.28; medical benefits and life insurance after 6 months. PA CDL Class A Preferred at time of hire. Residency required within 12 months and during employment. Applications may be obtained during business hours at Penn Hills Municipal Building 102 Duff Road, 15235 or at www.pennhills.org. Completed applications marked "DPW Laborer" are due at Municipal Building by 4:00 P.M., Friday, December 6, 2019. EOE/ADA.

EMPLOYMENT

North Allegheny is seeking qualified applicants for the next

Principal of North Allegheny Senior High School,

which is comprised of approximately 1400 students in Grades 11 and 12, and over 140 staff.

The successful candidate will have demonstrated expertise in instructional leadership, staff supervision, overall management of building operations and collaboration with administrative colleagues.

Minimum two years' experience as an assistant principal, or related experience, is required; experience in a High School setting preferred.

The position is available January 2020.

Applicants must possess PA Principal Certification and can apply through Applicant Tracking on www.northallegeny.org by January 1, 2020. EOE

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proposals for a debt management and investor relations platform. The platform will be used to promote upcoming PWSA debt issuances. This includes the ability to post roadshows that can be accessed by potential investors. In addition, the platform will be used to optimize financial disclosures as well as keeping investors informed on all updates within the PWSA. All bids must be submitted in accordance with the solicitation that can be obtained by sending an e-mail to procurement@pgh2o.com. There will be no charge for the solicitation, as it will be sent via e-mail. All questions relating to the solicitation itself shall be to Thorny Simpson, Senior Contract Specialist, via e-mail: tsimpson@pgh2o.com, no later than December 11, 2019. All questions should be submitted electronically via email. No questions will be answered by phone. There will be no pre-proposal meeting for this solicitation. There are no bonds required for this solicitation and future agreement. The Contractor must assure that employees and applicants for employment are not discriminated against because of their race, color, religion, sexual preference, sex, or national origin. The bidders will be required to submit the package of certifications included with the contract documents relating to Equal Employment Opportunity. The Authority reserves the right to withhold the award of the Contract for a period of 90 days after the opening of the bids.

The Authority reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, and to waive any informality or minor irregularity in any bid or bids. The Authority also retains the right to investigate the qualifications of bidders prior to any award and to award contracts only to contractors who, in the sole judgment of the Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority are qualified and equipped to properly execute the specified work.

ROBERT A. WEIMAR, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR THE PITTSBURGH WATER AND SEWER AUTHORITY

Legal Notices

FINDLAY TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

The Findlay Township Zoning Hearing Board will consider the following petition at their meeting on December 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Findlay Township Municipal Building, 1271 Route 30, Clinton, Pennsylvania: *Hearing No. 19-16: Al. Neyer Inc. (for ACAA) is requesting a Height Variance from Section 117.307.1 for a building height to exceed 45 feet. The property is located at International Drive, Coraopolis, within the Heavy Industrial (HI) Zoning District. Anyone wishing to be heard is invited. Any person with a disability requiring a special accommodation to attend a meeting should notify Christopher Caruso at 724-695-0500. The facility is wheelchair accessible. Tony Patterson, Chairman

GDI Media Notice
Healthcare Administrative Partners ("HAP") recently experienced a data security incident that may have impacted limited protected health information (PHI). HAP is a medical coding partner assisting Gettysburg Diagnostic Imaging, PC ("GDI")

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Services and Business

Cleaning Services

Legal Notices

requesting a variance of Section 225-13F - Conversion of one family dwelling to two family at 19 Orchard Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15223, Lot & Block 221-D-208.

Marriage Licenses

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Kathe Wohlfahrt's handmade collectibles from Germany are sold at the Christkindmarkt, a Christmas market in the Steel Stacks in Bethlehem, Pa. Post-Gazette photos

Saying goodbye to Bob Cratchit and 'A Musical Christmas Carol'

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Bob Cratchit is hanging up his scarf and spending Christmas with his family — without the permission of Ebenezer Scrooge.

Pittsburgh actor Jeffrey Howell, a Pittsburgh CLO fixture in its summer season and at holiday time, decided that his 25th year as Scrooge's employer, in CLO's "A Musical Christmas Carol," will be his last.



Archie Carpenter

Emmett Kent is the final Tiny Tim for Jeffrey Howell's Bob Cratchit, who is hanging up his top hat and scarf after 25 years in the role for Pittsburgh CLO's "A Musical Christmas Carol."

Bethlehem

A Christmas star is born and thrives in Pa.

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

BETHLEHEM, Pa. — You don't have to follow a star to find your way to this Bethlehem, but you will see one when you arrive.

Shining down on the Lehigh Valley since 1937 is the Bethlehem Star, illuminating this former steel town known as Christmas City, U.S.A. The star, which can be seen for miles, sits on a tower at the highest point on South Mountain.

Bethlehem is a popular destination in December and the beginning of the new year. Its biggest draw is Christkindlmarkt, a Christmas market that is in its 27th year. Tents and traditional Christmas market huts are raised inside and outside the Steel Stacks complex, the site of the former Bethlehem Steel Works. Crafts, boutiques, a food tent with live music and igloo tents where you can warm up are all part of the market fun.

Kathe Wohlfahrt's handmade German decorations and ornaments are a centerpiece of the market (there is a smaller version in the People's Gas Holiday Market in Pittsburgh's Downtown Market Square).

In the courtyard last weekend, 19-year-old Gabe Crouthamel was giving an ice-carving demonstration.

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Christmas carriage rides start at the corner of Main and Church streets in Bethlehem, Pa.

"I'm not getting any younger," said Howell, who turns 64 in March. He has two granddaughters in Philadelphia. "I would like to be able to have a real family Christmas instead of spending it half asleep."

CLO is not letting him go without a big sendoff. On opening night Friday, at curtain call, executive producer Van Kaplan marched out to surprise Howell — along with seven Tiny Tims of "Musical Christmas Carols" past.

Howell had no idea what was going to happen as he reminisced on Tuesday about how he would miss his other Pittsburgh family, including the current Mrs. Cratchit, Lisa Ann Goldsmith, and fellow longtimers Tim Hartman, Daniel Krell (Mr. McFeely in "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood") and Terry Wickline, who retired from the production after 2018.

It was two years ago that Howell told CLO associate artistic director Mark Fleisher that the show was taking a physical toll — seven performances in three days. Onstage, he carries the actor playing Tiny Tim on his shoulders.

His first Tiny Tim was Paul Pakler, who played the role from 1992 to '95. Joe Serafini was another long-running Tim, 2005-09. Howell, who keeps up with graduating Cratchit kids on social media, pointed out that Serafini can be seen on the new "High School Musical" series on Disney+.

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Shadyside Bauhaus landmark the subject of a visual love letter

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Alan I W Frank still lives in the Shadyside home he watched his parents begin building in 1939.

Now the Bauhaus details that he knows so well are captured in a new book, "Alan I W Frank House: The Modernist Masterwork by Walter Gropius and Marcel Breuer" (Rizzoli, \$65).

In hundreds of letters to the house's designers, Robert and Cecilia Frank often emphasized that they wanted their mansion to have a warm, friendly feeling. Gropius, founder of the Bauhaus school of architecture, and Breuer, famed for his furniture designs, listened carefully to their clients while they collaborated on this house, their largest and most significant residential commission.

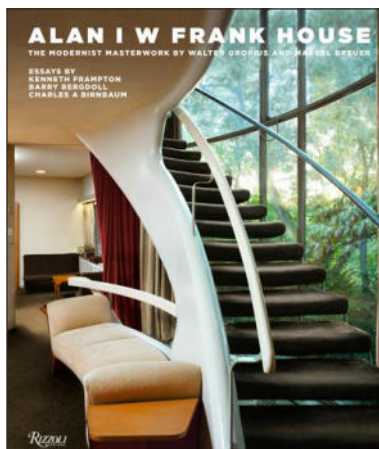
In a March 1939 letter, Gropius reassured his clients: "Kitchen, guest room and maids' rooms are all gen-

erously proportioned now. There is sufficient space around the guest beds, and kitchen and pantry space is ample for the biggest dinner. All the rooms, including the maids' rooms are of good size, so I don't think Mrs. Frank or you need worry..."

Robert, an engineer, and Cecilia, a tireless supporter of the Pittsburgh CLO and music groups, often held dinner parties for 20 or more people. Their dinner guests included actors, senators, ballerina Margot Fonteyn and the actor Sir John Gielgud.

Finished in 1940, the Frank house represents the first time Breuer created a floating, cantilevered stairway, a sensuous design that became his architectural signature. He also experimented with plywood, Lucite and zebra skin.

The commission presented a unique opportunity to unite design, textiles and landscape into a total work of art. The new book shows how brilliantly the architects succeeded.



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"Alan I W Frank House: The Modernist Masterwork by Walter Gropius and Marcel Breuer" is a new book about a house in Shadyside.

Page after page of black-and-white and color photographs by Ezra Stoller, Richard Barnes and Mr. Frank show how the architects' functional, precise designs and use of

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Alan I W Frank stands on the terrace of his home in Shadyside in May 2006. Architect Walter Gropius designed the house with furniture designed by Marcel Breuer.

A Christmas star is born and thrives in Bethlehem, Pa.

BETHLEHEM, FROM E-1

About five years ago, he picked up a chainsaw and joined his father's business, Sculpted Ice Works.

The food tent with live music and more boutiques is on the opposite side of the courtyard. Specialties include a German Gyro and German macaroni and cheese.

"The German Gyro consists of lamb and beef but has a sweet chili sauce instead of the cucumber sauce and it includes sauteed cabbage instead of lettuce and tomatoes," explained Judy Mallory of MMG Catering and Concessions.

Jenna Linke of Abington and her friends, Nicole Eberwein and Maureen McGinley, regularly make a pilgrimage to Bethlehem in December. The trio were decked out in holiday sweaters.

"This is our traditional kickoff to the holiday season — we have been doing it for 10 years," she said.

"What we love are all the unique things that you don't find in the big box stores. When you get here, it feels like Christmas."

Although Bethlehem is only an hour's drive from their homes in Philadelphia's suburbs, Pittsburghers should expect a 4½-hour drive. You will want to spend the night but be warned: There might not be room in an inn if you don't make reservations, especially during the holiday season. A favorite place to stay is the Historic Hotel Bethlehem on Main Street.

With a hospitable history dating back to 1741, the hotel is within walking distance of everything in the historic district as well as shops and many restaurants. The hotel's Tap Room is a very festive place to get a bite and in the evening there is often live music. Best to stop in and make a reservation for later in the day or you could be waiting a long time. Another option is the Hyatt Place Bethlehem, which is just a little more than a block from Main Street.

There is more to this town than eating, drinking and being merry. Head to the center of town to discover the



Christmas market uses the courtyard of Steel Stacks by the former Bethlehem Steel Works. Post-Gazette

colonial and industrial history of Bethlehem.

The city was founded in 1741 by a religious group from Moravia, a region in central Europe that is now part of the Czech Republic. They left Moravia over differences with the Catholic Church and came to America to worship in their own way. Married men and married women lived in separate quarters, as did single

men and women.

Learn more by visiting the Moravian Museum of Bethlehem, the Kemerer Museum of Decorative Arts or the Bethlehem Historical Visitor Center. You can schedule a walking tour, get tickets for Christmas carriage rides and find out about special events at the visitor center or at Historic Bethlehem (historicbethlehem.org or 1-800-360-TOUR).

Bethlehem, a very walkable small city, boasts the country's oldest continually operating bookstore and oldest continually maintained cemetery. God's Acre, the Old Moravian Cemetery, is surrounded by colonial-era homes and has many still legible grave markers from the Revolutionary and Civil wars.

For a more modern revolution, there is the National



Gabe Crouthamel carves an angel ice sculpture at the Christkindmarkt in Bethlehem. Post-Gazette

Museum of Industrial History, a satellite museum of the Smithsonian Institution that covers America's industrial revolution and the history of the nearby Bethlehem Steel Works. It is located on the south side of town near the Christmas markets. A shuttle runs back and forth all day between the industrial and historic sections.

Museum visitors get a time card when they enter and punch out when they leave.

"Bethlehem Steel had 52 miles of railroad track just inside the plant," said John Mikovits, a museum guide and former Bethlehem Steel employee "It closed 24 years ago."

The rusting behemoth towers over the Christmas market, reminding visitors of America's varied history. If winter driving is not your thing, visit Bethlehem another time of year. The Musikfest in Historic Bethlehem is held in August.

An itinerary

- Leave Pittsburgh by 8 a.m.

- Arrive at Steel Stacks and the Christmas market at 12:30 p.m. Parking is free; the market ticket is \$10. Explore, shop and have lunch.

- Visit the National Museum of Industrial History, which also has free parking. Tickets are \$12, \$9 for ages 7-17, free for kids 6 and under.

- Check into your hotel and make a dinner reservation.

- Head to the Historic Bethlehem Visitor Center. Book a tour or a carriage ride (Bethlehem Carriage Co. or 1-610-730-4973; tickets \$15-\$89). Check out more Christmas market booths.

- After dinner, stop by the Hotel B Ice Cream Parlor for a Moravian sundae or banana split.

- The next morning, take a tour of the Kemerer Museum of Decorative Arts and walk through the Moravian Colonial Industrial Historic District, which is just behind the Historic Bethlehem Hotel.

Saying goodbye to Bob Cratchit and 'A Musical Christmas Carol'

CAROL, FROM E-1

Now it's Howell's turn to move on, and 25 years seemed like "a nice round number" to say goodbye.

Over the years, he became known for entertaining the Cratchit kids with puppet shows during long breaks between stage appearances. He also kept them in line, "gently," he said. "They all got it pretty quick if they are asked not to do something again."

Howell also became known for his antics from the wings, where cast members could see him but he was out of the view of the audience. He once asked to be hooked up to a flight harness

and was dancing around in a top hat and holding an umbrella. As his castmates watched, he opened the umbrella and took flight.

"Everyone seemed to get a kick out of that one," he said.

Then there was that time a couple of years ago that was even scarier than the Ghost of Christmas Yet to Come. He got clipped in the head by an errant piece of scenery.

"It was a glancing blow, so it wasn't bad. It sounded worse that it was, but you could hear the gasp in the audience," Howell recalled. "I almost fell, but I caught myself, and went right to my desk."

The stage manager and

others offstage looked on expectantly, and that year's Scrooge, Tony-nominee Patrick Page, came over and asked if Howell was OK.

"I gave a thumb's up," he said.

A sigh of relief rippled through the Byham Theater, and the show went on.

It is going on again at the Byham through Dec. 22, with Howell as the kindly father of seven, a victim of his employer's ill will until Scrooge gets in the Christmas spirit.

In Christmases future, Jeffrey Howell will be sitting in the audience.

"I've loved every minute of it," he said. "I don't know what that will feel like, but I

PREVIEW

'A Musical Christmas Carol'

Where: Pittsburgh CLO at the Byham Theater, Downtown.

When: Through Dec. 22. Opening weekend: 7:30 p.m. Friday (no performance Dec. 13); noon, 4 and 8 p.m. Saturday and noon and 4 p.m. Sunday.

Tickets: \$31-\$62, pittsburgh-clo.org or 412-456-6666.



Tim Hartman, a 28-year veteran of Pittsburgh CLO's "A Musical Christmas Carol" in multiple roles, hovers over the Cratchit family, with Jeffrey Howell and Lisa Ann Goldsmith as Mr. and Mrs. Cratchit, in the 2017 edition of the show. Matt Polk

really look forward to watching it with my granddaughters."

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By Michelle Keane Domeisen

home with handmade floral arrangements for the holidays. Creative satisfaction and cost savings are both compelling reasons to give arranging a try. All it takes is some ingenuity, access to inexpensive floral materials and a fresh look at the garden.

Start in your garden. The fine texture of pine, cedar and other conifers combine well with broadleaf evergreens such as Pieris japonica, boxwood and rhododendron. A mix of textures brings interest to an arrangement. Less common evergreens such as Japanese plum yew (*Cephalotaxus* spp.) or the golden foliage of false cypress (*Chamaecyparis pisifera*) add variety that you won't find in a florist shop. Avoid spruce, hemlock and blue holly as they do not hold up well in indoor arrangements.

Add vertical interest to larger arrangements with branches from white birch (*Betula papyrifera*), magnolia and red or yellow twig dogwoods (*Cornus sericea*). Winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*) adds punch to any arrangement with its vibrant red berries.

Hydrangea flowers will need to be dried before a hard freeze sets in. Place cut stems in a vase of water and allow the water to evaporate to preserve the flowers. White stalks of Russian sage (*Perovskia atriplicifolia*), ornamental grass seedheads and dried hydrangea can be sprayed with hair spray to ensure they remain intact. Seed heads,

branches and pinecones add subtle distinction.

An arrangement comprised of natural materials can last through December, but if you're entertaining you may want to add flowers, too. Choose flowers with long vase life and sturdy stems. Orchids, amaryllis, star of Bethlehem (*Ornithogalum umbellatum*), protea such as blushing bride (*Serruria florida*), spider flowers (*Grevillea banksia*), blue thistle (*Eryngium planum*) and ornamental cabbage and kale (*Brassica oleracea*) are long-lasting and unique flowers. Other unexpected choices include bells of Ireland (*Molucella laevis*), parrot tulips and ranunculus. Silver ragwort (*Jacobea maritima*), starflower pods (*Scabiosa stellata*), brunia (*Brunia laevis*) and eucalyptus add texture to the mix.

Arrangements placed on a mantel or perched high in an urn look great with trailing red amaranthus (*Amaranthus caudatus*), hanging pepperberry (*Schinus molle*) or delicate corkscrew willow (*Salix matsudana*) draping down the sides.

Fruit and nuts are timeless additions to holiday arrangements. Oranges dotted with cloves, lemons, limes, walnuts and almonds are all splendid additions to a bed of mixed evergreens.

Consider where you will place the arrangement. A centerpiece for a dining table should be no higher than the height of your elbow to the top of your fist. Translated into inches, it's an arrangement no taller than 14 inches high so your guests can see each other across the table. For an



Michelle Keane Domeisen
Combine fruit, nuts, white pine and cedar for a simple, beautiful holiday arrangement.



upright arrangement to go on a table in an entry or on a sideboard, the rule of thumb is up to twice the height of the vase. Some of that height is best achieved using lighter components such as branches rather than dense evergreens.

Any sturdy container will work, including unique bowls, teapots or lined baskets. An old caned rocking chair with the seat cut out can be the base for a gorgeous porch or foyer arrangement.

Floral foam works best for an arrangement of greens to last through the holidays. Soak the foam thoroughly and keep it about 1 inch higher than the vessel. Secure the foam with floral tape and evenly insert greens all over. Leave space for flowers and other elements. Plan where you want to insert stems

into the foam. Multiple attempts with the same stem weakens the foam. Remove leaves and needles from the portion of the stem that will be inserted into the foam. Use small gauge floral wire or picks to attach fruit and nuts. Keep checking the inside of the container through the holidays and topping it off with water to ensure that the arrangement will last.

By combining nature's offerings just outside your door with some flowers or fruits, floral arrangements reflecting your personality and style will be the star of your holiday décor.

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Bride uninvited friend for calling fiance loser

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Q: My friend and I had a big falling out over her boyfriend (now fiance) and she said I am no longer invited to her wedding. I basically told her this guy is a loser and she could do better. She asked me my opinion and I gave it to her. Now she's mad. I have tried to apologize to her but she hasn't been willing to take my calls. We have been friends for a very long time and I think she is being really petty. She's told me how she has felt about my exes, so why aren't I allowed to tell her the same? What should I do? I don't want this to break up a decade-long friendship.—**FEELING LIKE A LOSER**

DEAR FEELING LIKE A LOSER: Send flowers and a handwritten apology note. Damage control is necessary here to salvage this friendship because it sounds as though you overstepped your place in the relationship.

Did she ask you for your opinion on him? Was this a little bit of payback for all the things that she said about your exes over the years? Think about why you said what you said to her. It really isn't your place to tell her if she can do better unless she came to you specifically asking you for your thoughts, but judging by her reaction, I'm guessing that wasn't the case.

I would write her an apology, explaining that you realize now that what you said was unwarranted and hurtful. If he creates happiness for her, then you are glad for that. Explain that you don't expect to be invited to the wedding, but would still love to be there for her. After you send the flowers and note, give it some time. My guess is that she will soften and come around. People get very territorial about their romantic relationships so you have to recognize that his place in her world most likely takes precedence over her other relationships now. Be willing to keep your lip zipped about your feelings and just try and move forward. At the end of the day, if he really is bad news, she will figure it out. Just don't tell her "I told you so."

Q: With all the holiday madness happening, I thought it would be fun to take my best friend away for the weekend. She works two jobs and is a single parent to

two young children. When I proposed the idea, she became really upset and said she couldn't afford something like that. I told her it was my gift to her. Instead of being thankful, she is now avoiding me. She said it was "too much to spend on her" and she didn't want to be "indebted to anyone." I'm really offended by her and think she owes me an apology. Is this what happens when you try to do something nice?—**BE GRATEFUL**

DEAR BE GRATEFUL: I think you need to take a seat. Put yourself in her shoes here for a moment.

While it was very generous of you to offer a weekend away, imagine how that might make her feel. She can't "pay that back" so to speak, and her sense of pride may be the cause of why she is avoiding you. She may feel embarrassed or overwhelmed.

Instead of expecting an apology, why not reach out to her with some compassion. Either call her or text her to explain that you didn't mean to upset her, you just wanted to show her how strong and amazing she is by gifting her some rest and relaxation. Then tell her that if the weekend is too much, you would love to just take her to lunch or for a pedicure or something.

If child care is an issue, you would be happy to pay for a sitter for just a few hours so that she can get some rest to recharge. Or bring lunch over to her, instead. Meet her where she is, at whatever comfort level she is at for the moment. For you, a weekend of pampering may be just what the doctor ordered, but she may not be in a place to receive such a gift. Self care means different things to different people, so find out what she needs and what you can do to make her life a little easier. I think she is lucky to have someone who wants to support her as much as you!

Networking Tip of the Week: Want a conversation? Don't make it an interview. Ask open-ended questions that you can respond and add to so the conversation is less of a pingpong match and more fluid.

Send questions to magazine@post-gazette.com.

Commentary

This column contains advice. The author's name has been withheld at the writer's request.

A visual love letter to a Bauhaus landmark

HOUSE, FROM E-1

luxurious fabrics created inviting, uncluttered spaces.

Everything is intact, including fixtures, furnishings and even a leather-covered Liberty radio on which the Frank family heard the devastating news of the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor.

The book was a year in the making.

"A lot of the color photography we started about 12 years ago," Mr. Frank said in a telephone interview.

For the past 13 years, he has worked to preserve the house. Page & Turnbull, an architectural firm from California, and Wiss, Janney, Elstener Associates of Illinois were consulted.



Richard Barnes/© 2019 Alan I W Frank House Foundation and Alan I W Frank photographed in 2008.

Several years ago, Mr. Frank traveled to Minnesota to find stone that matched the pink-buff Kasota limestone that covers the exterior. Curtains and textiles designed by

Anni Albers have become worn after 80 years and will have to be reproduced.

Mr. Frank is especially proud of his late father's careful engineering.

"The pool is just like it

was when it was built," he said. "The pool hasn't shifted a 16th of an inch since it was built."

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13 WQED	Members' Favorite (6)		Members' Favorite					
16 WINP	"Christmas Matchmakers"	"A Cinderella Christmas" (2016) Emma Rigby.				"A Snow White Christmas"		
19 WPCW	Extra Point (N)	The Nightly Sports Call: Special Edition (8:45)	2 Broke Girls (CC)	10 O'Clock News (N)	The Nightly Sports Call	Supergirl Harbinger gathers the worlds' heroes. (N)		
21 WFMJ	NFL Football (8:15) Seattle Seahawks at Los Angeles Rams. (N) (L) (CC)							News (N)
22 WPNT	Marketplace Pittsburgh	Seinfeld (CC)	3 Wide Life (N) (CC)	Ring of Honor Wrestling (N) (CC)	Paid Program	Cooking with Emeril		
27 WKBN	60 Min. (N)	God Friended Me (N)	NCIS: Los Angeles (N)	Madam Secretary (N)		First News		
33 WYTV	AFV: America, This Is You!	Darndest Things (N)	The Rookie (N)	News (N)	Castle (CC)			
40 WPCB	Jack Van Impe (N)	Manna-Fest/Perry Stone	Prophecy Connection	Zola Levitt Presents	Prophecy Watchers	Bible Discovery (CC)	Graham Classic	Global Ventures (CC)
43 WUAB	Supergirl (N) (CC)	Crisis Aftermath (N) (CC)	News (N)	Sports Extra	Edition (N)	Raw Travel		
53 WPGH	2019 Miss Universe (7) Nearly 100 women vie for the crown. (N) (L) (CC)		Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10 (N) (CC)	The Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half Men			
59 WEPA	The Six Million Dollar Man	Emergency! (CC)	Emergency! (CC)	Dragnet	Dragnet			

PREMIUM CABLE					
HBO	"Long Shot" (6:45) (2019) *** Seth Rogen.	Watchmen Angela's past in Vietnam is revealed. (N)	Silicon Valley (10:06) Exit Event. (Series Finale) (N)	Mrs. Fletcher (10:55) (N)	Watchmen (N) (CC)
HBO/2	Watchmen (7:44) (CC)	"Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps" (8:45) (2010) ** Michael Douglas, Shia LaBeouf, Josh Brolin. (CC)	"The Hurt Locker" (2008) *** (CC)		
HBO/FAM	"Air Buddies"	"Tarzan" (8:20) (2013) Voices of Kellan Lutz, Spencer Locke, Les Bubb. (CC)	"The Big Green" (9:55) (1995) * Steve Guttenberg, Olivia d'Abo. (CC)	"Dawn Treader"	
HBO/SIG.	"The Lucky Ones" (7:05) (2008) ** (CC)	"Jersey Girl" (2004) ** Ben Affleck, Liv Ullmann. (CC)	"Conviction" (10:45) (2010) ** Hilary Swank, Sam Rockwell. (CC)		
MAX	"Reclaim" (2014) ** John Cusack, Ryan Phillippe. (CC)	"Skyscraper" (9:40) (2018) ** Dwayne Johnson, Neve Campbell, Chin Han. (CC)	"The American" (11:25)		
SHO	Ray Donovan Ray finishes a deal for the Mayor. (N)	Shameless An unexpected visitor shows up. (N) (CC)	The L Word: Generation Q (Series Premiere) (N) (CC)	Work in Progress (N)	The L Word: Generation Q
STARZ	Dublin Murders Cassie prepares for the investigation.	Dublin Murders (9:06) Episode 105. (CC)	Dublin Murders (10:11) Episode 105. (CC)	"Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (11:14) (2017) (CC)	
STARZ-E	"Jack and Jill" (6:57)	"Venom" (2018) ** Tom Hardy. A man gains superpowers when his body merges with an alien. (CC)	"The Host" (10:25) (2013) * Saoirse Ronan, Jake Abel. (CC)		
STZENC	"Scarface" (1983) *** Al Pacino, Michelle Pfeiffer, Steven Bauer. A Cuban immigrant fights to the top of Miami's drug trade. (CC)		"Tango & Cash" (10:52) (1989) ** (CC)		
STZ/ENCL	"Charlie Wilson's War" (7:16) (2007) ***	"Live Free or Die Hard" (2007) *** Bruce Willis. America's computers fall under attack. (CC)	"Snake Eyes" (11:11) (1998) * (CC)		
STZ/ENCW	"Hondo" (6:55) (1953)	"The Ballad of Josie" (8:20) (1968) *** Doris Day. (CC)	"Western Union" (10:04) (1941) *** Robert Young. (CC)	"The Lone Hand" (1954)	
STZ/ENSU	"Grimm Brothers' Snow White: A Tale Of Terror"	"The Tourist" (2010) ** Johnny Depp. A flirtation with a stranger leads to a web of intrigue. (CC)	"Let Me In" (10:46) (2010) *** (CC)		
TMC	"Molly's Game" (2017) *** Jessica Chastain, Idris Elba. Molly Bloom runs high-stakes poker games for the wealthy. (CC)		"The Bank Job" (2008) *** Jason Statham, Saffron Burrows. (CC)		

