

4 towns consider combining police into one force

By Ashley Murray  
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Four Mon Valley communities have the support of Allegheny County and the state to join their small police departments into one regional force, but some local officials aren't yet convinced that the idea could improve efficiency and public safety to their communities.

County Executive Rich Fitzgerald joined elected officials from Braddock, East Pittsburgh, North Braddock and Rankin on Monday to applaud the work community leaders have done to lead a "historic" push in "realizing that the whole can be greater than the sum of the parts."

"We know that East Pittsburgh right now doesn't have police, and they rely on state police, and each one of the boroughs and municipalities has a challenge," Mr. Fitzgerald said at a news conference in front of the Braddock municipal building.

The four boroughs currently have 31 part-time officers, some of whom make overtime, and two full-time officers among them — with Braddock having 8.5 part-time officers; North Braddock at 13 part-time and one full-time officer; and Rankin at 9.5 part-time and one full-time, according to the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development.

Proponents of regionalization argue that the cash-strapped municipalities would be able to pool resources and hire a full-time force with benefits rather than facing the "revolving door" of part-time officers.

"Our police budget is over a third of our entire budget, so this is a big deal," said Tina Doose, one of Braddock's council members.

The regionalization proposal, developed in part with the state, calls for 12 full-time officers — a chief, a sergeant, a detective and/or traffic officer, and eight patrol officers — plus six part-time officers and a secretary for a total of \$771,000 in salaries and \$520,000

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Construction worker Tony Jefferson walks past part of the \$900 million Southern Beltway project, which will connect Interstate 79 and Route 22 near Pittsburgh International Airport, on Thursday on the boundary of South Fayette and Cecil.

CONCRETE PROGRESS

Southern Beltway faces miles of paving before 2022 opening

By Ed Blazina  
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Dale Rosinski stands on the finished side of a 1,500-foot curved bridge across the valley above Fort Cherry Road in Robinson, Washington County. He watches as crews set reinforcement bars on the unfinished bridge beside it in preparation for overnight paving.

Miles of finished roadway for the new Southern Beltway lead up to each end of the bridge. In some areas, mile markers and exit signs already are in place.

"It's really starting to come together," said Mr. Rosinski, construction project manager for consultant CDR Maguire.

The 13-mile, \$900 million toll road that the Pennsylvania Turnpike is building near Pittsburgh International Airport, joining Interstate 79 near Southpointe with