BASIC, EXPANDED AND DIGITAL CABLE					
A&E	Garth Brooks: The Road I'm On Part 1. A look into Garth Brooks' life. (Part 1 of 2) (CC)		Garth Brooks: The Road I'm On (10:01) Part 2. A look into Garth Brooks' life. (Part 2 of 2) (CC)		
AMC	"E11" (2003) *** Will Ferrell. A man leaves Santa's workshop to search for his family. (CC)	"The Polar Express" (2004) *** Voices of Tom Hanks, Michael Jeter, Nona Gaye. (CC)			
ANIM	Lone Star Law (N)	Lone Star Law (N)	Lone Star Law (10:01)	Lone Star Law (11:01)	
ATSP	College Basketball	Bensinger	Poker Night	Heartland Poker Tour (N)	World Poker
BBC	"X-Men Origins: Wolverine"	(7:30) (2009) **	"X2: X-Men United" (2003) *** (CC)		
BET	"The Wedding Ringer"	"Madea's Family Reunion" (2006) ** Tyler Perry, Blair Underwood.			
BRAVO	The Real Housewives of Atlanta (N) (CC)	Married to Medicine Swap Till You Drop. (N) (CC)	Watch What (N)	The Real Housewives of Atlanta (CC)	Blind Date (N) (CC)
CMT	Pretty	"Legally Blonde" (2001) **, Luke Wilson (CC)	"A Cinderella Story" (10:45) **		
CNBC	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	Shark Tank (CC)	
CNN	CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute (N) (L) (CC)		CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute (CC)		
COM	"Super Troopers" (6:50)	"Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby" (2006) **	Super		
C-SPAN	Q & A (N) (CC)	Public Affairs Events (CC)			Q & A (CC)
DEST	Epic Log Homes A home in Aniz. called the Log Mahal.	Epic Log Homes (CC)	Epic Log Homes (CC)	Epic Yachts Superyachts are floating hotels. (CC)	
DFC	Tanked A Toyota Highlander aquarium. (CC)	Tanked Interactive carousel tank exhibit. (CC)	Tanked Tanks for Ryan Newman & Shane Victorino.	Tanked ATM builds 10,000th tank in Alabama.	
DIS	Holidays Un-wrapped	Raven's Home (CC)	Just Roll With It (CC)	Gabby Duran	Star Wars Resistance
DSC	Alaska: The Last Frontier Christmas Chaos. Warm weather brings rain at Christmas. (N) (CC)	Building Off the Grid (10:02) Colorado Crest. (N)	Building Off the Grid (11:02) North Pole. (CC)	Evil Lives Here I Tried to Prevent This. (CC)	
DSC/INV	On the Case With Paula Zahn (N) (CC)	The Lost Women of NXIVM (N) (CC)	The fates of women connected to NXIVM. (N) (CC)		
EI	The Kardashians	The Kardashians (N)	Dating (N)	Dating (N)	Nightly (N) Kardashian
ESPN	SportsCenter Championship Drive: Who's In? (N) (L)	SportsCenter (N) (CC)			
ESPN2	College Basketball	College Basketball Seton Hall at Iowa State. (N) (L)	Tetris World Championship		
ESPN-C	College Football (7) (CC)	College Football From Jan. 1, 2013. (CC)			College Football (CC)
EWTN	Sunday (N)	Catholics (N)	Life (N)	Holy Rosary	Our Father's Plan (N)
FNC	Life, Liberty & Levin (N)	The Next Revolution (N)	Watters' World (CC)	Life, Liberty & Levin (CC)	
FOOD	Kids Baking Championship	Holiday Wars (N) (CC)	Gingerbread (N)	Holiday Baking	
FREE FRM	"Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (6:40) (1992) ** Macaulay Culkin. (CC)	"Despicable Me 2" (9:20) (2013) *** Voices of Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig, Benjamin Bratt. (CC)	"Shrek" (11:25) (2001)		
FS1	The 2019 World Series	PBC Face	PBC Countdown (N) (CC)	PBC	College Football
FX	"Baywatch" (7:30) (2017) * Dwayne Johnson. Elite lifeguards must save the beach from a crime wave.	The Weekly Rudy! Rudy? (CC)	The Weekly List. (CC)	(10:31) The Hot "Baywatch" (11:31) (2017)	
FX	Family Guy	Family Guy	The Simpsons	The Simpsons (CC)	Bob's Burgers
GOLF	PGA Tour Golf (6) Hero World Challenge, Final Round. (CC)	PGA Golf			
GSN	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud
HALL	"Christmas at Dollywood" (2019) Niall Matter. Premiere.		"Picture a Perfect Christmas" (10:03) (2019) (CC)		
HGTV	Beach (N)	Beach (N)	Off the Grid (N)	Hawaii (N)	Hawaii (N)
HIST	American Pickers Snow Job. A rare pair of trucks.	American Pickers (9:02) A rare pair of trucks.	American Pickers (10:05) A trio of vintage Fords.	American Pickers (11:05) Garage Gold. (CC)	
IFC	"The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 1" (7) (2014) *** Premiere. (CC)	"The Hunger Games: Mockingjay, Part 2" (2015) *** Jennifer Lawrence, Josh Hutcherson, Liam Hemsworth. Premiere. (CC)			
LIFE	"Grounded for Christmas" (2019) Julianna Guill. Premiere. A winter storm hits Cleveland and grounds flights.	"Mistletoe & Menorahs" (10:03) (2019) Damien Doepfing, Jake Epstein, Patti Hovey. (CC)			
MSNBC	Kasie DC (7) (N) (CC)	Impeachment	On Assignment	Dateline (CC)	
MTV	Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous. Ridiculous. Ridiculous. Ridiculous. Ridiculous. Ridiculous. Ridiculous.			
NBCS	Mecum Auto Auctions Kansas City. Highlights from the auction block. (Taped)				
NGEO	Apollo: Missions to the Moon (CC)	Challenger Disaster Tapes	Apollo: Missions-Moon		
NICK	The SpongeBob Musical: Live on Stage! Bikini Bottom faces catastrophe. (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)
OWN	"Carole's Christmas" (2019) Kimberley Elise, Jackée Harry. A woman finds her life turned upside down.	"An En Vogue Christmas" (2014) Terry Ellis. En Vogue reunites for a Christmas concert to save a club.			
OXYGEN	Killer Siblings (N)	Criminal Confessions Chris Watts.	Killer Siblings	Snapped	
PARMT	"Indiana Jones"	"Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" (9:05) (1989) *** Harrison Ford.			
PCNC	PCNC 8PM	PCNC	PCNC 9PM	PCNC	NightTalk
SC	Forbidden History (CC)	Unearthed The story of the Tower of Babel. (N) (CC)	Unexplained and Unexplored (N) (CC)	Unexplained and Unexplored (CC)	
SYFY	"X-Men: First Class" (2011) *** James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender, Rose Byrne. Premiere. The early years of Charles Xavier and Erik Lehnsherr. (CC)	Futurama (10:57) (CC)	Futurama (11:28) (CC)		
TBS	"Wonder Woman"	"Suicide Squad" (2016) ** Will Smith, Jared Leto, Margot Robbie. Armed supervillains unite to battle a powerful entity. (CC)	Harley Quinn (CC)	"Dark Knight"	
TCM	"It Happened on 5th Avenue" (1947) ** Don DeFore, Ann Harding, Victor Moore. (CC)	"The Holly and the Ivy" (10:15) (1952) *** Ralph Richardson, Celia Johnson. (CC)			
TLC	90 Day Fiancé Premature Departure. (N)	Unpolished (N)	90 Day Fiancé (N)		
TNT	"Ant-Man" (2015) *** Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas. Ant-Man uses his shrinking skills to battle Yellowjacket. (CC)	"Central Intelligence" (2016) ** Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart. (CC)			
TOON	We Bare	We Bare	Amer. Dad	Burgers	Family Guy
TRAV	Legend of Bigfoot Eyewitness accounts of Bigfoot. (N)	Expedition Bigfoot (N)	Rick, Morty	Rick (N)	
TRUTV	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Imp. Jokers	Carbonaro
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King
USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Facing Demons.	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Missing.	Mr. Robot 410 Gone. Fans like Dom and Darlene. (N)	Treadstone (11:02) Doug tries to save a target.	Two Men
VH1	"Get Rich or Die Tryin'"	"Romeo Must Die" (2000) ** Jet Li, Aaliyah. (CC)	Boyz n Hood		
WE	Law & Order Terminal.	Law & Order Thrill. (CC)	Law & Order Denial. (CC)	Law & Order Navy Blues.	
WGN-A	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Married



"The Expanse" on Amazon Prime.

Pick of the week

Each week, the Post-Gazette offers a viewing tip for the coming week.

FRIDAY
"The Expanse," Amazon Prime Video
 In its first season since being canceled by Syfy and picked up at streamer Amazon — Amazon chief Jeff Bezos is reportedly a fan — "The Expanse" is largely the same as it ever was.

Maybe there's a little more profanity in the fourth season premiere but otherwise it's business as usual as the show dives into a new story arc that finds Jim Holden (Steven Strait) and the Rocinante crew heading through the Ring Gate to explore the unknown at the behest of United

Nations honcho Chrisjen Avasarala (Shohreh Aghdashloo, "24").

Rev. Anna (Elizabeth Mitchell, "Lost"), introduced in season three, is nowhere to be found and the character's disappearance goes without explanation in the season premiere.

"The Expanse" is based on a book series and the Anna character appears in books three and six, which Mitchell said is why she's not a part of season four.

"I think she comes back [in a later book] but I have absolutely no idea if that will happen in the series," says Mitchell, who adds she is game to revisit the character, a lesbian Methodist minister separated from her family while on a space mission. "I love those guys. It's a nice group of people and I love the cast and I thought the character was spectacular. One of the reasons I love science-fiction is it isn't afraid to be brave."

TV highlights

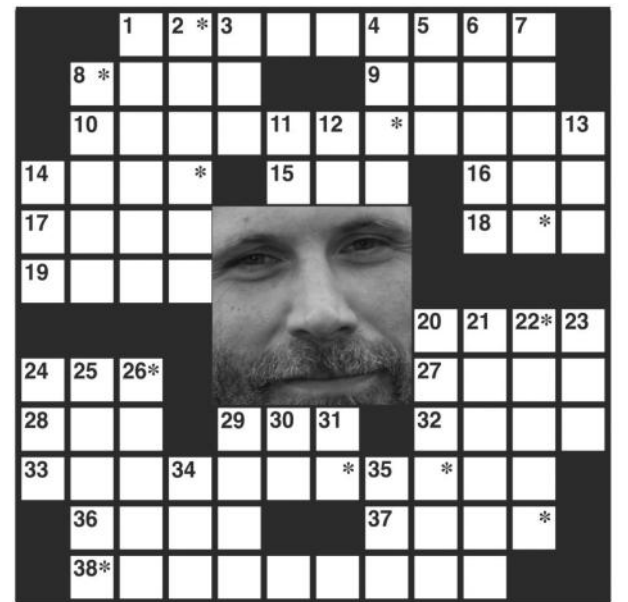
SUNDAY
8 p.m. on CNN
CNN Heroes: An All-Star Tribute
 Anderson Cooper and Kelly Ripa host this two-hour special celebrating individuals who make extraordinary contributions to improve the lives of others.

MONDAY
8 p.m. on WPGH
Beat Shazam
 Host Jamie Foxx and his DJ daughter Corinne return with a special seasonal episode called "Santa Jamie," where beloved seasonal favorites are woven into some of the biggest musical hits of the day, with teams trying to identify them in as few opening notes as possible. At the end of each episode, the team with the highest score tests its human skill against the titular song-identification app Shazam.

TUESDAY
8 p.m. on WPXI
Ellen's Greatest Night of Giveaways
 On her weekday talk show, Ellen DeGeneres regularly bestows freebies on her studio audience, but she really steps things up in a big way in this three-night holiday event (airing nightly through Thursday), in which she and some of her famous friends deliver some truly life-changing surprises to a diverse group of deserving but unsuspecting recipients. Former first lady Michelle Obama, Jennifer Aniston, Justin Timberlake, Melissa McCarthy and Robert Downey Jr. are among DeGeneres' benevolent "accomplices."

WEDNESDAY
8 p.m. on WTAE
The Goldbergs
 After receiving a stunning holiday card from the Kemp family, Beverly (Wendi McLendon-Covey) feels her competitive side kicking into gear to devise something even more impressive in the new episode "It's a Wonderful Life." Geoff (Sam Lerner) is taken aback, however, when he's not invited to be a part of the picture. Meanwhile, Barry (Troy Gentile) and the JTP launch a pranking war that quickly spirals completely out of control.

THURSDAY
8:30 p.m. on WTAE
Toy Story That Time Forgot
 The characters from the animated, hugely popular Disney-Pixar movies return in this made-for-television special. The tale finds the toys venturing out of familiar territory — their owner Bonnie's room — and into danger when they encounter a threatening set of action figures. The triceratops named Trixie (voice of Kristen Schaal) is the only hope of setting things right. Tom Hanks, Tim Allen and Don Rickles also are back in the voice cast.

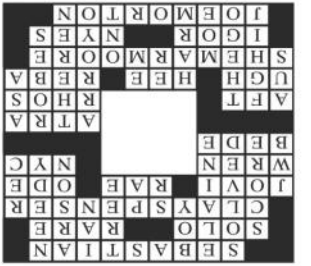


The identity of the featured celebrity is found within the answers in the puzzle. In order to take the TV Challenge, unscramble the letters noted with asterisks within the puzzle.

- ACROSS**
- ___ Lund; "NCIS: New Orleans" role
 - Han ___; "Star Wars" character
 - "The ___ Breed"; James Stewart film
 - Role on "SEAL Team" (2)
 - Jon Bon ___
 - "Norma ___"; Sally Field movie
 - "___ to Billie Joe"
 - Songbird
 - Setting for "Blue Bloods"; abbr.
 - Venerable English historian
 - Gillette razor model
 - Fore and ___
 - Greek letters
 - Word of disgust
 - "___ Haw"
 - 2001-07 about a single mom
 - Actor on "S.W.A.T." (2)
 - Mr. Stravinsky
 - Family of PBS' "Science Guy"
 - Actor on "God Friended Me" (2)
- DOWN**
- Did math problems
 - Role on "Frasier"
 - "___ Meets World" (1993-2000)
 - "One ___ Hill"
 - Actor McShane
 - Firebug's crime
 - Poor
 - "The ___"; 2001 Robert De Niro movie
 - Twelfth-grader: abbr.
 - Charles, to Laura Ingalls
 - ___ room; place for a home pool table
 - Monogram for assassin Booth
 - Steep-sided gully
 - "___ & Stimp Show"
 - Wraparound garments
 - "Not ___ Stranger"; Frank Sinatra film
 - Smallest continent: abbr.
 - E's followers
 - On ___; very active
 - Lead role on "JAG"
 - Greek letters
 - Most-watched series of the 1989-99 season
 - "___ Haw"
 - 2001-07 about a single mom
 - Actor on "S.W.A.T." (2)
 - Mr. Stravinsky
 - Family of PBS' "Science Guy"
 - Actor on "God Friended Me" (2)

FRIDAY
8 p.m. on WPCW
The 88th Annual Hollywood Christmas Parade
 Actors Erik Estrada, Dean Cain, travel host Laura McKenzie and TV personality Montel Williams join special co-host Elizabeth Stanton for this West Coast parade that has become a Tinseltown tradition. Grand marshal Mario Lopez leads the parade, which includes musical performances from popular stars, enormous character balloons and cars packed with celebrities making their way along the three-mile route down Hollywood Boulevard.

SATURDAY
9 p.m. on SHOW
Movie: Green Book
 Mahershala Ali ("Moonlight") won his second Academy Award as best supporting actor — and swept many other awards as well — for his performance as black classical and jazz pianist Don Shirley in this 2018 biographical comedy from director and co-writer Peter Farrelly. Embarking on a tour through the segregated American South of the mid-20th century, Shirley hires burlly New York bouncer Frank Vallelonga (Viggo Mortensen) to accompany him as driver and bodyguard.



Any way around local weather cut-ins during national shows if using DVR?

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The Post-Gazette answers reader questions online every Friday in Tuned In Journal blog at post-gazette.com/tv. Here's a selection of recent queries.

Q: If I DVR a program but the local news has decided to take over to rant about an impending storm, will I get the whole program or the local special report? In other words, is the signal coming from the network or the local channel?

—**JOYCE, SCOTT TOWNSHIP**
Answer: Cable carriers get local affiliate signals from the local stations and pass them through. So you would get the weather rant and not the national program it pre-empts. Sorry.
Q: Is it true that when a local news anchor or

meteorologist goes from being on weekdays to the weekends, it is seen as a demotion and that they are not long for that station?

JARED VIA EMAIL
Answer: Not always but generally, yes.

Q: What happened to the WPGH Fox 53 10 p.m. news? I remember they launched as their own newscast in the late 1990s, then WPXI-TV just sort of took their place. What happened there?

—**RON, GREENSBURG**
Answer: We covered this extensively back when it happened. Sinclair canceled its locally produced newscast in 2006, dismantled the news division it built when it launched a newscast in 1997 and farmed out the time slot to a newscast produced by Channel 11.

WPGH's self-produced 10



Associated Press

In this June 1976 file photo, Buffalo Bob Smith poses with marionette Howdy Doody and puppet Flub-A-Dub at a rehearsal for the series of "The New Howdy Doody Show" in Miami.

TV Q&A

p.m. newscast died in part of self-inflicted wounds when owner Sinclair centralized some portions of the newscast in 2004.

Q: Last season "The Kids Are Alright" had odd

references to Pittsburgh. In the episode "Mass for Shut-ins," the dad talks about going to see Vaughn Monroe "at the Twin Coaches, just outside Pittsburgh." The Twin Coaches was a Pittsburgh nightclub back in

the '70s.

Since they live in California, why the Pittsburgh comments? Is a writer from here?

—**ANN, BALDWIN**

Answer: "The Kids Are Alright" executive producer Tim Doyle replies, "My father was from Uniontown. I still have relatives in the area. Since Mike Cleary is 'inspired' by my dad, his backstory has always included Western Pennsylvania. We wrote various references to it into various drafts of various episodes, but often they get cut out for time. For example, Mike Cleary is a Pirates fan. Our Christmas episode originally had a whole plot element about the 1972 death of Roberto Clemente, but ultimately it was deemed too somber for a Christmas episode."

"The Kids Are Alright" was canceled after one

season.

Q: Remember "Howdy Doody?" There were two old men (puppets) on that show. One was named Phineas T. Bluster. What was the name of the other guy? (I am thinking that MAYBE it was Don Jose something or other).

—**MARILYN, MCCANDLESS**

Answer: I actually do remember the show a little because as a child I watched a 1970s reboot of "Howdy Doody."

Don Jose Bluster was a South American Bluster brother. Petey Bluster was Phineas' nephew. Hector Hamcock Bluster was another rarely seen brother, per Wikipedia.

Ask TV questions by e-mailing rowen@post-gazette.com, including your first name and location.

KIMCHI FRIED RICE

PG tested

Made from salted and fermented vegetables, the Korean condiment known as kimchi is often served as a side or garnish. Here it is combined with rice and vegetables to create a satisfying main dish known as *kimchi-bokkeum-bap*, or kimchi fried rice.

Perfect for vegetarians, it comes together in minutes. Add a runny fried egg on top and it also will please omnivores. If you can't find gochujang paste (a spicy Korean chili paste), mix a tablespoon of red pepper flakes with a few dashes of soy sauce and a dash of sugar.

FOR RICE
1 tablespoon sesame or avocado oil
1 small yellow onion, finely diced
1 small knob of fresh ginger, minced
1 garlic clove, minced
Kosher salt
½ cup kimchi, roughly

chopped, with liquid, or more to taste

3 cups cooked white or brown rice

½ cup frozen peas and carrots, thawed

2 tablespoons soy sauce

1 tablespoon gochujang paste

1 teaspoon toasted sesame oil

FOR GARNISH

2 scallions, light green parts only, thinly sliced lengthwise

1 tablespoon roasted sesame seeds

1 sheet nori (seaweed), sliced into strips, optional

2 eggs, fried (optional)

Heat oil to medium-high or high in wok or large saute pan. When oil is shimmering and almost smoking, add onion and cook until soft and just beginning to brown, 5-6 minutes. Add garlic and ginger and cook until fragrant, about 1 minute.

Season with salt. Add chopped kimchi and its liquid and stir until heated through. Add rice, peas and carrots and stir to combine.



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Let's Eat

Add soy sauce, gochujang and toasted sesame oil, and stir until rice is well coated. Spread rice into an even layer and cook, undisturbed, until a light crust develops, 2-3 minutes. Season with salt.

Divide between two plates and top with the scallions, sesame seeds, nori and fried eggs, if desired.

Serves 2
 — "The Goodful Cookbook: Simple & Balanced Recipes to Live Well" by Editors of Goodful (Rodale, December 2019, \$30)

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NEW YEAR'S EVE SAVANNAH
DEC. 29 - JAN 2 \$719 PP DBL
 New Year's Show & Party, New Year's Day Buffet Lunch at Paula Deen's, enjoy a two hour Riverboat Dinner Cruise down the Savannah River, Guided tour of Savannah, and Davenport House from the 1820's see how Christmas & New Years was celebrated, River Street District shopping, six meals included.

ONE DAY TOURS

<p>WHEELING DEC. 11 \$24 BONUS: \$25 FREE PLAY</p> <p>LADY LUCK DEC. 19 \$25 BONUS: \$25 FREE PLAY</p> <p>MOUNTAINEER RACETRACK & CASINO DEC. 21 & JAN. 16 \$25.00 BONUS: \$30 FREE PLAY</p> <p>ROCKY GAP - CUMBERLAND MD. DEC. 26 \$35 BONUS: \$30 SLOTS</p>	<p>JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR JAN. 5 \$170 "A GORGEOUS, THRILLING, HEAVENLY MUSICAL" Includes dinner at Grand Concourse Restaurant, Station Square.</p> <p>CATS FEB. 29 \$195 The wonders of live theatre with the magic, the mystery, the memory of CATS. WE HAVE FABULOUS SEATS STARTING WITH ROW A!</p> <p>AMISH TEA PARTY MAR. 26 \$102 Amish tea party, Nauvoo Family Market & Bakery, Middlefield Cheese Co-Op, Country Arts & Jewelry, Amish Wedding Feast, Fig Tree Bulk Food Store, Yoder's Bargain Bin</p>
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MULTI DAY TOURS

<p>SENECA NIAGARA CASINO & RESORT FEB. 12-14 \$279 PP DBL BONUS: \$100 FREE SLOTS AND \$40 FOOD PP</p> <p>MIAMI/KEY WEST FEB. 22 - MAR. 1 \$959 PP DBL Cruise on Biscayne Bay, tour Key West, Coral Castle, Fairchild Tropical Botanic Gardens, Guided tour South Beach, Hollywood Beach Boardwalk, tour River St. Savannah GA, 13 meals.</p> <p>WHEN IRISH EYES ARE SMILING MAR. 11-12 \$399 PP DBL St. Patrick's Celebration at Walnut Creek Amish Country. Highly entertaining performance of traditional Irish Music, Songs, & Stories. Tour Victorian Mansion w/Maid, Dinner @ Der Dutchman.</p> <p>NEW ORLEANS MAR. 15-21 \$1,770 PP DBL Overnights in Nashville, one night at Gaylord Opryland Resort, four nights in the French Quarter, eleven meals, City Tour of New Orleans, Mardi Gras World, National World War II Museum, Natchez Steamboat Dinner, Jazz Cruise, Laura Plantation, Louisiana Swamp Boat Tour, free time in French Quarter, New Orleans School of Cooking, Live Jazz Show.</p>	<p>BRANSON APRIL 15-20 \$825 PP DBL RT. 66 TRAVELING THE "MOTHER ROAD" Annual Branson Music Fest, Rt. 66 Museum, Old Stagecoach Museum, OAK RIDGE BOYS SHOW, lunch w/ THE ENTERTAINERS, who will answer questions and tell you stories of how they got into the business, CLAY COOPER, BILLY YATES SHOW, Nine to ten different shows at the Music Fest TOUR BRANSON, lunch @ Rt. 66 Diner, visit Cuba, MO and view Cuba Murals depicting scenes from local and national history.</p> <p>NASHVILLE APRIL 18-22 \$1,377 PP DBL Lodging Gaylord Opryland Resort, 8 meals, 3 shows, Grand Old Opry Country Music Hall of Fame, Free time in Nashville.</p>
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Outdoors

Orange streams

Abandoned coal mines in state continue to foul native trout waters

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

More people live over abandoned coal mines in Pennsylvania than in any other state. Water pools in the deep caverns, absorbing rust-colored sediments and emerging to send “legacy pollution” to streams that once held native brook trout and reproducing browns that trace their lineage to forebears stocked by fishing groups 100 years ago.

In Washington D.C., the national branch of Trout Unlimited, a nonprofit cold-water advocacy group, joined a bipartisan collection of partners and lawmakers last week in calling on Congress to provide continued funding for the cleanup of abandoned mines and the legacy pollution of coal production.

The House Subcommittee for Energy and Mineral Resources met to discuss H.R. 4248, which would reauthorize the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 and provide ongoing funding through 2036.

Since 1977, the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Fund has poured more than \$5.5 billion into abandoned mine projects across the country. The fund is supported by a small per-ton fee on coal production. But the work is far from finished. Trout Unlimited claims another \$10.5 billion in cleanup is needed, and addressing acid mine drainage pollution would add billions to the cost.

TU volunteer leader Robert “Bobby” Hughes of Ashley, Pa., has spent his entire life in the coal region of northeastern Pennsylvania. He is executive vice president for the Pennsylvania Council of Trout Unlimited and executive director of the Eastern Pennsylvania Coalition for Abandoned Mine Reclamation.

“The majority of the streams that I’ve grown up around still run orange to this day,” he said in testimony before the subcommittee. “It’s not fair that my children have to live with this

legacy of past mining.”

Pennsylvania has more abandoned mine sites than any state in the nation. TU and its partners have worked for decades on more than 200 projects in Pennsylvania. They and to some extent the state and federal government have worked to remove pollution from abandoned mine drainage, which has left some streams devoid of life. Slowly Pennsylvania is seeing wild trout populations rebound in waters that were once as polluted as the West Branch Susquehanna River watershed.

Steve Moyer, TU’s vice president for government affairs, said these extensive restoration projects created direct local jobs for equipment operators, truck drivers, engineers, technicians, even former mine industry employees. For every federal dollar invested in cleanup, \$1.59 is added to the local economy.

“Ongoing federal funding is essential to states, tribes and groups like [TU] that work with local communities to address hazardous conditions, improve water quality and promote economic development in historic coal mining areas,” Mr. Moyer wrote in a letter to the subcommittee. He thanked U.S. Reps. Matt Cartwright, D-Cranberry, and Glenn Thompson, R-Oil City, for co-sponsoring the legislation, and subcommittee chairman Rep. Alan Lowenthal, D-California, and ranking member Rep. Paul Gosar, R-Arizona, for holding the hearing.

“For the few centuries of American coal mining, it was standard practice to mine an area until the coal was gone and then have the company simply move on to a new mine without cleaning up the old one,” Mr. Cartwright said at the hearing. “As a result, millions of Americans live less than a mile from an abandoned coal mine. These hazardous sites pose risks to our health, our safety, our environment and our economy.”



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Pennsylvania has more abandoned mine sites than any state. Water draining from those mines negatively impacts wild trout.

PG Outdoors poll

THIS WEEK: Should Pennsylvania tax dollars be used to find and clean abandoned coal mine drainage?

Yes

No

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This poll is an unscientific tally of web postings generated by Civic Science

Mr. Thompson extolled the successes of the Abandoned Mine program and noted the need to continue the work.

“I’ve seen waters go from orange to clear and some pretty good fishing, let alone great habitat that gets planted on those reclaimed areas in cooperation with our sportsmen to support game,” he said.

Mr. Lowenthal highlighted the bipartisan support for H.R. 4248, and urged colleagues to move forward quickly before the collection of abandoned mine drainage fund fees expires in 2021.

“I know Congress is known for waiting until the last possible second on absolutely everything, so discussing this bill two years before expiration may seem out of character,” Mr. Lowenthal said. “But this is a problem that isn’t going

away.”

Gov. Tom Wolf’s effort to fight climate change in the nation’s fourth-biggest emitter of greenhouse gases is expected to slow the demand for coal and its impact on stream pollution. In October he ordered his administration to start working on regulations to bring Pennsylvania into a nine-state consortium that sets a price and caps on greenhouse gas emissions from power plants.

Joining the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, a consortium of Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic states, could face pushback from the Republican-controlled state legislature or the state’s influential coal and natural gas industries.

Pennsylvania is the nation’s No. 3 electric power state, and its energy sector is its largest emitter of greenhouse gases. Its dozens of power plants fueled by coal, oil and natural gas could be forced to pay hundreds of millions of dollars to the state annually under the program.

Pennsylvania has more waterway miles than every state except Alaska. Some are still running with water that escaped from abandoned coal mines. A program of the state Fish and Boat Commission is helping to detect legacy pollution by using the presence of reproducing native trout.

The early 21st century

boom in shale-gas drilling in Pennsylvania required Fish and Boat to issue permits for waterway impacts including underground aquifers and every surface crossing of every stream. The Unassessed Waters Initiative, which started in 2009, set out to establish a water-quality database prior to industrial intrusions by documenting some 60,500 streams that had never been assessed. As streams that had never been assessed were monitored, some waters that had been corrupted by legacy pollution sources were discovered. Some of the springs and runs were so small they had never been given names.

Through the Unassessed Waters Initiative, confirmation of reproducing trout populations triggers multi-agency protections of entire watersheds that flow inevitably to public water utilities, and the detection of previously unknown sources of mine leakage are recorded.

“Once [a stream] is on the wild trout list, that automatically triggers action from [the state Department of Environmental Protection],” said Robert Weber, a Fish and Boat biologist and head of the Unassessed Waters Initiative. “Sometimes they retest, sometimes they don’t, but they place restrictions on the watershed from the trout’s location upstream to the headwaters. ... Landowners can do anything they

want but have to apply for a permit that dictates how the land can be used so it doesn’t negatively affect the water.”

Sixty-three of Pennsylvania’s 67 counties, including Pennsylvania, have naturally reproducing wild trout. The goal of the Unassessed Waters Initiative is to protect reproducing trout, but streams clean enough to support them are rated among the cleanest in the state. Clean water is an asset to all Pennsylvania residents, but the project is funded solely by anglers. No money from the state treasury supports it.

Rachel Gleason, executive director of the Pennsylvania Coal Alliance, an industry lobbying group, said the coal industry is cooperating with Fish and Boat on the project.

“The Fish and Boat Commission has been very cooperative with the industry,” she said, “and has repeatedly extended an invitation to join them in the field when they conduct assessments.”

Sources of legacy pollution discovered through the process are documented. Treatment is expensive and takes time, but plugging those leaks in Pennsylvania’s abandoned coal mine systems would open miles of water to new populations of reproducing trout.

Chris Hunt of Trout Unlimited and The Associated Press contributed.



Doug Della Toffalo

Laurel Ray Della Toffalo of Harmony with her first buck.

Harmony girl, 10, shoots her first antlered deer

Laurel Rae Della Toffalo, 10, of Harmony took her first buck, a 5-point, shooting a .243 in Butler County on the statewide opening day Nov. 30. She tagged her first doe two years earlier with a crossbow, also in Butler County.

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Saturday season opener may have slowed decline in hunting license sales

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

For the first time since the mid-20th century, Pennsylvania’s firearm deer season opened last week on a day other than the first Monday after Thanksgiving. The Board of Game Commissioners changed the opener to the Saturday following Thanksgiving in an effort to increase hunting license sales.

The agency reported Wednesday that initial sales figures show license purchases through Nov. 30 continued to drop compared with previous years, but the decline was not as steep as in the past few years. The change, said a Game Commission spokesman, was due to increased Saturday hunting opportunities.

Changing the opening day was controversial. In hunter surveys by the Game Commission in 2014 and 2017, license holders opposed a Saturday start, citing the loss of a 59-year tradition. For a majority of Game Commission board members, however, re-

versing the decline in deer hunters was more vital than preserving the Monday tradition.

“For us, this is about providing opportunity,” said Travis Lau, Game Commission spokesman. “We understand the tradition, but we see the other side. A lot of people can’t participate in the traditional Monday hunt. Some people can’t get off work on a Monday or take vacations, or students [are] going to school. There’s a large group out there that would be able to take part in a Saturday opener who can’t on a Monday.”

Pennsylvania’s general hunting license sales have dropped from 969,692 in 1952 to 885,632 in 2017, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. The Game Commission reported that in the 2018-19 license year, sales declined by about 3.4 percent.

Mr. Lau suggested Wednesday that a reduction in the long-term decline of license sales may be due to the Saturday opening. He said 821,299 licenses were



Missouri Department of Conservation

A young hunter with a mentor. One of the reasons given for moving the deer season opener to Saturday was to draw more young hunters.

sold through Nov. 30, a 0.6 percent decline compared with the 826,176 licenses sold in that period last year. “While that is a decrease, it could still be looked at as positive news given that sales regularly have declined by about 2-3 percent annually.”

The Game Commission receives no wildlife management funding from state taxes. Commissioners said the agency needs increased funding to maintain its current level of of wildlife

management.

Steelhead clinic

Veteran fly angler Sam Presutti will give a free presentation at International Angler, 5275 Steubenville Pike in Robinson at 6 p.m. Wednesday. He will discuss tactical approaches, adjusting for various conditions, choosing the right tributary, picking the right fly and two-handed casting techniques. Get details at 412-788-8088 and ia2@internationalangler.com.



"Floating Forest" in the Victorian Room for "Holiday Magic!," Phipps' Winter Flower Show and Light Garden. More photos on F-2 and post-gazette.com.

FESTIVAL OF TREES AT PHIPPS CONSERVATORY

Trees of many colors, shapes and materials are the stars of "Winter Magic!," Phipps Conservatory's Winter Flower Show and Light Garden. The show opened last weekend and continues through Jan. 12 in Oakland.

Reflecting the Festival of Trees theme, designers have created a tree carousel, poinsettia trees, a floating forest of trees, a showstopping "glow" tree and a frozen forest where topiary reindeer play. The Garden Railroad is back along with the colorful outdoor Winter Light Garden, which features a tunnel of lights, icy prism towers and more.

Admission on nonpeak days (Mondays through Wednesdays except Dec. 30-31) is \$17.95 adults, \$16.95 seniors and students over 18, \$11.95 ages 2-18 (includes free pair of Holiday Hologram Glasses) and free for members and children under 2.

Admission on peak days (Thursdays through Sundays and Dec. 30-31) is \$19.95 adults, \$17.95 seniors and students over 18, \$11.95 ages 2-18 and free for members and children under 2.

Hours are 9:30 a.m.-11 p.m. every day. Phipps will close at 5 p.m. Dec. 24 and be closed Christmas Day. Information: phipps.conservatory.org.



Topiary animals are part of the "Woodland Feast" in the East Room.



A tree made of children's books in the Gallery.

Buying here

A grand Squirrel Hill Tudor duplex on the market for \$795,000

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

There are many prominent corners in Squirrel Hill. Craig Marcus had the good fortune to grow up on one such corner, at the intersection of Wilkins and Murray avenues.

For 65 years, his family has owned 5800 Wilkins Ave., a Tudor with seven bedrooms and five bathrooms. Now he and his sister Caren have listed the family home for \$795,000 (MLS No. 1417329) with Andrea Ehrenreich and Molly Howard of Howard Hanna Real Estate Services (412-327-7665 or www.howardhanna.com). It is open by appointment.

The property first showed up on G.M. Hopkins Co. maps in 1911 as part of land owned by J.A. Kelly on the old Murdoch estate. By 1923, the surrounding neighborhood had been developed and the house's current footprint was clear.

Mr. Marcus said his parents, Betty Jane and Alan Marcus, purchased the house in 1954, the year before he was born.

"When they bought it, it was already a duplex," he said. "There is an entrance from Murray and another on Wilkins."

The property is still zoned for two families, with front and rear living spaces.

A governor's driveway leads to the main entrance on Wilkins Avenue, a three-panel oak door with leaded glass. The entry features a mural painted by Mr. Marcus when he was in art school. He is now a professional artist and furniture maker.

A very large living room to the right is carpeted but has original hardwood flooring underneath. To the left of the entry, a large dining room boasts one of many original light fixtures and original crown molding. The flooring is porcelain tile.

The galley kitchen was last updated in the 1970s with white cabinets and laminate counter tops. There is an adjacent breakfast room with a wallpaper mural and a laundry room.

There are three bedrooms and two full bathrooms on the first floor of the front unit. The rear unit is accessed by a door off Murray Avenue and its living space is on the second floor, with a rooftop veranda.

The Murray Avenue entrance has an original staircase and paneled walls. An original trio of leaded windows have all of the original hardware. Every piece of trim in the house is in

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Klee row house offers a very Victorian Christmas

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

In Allegheny West on the North Side, Victorian lamps glow and a white Moravian star shines on the front porch of a brick-and-stone row house. Inside, "Happy Holidays" plays merrily on a Kurtzmann player piano.

Every first-floor room is filled with holiday decorations and the anticipatory air of Christmas at the house that John Engle and Tom Cihil share with their three dogs, Bella, Buzz and Yoshi.

This is one of six Victorian-era houses on the Old Allegheny Victorian Christmas House Tour, which runs from 5 to 8 p.m. Dec. 13 and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Dec. 14. Tickets are \$35 in advance at allegheny-west.org or on tour day at the first stop, Calvary United Methodist Church, 971 Beech Ave., 15233. Tickets are \$15 for a separate tour of a private toy train museum nearby.

The couple's home is part of Klee

Row, which is named for Jacob Klee, a Prussian-born clothing merchant who built them in 1885. Klee lived with his wife, Rosa, in one of these five identical row houses with mansard roofs, brick corbels, dormers and ornamental wooden verge boards with carved three-leaf clovers. In German, Klee means clover.

A tall Christmas tree dominates one corner of the front parlor, which is lit by an elegant gasolier, a chandelier fueled by gas and electricity. Beneath the tree is a hand-painted Christmas village that includes Heinz Hall. On a nearby drop leaf table is a beautifully painted creche with detailed faces and real gold gilding. The Christmas village and Nativity scene figures are treasured heirlooms made by Mr. Engle's late mother, Lorraine Engle, who died in February.

The two men bought the house in January 2018 after talking to the owners for nearly a year about their desire to buy the property,

which has high ceilings, transom windows, hardwood floors, custom draperies and elegantly painted trim.

The marbled fireplace surround and mantel in the front parlor features grapes carved into the slate. High above on the parlor walls is a hand-stenciled frieze bearing sweet fruit. Two crystal Fostoria candelabra glow on the mantel.

Hundreds of music rolls are stacked neatly next to the player piano, which was made in 1923 in Buffalo, N.Y. The piano's case is ribbon-grained Honduran mahogany. Mr. Engle has collected more than 1,000 player piano music rolls at estate sales and on eBay. His search for a player piano included some disappointments.

"They wouldn't work or they'd be in really bad condition," said Mr. Engle, who was a piano major in college and still plays.

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The dining room is decorated for Christmas and the Old Allegheny Victorian Christmas House Tour on Dec. 13-14.

Grand Tudor duplex priced at \$795,000



Kristen Heagy/Fly Over Properties
The main entrance of 5800 Wilkins Ave. in Squirrel Hill faces Wilkins Avenue. The second unit is accessed on Murray Avenue.



Dining room has original light fixtures and crown molding.



The side porch.

BUYING, FROM F-1

excellent condition. The second-floor unit has two bedrooms, two full baths, an updated kitchen and a large living room. Mr. Marcus says there is original hardwood in several areas of the second floor.

The third floor is part of the rear, second-floor unit. It contains a series of lined cedar closets.

"There are two bedrooms, one large bathroom, then another room that could be split into two more rooms," Mr. Marcus said. "The last time we rented the second floor was seven or eight years ago."

The ¼-acre lot features a large, flat yard. A covered porch hides behind several boxwoods and a large evergreen. The long driveway has space to park three cars. There is no garage, but plenty of space to build one.

"Most people who have looked at the home are looking to put it back into a single-family home. But this is a great multigenerational house," Mr. Marcus said.

The house has been priced to reflect updates the new owner might want to do in its more than 5,000 square feet of living space. The HVAC and mechanicals are in very good condition, Mr. Marcus said, noting that his father was a mechanical engineer who took great pride in the home.

The Allegheny County assessed value is \$420,700. Over the past three years, seven properties have sold in the 5800 block of Wilkins Avenue for prices ranging from \$531,800 in April 2018 to \$1.08 million in August 2017 (www2.allegheny-county.us/RealEstate/Search.aspx).

"The neighborhood can't be beat," Mr. Marcus said. "It is within walking distance of the Squirrel Hill business district and close to schools. It is also very close to several bus routes and all of the major universities. It's just a grand old house."

FESTIVAL OF TREES AT PHIPPS CONSERVATORY



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A "memory tree" made from historic Phipps photos in the Sunken Garden.



Reindeer topiaries made of reindeer moss and dried palm fruit branches in the Serpentine Room.



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Klee row house offers Victorian style

ALLEGHENY, FROM F-1

He finally found this player piano in Saxonburg. A tag on the front indicates that it was sold by Schroeder Brothers of Pittsburgh, which was at 820-824 Liberty Ave., Downtown.

There was a time, Mr. Cihil said, when there were more player pianos in American homes than bath tubs.

A long hallway leads past an alcove containing a telephone and into a spacious dining room. On one wall, a tall mirror adorned with tropical hardwoods hangs above another marbled slate fireplace. It was commissioned for the room by the previous owners.

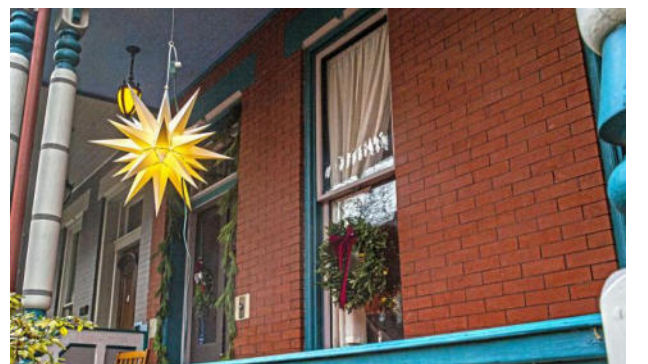
A round table is set with elegant silver and holiday china. It's lit by an Aladdin lamp, which was popular between 1880 and 1930. The two men enjoy collecting and restoring them. On an oak sideboard, a glass stand holds oranges.

Off the dining room is a kitchen with the French fleur de lis symbol on its tin ceiling and glass windows. There's a wood-burning stove, custom hickory cabinets, a long breakfast bar made of Zimbabwe black granite and room for two chairs. Behind the home's kitchen is a walled garden. A tunnel covered by a brick archway allows visitors who leave the house by the kitchen to return to the main street.

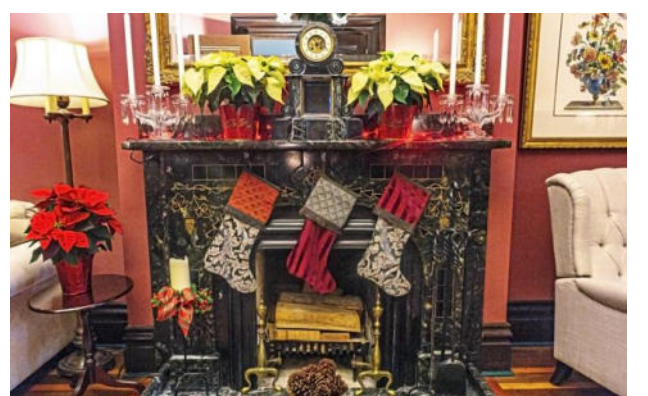
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A detail of the piano's nameplate.



A Moravian star hangs on the front porch of the house in Klee Row in the North Side's Allegheny West neighborhood.



Living room mantel has been faux-painted to look like marble.

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5th Ward

Anne Saunders to Artilio Campisano IV, 3305 Iowa St., \$95,000.

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3713 Mulberry LLC to Lawrenceville Lofts LLC, commercial property, 3725-3733 Butler St., \$350,000. Paula Kowaleck to Sean Stanley and Amanda Lowe, property, 3339 Ligonier St., \$6,500. Frederick Mayer to Greenfield Ventures LLC, 348 Manion Way, \$24,000. Penn Pioneer Enterprises LLC to Greenfield Ventures LLC, 348-1/2 Manion Way, \$22,500.

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Estate of Dolores Jean McGregor to Marc5 H1 LLC, Unknown Address, \$250,000. Thomas Pamouch to Terence and Mary Tom, 239 40th St., \$290,000. Matthew Paul Turcsanyi to Vi Trong Minh Hoang and Mai Phuong Nguyen, 144 Home St., \$267,000. Robert Kline to Torley Street Assoc. LLC, 4605 Torley St., \$111,169.

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SDNY Development LLC to Cherry Properties LLC, 4917 Broad St., \$75,000. Russell Webber to 2nd Mint Butler 1 LLC, commercial property, 5258 Butler St., \$180,000. Robert Brunner to David Silver and Erin Yastrow, 5317 Keystone St., \$295,000. Shawn McGill to Brent and Laura Evans, McCandless Ave., \$234,965. Todd William Adleff to House Flip Solo 401k Tr, 5154-5158 Natrona Way and Keystone St., \$315,000. Marc Deflino to Alexander Price, 5195 Stanton Ave., \$492,791.

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James Olsen to George Loewenstein and Donna Harsch, 1121 Farragut St., \$382,500. Michele Adair to NCRC Housing Rehab Fund LLC, 538 N Negley Ave., \$68,000.

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Douglas Joseph Jr. to Deutsche Bank National Trust Co. trustee, 1332 Grotto St., by sheriff's deed \$14,934.

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Estate of Wilda Bailey to LZT Real Estate LLC, 7149 Kedron St., \$15,500.

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William Roetsch trustee to Roesch Family Charitable Tr, 1045 Devon Road, \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$1,160,232). Loretta Ferrero to Robert Phelps and Cacie Cunningham, 945 Milton St., \$356,500. Diana Galbraith to Douglass Harrison, 7007 Penn Ave., \$465,000.

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Patricia Kopriva to Aaron Eichler and Mackenzie Meaghan Jones, 2524 Larkins Way, \$407,500. Michael Hazelbeck to James Jackson Jr. and Lori Jackson, 2235 Salsbury St., \$88,900.

17th Ward

Main Street Holdings LP. to Alleghenia LLC, commercial property, 2020-2022 E Carson St., \$728,000. Brooks & Blair Southside Properties LP. to Derek Jancisin, 1817 Fox Way, \$600,000. Joseph Orseo to Freedom Estate & Homes LLC, 28 Magdalena St., \$55,800. Barbara Reboch to Breen Masciotra, 96 S 11th St., \$169,500. KYSR Properties LLC to Andrew Conn, 1948 S 18th St., \$299,900. George Grzczka to James Grzczka Jr., 1900 St. Paul St., \$23,500.

18th Ward

Gregory Thibeaux to Laso Holdings 3 LLC, Camfield St., \$135,000. Randy Korathik to Joshua Mincin and Heather Malsch, 316 Institute St., \$190,100. Shameka Rouse to Beth Rogers, 402 Knox Ave., \$15,000.

19th Ward

A & D Realty Construction LLC to Anthony Pocco, 399 Boggs Ave., \$190,000. Adam Fagelson to DeMarco Restoration LLC, 1928 Edgebrook Ave., \$95,000. Kevin Clark to Dourid Aboud, 950 Fordham Ave., \$110,000. Robert Marcus to Dancy Holdings LLC, 211 Jasper St., \$42,900. Donald Tomlins to KPR Development Holdings LLC, 17 Lelia St., by sheriff's deed \$52,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$95,874). Walter Weidenhof to James Brocato, 247 Lelia St., \$25,000. Charlet A Richards Willis to Karen Svorcek, 5 Muskego Way, \$155,000. Daniel Martin to John and Diane Bucknum trustee, 2121-2125 Pioneer Ave., \$215,000. Jason Nicholas Sarakatsannis to National Residential Nominee Services Inc, 171 Plymouth St., \$285,000. National Residential Nominee Services Inc to Samuel Meister, 171 Plymouth St., \$285,000. National Builders & Acceptance Corp. to Delco 718 LLC, 804 Tropical Ave., \$67,500.

20th Ward

Olga Brindar to Nastasha Bonner, 1913 Berdella St., \$142,000. Admiral Capital Management LLC to Bryan DeFranco, 3011 Chartiers Ave., by sheriff's deed \$6,100 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$40,020). Arlene M Wheeler Carter to Joshua and Jennifer Shoemaker, 1404 Hillsboro St., \$99,000. Craig Addison to Alex and Danielle Rohal, 1236 Kirsopp Ave., \$201,000. RKTT Properties LLC to Daniel Bell, 2598 Merwyn Ave., \$20,000. Charles Vietmeier to 3036 Merwyn LLC, 3036 Merwyn Ave., \$40,000. Natalie Bausch to John Pavshak, 731 Ridgemont Drive, \$119,900. Carol Krugle to David Visconti, 2416 Rose Garden Road, \$220,000. Paul Smolensky to Alice Conyers Jones, 2947 Stafford St., \$54,900.

23rd Ward

Joann Davis to Bridgehouse Properties LLC, 1008 Constance St., \$50,000.

24th Ward

Norma Campbell to Dauber Henrikson Management LLC, 1322 Lowrie St., \$22,500.

25th Ward

Bradlin Spencer to Thomas Weiers Jr.,

property, 1527 Brighton Road, \$124,900. ARBLN LLC to Jordan Investment Properties Inc., 1732 Warren St., \$56,000.

26th Ward

Matthew Madisetty to Segavepo LLC, 25 Dunlap St., \$109,837. Michael Krom trustee to McMyGraf LLC, 2542-2544 Spring Garden Ave., \$55,000. Christopher Karas to Jason Peterson, 160 Watson Blvd., \$147,000.

27th Ward

Anthony DeCarlo to Sara Middleton and Catlyn Brooke, 1445 Davis Ave., \$150,000. Melvin Vasou to Raymond Sneed and Shana Lohr, 3410 Massachusetts Ave., \$125,000. Matthew Haule to Keren DeCarlo, 3831 McClure Ave., \$182,500.

28th Ward

Estate of Leonard Kent Bulgarelli to Kenneth and Deborah McGowan, 1549 Harlow St., \$52,000. Gary Fisher to WHTC Gram LLC, 1217 Hollywood St., \$38,000. Thomas Davis Jr. to Joshua and Chante Henze, 3870 Mayfair St., \$142,000. Carmen Shullo Jr. to Jake Kenney, 14 Oakwood Road, \$155,900. Joyce Modispaecher to Anthony Poiche and Elizabeth Besselman, 1936 Warriors Road, \$118,000.

29th Ward

Robert Franzak to Craig Lennix, commercial property, 2512-2514 Brownsville Road, \$85,000. Fifth Avenue Property Group LLC to Cordelia Cayten, 121 Laughlin Ave., \$54,000.

30th Ward

John Miller to NZ Real Estate Investing LLC, 232 Arabella St., \$8,000.

31st Ward

Dana Rogers to SS Allegheny LLC, property, Gates Drive, \$10,000. US Bank NA trustee to Bernardo Velazquez Aviles, 1118 Rodgers St., \$31,500.

32nd Ward

Rose Carla Ferreira to Christopher Lee and Katelynn Krug, 1241 Bellaire Pl, \$132,000. James Osborne Jr. to Andrew James Wenke and Amanda Faith Miller, 1728 Hollowell St., \$68,000. Robert Scanlon to Gary Narajo, 1918 Jacob St., \$174,900.

Aspinwall

Erin Cassie McCormick to Andrea Ippolito, 404 Lexington Ave. Apt 5, \$128,000.

Avalon

Theresa DeRubeis to Richard Haskins, 538 Marie Ave., \$165,000. Nicole Cain to Merriann McCracken, 221A S Home Ave., \$50,000.

Baldwin Borough

Bryan Keston to Urbaniak and Dominique Flint, 1609 Camella Drive, \$183,500. Renee Kosor to Wemily Schanck, 5017 Carolyn Drive, \$155,000. Estate of Joanne Crum to Sergij Simatovich, 1150 Cloverfield Drive, \$75,000. Estate of Frank Malzone to Lydia Holzapfel, 5226 E Willock Road, \$153,000. Dana L Lachman Schmidt to Georgene Kukich, 319 Hamlet Ct, \$108,000. Brian Vogel to Punya and Pratima Sharma, 66 Macek Drive, \$155,000. Marlene Batter to Matthew and Addie Evans, 3340 Vernon Ave., \$117,900. Estate of John Opferman to Martin Dukes and Rachel Rodgers, 20 Walton Road, \$138,947.

Baldwin Township

Carol Illard to Regis Mullen III, 508 Highview Road, \$172,950. Theodore Warwick to Elizabeth Venesky, 513 Highview Road, \$170,000. Estate of Ruth Hibbard to William and Janice Hibbard, 2306 Klein Pl, \$76,000. Vito Villani to Bugrahan and Basak Kiran Cetinkale,

830 Newport Drive, \$151,000.

Bellevue

Timothy Goulding to Jane Holland, 501 Forest Ave., \$190,000. Kelsey Bauer to Paula Kassouf, 316 Glaser Ave., \$140,500. George Goodman to Alta Vista Apartments LLC, 139 Lincoln Ave., \$700,000.

Ben Avon

Jeffrey Michael Schmeigel to Max Hase and Chelsea Newcomer, 219 Alder Drive, \$226,000. Richard Haskins to Matthew Musial and Josie Urbanski, 7416 Perysville Ave., \$270,000.

Bethel Park

Amanda Lynn Hosbach to Mark Christopher Tobak, 2729 Bertha St., \$50,000. Margaret Tunstall to South Hills Assembly of God, 2705 Bethel Church Road, \$320,000. Jackie Millo to Michael and Wendy S Austin Lysaght, 2110 Brady Pl, \$234,900. John Kisielica to Aaron Ryan and Elizabeth Oliniski, 2304 Casswell Drive, \$256,900. Betty Kainoski to Gold Spike Enterprises Inc., 5516 Clark Ave., \$127,500. Richard Panasko to Jackie Milto, 614 Clearview Drive, \$210,000. Arlene Grogan to David and Myranda Fullerton, 3219 Elderwood Drive, \$178,000. Kathleen L Kennedy Snape to Samuel Whitney and Rachel Mariah Breinholt, 5739 Library Road, \$164,900. Mid Atlantic Modern Homes LLC to Ronald Rizzo and Mary Mundy, 5755 Library Road, \$165,000. Alma Gilliam to Joseph Mulholland, 5381 Main St., \$127,250. Alfredo Mercurio to Ronald and Richard Clark, 4502 Mollenauer St., \$90,000. Marc Preston to Ram Wagley, 200 Santa Fe Drive, \$225,000. Michael Vona trustee to Joseph Podolinski, 502 Sonnybrook Ct, \$150,000. Devereux Albarelli to Emily Quidetto, 800 Timberidge Drive, \$124,000.

Blawnox

Ka Chung Lau to Kara Halin, 604 Carla Drive, \$135,000.

Braddock

Braddock Borough to Ohringer Parking LLC, property, Seventh St., \$3,000.

Brentwood

Natalie Olup to Jeanne Lehman, 2804 Clermont Ave., \$170,000. Jeffrey Greer to AvMedco Management LLC, 200 E Garden Road, \$100,000. ASL Holdings LLC to Kenneth Stadelman, 3021 Glendale Ave., \$150,000. James Dittler trustee to Leonard Lucas, 3214 Glendale Ave., \$24,000. Jason Moynihan to Derek and Hannah Sanson, 2800 Pyramid Ave., \$77,500. Tricia Tortorelli to Michael Giescke, 2927 Pyramid Ave., \$76,000.

Bridgeville

Estate of Owen Meyer to John Kovach and John Wilbert, 304 Church St., \$24,000. Estate of Darlene Bittner to Myriah McCullough, 241 Murray Ave., \$104,900.

Carnegie

Estate of Catherine Peacock to DWZ Holdings, 105-111 Court St., \$140,000. Bank New York Mellon trustee to Giuseppe Conte, 628-630 Lookout St., \$31,000. Eric Tallon to Salvatore Lamagna, 412 Ridge Ave., \$119,900.

Castle Shannon

Lois Kelly to Michael and Lisa Clarke, 904 Lindenwood Drive, \$200,000.

Cheswick

Donald Varshine to Joseph and Deborah Knopic, 309 Pillow Ave., \$70,000.

Churchill

Kent Hammersmith to Christopher George and Germaine Fleming, 35 Barton Drive, \$94,000. Ruth Staub to Brian and Mary McGinley, 104 Edgewood Drive, \$135,000.

Clairton

Ace Realty Investors LLC to Teshaw Robinson, 1801 Polk Ave., \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$18,212). Federal National Mortgage Assn. to Arnie Franco, 105 Shady Drive, \$45,000.

Collier

Armand Centracchio estate trustee to Byham Family L.P., Washington Ave., \$189,000.

Coraopolis

Greg Nehus Saab to Kofi Moorey, 1512 Edgewood Ave., \$95,000. Linda Romesburg Frissora to Lance and Nicole Tolson, 1505 Hilland Ave., \$70,000.

Crafton

Erik Gartz to Nicholas and Heather Parrilla, 47 Walnut St., \$134,900.

Dormont

Estate of Frances Lorenz Forrest to Daniel and Sydney Leonard, 2851 Espy Ave., \$140,000. Jonathan Phillips to Emily Heise, 1641 Kelton Ave., \$235,000. Jay Renton to HLBC LLC, 1238 Wisconsin Ave., \$165,000.

Dravosburg

George Edmonds to Jose Ignacio and Elizabeth Padron, 658 Riverview Drive, \$27,500.

Duquesne

Estate of Helen Bakurov to Richard Tucci, 1112 Barbara St., \$4,500.

East Deer

Pittsburgh Glass Works LLC to Creighton Property Holdings LLC, industrial site, 150 Ferry St., \$1,250,000.

East McKeesport

John Smith to Margaret and Cheyanne Leicht, 572 Helena St., \$83,000.

Elizabeth Township

Estate of Dorothy Kovacic to Diana Lynn Lombardo, 128 Hillview Drive, \$75,000.

Emsworth

Ted Mankey to Carl Dahlstrom, 292 Meadow St., \$245,000. Jennifer Koll to Jill Schapiro, 195 Walliston Ave., \$169,900.

Etna

Paul Wolkiewicz to Jeffrey and Rebecca Fraser, 70 Spring St., \$229,000.

Findlay

Aaron Linger to John and Bethany Elstrom, 11 Trotter Ln, \$392,500. Maronda Homes Inc. to Daniel Shepard Stouter and Jodi Christine Seaton, 62 Trotter Ln, \$306,074.

Forest Hills

Stefani A Lingafelt Schneider to Michael Scott Saffron, 440 Avenue D, \$110,000. Nicholas Hendrickson to Jesse and Elle Kisday, 304 Avenue F, \$157,000. Tisha Ghee to Tiara Dinkins, 432 Burlington Road, \$100,000. Brennen Rlaherty to Clark Hartwell Miller, 408 Cascade Road, \$165,000. Joanne Peterson to Millennium Custom Homes LLC, 98 Fairfax Road, \$96,500. Aaron Bames to Karl Brown, 3854 Greensburg Pike, \$108,000. Estate of Maureen Gordon Jones to Wilmington Trust NA trustee, 5 Newport Road, by sheriff's deed \$90,000. Michael Granny to Paint & Brush LLC, 126 Sumner Ave., \$81,000.

Forward

Thomas DeRosa to Thomas Denis Samolovitch, mobile home site, 1078 Golden Cir, \$90,000. William Milas to Three Rivers Royalty 2 LLC, property, 8955 Roberts Hollow Road, \$72,179.

Fox Chapel

Michael Schenck to Ryan Daryl Smith

and Laty Adriella Cahoon, 558 Dorseyville Road, \$438,000.

Franklin Park

Danielle R Fahr Kephart to Anthony Felicion and Lee Goldfarb, 2446 Dogwood Drive, \$395,000. Michael Nikithser to Brian and Sandra Bauer, 2141 S. Huntington Ct, \$318,000.

Frazier

Robert Anderson to Wilmington Savings Fund Society FSB trustee, 2520 Butler Logan Road, by sheriff's deed \$5,254.

Glassport

2019 Castle LLC to Ellis Property Options LLC, 513 1/2 Cypress Aly, \$8,500. Donald Messner Jr. to Tuff Properties LLC, 615 Michigan Ave., by sheriff's deed \$6,500 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$65,192).

Glenfield

Clutch Property Solutions LLC to Matthew Wight, 215 Dawson Ave., \$156,500.

Green Tree

George Weber to Ryan Sarosi, 106 Susan Drive, \$236,000.

Hampton

Allison Clark Church Assemblies of God to Frederick Latini III and Casey L Blendinger Latini, property, 2212 Duncan Ave., \$20,000. Estate of Robert Slatovskoy to Timothy and Luciane Haubach, 2372 Highland Ave., \$117,500. Jacqueline Goss to Carol Capezuti, 2552 Red Oak Ct, \$315,000. James Kermes to Andrew and Samantha Heffner, 4579 Sylvan Drive, \$327,766. Jonathan Laya to Ryan Thomas and Lisa Jean McHugh, 4241 Tangewood Drive, \$268,500. John Ubingger Jr. to Ethan and Audrey Sieg, 4711 Treeline Drive, \$380,000. Kenneth Goss to Peter and Sara Jefferson, 4205 Wembleton Drive, \$535,000. George Stewart to Andrew Rose, 2985 Wildwood Road Ext., \$173,000.

Harrison

120 Clark Street LLC to Charles Oliver Ewing Jr. and Joyce Lee Ewing, 4 Blue Ridge Ave., \$10,000. David Szymkiewicz to Jacob Mehal, 1220 Davis St., \$125,000. David Reczynski to Richard Begerwald Jr., 800 Washington St., by sheriff's deed \$10,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$64,728).

Ingram

Ruth Miley to PGH Property Management LLC, 24 Mainsgate St., \$75,000.

Jefferson Hills

MB2K Development Inc. to Costa Industries LLC, property, 3027 Chestnut Ridge Drive, \$81,900. NVR Inc. to Duke and Mildred Laha, 190 Washington Drive, \$395,000.

Kennedy

Keith Pappaterra to James and Rebecca Harbaugh, 159 Connie Park Drive, \$182,000. John Miller to Adam Amorose and Karyn Downey, 1521 Meerscham Ln, \$275,000. Joanne Blumer trustee to SB Special Needs Trust, 5010 Oak Point Drive, \$290,000. John Gasparovich to David Muzik, Tanager Drive, \$20,000.

Leetsdale

James Walls Jr. to KNC Properties LLC, 24 Victory Ln, \$70,000.

Liberty

Martin Szumanski to David Miller Jr. and Donna Franklin, 2813 F St., \$43,000.

Lincoln



Christopher Mance to Robert Straight, 1213 Lovedale Road, \$72,000.

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Real estate transfers

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Marshall

RT Partners L.P. to Brennan Group L.P., property, 116-118 Seneca Pl., \$160,000. Brennan Builders Inc. to Steven and Natalie Karr, 129S Seneca Pl., \$467,560. Russell Smith Jr. to Jennifer Barrett trustee and Jessica Henry trustee, 66 Strawberry Ln., \$129,000. Randall Tecza to Venkata and Aruna Bandaru, 210 Venargo Tr., \$365,000. Glenn Craig to Kevin Patrick and Alina Craig, 214 Warren Road, \$375,000.

McCandless

Christopher Huth to Bryan Overton, 9913 Belton Cir., \$320,000. Linda Meinert to Rachel Septak, 12 Crestwood Drive, \$130,000. Donald Ferringer trustee to Justin and Amber Shal, 9369 Doral Drive, \$327,500. Robert Glancy III to Matthew and Nicole Glancy, 330 Gemain Road, \$395,000. Christian Bonicoly to Mark Pleso and Anne Moosman, 387 Haugh Drive, \$260,387. James Layton to Adam and Giselle Ashton, 9389 Meadow Road, \$600,000. Michael Voit to John Joseph Murray, Peebles Road, \$75,000. Citibank NA trustee to NRZ REO 6 LLC, 8517 Wittmer Road, \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$223,532). Citibank NA trustee to NRZ REO 6 LLC, 8517 Wittmer Road, \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$28,304). NRZ REO 6 LLC to RSM Design LLC, 8517 Wittmer Road, \$40,000.

McClees Rocks

Sandra Placzek to McIntosh Management L.P., 502 Broadway St., \$54,500. MR FD3 LLC to NEIS Acquisitions 28232PA LLC, commercial property, 821 Chartiers Ave., \$770,000. Dennis Finnegan to Carla Johnston, 212 Copeland St., \$42,000. Lora Industries LLC to WAP Properties LLC, 746 Frederick St., \$14,000. Timothy Kovach to City Life West LLC, 709-711 Fruit Way, \$80,000. Eric Hall to Jamal Webb, 351 Island Ave., \$4,000.

McKeesport

Landis Property Investments LLC to Daniel Raible, 320 25th St., \$14,000. Kimberly Brower to Bernadette McGinty, 2105 Dalton St., \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$36,308). Marie Hall trustee to Ana Barionuevo, 2411 Riverview St., \$33,000. Timber Holdings LLC to VB One LLC, 2909 Versailles Ave., \$86,970.

Millvale

Ted Wassell to Sean Decker, 26 Spring St., \$238,500.

Monroeville

Cash for Homes Pittsburgh LLC to Daniel and Haley Sager, 603 Dahlia Drive, \$175,000. Eugene Donofrio to Martha Hanley, 419 Glendale Ct., \$180,000. Patrick Fawcett to Megan Aronckes, 165 Glenwood Drive, \$150,450. T1 Long Term Holdings 1 LLC to VB One LLC, 680 Hamilton Road, \$46,147. Jesse Vulgris to Katie Baumgarten, 1710 James St., \$121,000. Guy Matarazzo to Cory Smits, 2317 Monroeville Road, \$86,000. Kimberly Kirkpatrick to Damian McCoy, 365 Shady Ridge Drive, \$119,150.

Moon

Estate of Norma Uhrine to Michael Rebich Jr. and Ariana Rebich, 1644 Charton Heights Road, \$150,000. Lucien Bertrand Gasse to Christopher and Johanna Ortmann, 711 Culloden Ct., \$410,000. Benjamin Shinsky to Dale and Erika Harris, 109 Gaffney Drive, \$239,900. Estate of Anne Scott Spinelli to Terry and Judy Corbett, 1008 Greystone Drive, \$235,000. Marjorie Jones to William and Rowan Stawary trustee, 1404 Greystone Drive, \$229,900. Michael DeMarco to Todd Suehr and Leigh Jane Rettig, 401 Lytham Ct., \$275,000. Jessica Jolley to Courtney Dale Olson, 626 Thorn Hollow Road, \$80,000.

ML Lebanon

Barbara Logue to Denis Agovic and Jason Coma, 129 Baywood Ave., \$68,000. Central Square Real Estate LLC to Central Square LLC, 116-1/2 Central Square, \$835,326. Adrian Soriano to Nicholas Auge and Randa Lewis, 416 Gladis Drive, \$395,000. One for the Thumb LLC to Robert and F Fields trustee, 155 Lancaster Ave., \$696,600. Milee Poplar Drive LP to Cyrus Giron and Carol Takas, 95-97 Poplar Drive, \$270,000. David Edward Henry Lasser to Douglas and Meredith Olson, 1401 Terrace Drive, \$571,000. Kathryn Ross to John and Mary Becker, 750 Washington Road, \$221,000. Estate of Eileen O'Malley to Michael and Marjorie Sullivan, 750 Washington Road Apt 203, \$192,689.

Mt. Oliver

2019 Castle LLC to Michael Gieseler, 104 Fulton Pl., \$33,000. Warfield Capital LLC to Michael Hall, property, Margaret St., \$2,500.

Munhall

Estate of Marie Theresa Langan to Jason Zangus and Kelli Findlay, 112 Camold Drive, \$120,000. Patrick Devlin to Jamie Lynn and Noreen Fredrick, 3477 Rosetta St., \$164,350. Dana Rogers to TS PGH 1 LLC, 3625 Venango Ave., \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$118,436).

North Braddock

Thomas Baker III to 1758 Properties LLC, 1428 Wolfe Ave., \$48,000.

North Fayette

Charles Richard Benedict III to David and Jillian Head, 121 Commodore Drive, \$296,900. NVR Inc. to Brandon Lamp and Sarah Molinero, 107 Derby Ln., \$395,035. Chad Shipley to Kira Rinehart, 419 Elm Drive, \$141,000. Alireza Rezaie to Fayzulla Sayfullaev and Jamolahon Susanova, 2502 Hawthorne Drive, \$63,000. James Thomas to David and Jonette Harper, 2663 Hawthorne Drive, \$180,000. Richard Nowalk to Vincent Jay Smith and Shannon Nicole Schwartzmiller, 202 Woodcrest Drive, \$206,000.

North Versailles

Rebecca D Deibler McGee to Jack and Nicole Hunter, 424 Elizabeth St., \$78,800. Frank Ditto to The Pound People LLC, office building, 1751 Lincoln Highway, \$625,000.

O'Hara

Jorge Fontes to Charles Francis McCullough IV and Adriana Teresa Miele McCullough, 109 Cabin Ln., \$335,000. James Russell to Bradley DeHart, 218 Dorsyville Road, \$117,500. Michael Barton Redmond to Alan and Carol Frieze, 114 Douglas Drive, \$270,000. Chapel Pointe Condominiums LP. to Michelle Maola Dioloso, 100 Vista Cir 515, \$583,000. Gaston Jorge Oria to Joshua Antinopoulos and Patricia Graham, 401 Wickford Drive, \$699,000.

Oakmont

Delwood Homes Inc. to Lawrence and Carol Young, 200 Third St. Unit D, \$445,500. Aaron Feldman to Jacob and Elizabeth Roberts, 622 Sixth St., \$274,900. Edgewater Properties LP. to John and Linda Szul, 209 Park Pl., \$388,500. Gus Lewis to Upstreet Capital 1 LLC, 507 Washington Ave., \$440,000.

Ohio

Bin Jia to Gary Michael Mazur and Kara Ann Battaglia, 112 Cardinal Cir., \$364,900. Michael Metz to Melissa Kramer, 544 Harmony Road, \$299,000. Matthew Goga to Robert and Sandra Chappo, 117 Kensington Drive, \$275,000. Joseph Alabek IV to Michael and Dana Metz, 145 Kensington Drive, \$325,000. Linda Barry Robertson to

James Gasper, 15 Shannopin Drive, \$330,000.

Osborne

John Barnes to Jamie Hammond, 415 Orchard St., \$750,000.

Penn Hills

Thomas Tumulty Jr. to David Kusnir, 370 Fifth Street Ext., \$50,000. Phyllis Cosnotti to Johnson 2 LLC, 1015 Barger St., \$1,500. Denise Church to Joslyn Rankin, 105 Deerfield Drive, \$128,000. Estate of Marian Oertel to Michael Fife, 240 Lynnwood Drive, \$85,000. Home Opportunity LLC to Onyx & Shadow Equities LLC, 2300 Margaret St., \$8,507. Estate of Doris Pryor to Leo Robinson, 7930 Mark Drive, \$66,000. Dino Aquilino to Dale Woodruff, 1 Mason Road, \$25,000. Mark James Libertio to Jennifer Rombach, 1901 Outlook Drive, \$129,900. Penn Hills Commercial Properties LP to Jeet Links LLC, restaurant, 7343 Salsburg Road, \$490,000. Schoolhouse Finance LLC to 1Appling16 LLC, institutional site, Verona Road, \$199,000. David Eric Anderson to Leia Williams, 5742 Verona Road, \$40,000. Estate of Jeavon Toth to Narula Investments LLC, 189 Vetter Drive, \$45,000. Mark Valenti trustee to Joseph Tamburino, 139 Yosemite Drive, \$80,000.

Pine

NVR Inc. to Andrew and Richard Mark Enderberg, 501 Cambridge Ct, \$899,990. James Vogel trustee to Traci Patrick, 224 Fair Oaks St., \$400,000. David Cole to Kasey Tuttle and Sally Frick, 4102 Fairway Drive, \$774,000. Patrick Demitras to Erica Fuhrman, 3378 Gibsonia Road, \$120,000. Eddy Homes Inc. to Ki Hong Kwon trustee and Myung Seul Park trustee, 105 Miller Road, \$700,001. Pine Development Co. GP to NVR Inc., property, Mulkemin Ct., \$180,000. Lot 1A Stonewood East LP. to Acubed Realty Group LLC, 12980 Perry Highway, \$1,800,000. Phillip Austin to Varsha Bharathai and Kweta Pandya, 512 Rosecliff Road, \$370,000. NVR Inc. to Vincent and Mia Bywalski, 628 Tullamore Tr., \$719,750. Marcus Gilbert to Roderick and Gabriela Miles, 237 Wetherburn Drive, \$733,500.

Pitcairn

Joseph Yurko to Brian Toomey Jr., 702 13th St., \$126,000.

Pleasant Hills

Stanley Glickstein trustee to Phurba and Krishna Gurung, 321 Challen Drive, \$245,000. Christopher Miller to Michale Leroy and Alyssa Louise Ulderich, 205 Coleen Drive, \$279,900. Martin Sobierajski Jr. to Jennifer Zingibl, 3 Melvin Drive, \$200,000.

Plum

Diane Konikus to Cynthia Ann Matter, 3820 Clements Road, by sheriff's deed \$8,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$127,832). Jason Rugh to James Johe, 4730 Havana Drive, \$156,000. Richard Wallace to Fulton Innovative Enterprises LLC, 140 Lebeouf Drive, \$75,000. Daniel White Jr. to Danielle DePalma, 7115 Leechburg Road, \$165,000. Estate of Peter Bernardo to Richard and Thomas Demko, 9101 Maple St., \$10,000. Estate of Peter Bernardo to Richard and Thomas Demko, 9108 Maple St., \$35,000. Marshall Ogle trustee to Regis Cross, 365 Oak Drive, \$118,000. Thomas Slimick to Stephen Vantine, 629 Pikeview Drive, \$160,000. William Hoffman trustee to American Dream Home Properties LLC, 664 Regency Drive, \$80,000. Peter Bernardo to Richard and Thomas Demko, commercial property, 1542 Renton Road, \$20,000. NVR Inc. to Suresh Srinivasan and Sowmya Suresh, 407 September Drive, \$339,280.

Port Vue

Estate of Dale Sampson to Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., 818 Arlington St., by sheriff's deed \$3,127.

Rankin

William Hoekelman to SB Durham Realty LLC, 411 Kenmaw Ave., \$37,500.

Richland

Helga Achenbach to St. Barnabas Land Trust Inc., 402 N Church Ct., \$360,000. Martina Kondas to Courtney Shields trustee, 3981 Willow Creek Drive, \$280,000.

Robinson

Vishwanath Shreekanth Paibir to Derek and Shawna Crognale, 106 Arbor Trail Drive, \$290,000. NVR Inc. to Jacob Magnotti and Kelsey Sleighter, 158 Cole Drive, \$302,310. NVR Inc. to Jason and Alexis Lancellotti, 160 Cole Drive, \$298,767. James Viviano to Chris Blockard, 212 Foxburg Drive, \$347,000. Oliver Marrone to Brandon Ludwig and Rachel Maloney, 7 Oxford Drive, \$170,000. NVR Inc. to Noman Ahmad Rizvi and Qudsiya Saleem, 243 Sonni Ln, \$638,325. Charles Mascellino to Equitrans LP., Station St., \$350,000. Christopher Zulka to Robert and Sarah Davenport, 130 Williams Drive, \$309,500.

Ross

David Andrew Fossick to Nigel Yin, 56 Chapel Drive, \$145,000. James Miller to Wendy Wicks, 4401 Charlemagne Cir, \$92,000. Terry Vincent to Jonathon Schuler, 147 Courtney Mill Road, \$220,000. Jeffrey Adams to Kyle Anthony Boggs and Rebecca Christine Greco, 216 Jackson Cir, \$265,000. Kristi Stebler to Jason Sonnet, 115 Rose Ave., \$200,000. Michael Wald to William and Sandra Lazzara, 104 Westminster Drive, \$292,500. Travis Warner to Mark Stone II and Joanna L Stone, 497 William St., \$329,000. Nicholas Anthony Farrell to James and Lauren McMillen, 401 Wimer Drive, \$264,500.

Rosyn Farms

Richard Lentz to Derek Luke and Mariah McGrogan, 30 Club Road, \$490,000.

Scott

Wells Fargo Bank NA to Brandon James Enos and Marisa Rullo, 2050 Borland Road, \$116,500. Diana Nickerson to Robert and Michele Cohn, 1500 Cochran Road Unit 403, \$191,500. Bonnie Bello to Sandra Chase, 35 Cynthia Drive, \$164,900. Arnold DeGeorge to Gloria Fritz, 1635 Pembroke Drive, \$166,250. KDJ Properties LLC to Kenneth Lubic, 70 Robin Hood Road, \$220,000. Jared Homes to Tammy Rullo, 401 Salvini Drive, \$177,000.

Sewickley

Lacy Hannigan to Jack Brooks III and Kimberly Devos Brooks, car dealership or parking garage or car wash, 605 Beall Way, \$215,000. Edward Ryan Lagness to John Edward and Tierney Russell Barnes, 526 Cochran St., \$1,300,000.

Shaler

Stephen Seidelson to Justin McKinney and Maggie Morgans, 117 Church Ave., \$175,000. Raymond A to Christopher and Lauren Schultz, Fieldstone Drive, \$240,000. Cheyenne Warner to Delaney Jean Koglin and Kierston Alayna Wilkinson, 304 Fieldstone Drive, \$175,000. Ruthie Lee Yavorika to Robert Rymys Jr., 200 Governor Drive, \$198,000. James Brunweilheide trustee to James Michael Reisinger and Laura Maroon, 2923 Greenfield Road, \$359,000. McChow Holdings LLC to Leonard and Sara Caric, 3104 Greenfield Road, \$261,000. Lisa S Kennedy Pentland to Branden Butella, 1222 Greenhill Road, \$250,000. Brian Blumling to Crystal Lehmeier, 302 Hillwood Road, \$155,000. Robert Farbacher estate trustee to Merle Eschman III and Madelyn Eschman, 533 Keystone St.,

\$40,000. Robert Farbacher estate trustee to Jack Gallagher, 533 Keystone St., \$7,500. Sean Montgomery to Stephen and Tina Seidelson, 810 Limestone Drive, \$288,000. Debra Noll to Spring Capital Partners LLC, 505 Louann St., \$42,000. Martin Patrick Kozowski to Nicholas John Kulopajag and Alyssa Marie McLean, 105 Morewood Road, \$165,000. Central Penn Capital Management LLC to Diana Schemm and Laura Miannas, 200 Regina St., \$200,000. Ethan Stehlie to Jason Bohn, 311 Regina St., \$189,811. Ryan Jordan to Cheryl Diller, 219 Rosebrir Drive, \$223,900. Estate of John Frederick Behr to Nathan Sergeant and Hannah Boehler, 209 Vilsack Road, \$232,000. Corbett Peluso to Daniel John Baker, 1497 Wood Ave., \$224,000.

South Fayette

James Sippel to Tyler John Robert and Rebecca Ann Fisher, 4022 Fieldcrest Drive, \$360,000. Thomas Bouw to T & M Property Ventures LLC, 202 Hudson St., \$70,000. Jiang Wang to Sheldon and Lisa Knight, 1100 Lakeview Drive, \$359,000. Douglas Manko to Nicholas Marie Politi, 3104 Laurel Ridge Cir, \$138,000.

South Park

Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority to Mero South Park Ventures LLC, 3904 Brownsville Road, \$3,100. Matthew Rafferty to Jeremy Snocypcher and Carly Moran, 2979 Edgecliff Road, \$169,900. Estate of Doris Feigneig to Timothy Mills and Melinda Hartless, 949 Fredericka Drive, \$197,000. Jeffrey Kalbas to Timothy Shawn and Dana Hoffman, 2812 Frost Drive, \$240,000. Kieron MacLeod to Deborah Lessard, 1748 Kings Ct, \$318,000. Margaret Bastien to James Cancellmi Jr. and Caitlin Cancellmi, 2501 Ridge Road, \$264,900. Linda Hamilton to John Vincent Hamilton, 2810 Sebolt Road, \$125,600. William Logan Jr. to Stephen and Jennifer Puskar, 2965 Sebolt Road, \$156,800.

Swissvale

Estate of Joseph Lichiga to Mark and Mecca Lee, 2517 Woodstock Ave., \$16,500.

Tarentum

Thrift Drug Inc. to Abundant Joy Fellowship, commercial property, 411 Corbet St., \$1 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$872,668). Kara Rea to Michael Anthony Neale, 628 E Ninth Ave., \$4,000.

Turtle Creek

MGM Holdings LLC to HOLDA LLC, 509 Mercer St., \$15,000.

Upper St. Clair

Adaryl L Dreher to Om Siwakoti, 2596 Giant Oaks Drive, \$273,000. Walter Wills Jr. to Martin and Linda Tokarczyk, 295 McMurray Road, \$255,000. Samuel McKenney to Gary Zentner, 135 Village Ct, \$440,000. 1815 Washington Road Inc. to JPMorgan Chase Bank NA, commercial property, 1815 Washington Road, \$175,000.

Versailles

Janine T Rothrauff Baker to Charles and Susan Readeal, 5022 Third St., \$65,000.

Wall

Estate of Shulamit Shtelman to William and Katherine Howell, 534 Wall Ave., \$20,000.

West Deer

Hunt Club at Grandview Estates Condominium to Brennan Group L.P., condominium property, 342-348 Saddlebrook Ln, \$168,000. William Baker to David Whiting Jr. and Shirley Whittinger, 208 Tyler Ct, \$285,000. Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority to Thomas Woods Jr., property, 356-358 Willow Way, \$2,000.

West Mifflin

Thomas Stinson to Daniel Moore, 4823 E. Briery Drive, \$137,500. Robert Noll Jr. to Lauren Franks, 132 Helena St., \$134,900. Estate of Jean Murray to Richard Miller, 4332 Homestead Duquesne R, \$50,000. Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority to Regis Andres, 1420 Lower Bull Run Road, \$1,300. Gerald Lachack to Robert Schaffner and Emily Paul, 3512 Outlook Drive, \$40,000. Richard Marshall to Robert Grosz III and Lauren Grosz, 4830 Poplar St., \$182,000. West Mifflin Borough to Timothy and Arny Jo Olson trustee, property, Sloyport Road, \$5,900. Housing & Urban Development to Mary Steele, 2211 Vermont Ave., \$112,600.

West View

Thomas Von Lehman to Timothy Douglas and Paige Carlson, 500 Jamaica Ave., \$535,000.

White Oak

Thomas Stephenson Jr. to Ian Mokol, 118 Camella Drive, \$72,500. Daniel Markovich Jr. to Nicholas Reno, 126 Carmella Drive, \$90,000. Federal National Mortgage Assn. to Global Premier Asset Management NJ LLC, 817 Delaware St., \$7,350. Zona Enterprises Assoc. LP. to Lee Carmen Industries LLC, Gypsy Ln, \$130,000. Kristopher Anderson to James Locke, 467 McCully St., \$85,000.

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Timothy Polimeni to Kelly Johnston, 5222 Baptist Road, \$150,000. Jason Ohsie to Michael Moeselein, 4613 Curry Road, \$155,000. Diane L. Marshall Olsen to Scott and Nancy Diddle, 5136 Daube Drive, \$156,250. Edmund Ricci to Cody Stoddard and Brandi Boak, 916 Prospect Road, \$206,000. Brian Wayne Wilkesmore II to Meena Dhital, 61 Windvale Drive, \$187,400.

Wilkins

J & V Enterprises LLC to Joshua Vermeulen, 605 Brown Ave., \$182,000. Estate of Peggy Daviakos to Jess and Mindy Weiner, 920 Elizabeth St., \$55,000.

Wilkinsburg

Mark Burrell to Jishnu Das and Niranjana Natarajan, 446 Biddle Ave., \$279,500. Matthew Georgetti to Elias Margolin Pittsburgh LLC, 1990 McNary Blvd., \$40,000. Swarco Property Management LLC to David Teot, 921 Ramsey St., \$29,500. Dominican Barret to Spencer Garbos, 1217 Walnut St., \$22,600.

Beaver County

Aliquippa

Prudence Poya to Deutsche Bank, 341 Beaver Ave., by sheriff's deed \$1,747. Carl Ellis to HILLLooking LLC, 508 Highland Ave., by sheriff's deed \$1,537 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$88,358). Joseph Shahan Jr. et al. to Karen Sue Fernandez, 1120 Irwin St., \$12,000. Work Realty II LLC to Jason Jay Johnson, 117 Shaw St., \$2,000. Felix Flasco to Alfred Bialik, commercial property, State Route 930, by sheriff's deed \$926 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$1,836).

Ambridge

Marguerite Christy to PA Rock Rose Partners LLC, 914 Duss Ave., \$32,000. Jeremy Hogan to Robert Nelson, 1118 Lenx Ave., \$75,000. Cris Kappas to Tyquale Owens, 344 Maplewood Ave., by sheriff's deed \$1,744 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$53,933). Roy Stubbins to Justeen Beth Shillingburg, 826 Melrose Ave., \$47,000. New Economy Business Park L.P. to VLK LLC, industrial property, New Economy Drive, \$65,000.

Beaver Falls

E. Todd Rebich to R Crawford Enterprises Inc., industrial site, 11th St., \$12,000.

Bradley Gray to Heidi Feltrop, 2905 Fourth Ave., \$39,000. Wilma Jean Yovich to Housing Authority Beaver County, 4423 Fourth Ave., \$15,000. Renee Drake to Lucas Wade and Melissa Jo Hanna, 2810 Fifth Ave., \$90,000. Twyla Keller to Edward Johnson, 3605 Sixth Ave., \$100,000.

Beaver

Kenneth Mixer to Jake and Brianna McCracken, 394 College Ave., \$200,000.

Big Beaver

Edward Keller to Kevin Pettigrew and Jordyn Nicole Shipley, 107 Rockland Drive, \$172,000. Jamie Lynn Heaton to Kaylryn Piper, mobile home site, 1852 Shenango Road, by sheriff's deed \$1,844 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$42,687).

Bridgewater

Robert Ceranic to Mark Rubino, 1213 Market St., \$144,000.

Brighton

Estate of Mary Alice Bernstein to Edward and Jacqueline McLaughlin, 635 Bradys Ridge Road, \$113,000. Anthony Presutti to Bryan and Elizabeth Vitali, 127 Matthews Drive, \$330,000. David B Dodds Legacy Family LP. to Megan Dinan, property, Neville Road, \$95,000. Leesa Florida to Erin Rathburn, 319 Pine St., \$179,000. Gina Farzati to Micah James Diefenderfer, 1380 Tuscarawas Road, \$182,000.

Center

FDR Development LLC to Robert and Nanette McKay, 205 Canterbury Drive, \$333,000. E. Todd Rebich to John and Tamara Golletti, property, 120 Oakland Heights, \$10,000. Ian Jason Abrams to Robert Edward Karas, 171 Ridgeview Drive, \$167,000. Estate of William Mancanin to Michael Cicconi and Kerianne Theurl, 151 Spring Hill Road, \$125,000. Thomas Zaritski to Anthony Colangelo and Nancy Rossi, 108 Sunray Drive, \$325,000.

Chippewa

Carol Plati to Alex and Julia Kross, property, 3790 37th St. Ext., \$20,000. Estate of Rodney J Slider to Zachary and Lindsey Payne, 127 Joe Hall Road, \$65,000. Demetrios Pappan to Kimberlee Hobzal and Aaron Kunkel, 140 Post Oak Drive, \$789,000. Tanya Smakosz to Arthur Caratelli Jr. and Lesa Caratelli, 149 Skyline Drive, \$120,000. Matthew Sehn to Matthew Stephen Smith and Emily Ann Ensworth Miller, 1032 Timberwood Drive, \$300,000. Norma Gale Nicolette to Alexandra Tokarski, 115 Western Ave., \$157,000. Michael Robb Dickhart to Douglas and Cynthia Weidner, 104 Wincrest Ct, \$220,000.

Darlington Township

Thomas Bobich to Samuel and Tanya Kuhlner, real estate, 118 Edgewater Drive, \$12,000. Garrett Olson to Ruth Ann Malone, 268 Elmwood Blvd., \$122,000. Martin Joseph Zaffaroni to JMV Property Investments LLC, mobile home site, 101 White Church Road, \$30,000.

Daugherty

Marilyn Miller to Amanda Ketcham, 163 Florence Road, \$124,000. Citizens Bank to Brady Nicholas Okon and Carla Strate Okon, 177 William Penn Way, \$90,000.

East Rochester

Frank Aronhalt to Clinton and Lindsey Hays, 802 Sixth St., \$52,000. Jonathan Logan to Renee Dellfrate, 895 Spruce Ave., \$30,000.

Economy

Gerald Radford to Jacob Daniel and Rachel Marie Schwerin, property, Cooney Hollow Road, \$8,000. Allen Hofmann to Mark and Pamela Joy Simonds, mobile home site, 325 Dunlap Hill Road, \$206,000. Dominick Leopardi Jr



After record year for TV blackouts, Congress pushes broadcasters and cable companies to bargain in good faith

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Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

WASHINGTON — In mid-July, DirectTV customers in Pittsburgh discovered their access to CBS and the CW had been cut off. For 18 days, customers were in the dark as CBS, the broadcaster, and DirectTV, the content distributor, hashed out their differences over fees paid for programming.

Television blackouts are becoming a more frequent — and highly disruptive — problem, reflecting tensions amid a changing content distribution marketplace and rapidly evolving technology.

This fall, Congress is trying to tamp down on blackouts as it races to pass a major telecommunication bill in the final days of the year.

House Democrats, led in part by Rep. Mike Doyle, D-Forest Hills, are pushing for permanent “good faith” provisions and allowing smaller rural distributors to form buying groups to negotiate with cable companies.

The goal is to encourage a resolution when cable, satellite and telecom operators bargain for retransmission fees with broadcasters. Those fees, which are paid by cable systems for the right to

carry broadcasters’ stations, have been on the rise and now represent a decent chunk of a customer’s monthly bill.

As negotiations deteriorate, broadcasters can pull their content.

Mr. Doyle, a top member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee who chairs the panel concerning telecom issues, sought to make existing good-faith bargaining requirements permanent. Under the good-faith rules, cable operators can file complaints against broadcasters, and the FCC can intervene in talks.

Those protections would also be extended to the new buying groups, in which providers with 500,000 or fewer customers could band together in negotiations.

“Consumers suffer as a result of the two parties’ inability to come to an agreement,” Mr. Doyle said during a hearing in June. “Requiring that parties engage in good-faith negotiations was intended to reduce the number of blackouts and the resulting consumer harm.”

Those provisions were part of a broader conversation about whether — and how — to reauthorize a sweeping piece of telecom

legislation that governs content delivered to about 870,000 customers today.

In 1988, Congress relaxed U.S. copyright law to allow satellite companies to beam out-of-network signals to rural areas not served by a local broadcast stations. That means a signal from New York City could reach small towns in Montana, or viewers in Ohio could see Los Angeles networks.

“The law needs to continue,” said Rick Boucher, a lawyer for Washington-based Sidley Austin who helped draft the 1988 law as a former Democratic congressman from Virginia.

“Those opposing reauthorization of the law have been a little unsympathetic to the places where the need is great,” Mr. Boucher said.

Every five years, Congress has renewed the law over objections from broadcasters. The National Association of Broadcasters has long called for the law to expire, arguing technology exists today to deliver local content to many more households.

“It defeats the whole purpose of having a broadcast local TV station,” said Dennis Wharton, a spokesman for the group.

While the group is ultimately amenable to some form of reauthorization and the permanent good-faith negotiations, Mr. Wharton said, it wants the buying group provisions to be scaled back.

Mr. Wharton blamed providers for “using consumers as pawns to try to force disruptions in hopes that Congress will come in and fix what they claim is a broken system — when what this is is a marketplace negotiation between two parties.”

Yet the buying group idea has found bipartisan support amid the soaring number of blackouts nationwide.

Data collected by The American Television Alliance, an advocacy group representing cable and satellite distributors, shows the number of TV blackouts has increased almost every year. In 2019, blackouts across the country reached a record-high of 276 by the end of October. In 2010, there were just eight.

Rep. Greg Walden, the top Republican on the House Energy and Commerce Committee, said before the committee voted to pass the provision last month that

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Fred Rogers: Honesty and self-control

By Mariana Alessandri
New York Times

On the 51st anniversary of the first taping of the classic children’s show “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood,” Google published an animated “doodle” commemorating him.

It depicts Mister Rogers walking through the neighborhood interacting with a variety of people, including a small child with his head hung low. Mister Rogers fashions a paper airplane for the boy, which instantly cheers him up. People commonly caricature Mister Rogers this way — a gentle man intent on making everyone happy — but that may be more a reflection of America’s discomfort with dark emotions than of the man himself. The last thing Fred Rogers would do for a sad boy is distract him from his sadness.

Anyone who watched “Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood” would know that the host considered all feelings natural — including the dark ones — and believed they don’t need fixing. Many of the children raised watching the program are now parents, and a new appreciation for Fred Rogers has blossomed thanks to the 2018 documentary “Won’t You Be My Neighbor” and the new feature film “It’s a

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Who is liable for nightmare purchases?

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Five years ago Heather R. Oberdorf did something millions of people do every day. She went shopping on Amazon.com and bought a collar for her dog, Sadie, a powerful black Lab mix.

Not long after, during a short evening walk in the central Pennsylvania town of Hartleton, Sadie lunged, and the new collar — pink with Sadie’s name on it in sparkling letters — broke. The retractable leash flew back, hit Oberdorf’s face, and permanently blinded her left eye.

Who’s liable?

The Furry Gang, the Nevada entity that posted the collar for sale on Amazon, has disappeared. Even a private investigator Amazon hired couldn’t track down the business owner.

With nowhere else to turn, Oberdorf sued Amazon — which says it is a services provider and not responsible for defects in products third parties sell on its site — in a case that has become nationally significant as it heads toward a rare full-panel hearing early next year in the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia.

The products-liability case is a

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Why a GDP adjustment for damage to our air makes good sense

By Nicholas Z. Muller,
Peter Tschofen
and Ines Azevedo

Pittsburgh has a long history both with air pollution and as an important contributor to the nation’s economy.

Typically, economic performance of nations, states, and metropolitan areas is measured using Gross Domestic Product (GDP). For decades, such statistics have influenced decisions made by central banks, elected officials, investors, and the lay public. Their importance cannot be overstated. We propose an adjustment to this official economic performance metric: the subtraction of pollution damage (a hidden cost) from GDP.

When applied to the U.S. economy as a whole, we find that air pollution damages comprise a significant share of GDP, and that these impacts fell considerably in recent years. We focus on the Pittsburgh region to demonstrate how a more inclusive measure of metropolitan economic performance might affect our sense of economic development in the region.

Why subtract damages from GDP? While firms (and, indirectly, households through higher prices for cleaner products) in the region have invested in pollution control,



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The Russ Mobley towboat works with barges of coal tied together on the Monongahela River with a background of the U.S. Steel’s Clairton Coke Works in September.

this study values costs from remaining emissions. Given our current regulatory structure, firms do not pay to emit. Without such payments, the cost from damages from remaining emissions after pollution controls escapes traditional measures of output like GDP.

The analysis begins by using computer models to estimate the health damages from exposure to fine particulate matter (PM2.5) air

pollution in the seven county metropolitan area (Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Fayette, Washington and Westmoreland counties). The data include the three most recent years for which nationally comprehensive pollution emissions data are provided by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency: 2008, 2011, and 2014. Using national emissions data is important because it allows the

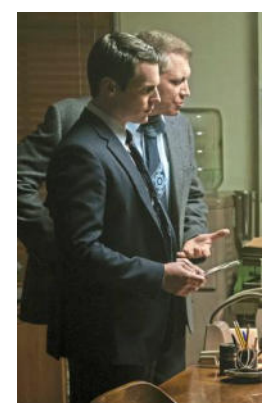
analysis to show how much of the damages in Pittsburgh are coming from outside and inside the metropolitan area.

Importantly, PM2.5 concentrations in the metropolitan area fell between 2008 and 2014. Connecting concentrations to health effects relies on research from public health studies. This is an area of research that extends back at least to the early 1970s, when researchers at Carnegie Mellon University demonstrated that particulate matter elevates mortality risk. We then convert increases in mortality risk into monetary damages, / while such measures have important uncertainties and do not include every effect that pollution may have, they are regularly used in peer-reviewed research and government reports.

The results of this exercise are surprising.

From 2008 to 2014, the measure of regional performance that accounts for air pollution impacts grew far more rapidly in Pittsburgh than official GDP. Between 2008 and 2011, this measure grew twice as fast as GDP. So contrary to conventional wisdom, accounting for environmental quality does not always diminish economic

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Reasonable and humane

Minimum wage bill is a step forward for workers

A proposed increase in Pennsylvania's minimum wage to \$9.50 by 2022 signals a morally right move toward a living wage for workers and their families.

Pennsylvania's current minimum wage is aligned with the federal minimum wage of \$7.25 an hour, a figure that lags behind the minimum wage in neighboring states that, by many estimates, forces workers to live in poverty.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics inflation calculator establishes the loss of buying power for minimum wage workers since 2009, the time of the last increase. The current \$7.25 has the same buying power as \$6.07 in July 2009, according to the calculator.

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has developed a similar living-wage calculator. It calculates the wage needed for people to support themselves and their families. For Pittsburgh, a living wage for workers supporting themselves with no dependents is \$10.89. A poverty-level wage for a single individual is \$5.84 an hour.

For families, the proposed increase lags further behind a living wage. For a single wage earner family with two children, the living wage is calculated at \$23.41, a poverty-level wage at \$12.07.

Workers deserve a living wage, and the bill is a step in the right direction. The bill considers the needs of businesses by avoiding a significant hike in the wage within a short time.

The compromise has the support of disappointed Democrats, who preferred a higher minimum. For example, Sen. Christine Tartaglione, of Philadelphia, said she "couldn't walk away" from a \$2.25-an-hour raise — a significant figure given Pennsylvania's history of minimum wage hikes.

Many businesses and organi-

zations recognize that wages need to increase. Amazon, Walmart and Sheetz all pay at least \$10 an hour, with Amazon paying \$15 an hour.

"What I've seen is the current minimum wage is not a living wage," said President and CEO of Vincenzian Collaborative System Nick Vizoca. His nonprofit, which operates a retirement community in McCandless, plans to raise its minimum to \$15 an hour by July 2021.

Vincenzian's decision, he said, is based on two primary considerations: fairness and a desire to attract more potential employees.

The Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce also supports the bill.

"(Our group) believes (the bill) is a reasonable compromise and a step toward making Pennsylvania's minimum wage more competitive. This compromise alleviates the pressure that an expansion on the overtime threshold would have on many of the nonprofits and businesses in the region while helping thousands of hardworking Pennsylvania women and men better support their families," spokesman Philip Cynar said.

A review of 15 years of research found that minimum wage increases don't cause the large job losses some fear. While negative effects on employment exist, those negatives lessen over time and tend to be localized to teenagers. The review, published this year, was conducted by Paul Wolfson at Dartmouth College and Dale Belman at Michigan State University.

Increased prosperity, even at the minimum wage level, impacts communities by giving people more opportunities to better their lives — a laudable goal.

The bill has passed the Senate. Passage of the bill by the House of Representatives should follow. Gov. Tom Wolf already has pledged his support.



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Letters to the editor

Changing a dysfunctional process

I'm glad that Pittsburgh's dysfunctional process of selling its acquired abandoned properties is finally getting some attention (Nov. 29, "The System is Broken"). The mayor may not be able to do much about the state laws that prolong the process, but I hope his plan at least tackles the main local obstacle to selling these properties: the ability of Pittsburgh City Council members or the Urban Redevelopment Authority to block these sales at will.

Where a community group or the URA is actively pursuing purchase of a city-owned property for some community use or has published a master plan that identifies particular city properties as best suited for this plan, it is entirely appropriate for those properties to be reserved from sale for a reasonable period of time. It is also appropriate to prevent sales to those who have delinquent taxes or code violations on other properties.

What is not appropriate is an informal, unpublished process of requiring all prospective purchasers to win a popularity contest with the neighbors or local officials, with criteria that may be entirely personal and subjective, and with no basis in zoning laws, building codes, traffic impact studies or other objective requirements that protect neighborhoods from inappropriate developments.

I know that community groups and the URA work hard to improve Pittsburgh, and instances of abuse are surely the exception and not the rule. However, keeping these properties vacant and blighted for years or decades causes real, quantifiable harm to nearby taxpaying residents. If a local group repeatedly vetoes purchase offers from parties proposing legally conforming developments, then that group should put its money where its mouth is and buy the properties themselves.

GREG FUHRMAN
Spring Hill

Losing interest

The Senate will soon hold a mock trial to pretend they are giving thoughtful consideration to the evidence presented and will then act under the auspices of the oath of office they took and the Constitution of the United States. However, the Republicans have already told us that they will clear their guy, President Donald Trump. The most important thing is the retention of power in their hands, though how much real good has that produced?

In a year, the voters will have the chance to say if Mr. Trump gets another term or not. If he is out, then his whitewash by the Senate does not create double jeopardy and the huge amount of evidence gathered and verified can be used in a normal criminal trial under the bribery charges and whatever else might be actionable.

It seems improbable that he could get a jury of lackeys who would ignore the case presented, and so, barring prose-

cutorial misconduct, it seems likely he would be convicted and then hopefully treated like the common criminal that he is. It can be no wonder that the public has lost interest because they have been clearly told by the Republican Senate that the fix is in.

Other than marring his place in history, what are we accomplishing? Perhaps the senators running for re-election should be focused upon for their utter disdain for the country and the protection of its citizens.

WILLIAM TAYLOR
Whitehall

Justice for victims

The recent legislation passed by the Pennsylvania legislators relaxing the statute of limitations for child sexual abuse crimes received a lot of coverage touting it as a positive change for victims (Nov. 22, "Pa. Poised to Extend Sex Abuse Statute of Limitations"). In reality, for all present victims of clergy abuse, it does nothing to provide any relief.

Changing the statute of limitations for criminal and civil cases only applies if the abuse occurs after this act is passed, likely this month, and in the future. It does nothing to help existing victims.

And the two-year window to file older cases is in the

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form of a constitutional amendment and has to pass several more hurdles, and if it passes those, will not take effect until 2021.

Unlike over 20 states that have created a window for older cases, this legislative action is an appeasement of public pressure with hope of justice for victims a long way off.

ALAN PERER
Squirrel Hill

Liberty vs. security

Concerns about facial recognition tech must be addressed

A proposed regulation change that would allow the Department of Homeland Security to use facial recognition technology on all people traveling into or out of the United States should stoke public interest and heighten Congress' concern for Big Brother's use of this technology and the impact it could have on civil liberties.

According to a recent filing, the DHS would like to require that all travelers, including U.S. citizens, "be required to be photographed upon entry and/or departure" from the United States. An agency spokesperson released a statement saying that the rule change is in the "final stages of clearance."

Facial recognition technology, which uses artificial intelligence to match an image of a person from a photo or video with an image of him or her in a database, is becoming increasingly commonplace. It's at airports, retail stores and other high-traffic areas. Advocates assert that facial recognition helps law enforcement catch criminals and cut down on crime.

DHS has, to this point, used facial scans only on noncitizens traveling into the country. That practice was enough to drum up concerns from organizations like the American Civil Liberties Union. Facial recognition technology has, to this point, not been subjected to any meaningful regulation. Who can access the photo databases? Who can see the results? How can a result be challenged? How long are people's photos being

stored? Where are they being stored? These questions have not been addressed.

There are also concerns about the accuracy of the results and the degree to which racial bias can have an impact. A 2018 report by Georgetown University's Center on Privacy and Technology highlighted high error rates, particularly when analyzing the faces of women and African Americans, and the lack of necessity for the program — the researchers claim that neither Congress nor the DHS has explained why the facial recognition program, despite critics' concerns, is essential.

The DHS proposal follows through on stated objectives of both the Trump and Obama administrations, which have aimed to implement biometric security in U.S. airports. President Donald Trump signed an executive order in 2017 to that end, calling for "a full roll out of airport biometrics for all domestic and international travelers." With bipartisan support and acceptance, tools like facial recognition technology are being treated by some as an inevitability.

But issues of due process, privacy and accuracy cloud the technology's use, which is reason enough to stop its implementation. Until the myriad questions and concerns, particularly those that pertain to civil liberties, have been adequately addressed — by DHS, by Congress and by the courts — facial recognition of citizens should be rejected.



Bolder initiatives to help all Americans

Democratic presidential candidate Mayor Pete Buttigieg has attacked candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren over her proposals for universal health care, free public college tuition and school loan forgiveness. Much of these objections are because these programs would be universal, including the wealthy.

Does Mr. Buttigieg also seek to eliminate the universal nature of Social Security and Medicare, the very reason why these programs were able to pass and enjoy widespread support?

Free tuition would apply only to public colleges that wealthy students would be far less likely to attend and, consequently, also unlikely to take advantage of the program.

Universal health care does not necessarily mean that labor union membership, having negotiated better coverage in exchange for salary concessions, need abandon those plans. A universal system could be a floor, ensuring adequate coverage for all and better controlling costs. A private system could be preserved as a supplement for those who want to continue their current plans, not unlike how Medicare currently



functions.

Myriad questions — such as how to fund these plans and whether they could pass in Congress and in what final form — surround these proposals. Nonetheless, there are answers to the objections being raised. If sufficiently laid out, the public might better understand the benefits of the programs themselves, as well as the investments in our population that would accrue.

Yes, it is fair to ask the wealthy to pay a bit more so that the nation as a whole might benefit from these programs. However, if we all share the burden, it's also fair that we all be included in the advantages. To do otherwise would actually be contrary to Mr. Buttigieg's professed desire to bring the country together and not exacerbate our current divisions.

Perhaps the most important question is, why begin your proposals from the middle and probably end up getting less than you might if you at least start with the bolder initiative in the first place?

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Can Mike Bloomberg save the Democrats from themselves?

That's his plan.

But don't count on it.

Mr. Bloomberg is one potential Democratic nominee who could actually handle the job of president. It is said that being mayor of New York City is the second toughest job in American government.

And though some disliked his style — sometimes abrasive and sometimes nannying — it is almost universally accepted that Mr. Bloomberg was a highly able and competent municipal executive for 12 years. He built affordable housing, created jobs and kept the city safe and solvent. He defended the right of Muslims to build a mosque near Ground Zero.

He also made his billions the old-fashioned way (as the old-fashioned commercial used to say) — he earned them.

Moreover, Mayor Mike has put his money — a lot of it — to work on three issues that really matter to America — gun violence, tobacco and global warming. Those are so much more real than promising free college to everyone or yet another soak-the-rich scheme that would only feed the federal Leviathan.

This raises an interesting question: Does competence have legs?

Because Mike Bloomberg is about as charismatic as a pair of argyle socks.

His pitch, in a first massive media buy, is that he can get things done. And it will certainly also be that he is moderate, measured and balanced.

Mr. Bloomberg is all of that. But will Democratic primary voters care?

For 25 years I lived in Connecticut, a beautiful state which is essentially one big suburb of New York City. I remember a Bloomberg press conference after a questionable cop shooting in New York. I had never been a Bloomberg fan particularly, but he impressed deeply with the way he handled family, police, civil rights leaders and press on that occasion. He projected methodical reason, compassion and, yes, competence.



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To me, this is a charisma. But when was the last time competence mattered in a presidential race?

You'd have to go back to Dwight Eisenhower.

And that's a shame. Because the presidency is a job. A big, complicated, practical as well as symbolic job. It involves dealing with many problems at once. And it involves complex questions of military and foreign policy that are deeper and infinitely more complicated than "not our fight" or "don't mess with the U.S."

The Bloomberg dream scenario is that Joe Biden gets wiped out in Iowa and New Hampshire, and the remaining choice — of Mayor Pete Buttigieg, a 37-year-old wiz kid from a beat-up Indiana town, Bernie Sanders and Liz Warren — does not inspire confidence.

Democrats, new polling shows, want one thing: To beat Donald Trump. Barack Obama says that. Bloomie is a practical liberal who can self finance a presidential run at a time when his party is broke. Maybe the party could learn to love him?

Well, it's a scenario. A highly unlikely one, but I suppose as plausible as a Mayor Pete victory march to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.,

or the likelihood that Joe Biden will get it together and emerge stronger by the summer of 2020.

Still, my gut tells me than an old rich white guy who can do stuff is not really what America wants.

What do we want?

Well:

- Roughly half of us want the current president expelled from office on the grounds that he violates every known norm of that office.

- Half want him retained on the grounds that he is actually pretty good at the job itself and has never truly been allowed to do it.

- Many of us don't know what we want in a president.

- And almost all of us want to feel better — about the country and about humanity.

That brings me to Mister Rogers — Pittsburgh's greatest man.

But George Marshall was a great man and no one is making movies about him.

Sixteen years after his death, we have a major Hollywood movie about a man who did a children's show on public television. This, following the extraordinary response to a moving documentary released last year.

Fred Rogers is a cult hero all over again — bigger than in his lifetime, in fact. He makes us feel better.

And that's a hopeful thing.

It shows how deeply we crave the decency we fail to practice, not only in our politics but our culture and our lives.

It shows how deeply the nation wants to escape the instant but seemingly inescapable rage that grips it.

By all means go see the splendid "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood." And re-watch "Won't You Be My Neighbor?"

But do we really want to escape our rage?

I don't think Fred Rogers was a weak man. On the contrary. He formed himself and his work with an utterly singular vision and a will of iron. And he was not immune to anger. Far from it. He was in anguish over 9/11. He was constantly pained by the disrespect we inflict on each other. He was saddened by the cruelty of the world.

But he had a value system. He didn't propagandize, but he was a Christian. He prayed to a personal God, on behalf of specific human beings, daily.

He said there were three paths: The first is kindness. The second is kindness. And the third is kindness.

Mister Rogers knew he could not control others. He was all about self-control: How do children, how do we, respond to what we cannot control? He practiced self-control. The opposite of rage.

Witnessing cruel, reckless and remarkably unhelpful behavior by people I want to like and respect I ask myself: What would Mister Rogers do? I am ready to buy the T-shirt.

This is what he would do:

Keep his temper.

Keep his patience.

Keep his kindness.

And quietly keep to his path — staying true to himself, his mission and his faith.

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Opinions may vary

Trump-Ukraine transcripts are a Rorschach test



Ruth Ann Dailey

If impeachment were not such a grave matter, you might actually find President Donald Trump's telephone calls to the Ukrainian president good for a few giggles.

Each transcript carries a reminder that it is actually a memorandum — not a verbatim record but a compilation from those who listened in on the call. Despite the committee approach, the "tel-cons" magically capture the special flavor of Mr. Trump's speech patterns.

Although he achieved great success in real estate years ago, Mr. Trump has never shed the style of the mid-level, wannabe kind of developer — the braggadocio and the insistent, numbing repetitiveness meant to wear down any opposition. Much of this obviously was edited out of "The Apprentice" episodes, but nobody edits live campaign speeches, alas.

For the faint of heart (like me), bluster developer-speak is easier to endure on the printed page, and our civic duty obliges us to read the Ukraine phone-call records. Impeachment turns upon whether Mr. Trump was leveraging American aid to enlist a foreign government's help on a personal quest, rather than for a national objective.

Impeachment may rest, therefore, on the average citizen's ability, or willingness, to read. If all of us assessed the memos and then answered the pollsters' robo calls, our leaders in Congress would know which way to lead. This could save the nation weeks of anguish!

And how can we not read, when such a cornucopia of superlatives awaits?

"That was an incredible election," "a fantastic election," "we have a tremendous economy," "you will be a fantastic president," "the results are incredible — they're very impressive for us."

It's like high-school sophomores doing their first Model U.N.

Apparently the style is spreading, too, because the last quote in the series above was from Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Perhaps he was trying to ingratiate himself.

Gaseous inexactitude creates problems. It lends itself to a wide variety of interpretations — enough that Speaker Nancy Pelosi thinks she should proceed with impeachment. Enough that Trump administration folks are still arguing about what their boss meant.

Enough, perhaps, that independent-minded citizens might shrug and say it could go either way — it depends on how you want to connect the dots.

In the July 25, 2019, phone call, Mr. Zelenskyy is the first to express his desire to "drain the swamp" in Ukraine, the first to mention Mr. Trump's lawyer Rudy Giuliani, the first to note that Ukraine wants to buy more weaponry from the U.S. — all of it in quick succession.

Mr. Trump slows down the conversation, backtracking to an earlier point each time Zelenskyy raises a new one. He does clearly ask for Ukraine to look at events in the 2016 election and to cooperate with the attorney general "to get to the bottom of it."

And then the word salad really flies: he mentions the prosecutor that former Vice President Joe Biden bragged about getting fired and "a lot of talk about Biden's son" but nothing specific, just the usual muddle.

Among other things, critics scoff at Mr. Trump's mention of CrowdStrike, the company that investigated the 2016 hacking of Democratic National Committee emails and that still figures in right-wing conspiracy theories. But to the considerable extent that these critics are the same partisans who spent two years peddling the "Russian collusion" theory, they haven't much credibility.

Careful readers have to ask whether Mr. Trump's responses to Mr. Zelenskyy and the points he raises himself are reasonable or inappropriate, self-serving or patriotic. It's usually a mix of all those when politicians speak, though some are more adept at hiding their self-interest than others.

Unfortunately (or will it be "fortunately"?) for Mr. Trump, the transcripts read like most people's conversations most of the time — open to interpretation.

If the Democratic House votes to impeach but the Republican Senate does not follow, Mr. Trump will head into the 2020 election claiming vindication. The muddle will continue. Maybe that is each side's end game — just keep stirring things up.

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National perspective

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The impeachment impasse

Trump's behavior has justified the process, but it may still cost the Democrats dearly in 2020

The irony the Democratic impeachers are courting in the latest phase of their drive to remove Donald Trump from the White House is that their efforts may have the effect of helping him win a second term in the White House.

The inaugural hearing in the Judiciary Committee included political maneuvers worthy of the Cirque du Soleil. But while the Montreal troupe was based on the artistry of street performers, the Washington hearings put on display the tactics of street fighters.

Each side — the Democrats eager to impeach Mr. Trump, the Republicans just as eager to defend him — followed its prescribed choreography. No improvisation, no deviation from the scripts established by the ballet masters of each side, in fact no new facts.

That is because of the danger the Democrats implanted in the Judiciary Committee proceedings: The first hearing — a legal seminar spiced up with the pas de deux of politics — was designed as a predicate to impeachment. But the way the Democrats are proceeding could not have been better suited to rally — indeed to inflame — the Trump base.

There are, to be sure, huge legal, political, logical and strategic flaws in both sides' positions.

The Democrats are trying to remove Mr. Trump from office on the basis of one troubling episode among many, the congressional equivalent of charging Al Capone with tax evasion when his record included bribery, gang warfare, conspiracy and probably murder. By proceeding this way, the Democrats may be nudging future historians to concentrate on the president's actions involving Ukraine rather than on a multitude of other actions they find distasteful if not unlawful.

For their part, the Republicans are willfully turning a blind eye to Mr. Trump's activities, in Ukraine and elsewhere, and doing so in direct contravention of GOP comments about the offenses of Bill Clinton as an earlier House Judiciary Committee prepared articles of impeachment 21 years ago.

The greater vulnerability may lie with the Democrats, no matter how ardently they feel their course is justified.

In the run-up to the 2020 election as in their work on Capitol Hill, they are battling the perception that they have evolved beyond their blue-collar New Deal roots and have become a party of elitists, or at least do the bidding of their party elites. In that context, in the most consequential confrontation of their political lives, they then summoned a panel of experts with two Harvard degrees, four Yale degrees and degrees from the London School of Economics and Oxford.

Their chairman, Jerrold Nader of New York, began his audition for history by setting out a persuasive case for impeachment, but followed that with a statement that the hearings were an examination of whether there was a case at all against the president. The contradiction was too obvious to ignore.

The Republicans repeatedly interrupted the proceedings; this was no GOP display of the good manners that marked generations of 20th-century Republicans, even partisans such as Sen. Bob Dole, who as the 1976 vice presidential nominee committed the sin of describing American 20th-century military conflicts as "Democrat wars" but who was uber-courtly in the Capitol.

But it may be the way these unruly and often unreasonable Republicans were shut down — rather than the merits of their interruptions — that will be re-

membered by the Trump base. The first interruption came within Mr. Nadler's first sentence. The chairman's dismissal of the GOP inquiry came just as swiftly.

And if the Trump base were looking for evidence that this was a partisan undertaking, the series of partisan votes, each one shutting down the Republicans, provided ample evidence.

Of course, the partisan votes did the Republicans no favor either. In the effort to impeach President Richard M. Nixon, six of the 17 Republicans on the House Judiciary Committee joined all 21 Democrats in voting to send the matter to a Senate trial. GOP Rep. William Cohen of Maine criticized Mr. Nixon for withholding information. No Republican member of the Judiciary Committee 45 years later made a similar remark despite the Trump administration's refusal to appear before the committee.

That vacuum left the GOP vulnerable to the argument of Michael Gerhardt of the University of North Carolina Law School, who said Mr. Trump's comportment qualified for all three of the articles of impeachment the Judiciary Committee approved for Mr. Nixon, including the failure to comply with congressional subpoenas.

Facing certain conviction in the Senate, Mr. Nixon resigned following appeals to leave office from Republican stalwarts such as Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona, who preceded Mr. Nixon as the party's presidential nominee, and Sen. Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania, the Senate minority leader and, as such, the most powerful member of the president's party in the chamber.

Overall, ironies abound in the current episode. The richest may have been the spectacle of the Democrats portraying Mr. Nixon as a respecter of the Constitution and of congressional prerogatives.

Insight

Fred's wisdom: We can talk about it

ROGERS, FROM G-1

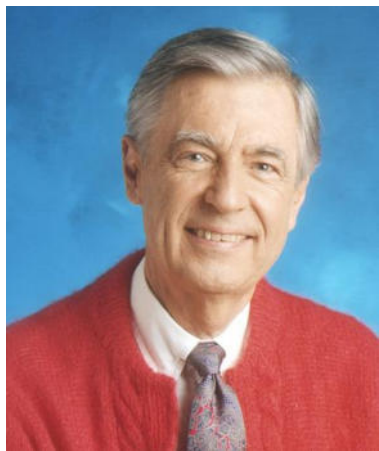
Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood," starring Tom Hanks as Fred Rogers. Today, Rogers' philosophy of difficult emotions stands a chance of being heard and heeded.

Despite his sweet pastor's demeanor, Fred Rogers was tuned into our souls' darkest feelings. He had an uncommon appreciation for anger, fear, stress, sadness, disappointment and loneliness. He respected the range of emotions and encouraged children to accept all their feelings as natural. This conviction came early: As an only child to proper New England parents, Fred Rogers was discouraged from acknowledging sadness. This, along with his childhood experience of getting bullied for being overweight, made "Fat Freddy," as he was called, acutely aware that too often, and usually inadvertently, adults silence children instead of showing them how to deal with troubling feelings.

He believed that variations of the "sticks-and-stones" adages intended to get kids to "shake it off" are stifling; they abandon children to their pain instead of teaching them how to process it. In contrast, Mister Rogers encouraged children to face their dark feelings. Not a trained philosopher, Fred Rogers would likely attribute his education in the emotional landscape of children to the psychologist Margaret McFarland at the University of Pittsburgh, with whom he collaborated for 30 years. And yet there is a foundation for the sort of philosophy of feelings that Fred Rogers practiced that can be traced back more than 2,000 years to ancient Greece.

In the "Nicomachean Ethics," Aristotle described our souls as being made up of feelings, predispositions and active conditions. Our predispositions name our go-to emotions, those we feel most often in response to certain stimuli. Some people are prone to sadness, others to anger, and the occasional few to genuine cheerfulness. Feelings, like twigs, catch a spark every time people brush past life's embers, but ignite only when they get stoked by predispositions. Two individuals responding differently to the same event — getting fired, for example — Aristotle would attribute to their differing predispositions.

Feelings and predispositions matter, for Aristotle, but more for the sake of self-knowledge than self-improvement. Aristotle described active conditions as "how we bear



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For Fred Rogers, it was all about love.

ourselves" in the face of our feelings. As a believer in right action, Aristotle suggested that we train our souls to react beautifully to an ugly mess. He was implying that we not fret too much over our troublesome feelings or stubborn predispositions.

Indeed, Aristotle would discourage people from shaming themselves over feeling sad when they "should" feel happy. He rejected "shoulds" altogether when it came to feelings, since he believed them to be natural and, without accompanying wrong action, harmless. All feelings, for Aristotle, are potentially useful in that they provide an opportunity to practice behaving well. Feelings alone can't jeopardize virtue, he believed, but actions can and often do. Mister Rogers agreed: "Everyone has lots of ways of feeling. And all of those feelings are fine. It's what we do with our feelings that matter in this life."

Using TV to teach

Fred Rogers believed that all children (and adults) get sad, mad, lonely, anxious and frustrated — and he used television to model what to do with these difficult and often strong emotions. He wanted to counter the harmful message kids typically receive, some version of the ever-unhelpful *you shouldn't feel that way*.

In one episode, when he couldn't get a flashlight to work, Mister Rogers expressed frustration in front of the camera: He admitted feeling disappointed at the fact that the trick that he had wanted to show his viewers didn't work. In doing so,

he validated his disappointment and showed his audience that talking about it helps. One of Fred Rogers' core beliefs was "what's mentionable is manageable," and he considered an urgent lesson for kids to learn to name their pain. He believed that if children were encouraged to talk about feelings instead of being shamed for them, they could get to work finding appropriate outlets. One of Mister Rogers' recurrent lessons was on anger. Inspired by a child who asked him a question about anger, he wrote a song about it:

What do you do with the mad that you feel? When you feel so mad you could bite? When the whole wide world seems oh, so wrong ... And nothing you do seems very right?

This song was Mister Rogers' way of teaching kids how to be angry, instead of how *not* to be angry. The first step is for the child to recognize their anger as well as their temptation to bite, hit, kick. The second step the song suggests is to find appropriate outlets for that anger:

What do you do? Do you punch a bag? Do you pound some clay or some dough? Do you round up friends for a game of tag? Or see how fast you go?

Playing the piano as a child, Fred Rogers wrote, taught him to express the whole range of his feelings. He recounts banging on the low keys when he got mad. In multiple episodes, Mister Rogers showed viewers how to tell their feelings through the piano. When he had famous musicians like Yo-Yo Ma or Wynton Marsalis on the program, Mister Rogers would ask whether they played differently when they were sad or angry. They always reported that yes, they did, and that playing their darker emotions helped.

"Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" was purportedly a show for children. But Fred Rogers also meant it for adults. We should consider to stop negating children's dark emotions with stifling commands like "Don't cry," "Calm down," "Be quiet." If people are convinced by Fred Rogers' and Aristotle's claim that feelings are not wrong and that "what's mentionable is manageable," people should begin mentioning their own sad, lonely and disappointed feelings. In doing so, it would show children — and grown ups — how to appropriately manage them.

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Looking for Richard Brautigan in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 2018

The stone hits hard against the pavement — it could be there is no luck to be had anymore.

I just now started to worry about solar storms, not knowing what they are. Something about the heliosphere, a disturbance in space weather.

But I also just started to surrender myself to whatever it is the universe has to shell out.

Icy moons spewing water plumes — I surrender.
Bungee-jumping neo-Nazis — I surrender.
Japanese hot tub monkeys — I surrender.

I surrender myself to the radio galaxies, the blazars I can't comprehend, and all of the artificial satellites in retrograde orbits.

I can't make sense of all the things I don't understand.

If you happen to see Richard around town, point him in my direction, wouldn't you?

— Scott Silsbe

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Improved Pittsburgh air contributes to region's economic performance

GDP, FROM G-1

growth. When economies clean up, growth is enhanced. Had air pollution worsened over this time, accounting for pollution damage would have slowed Pittsburgh's growth.

This is not to suggest that Pittsburgh's air quality is good enough. Rather, improvements have occurred and are a valuable contributor to the region's economic performance, even if they are not registered in official economic accounts.

By separating out local and imported emissions, we find that the costs from imported pollution into the metropolitan area fell consistently from 2008 through 2014. There have been many changes in the broader regional economy of the Midwest including increased air pollution control (some of which are under threat of federal regulatory roll-backs) and increasing reliance on renewables and natural gas in the electricity grid.

However, the costs from local emissions, while falling from 2008 to 2011, increased from 2011 to 2014. The upshot is that local air quality regulators must remain vigilant in limiting local emissions. The relative contribution that such discharges play in Pittsburgh's air pollution levels is growing as the influence of regional sources recedes.

Looking forward, this

research approach offers a valuable perspective in assessing large-scale economic development decisions. What will the ethane cracker plant's net contribution to regional welfare be when its emissions are properly evaluated? How have ride-sharing services (and potential increased reliance on autonomous vehicles) affected air quality and environmentally adjusted measures of GDP? What are the consequences of continued, or increased, use of rail lines to transport hydrocarbons directly through Pittsburgh?

All of these are important questions best asked through a lens that includes environmental damages along with traditional economic indicators. We look forward to exploring them further.

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Federal court hearing set over failed dog collar

COLLAR, FROM G-1

prime example of judges grappling with the application of legal standards and laws from an era before the internet enabled new forms of commerce, over which not just Amazon but also firms like Uber, Facebook, and Google reign supreme even as they are reluctant to take on the traditional obligations of retailers, publishers, and employers.

For judges, it's not a liberals-vs.-conservatives question, and it's not a simple matter of judges calling balls and strikes, said Matthew Stiegler, a Philadelphia lawyer who specializes in federal appeals and writes a blog on the Third Circuit.

"Here there's no strike zone," Mr. Stiegler said. "Here the judges are having to take a legal framework that was developed in another era and figure out how it ought to apply today."

Ms. Oberdorf, 44, represented by Williamsport, Pa., lawyer David Wilk, scored a victory in the Third Circuit court last summer when a panel ruled 2-1 that "under Pennsylvania law Amazon is strictly liable for consumer injuries caused by defective goods purchased on Amazon.com."

The legal term "Strict liability" means that any seller in the chain of commerce — manufacturer, wholesaler, distributor, or retailer — can be held liable for a defective product if the manufacturer is beyond reach.

Amazon has argued in legal filings that a Third Circuit victory next year for Ms. Oberdorf "would constitute an unprecedented expansion of products-liability law." The Seattle company did not provide additional comment.

Through Mr. Wilk, a partner at Lephley, Engelman, Yaw & Wilk, Ms. Oberdorf declined to be interviewed.

Nuanced law

During a 2017 deposition, a lawyer for Amazon asked Ms. Oberdorf if she bought the collar from Dogaholics, another name for the Furry Gang. "Did I purchase it from them?" she responded. "I purchased it on Amazon."

The Amazon lawyer repeated his question. "I don't know. The product was in my cart and I paid for it as usual," said Ms. Oberdorf, who at that time worked in production planning for a food manufacturer in



Heather Oberdorf, of Milton, Pa., permanently lost sight in her left eye when a dog collar, shown here, broke, allowing the retractable leash she was using to fly back and strike her. She purchased the collar on Amazon.

Milton, Pa. She still had Sadie and had added a second dog, a German shepherd named Max.

For Mr. Wilk and other lawyers, the exchange illustrates the consumer perception that Amazon is the seller.

Before the favorable decision in her case, federal judges had ruled at least a half dozen times — in cases involving hoverboards with exploding batteries, a headlamp that caused a house fire, a French press coffee maker that shattered, and a laptop battery that caught fire — that Amazon, in the case of third-party merchants, was not part of the commercial chain and bore no responsibility for defective products.

The decisions have not dealt with actual liability, but only with the question of whether Amazon is in the chain of potential liability.

In an earlier decision upholding Amazon's view against Ms. Oberdorf, U.S. District Judge Michael W. Brann, of the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, went so far as to describe the Amazon Marketplace "as a sort of newspaper classified ad section, connecting potential consumers with eager sellers in an efficient, modern, streamlined manner."

Third-party sales on Amazon — effectively a store with infinite virtual space that allows any products on its shelves, but controls the order in which they appear to consumers and runs the checkout — sky-

rocketed to \$160 billion last year from \$100 million in 1999, the company has said. On a percentage basis, Amazon's third-party sales soared to 58% of merchandise sales from 3%.

Meanwhile, Amazon has increasingly come under fire for products sold on its website. A Wall Street Journal investigation published in August found "4,152 items for sale on Amazon.com Inc.'s site that have been declared unsafe by federal agencies, are deceptively labeled or are banned by federal regulators — items that big-box retailers' policies would bar from their shelves."

Amazon's legal defenses may be starting to crumble.

The Third Circuit majority opinion by Jane R. Roth and Patty Shwartz contained zingers such as one targeted at the dissent by Anthony J. Scirica: "We do not believe that Pennsylvania law shields a company from strict liability simply because it adheres to a business model that fails to prioritize consumer safety."

Then, shortly after that ruling in favor of Ms. Oberdorf — a ruling that the court vacated when it decided to rehear the case en banc — a judge in U.S. District Court for the Western District of Wisconsin ruled against Amazon in a product-liability case involving a defective bathtub faucet adapter offered by a third-party merchant and purchased by a man named Luke Cain.

"Amazon does not merely provide a marketplace where third-parties sell to Amazon customers," wrote Judge James D. Peterson. "Amazon was so deeply involved in the transaction with Cain that Wisconsin law would treat Amazon as an entity that would be strictly liable for the faucet adapter's defects, if, as in this case, the manufacturer cannot be sued in Wisconsin."

In August, a federal judge in New Jersey followed the Oberdorf decision and found that Amazon could be sued for a defective scooter bought on the site. The third-party seller did not respond to the complaint.

Whatever the Third Circuit judges decide after the next hearing in February, Mr. Wilk, Ms. Oberdorf's lawyer, expects the loser will ask the U.S. Supreme Court to take the case.

"I'm going to run it out to the end," he said.

Books

MIKE BLOOMFIELD: A BLUES GUITAR HERO FOR THE AGES

Exhaustive new biography puts career of the musical genius into perspective

By Rich Kienzle

Mike Bloomfield (1943-1981) was the first electric guitar hero of the 1960s and one of the first great white bluesmen. With the Paul Butterfield Blues Band, he delivered fiery, authentic solos and extended, jazz-like improvisations that inspired guitarists from Jerry Garcia to Joe Bonamassa and beyond.

He did his greatest work in roughly four years. Disenchanted by the business end of music, by 1969 he retreated into a more modest career as he battled various demons, including the hard drugs that killed him at 37 in 1981.

Music historian and Bloomfield authority David Dann's 740 page volume "Guitar King: Michael Bloomfield's Life in the Blues" goes beyond previous Bloomfield books to examine his music and turbulent life at a near-molecular level. Drawing on interviews with friends, family, fellow musicians, the guitarist's own words and recordings, he reveals the depths of Bloomfield's musical passions, genius and personal despair.

He grew up in Windy City luxury. His mother was a former actress. His father Harold headed Bloomfield Industries, which manufactured restaurant kitchen equipment. Not only did he despise his son's love of music, alarmed by his drastic mood swings (a family trait), he briefly committed the



Author David Dann

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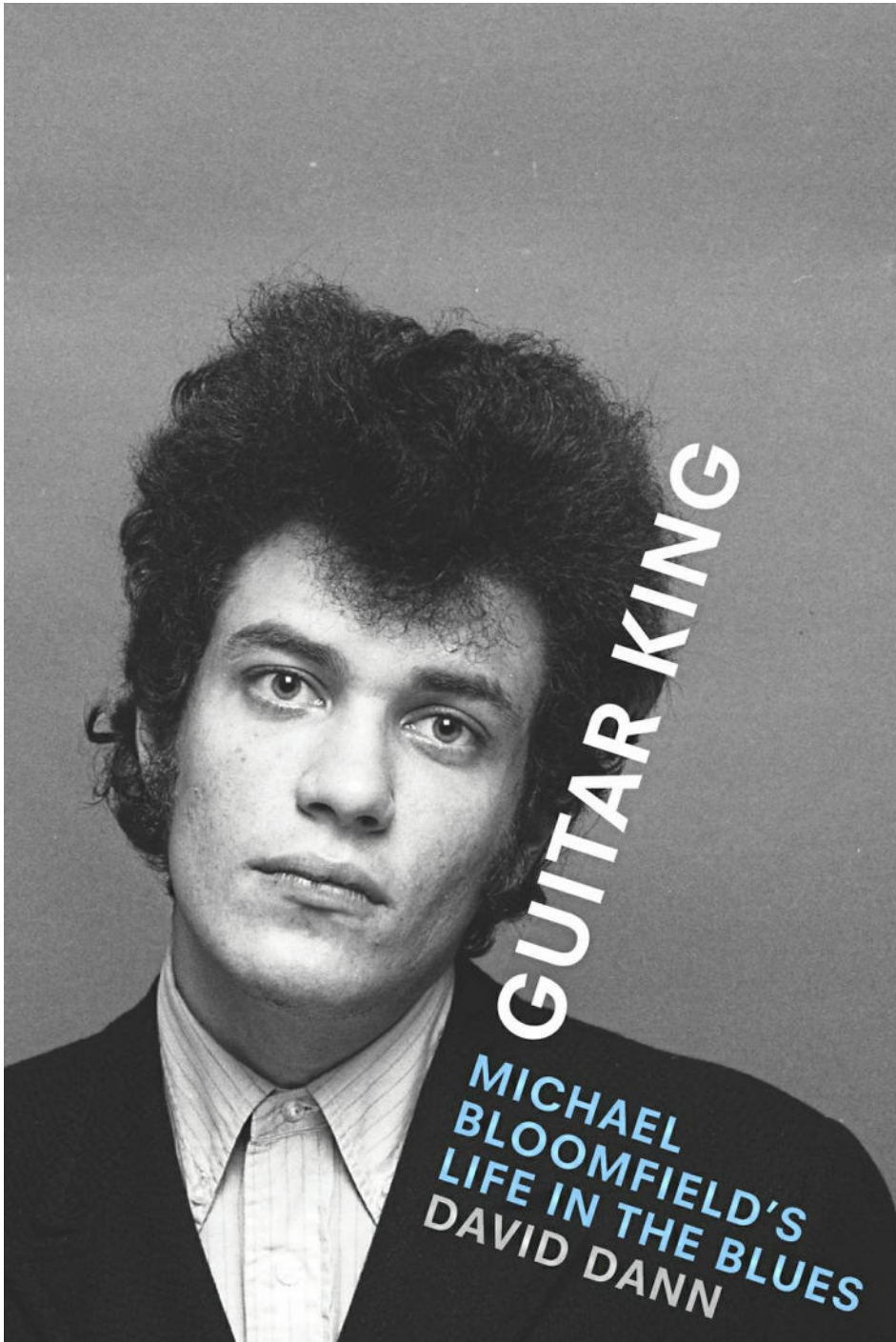
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teenager to a mental hospital.

His passion for the blues led Bloomfield into Chicago's black neighborhoods, to the clubs where Muddy Waters, Howlin' Wolf, Buddy Guy and other renowned blues masters held forth. They befriended him, mentored him and invited him to sit in.

Bob Dylan, in Chicago for a 1963 engagement, encountered a cocky Bloomfield, anxious to intimidate him with his flashy blues playing. They became fast friends instead. Signed to Columbia Records the label deemed Bloomfield's raw blues unmarketable in the midst of Beatlemania.

Dylan brought Bloomfield to New York to add his screaming Fender



Telecaster to what became "Highway 61 Revisited" including "Like a Rolling Stone." He was also part of the band backing Dylan during his controversial "electric" performance at the 1965 Newport Folk Festival.

Bloomfield had joined Paul Butterfield's band by then. The young, white, streetwise Chicago singer and harmonica player, who also learned his craft from the city's bluesmen, fronted an integrated band. Two

albums in two years earned the group its future place in the Rock Hall of Fame.

Mr. Dann analyzes Bloomfield's soloing throughout the book, his insights are spot on if technical in places. After examining their eponymous 1965 debut, a straight blues effort, he delves deep into "East-West." On that 1966 effort, Bloomfield's extended improvisations exploded on two instrumentals: jazzman Nat Adderley's "Work Song"

and the hypnotic, 13-plus minute title song, inspired by his passions for Indian music and John Coltrane's modal jazz.

"East-West" and Butterfield's 1966 performances inspired various guitarists to embrace Bloomfield's extended soloing. As the band's stature rose, their tour schedule grew, their tour schedule grew. It was too much for Bloomfield, who'd battled chronic insomnia all his life. He quit at year's end.

Months later, he formed the Electric Flag, complete with horns, in San Francisco, his goal a genre-bending "American music band." After a triumphant debut at the 1967 Monterey Pop Festival, growing internal conflicts and rampant drug use led Bloomfield to quit. Again. Reluctantly, he participated in a 1968 jam album with friend, keyboardist and producer Al Kooper, but abruptly left town before finishing (Stephen Stills took his place). Ironically the album, "Super Session," gave Bloomfield his only Gold Record.

The final 200 pages make painful reading, as Mr. Dann details his increasingly erratic career. Retreating to his Mill Valley, Calif., home, he indulged his longtime heroin habit, embracing what he called "stoned leisure," watching TV for hours.

He composed soundtracks for porn films (and the movie "Andy Warhol's Bad"), and made a slew of subpar records including a bizarre disco effort. One notable exception: a 1977 Grammy-nominated blues guitar instruction album.

Invited to sit in at a November, 1980, San Francisco concert, Dylan gave his old friend an emotional introduction before Bloomfield, wearing slippers, shuffled onstage for two songs, one of them "Like a Rolling Stone."

He seemed to have beaten his addiction in February, 1981 when he was found dead at the wheel of his parked car in San Francisco. The circumstances were mysterious. Cocaine and meth, not heroin, were in his system and his body was likely moved.

Perhaps one quote helps explain Bloomfield's obscurity. He may be the only Rock and Roll Hall of Fame member ever to have declared, "I didn't relate to being a rock star at all." Nonetheless, "Guitar King" establishes his pivotal role in American music history.

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Can't get under this songwriter's skin in 'The Letters of Cole Porter'

By Glenn C. Altschuler

In 1924, music critic Gilbert Seldes deemed Cole Porter the likely successor to Irving Berlin, "if he ever chooses to stop." Equally comfortable with blues, ragtime and operatic melodies, Seldes claimed, Porter added "astonishing," sophisticated, satirical lyrics.

Porter, of course, became one of the greatest American songwriters of the 20th-century. His boatload of iconic songs include "Night and Day," "Anything Goes," "You're the Top" and "I've Got You Under My Skin."

In "The Letters of Cole Porter," Cliff Eisen, a professor of music history at King's College London, and Dominic McHugh, a reader in musicology at the University of Sheffield, make available an extensive collection of his correspondence, much of it published for the first time. Because Porter's letters were brief (and the Cole Porter Trust held back material from the mid-1940s until his death in 1964), Mr. Eisen and Mr. McHugh have added primary sources (diaries, newspaper articles and reviews) and a narrative that fills in the gaps and sets the context.

Mr. Eisen and Mr. McHugh have given themselves a difficult task. A wealthy, well-traveled, high-liver, and a closeted homosexual, Cole Porter was not self-reflective. "I've been accused most of my life of being remote," he acknowledged in an interview with a reporter for The New



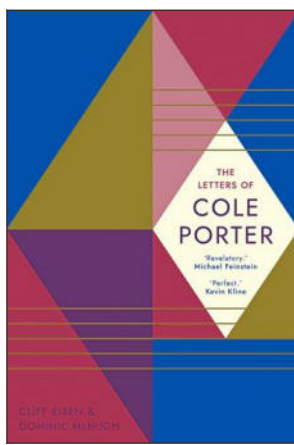
Cole Porter, in 1934 photo, may be best known for witty lyrics.

York Times. The letters reveal Porter as a hard-working professional (who suffered chronic pain after he was thrown from a horse in 1937), and a charming host, eager to spend time with his many friends, to whom he always sent his love. He often seems superficial and self-absorbed, lonely when alone, and, perhaps, repressed.

Mr. Eisen and Mr. McHugh maintain, for example, that Porter was a voracious reader. Porter's letters, however, are silent about what he thinks about the books he's read. Other than a passing reference to his preference for Republicans, Porter is silent about American culture and politics. The volume documents

Cole Porter's passionate affair with Boris Kochno, the lover of Sergei Diaghilev, founder of the Ballets Russes, in 1925, but sheds no further light on his homosexuality.

According to the editors, Cole Porter's "depth of feeling" for Linda Thomas Porter, his wife, "is striking." It is difficult, however, to find it in his correspondence. "Linda has improved lately, but not in her essential illness," Porter informed Sam Stark in 1949, and then added, "I hate to think of you feeling miserable, all the time at Laguna. Why don't you make sense and move back to a desert climate?" "My Linda has been seriously ill for eight months" Porter



"THE LETTERS OF COLE PORTER"

Edited by Cliff Eisen and Dominic McHugh
Yale University Press (\$35)

told Ethel Merman. "But if anything can make her well again, it is your broadcast every Sunday night at 9:30."

Fortunately, "The Letters of Cole Porter" are filled with insights about the craft of songwriting and the business of show business in Hollywood and on Broadway. Mr. Eisen and Mr. McHugh list the new lyrics P.G. Wodehouse wrote for "You're the Top" for the London production of "Anything Goes." They tell the story of the "fabricated flap" over the origins of "Don't Fence Me In" and the incident that gave Porter the phrase "delovely." The editors include Porter's extensive (and hilarious) journal entries, documenting his "story" con-

ferences with MGM executives about "Born to Dance." And a fascinating exchange between Porter and Abe Burrows about how his songs should "fit" into the musical "Can-Can."

As he entered a prolonged illness in the late 1950s, Porter stopped writing. Madeline Smith, his intensely loyal secretary, kept up his correspondence. An impacted hip fracture, an infection, and the amputation of his leg, Ms. Smith reported, were "the beginning of the end." Through it all, however, he remained "marvelous — very talkative." On Oct. 16, 1964, she sent telegrams to "let your good friends know" Cole Porter had died at St. John's Hospital in Santa Monica, Calif. The funeral was held in his hometown, Peru, Ind., attended (as his will stipulated) only by "relatives and close friends."

Ms. Smith was surely right to point out that Porter's death marked "the end of an Era." It is less clear, even to readers of this lengthy volume, whether the great songwriter would have appreciated her postscript: "Three great and good men have left the Waldorf [where they all maintained apartments] now: General MacArthur, Cole Porter, and Herbert Hoover."

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— Indie Bestseller List

Music critic Ed Ward explores rock 'n' roll's middle years

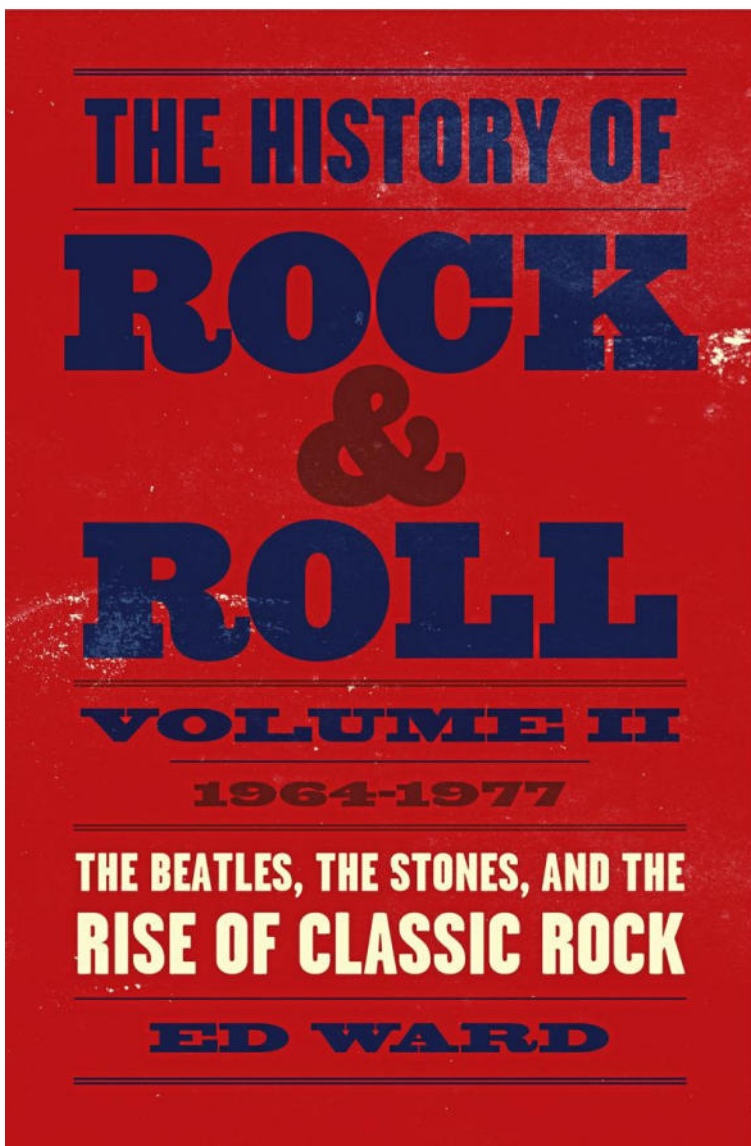
By John Young

Ed Ward's "History of Rock & Roll, Vol. 1, 1920-1965," published in 2016, explored the origins of this contentiously defined music genre. The writer imagined a second volume spanning Beatlemania to the present but in the writing of it realized that adding a third book would better serve the subject. Thus, this new second volume halts in 1977 just before punk and disco begin yet another round of musical foundation-shaking.

Mr. Ward claims that "This book is an overview, nothing more. Its purpose is to show how movements arise, how they interact with their intended audiences, and how they die." That is true, to a degree, as any book trying to cover every aspect of rock music over these seminal 14 years would be overlong and a chore to read. Mr. Ward hits the highlights and advises readers to go to the stacks for tomes devoted solely to the Fab Four or Glimmer Twins if they want those stories in full.

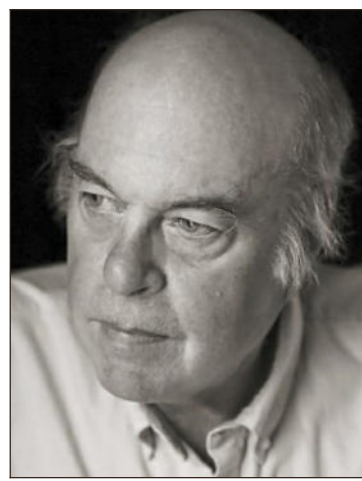
But if "Volume II" is an overview of the maturation of rock 'n' roll, it is still a detailed, specific, story-centric one. A you-are-there feel permeates many of the scenes depicted, likely owing to the possibility that Mr. Ward himself was sometimes there, or at least talked to principals involved in real time. As the author notes, "Much of the research [for the book] comes from not only the pages of Billboard and Rolling Stone, but from my own experience, since the era depicted here coincides with the beginning of my writing career."

Mr. Ward plumbs the depths of his knowledge most effectively in contextualizing music that may not be purely "rock" but which deeply informs and influences the genre. Throughout the book he



weaves in relevant connections between classic rock compositions and country, pop and novelty songs. Most notably, in the chapter "I Am the Song That My Enemy Sings,"

Mr. Ward dives deep into the origins of Jamaican ska and reggae before segueing into tales of Stax, Motown and jazz musicians coming into their own artistically and



Author Ed Ward

Todd V. Wolfson

"THE HISTORY OF ROCK & ROLL, VOLUME II, 1964-1977: THE BEATLES, THE STONES AND THE RISE OF CLASSIC ROCK"

By Ed Ward
Flatiron Books (\$29.99)

pushing against easy labeling of their music. He deftly makes the point that vital, bracing protest music of the era was hardly the work of white hippies and folkies only.

"Volume II" also features stories of record label bosses, artist managers, concert promoters, drug enthusiasts, hucksters and criminals (yes, some of those categories may feature a bit of overlap) alongside the musicians. While the book's subtitle gives away the prominent inclusion of the Beatles and the Stones, other heavy hitters earn plenty of page space, as well, including Bob Dylan and the Band, the Grateful Dead, Elvis Presley, Marvin Gaye, Janis Joplin, Carole

King, CSNY — the list goes on. With a deft touch, Mr. Ward also weaves in the work of lesser-known but nonetheless important artists, from bands such as Moby Grape and Big Star to solo acts such as Mitty Collier and Little Milton. Both rock aficionados and neophytes should find plenty of material to intrigue them.

Where Mr. Ward may challenge some to stay aboard his literary mystery ship is with his writing style. Make no mistake — he has voice to spare and clearly articulates sometimes complex connections between artists and ideas. But the style is also chunky, the stories told in often page-long paragraphs. As well-thought-out and thematically linked as those paragraphs are, they often slow the pace with their density. This is no lightning-quick history to be breezed through.

For those readers willing to take the time to let Mr. Ward's stories and observations settle in and to luxuriate in his precise, thoughtful prose, rewards abound. There are new artists and songs to discover, new takes on seminal work, new perspectives on the what "rock" may truly be deemed "classic." And what great take on history doesn't stir up some debate, as well? Acolytes of Jim Morrison, Robbie Robertson, Joe Cocker and Jefferson Airplane/Starship take note that they suffer a few slings and arrows here. Mr. Ward explores it all, the superstars, the obscure, the inventive and the derivative, with depth, precision and strong opinions.

Bring on the "fragmentation" and "new landscape[s]" promised in Volume III.

John Young teaches seventh-grade language arts and plays in the rock band The Optimists.

Last Word

Contract Bridge

STEVE BECKER / SOUTH GIVES WEST A BUM STEER

The outcome of many deals is for the most part predictable, but in some cases one side or the other achieves a better result than would normally be expected.

For example, take this deal where South gets to six clubs on the sequence shown. It is true that six notrump with South as declarer is a much better contract; indeed, it can't be defeated regardless of how the East-West cards are divided.

But theory and practice are two different things, and South wound up playing the hand

at the practical contract of six clubs instead of the theoretically best contract of six notrump.

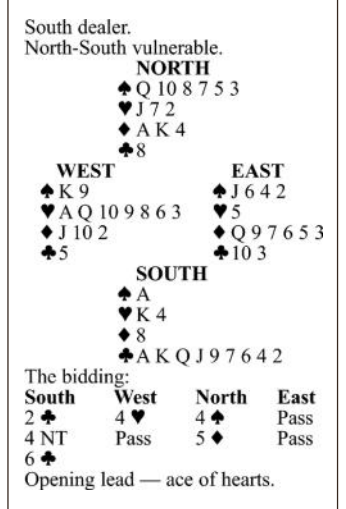
The slam would have gone down one but for an unusual play by declarer. West led the ace of hearts and would surely have led another heart had South followed suit with the four.

But declarer, concluding that West would lead another heart if he played his four on the ace, played the king instead! This made it difficult for West to continue with either the queen or a low heart, and, rightly or not, he switched to the jack of diamonds at trick two.

Declarer's brilliant falsecard thus enabled

him to make the slam. Perhaps West should have led a second heart, but it was understandably difficult for him to assume that South had dropped the king, a winner, on the ace, instead of the four, a loser.

South could not have felt certain that his king play at trick one was correct. West's four-heart bid might have been based on six hearts rather than seven, and in that case the falsecard could have proved fatal. But South backed his judgment that West had a seven-card suit and was handsomely rewarded for his imaginative play.



The New York Times Crossword

TODAY: ACTUALLY... (1208) BY PATRICK MERRELL

Patrick Merrell, of Vero Beach, Fla., is a freelance cartoonist, writer, graphic designer, photographer and puzzle maker — "all in about equal measure," he says. For 40 years he has been drawing cartoons for books, periodicals (including Mad magazine) and other publications. Mice are a recurring theme. This is Pat's 91st crossword for The Times. — W.S.

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| ACROSS | 32 <i>It's an ellipse</i> | 72 Jennifer who wrote the Pulitzer-winning "A Visit From the Goon Squad" | endorsement |
| 1 Bird growing up Down Under | 36 "Little House on the Prairie" girl | 73 Currently | 126 Flanged structural support |
| 4 Russian novelist Maxim | 37 Italian "darling" | 77 Van Gogh masterwork | 127 Yang's opposite |
| 9 Honey | 38 Like drumheads | 80 Move offshore, say | 128 Cool red giants |
| 13 Suddenly stand at attention | 39 Frankish finish | 83 <i>It's an American name for a German game</i> | 129 U.S. viticulture region |
| 19 Apt move when dancing the salsa? | 41 Inker's artwork | 85 Fuel mileage, for example | 130 Printing hues |
| | 42 Meeting expectations | 87 Gambling game akin to bingo | 131 It starts in Mar. |
| | 45 Source of Andrew Carnegie's fortune | 88 Drift ice pieces | |
| 20 Home of the Huskies, informally | 47 Heir extension? | 89 Vouch for | DOWN |
| 21 "He's like ___ to me" | 49 Lambaste | 91 Letters on an incomplete syllabus | 1 Make amends? |
| 22 Undo, legislatively | 51 Competitor | 93 Serious | 2 They're compacter than compacts |
| 23 Notwithstanding | 54 Of all time | 97 Like par 2 holes among all holes in miniature golf | 3 Miffed |
| 25 <i>It abuts water on only one of its four sides</i> | 58 Impersonator's skill | 101 ___ the Orange (Syracuse mascot) | 4 <i>It's a rodent native to the Andes</i> |
| 27 Attach, as a ribbon | 59 <i>It was predominantly German</i> | 104 Pretentious | 5 Mo. when the N.F.L., N.B.A., N.H.L. and M.L.B. all have games |
| 28 Possible result of late payments, informally | 64 Sci-fi character depicted as a glowing red dot | 105 Defibrillator pros | 6 Unidentified person in a suit |
| 30 Verb on a candy heart | 65 Punjab's capital | 106 Some rectangular tablets | 7 Big name in the soup aisle |
| 31 Tithing portion | 66 Things around a cloverleaf | 108 They're of Indian origin | 8 Overruns |
| | 67 Footprint maker | 113 Wind-up toys? | 9 Highly decorated |
| | 70 Give ___ on the wrist | 114 It's often performed by 105-Across | 10 Eruption particulates |
| | | 115 Sounds of enlightenment | 11 When doubled, a Yale football song |
| | | 116 Like bicycle chains | 12 Survive |
| | | 118 <i>It's a woodwind from Central Europe</i> | 13 ___ Lanka |
| | | 121 Onetime home of the Vikings and the Twins | 14 Spoons, e.g. |
| | | 124 Make litter-proof? | 15 Cop ___ |
| | | 125 Wholehearted | 16 <i>It's a legume</i> |
| | | | 17 Hindu tradition that's two men's names in reverse |
| | | | 18 Trite |
| | | | 24 Popular microwave snack |
| | | | 26 What avengers get Exam for many sophs. and jrs. |
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| | | | 33 Second-most-popular Vietnamese surname (after Nguyen) |
| | | | 34 Kitt who played Catwoman on TV |
| | | | 35 In ___ development |
| | | | 40 Expunges |
| | | | 42 Home to the Sundance Film Festival |
| | | | 43 Salt's hip-hop counterpart |
| | | | 44 Aerobic maneuver |
| | | | 46 Tart dessert |
| | | | 48 Vintage-looking shade |
| | | | 50 La-la lead-in |
| | | | 52 Preventive medicine, slangily |
| | | | 53 "Star Wars" nickname |
| | | | 55 Short story |
| | | | 56 West end? |
| | | | 57 Pixelatedness, for short |
| | | | 60 Abhors |
| | | | 61 Slices of life: Abbr. |
| | | | 62 Historic discovery |
| | | | 63 Umami enhancer, for short |
| | | | 65 What diet products often contain |
| | | | 68 Alternative indication |
| | | | 69 First, last, male or female name |
| | | | 71 Gilded chest in the Bible |
| | | | 73 Cathy's comics cry |
| | | | 74 Not just any |
| | | | 75 Fish that's 69- |
| | | | 76 High-grade U.S.M.C. enlistee |
| | | | 78 Lima lady: Abbr. |
| | | | 79 Regard |
| | | | 81 Atoms |
| | | | 82 A rancher might pull one over a calf |
| | | | 84 Cornerstone abbr. |
| | | | 85 <i>They're lousy places to sleep</i> |
| | | | 86 "To repeat ..." |
| | | | 90 Subdued |
| | | | 92 More overbearing |
| | | | 94 Huffington of journalism |
| | | | 95 Septennial? |
| | | | 96 Charismatic |
| | | | 98 Compares (to) |
| | | | 99 Throws in one's two cents |
| | | | 100 <i>It usually comes from sheep</i> |
| | | | 102 Dash dial |
| | | | 103 Unmatched sock, informally |
| | | | 107 Silty spot |
| | | | 109 Welcoming whiff |
| | | | 110 Phrase before a date |
| | | | 111 Eponym of a London insurer |
| | | | 112 Highway haulers |
| | | | 117 Parking-lot souvenir |
| | | | 119 AARPers |
| | | | 120 Part of a gym set |
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Last week's answers

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The author (center) makes a brief appearance in season 2, episode six of "Mindhunter," seen here in this illustration.

EXTRA, EXTRA, READ ALL ABOUT IT

BILL ZLATOS details his experience as an extra on the show 'Mindhunter'

Hollywood recently rewarded me with my 1.5 seconds of fame.

I appear at about the 51-minute mark of season 2, episode 6, of "Mindhunter." It's a Netflix series about a group of FBI agents who help solve murders by interviewing convicted serial killers about their methods. I went full-frontal on "Mindhunter" — at least facially. Yet most of my family could not find me unless I gave them the precise nanosecond that I appear on screen. Some relatives mistook me for so many extras that I don't think they could have identified me in a police lineup with the Village People.

I already had some experience as an extra. Like thousands of other Pittsburghers, my significant other, Edda, and I were cast as football fans at Heinz Field in the 2012 Batman film "The Dark Knight Rises." Filmed mid-summer in 90-degree heat, we hooted, hollered and sweated under heavy coats worn to look as if it were fall or winter. If that's not acting, I don't know what is.

Not to be snooty, but I don't like to work as an extra unless my director has won or been nominated for an Oscar. David Fincher, my director for "Mindhunter," is a two-time Oscar nominee and an Emmy winner for "House of Cards." I was honored to work with such a distinguished artiste. After all, Mr. Fincher has directed Brad Pitt in three movies. I guess he can handle me.

Edda worked as an extra for Mr. Fincher in season 1 of "Mindhunter." Playing a Boston College professor, she and two other extras were standing in the background. In between takes, Mr. Fincher asked one of them, "What are you doing? You're just standing there like a carrot?"

Family and friends are enthralled when Edda recounts that story. My goal is for him to call me a vegetable, too. Here's how I imagine being reprimanded:

Mr. Fincher: "You're not showing any emotion. You might as well be a zucchini."

Getting into character

I played Mr. Hamilton, a filthy rich patron of the arts in Atlanta. This role will test my acting ability because reporters, like nuns, take a vow of poverty.

The crew asked if I had any clothes from the 1980s. Are you kidding? I thought. My entire wardrobe is vintage clothes.

A charter bus whisked extras to base camp, and I reported to costuming for a fitting. Season 2 of "Mindhunter" is set in 1980 and 1981. The crew asked if I had any clothes from then. *Are you kidding?* I thought. My entire wardrobe is vintage clothes. I mentioned my 20-year-old blue, double-breasted suit. If I wear it, I'm likely there to see kin or friend get married or buried — usually the latter. Costuming liked my suit but, searching among racks of clothes, gave me a brown sport coat and slacks, white shirt and tie. It resembled a disco outfit.

They told me to bring my blue suit to the shoot. At first, I was honored. Later, I figured if Hollywood thinks my best suit looks like something a caveman would wear, they were not complimenting me.

The makeup department wanted to shave me despite my shaving two hours earlier. The lady explained that they use an expensive electric razor that shaves real close. She was right. As my high school biology teacher would say, my face was "as smooth as a baby's whatchamacallit."

I changed into my disco outfit and was shuttled to the Fox Chapel Golf Club, which doubled for a posh country club in Atlanta. There I met Suzie Coker of Cleveland. She played my TV wife. It was an arranged marriage, only we were matched by Hollywood and not our antiquated parents.

The assistant director described our scene. The Hamiltons and the Peteets, another wealthy couple, would descend the steps and wait at the bottom while the host was talking to the show's stars, Jonathan Groff as Special Agent Holden Ford and Holt McCallany as Special Agent Bill Tench, along with Albert Jones as Jim Barney, a black FBI agent.

Remember, this is the early '80s in the Deep South. As we entered the banquet hall, the rich guy in the couple ahead of us and I would turn around and glare at the black agent. Great, my first big break, and I'm a racist. Is there a part for a color-blind serial killer?

Method acting

The set was practically a Marine obstacle course. First,



Netflix

Holt McCallany, left, and Jonathan Groff star in the Netflix series "Mindhunter."



The New York Times
David Fincher helped create "Mindhunter" and has directed seven episodes.

I walked down a long marble staircase and, feigning Southern gentility, held Suzie's arm. I really was steadying myself so as not to stumble and start an avalanche of extras, actors and crew that might discourage Mr. Fincher from giving me a speaking part.

At the bottom of the staircase, I stepped over electrical cables that snaked over the floor and dodged lighting equipment. When I reached the black agent, my eyes bore into him like Superman cutting steel with a glance.

A far-off voice commanded, "Reset," meaning we had to return to our places to reshoot the scene. "Filming. Pictures up. Rolling. Background. Action!"

This time, I shot the agent a glance like I was constipated. I tried not to grunt because I knew extras are not allowed to talk — that's an actor's job — but I was unclear about making sounds.

"Reset," the voice announced as if it came from atop Mt. Sinai.

We shot dozens of takes. I began to blame myself for not getting the look to satisfy Mr. Fincher. A method actor, I reached deep into my childhood for the nastiest glares I could duplicate. I tried to remember the look my Dad gave

my brother Mike, then about 5, after learning he had played with matches and nearly burned down our house. My subconscious, however, suppressed the memory.

I was so overcome with white guilt that I apologized to Mr. Jones, the target of my racist glares. A consummate professional, he brushed it off.

Actors generally don't mingle with mere mortals like extras, but Mr. McCallany seemed to sense the uneasiness. To break the tension, he came over and told us extras a joke. We laughed and I said boldly, "I've got one for you."

It wasn't really a joke but a true story from a friend who worked as a nurse at Massachusetts General Hospital.

A doctor was doing an intake with a female patient at a hospital, I said. He asked if she ever had this disease or that disease. Then he asked if she was sexually active.

"No," she said. "I just lie there."

Mr. McCallany, built like an offensive tackle, laughed so hard he could have caused a tsunami on the three rivers. I wasn't sure if he was just being polite until, mere minutes later, he asked one of the crew, "Did you hear the one about the doctor?"

The big break

Having tried a variety of camera angles and marks for the look, Mr. Fincher wanted a close-up. This both elated and deflated me. On the one hand, family and friends would be better able to recognize me. On the other hand, high-definition technology and giant TV screens would magnify every pore and imperfection on my face as large as craters on the moon.

We performed take after take. Finally, the assistant director announced that Mr. Fincher wanted to see the two rich couples. Uh-oh! I prepared myself for abuse, but I knew I could take it. I've worked with editors, you know.

But the director did not call

us cucumbers, legumes or anything that might impress guests at a dinner party. Sad to say, Mr. Fincher acted the perfect gentleman.

"You really need to exaggerate that turn," he said, demonstrating the head twist and the look.

Dejected, I walked back to my mark, and the ever-empathetic Mr. McCallany intercepted me.

"That's a nice-looking tie," he said, trying to lighten the mood.

"I wore it to my wedding," I answered.

"You did?" he asked. "Maybe that's why it didn't last," I quipped.

Mr. McCallany and I have now shared three jokes. I shall henceforth refer to him by his first name. Don't be surprised, Holt, if I send you a Christmas card.

Eventually, we gave Mr. Fincher the look he wanted. After about a 13-hour day, the assistant director sent us home. I said good-bye to Suzie, my TV wife. Our marriage was so short she never reminded me to take out the garbage.

Most of my family and friends did not recognize my glare as racist. They thought I was just being snobby. As my son Jeff said, "I'm used to seeing that confused look on your face."

If there are any members of the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences out there, please vote for my blood brother Holt as Best Actor. If not an Emmy, I'd give him the newly-created Bill Zlatos Award for the Humanitarian Treatment of Extras.

Would I work on "Mindhunter" again? Hmm, let me think about it. Of course I would, if my buddy Holt and the rest of the cast and crew would have me.

All right, Mr. Fincher, I'm ready for my close-up.

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Covering the nuts and bolts of lug nuts

My problem is that my lug nuts have some kind of cover on them. And the covers are turning instead of the lug nuts themselves. How do I get the lug nuts off? — Sidney

Ah, the scourge of decorative nuts, Sidney.

Lots of cars and trucks use chrome covers over their lug nuts. It gives the lug nuts a nice, shiny finish, because who among us wants dull-looking lug nuts?

But the downside is that they can corrode. Water and salt eventually get in between the chrome cover and the nut itself, and the nut swells up and you can't get a socket on it. Or if you can get a socket on it, the chrome has separated from the nut, and the chrome moves but the nut doesn't.

What we do is chisel off the chrome cover. The chrome is only about a millimeter thick, and once you remove it, what's left is just the lug nut. You'll then need a smaller socket. So, if the lug

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RAY MAGLIOZZI

wrench that comes with your car is a 21-millimeter, you might need a 19-millimeter wrench now to remove the lug nuts.

Then you have a decision to make: Do you want to drive around with your lug nuts exposed? Or do you want to spend the money to replace them with new chrome-covered lug nuts?

The downside of leaving them exposed is that eventually they'll rust and corrode and be hard to remove. The other downside is that your lug wrench will no longer work, so you'll have to buy a new one that fits your pared-down lug nuts and toss it in the trunk.

But if the car is 15 years old, and you're not sure how long it's going to last, leaving the lug nuts exposed might be a reasonable choice.

You might be unpleasantly surprised to see how much a new set of chromed lug nuts costs. If you get them from the dealer, you could easily spend between \$5-\$25 a nut depending on the car. And you need 20 of them.

You might find some at parts shops or online for about half that. But it's still a lot to pay for something that really should last the life of the car—but doesn't.

Good luck with these monumental decisions, Sidney.

Can you tell me why tire sizes are designated as they are?

If I understand correctly, we have metric, English and a ratio. Like, a "235-75R15" tire is 235 millimeters wide, has a 15-inch hole in the middle for the wheel, and the sidewall height is 75% of the tire's width.

Can you explain the rationale behind all these different measurement

systems? It seems like a Brit, an American and a statistician walked into a bar ... — John

Great question, John. And not an easy one to answer definitively.

The general answer is that the U.S. has stubbornly held onto its beloved feet and inches while the rest of the world has been trying to nudge us into meters and millimeters. And because that nudging has been only partly successful, we've ended up with a mish-mosh. That's the technical term for it.

One key fact is that the U.S. has traditionally been a dominant world market for tires. We have a lot of people and have always had a lot of cars. So, the U.S. Department of Transportation got to set the original nomenclature for tires. That's why, until the 1960s, the wheel size was in inches, the tread width was in inches and there was no sidewall height information (the percentage

known as the "aspect ratio"). Back then all tires had the same aspect ratio, which was 90.

But then, technologically superior radial tires were invented in Europe, and the Europeans wanted to sell their tires in the huge U.S. market. And since the only legal requirement for selling tires in the U.S. was that the wheel size be stated in inches (because consumers didn't care back then how wide a tire was), the Europeans just had to change that one number on their tires, and bingo! They had access to the world's largest tire market at the time.

That's when you started seeing radial tires with their widths listed in millimeters, because that's mandated by the Treaty of Versailles. Or maybe it's the Geneva Convention.

Of course, eventually, radial tires were manufactured here, too, and then U.S. tire makers wanted to sell U.S. tires in Europe, so

they also adopted the millimeter rating for tread width.

Radial technology also allowed for wider tires and shorter sidewalls. That's when you started seeing aspect ratios on tires. And I'm guessing that, at some point, the U.S. and the U.K. were such dominant car markets that the European manufacturers just said, "OK, Uncle!" and started using inches for wheel size in Europe, too. Because if you check out tires sold in Europe, the vast majority have the same nomenclature that we use here.

So, it's really a story of the mashup of globalization. And prepare yourself, John. In 50 years, you'll probably see Chinese characters on the side of your Goodyear.

Got a question about cars? Write to Ray in care of King Features, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803, or email by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com.

Horoscope by Jacqueline Bigar

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Dec. 8, 2019: This year, you opt to live at a slower pace and enjoy your close friends and loved ones. Even if you choose stability, do not be surprised by an unanticipated event. If single, you could meet someone who knocks your socks off. Get to know this person well before deciding anything. If attached, the two of you suddenly go for a change in lifestyle. You become a firm believer in the variety of life! TAURUS might seem steady and stable, but they could be the source of a tsunami at any given moment.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You sense the potential of a slower day, yet you know how much you need to complete before the holidays. If you feel inspired, head out. You cop a devil-may-care attitude when out. Watch your spending. Tonight: Meet up with friends. This Week: End the spending on presents; emphasize communication.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You wake up rejuvenated and ready to take on any chore, errand or nothing at all. Your unusual flexibility does not go unnoticed by a loved one who might nudge you in a chosen direction. Indulge this person and relax while you can. Tonight: Make it cozy. This Week: Not everything can be handled by a gift.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): One-on-one relating draws you in closely, but not for long. Many friends and calls could bombard your day and plans. Hook up with that special person and together tackle a fun holiday errand. Tonight: Be a duo. Screen calls. This Week: You get energized midweek and can barely be stopped.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Your emotional nature draws many friends. Often, they need some help understanding their own feelings. Today you make it clear — you have special errands to do, but they are welcome to join you. Tonight: Put up the tree if you haven't yet. This Week: Slow down midweek. Catch up on certain important work or details.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Take charge and work with the moment. Others eye what you are doing and demonstrate an interest. What you take on might be surprising to some people, but you will enjoy yourself. Tonight: Let the holiday music play. This Week: Take a stand. Know what you want. Network starting on Tuesday.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Reach out for a loved one at a distance. You also might want to send cards to those who are not in your immediate vicinity. You could be surprised at some news you hear from someone. Tonight: Mulling over that conversation. This Week: Others appreciate you assuming more responsibility than normal.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): One-on-one relating goes down a different, more poignant trail than you intended. Though conversations and openness can only please you, be wary of saying too much too soon. Tonight: You can do it. Play it cool. This Week: An important talk points to a change in how you look at a particular situation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The less said, the better right now — at least by you. Work on the art of listening to others. In any case, sometime, somewhere during the day, you could be stunned by what another person says or does. Tonight: Be sensitive to another person's feelings. This Week: Defer to others. See what they have to share

and suggest.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You might dream of a slow, easy pace. Actually, you could come close to just that as long as you do not feel obsessive about some aspect of your life. If need be, go over your holiday budget and make adjustments. Tonight: Make it easy and relaxed. This Week: Use midweek for matters involving interacting heavily with others.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Zero in on a special child or person in your life. You might want to take him or her to a holiday happening. You discover a lot of new facets to this person. You might be taken aback by this person's whimsical nature, which was unknown to you up until now. Tonight: A comment or action could stun you. This Week: Your creativity delights a child or loved one. Watch this person try to express his or her own innate gifts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You opt to stay close to home, perhaps get a snooze or two and hang a string of lights here or there. You might be dedicated to this pace, but the unexpected could still knock on your door. Tonight: Be spontaneous. This Week: Emphasize your domestic life. Indulge a special person in your life.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You speak your mind and others respond. At some point during the day, a comment could leave you or the other party speechless. You could be in a crowd of shoppers or in another social situation when this moment occurs. Tonight: Share your thoughts and feelings. This Week: Pick up the phone Monday, and do not stand on ceremony with a loved one.

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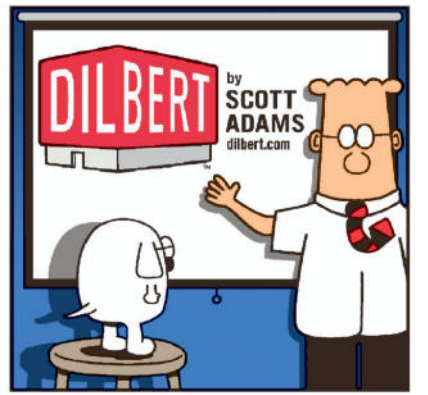
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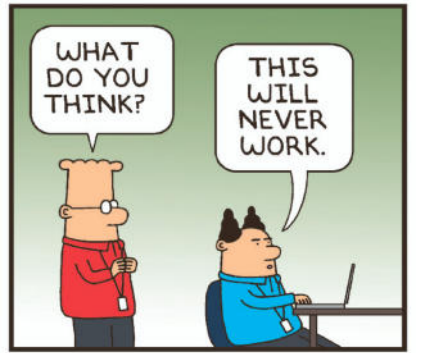
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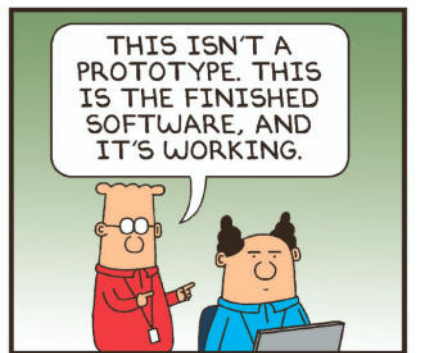
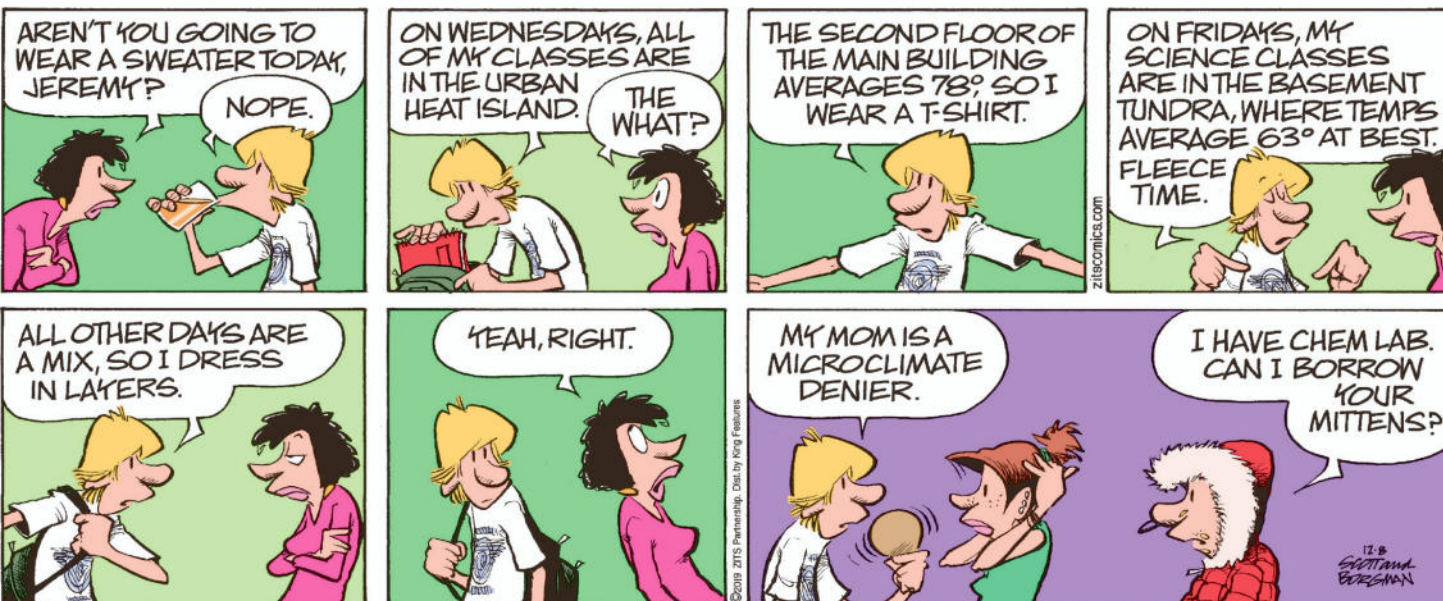
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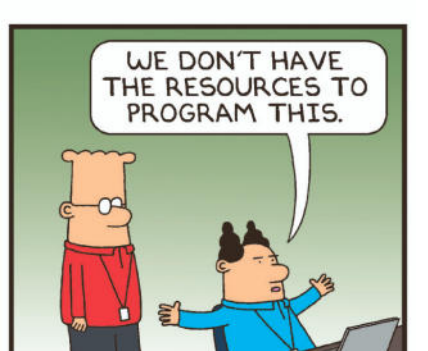
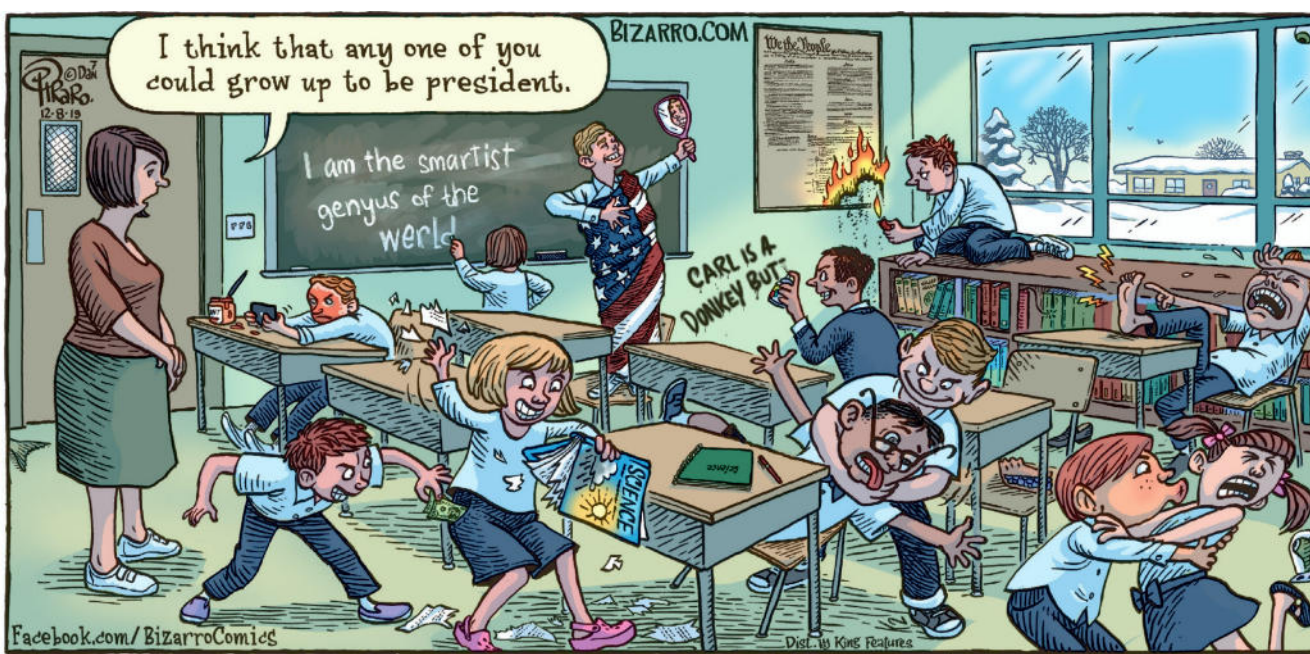


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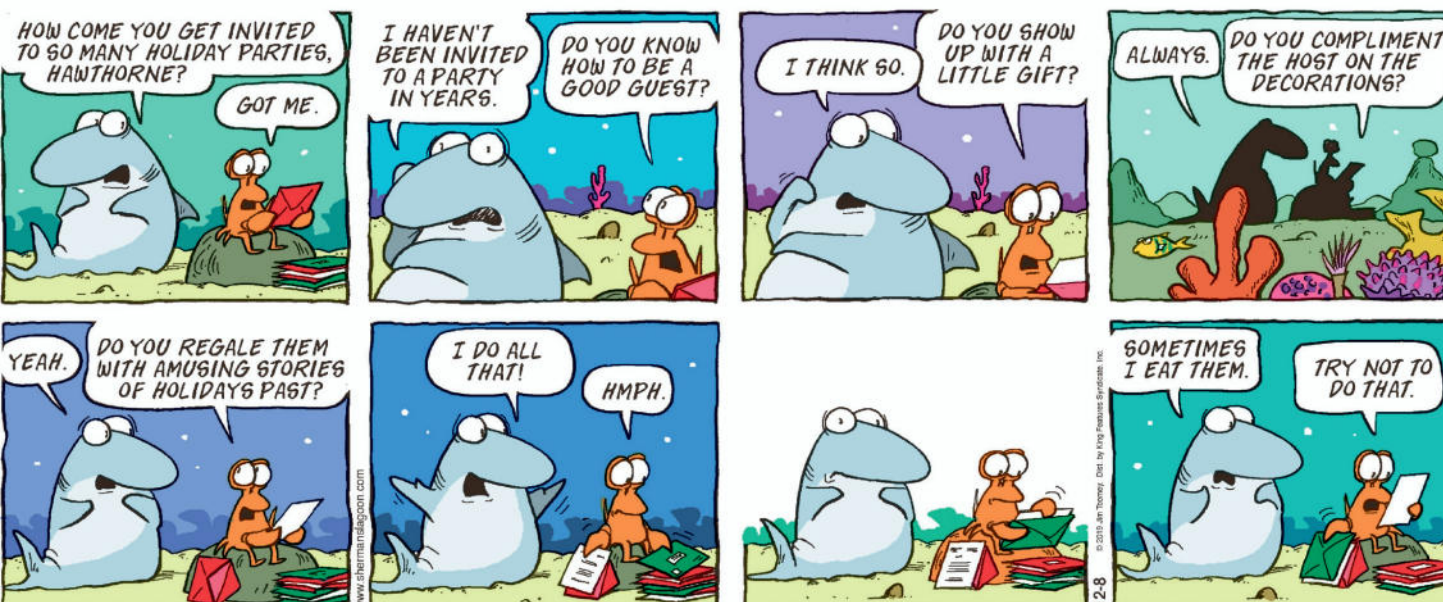


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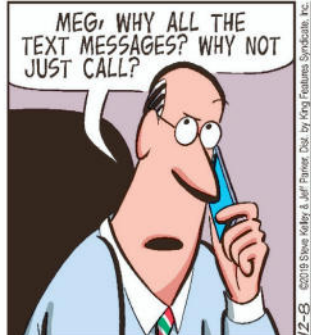
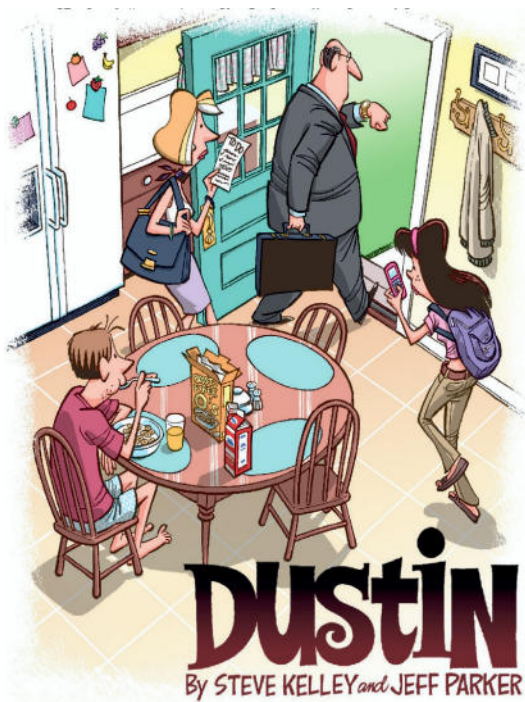
BY FRANCESCO MARCIULIANO & JIM KEEFE

HOW CAN I HELP? YOU'RE OUR GUEST, JEANIE. RELAX. BUT REALLY, THERE MUST STILL BE SO MUCH TO DO AROUND THE HOUSE FOR THE HOLIDAYS. THIS ISN'T YOUR HOME, WHERE YOU HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING FOR GROWN SONS WHO REALLY NEED TO START TAKING CARE OF THEMSELVES... AND TRUTHFULLY, IF YOU KEEP WORRYING SOMETHING ISN'T GETTING DONE, YOUR CERTAINLY KIND OFFERS START TO MAKE ME FEEL NERVOUS AND UNCOMFORTABLE... SO FOR BOTH OUR SAKES, JUST HAVE SOME COCOA, WATCH TV, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, RELAX. THE GINGERBREAD HOUSE LOOKS STRUCTURALLY UNSOUND! I'D BETTER FIX IT. IT'S FINE, JEANIE. THE HOUSE KIT EVEN CAME WITH PRETEND FOUNDATION INSPECTION AND RADON TEST RESULTS PRINTED ON A MINIATURE KRACKLE BAR. NOW GET COCOA.

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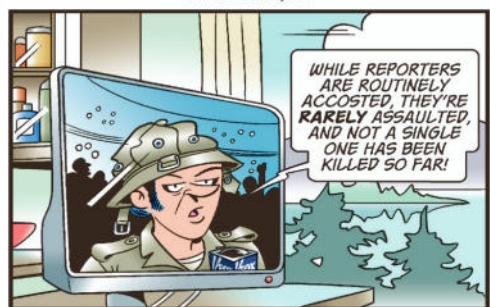
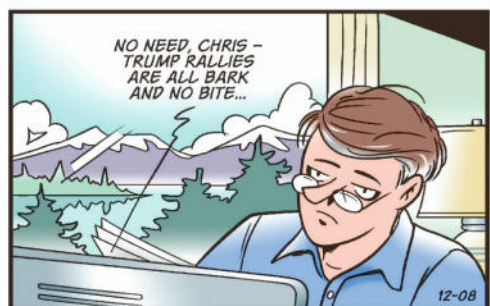
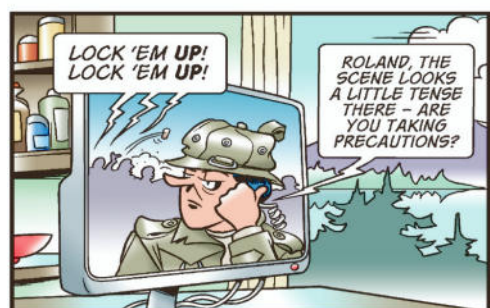
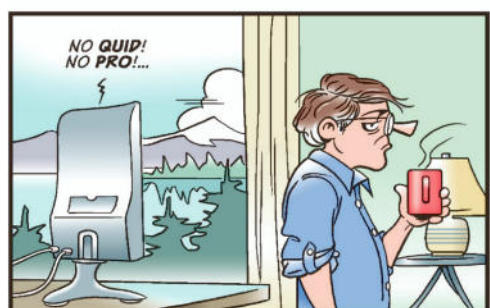
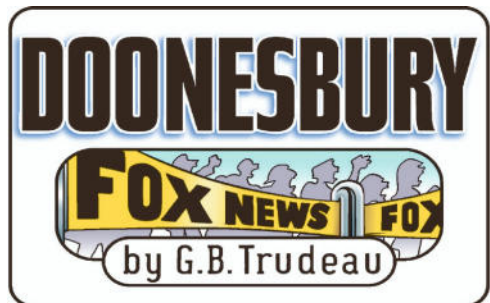
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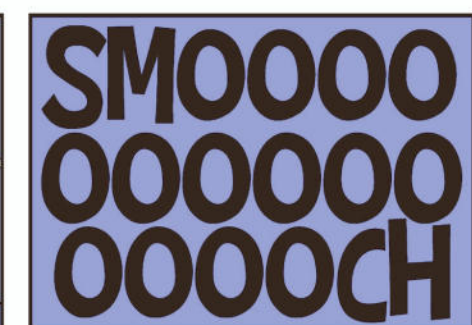
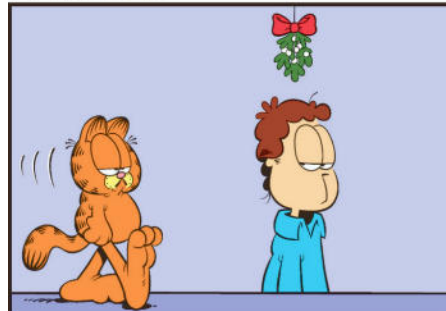
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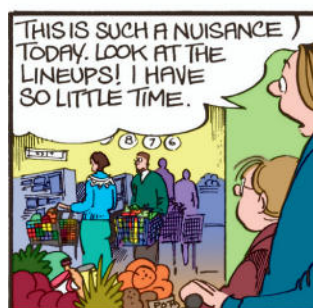
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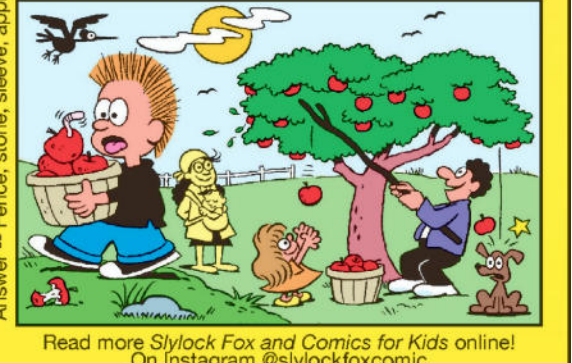
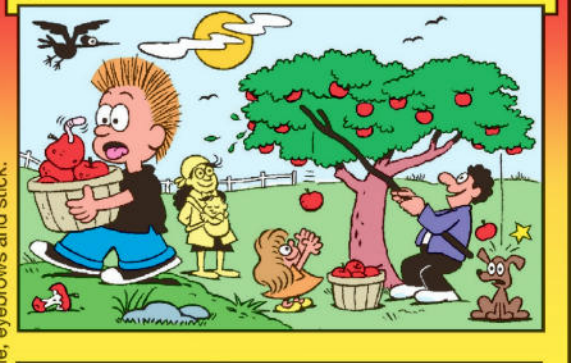
BY BOB WEBER JR.

Someone hurled a newspaper through Slylock Fox's window. Shady Shrew claims he saw the paper delivery beaver throw the newspaper, but the beaver insists he didn't do it. What evidence suggests the beaver is telling the truth?

Solution -- The newspaper on the floor has a notice for "hot" weather. The paper in the beaver's sack correctly has a notice for "snow." Slylock believes Shady Shrew used an old newspaper to smash the glass.

BOB WEBER JR. and SR. 12-8

Spot six differences between these panels.



Answer -- Fence, stone, sleeve, apple, eyebrows and stick.

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 c) Bananas
 d) Tomatoes
 e) Watermelons

Answer -- (d) Yes, tomatoes are classified as a fruit.

THE BORN LOSER

by Art & Chip Sansom

HEY, POP, WOULD YOU HELP ME WITH MY HOMEWORK?

MY TEACHER SAYS I NEED TO REWRITE MY BOOK REPORT ON "PETER PAN."

LET ME TAKE A LOOK AT YOUR REPORT, THEN WE'LL SEE WHAT WE CAN DO

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I SUGGEST YOU MAKE AN OUTLINE OF ALL THE POINTS YOU WISH TO MAKE. NEXT, PUT THEM IN A LOGICAL ORDER. THEN, FOLLOW THAT OUTLINE AS YOU WRITE.

KEEP IN MIND, YOU SHOULD WRITE SO THAT EVEN A PERSON OF LIMITED INTELLIGENCE WILL BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND!

WHAT PARTS DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND?

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane

I GUESS SOMEONE FORGOT THAT SANTA IS WATCHING.

CUT THAT OUT, DOLLY!

I'LL GET YOU FOR THAT, JEFFY!

QUIT IT, PJ!

OUCH!

I GUESS SOMEONE FORGOT THAT SANTA IS WATCHING.

Bill and Jeff Keane

Mort Walker's **beetle bailey**

I WONDER IF I'LL EVER GET A PROMOTION?

THEY NEED TO BE REMINDED YOU EXIST. YOU NEED P.R.!

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EVERYONE ALWAYS SEEMS TO BE IN SUCH A DANG RUSH.

IT'S UNHEALTHY. PEOPLE NEED TO SLOW IT DOWN AND ENJOY THE RIDE.

LET'S BOTH TAKE A DEEP, DEEP BREATH...

AND THEN WE BREATHE OUT ALL THAT NEED TO HURRY AND SCURRY THROUGH LIFE. ISN'T THAT A GOOD FEELING?

WHOO

WHOO

OPAL! HOW'S DINNER COMING? ALMOST READY?

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RHYMES WITH ORANGE

BY HILARY B. PRICE

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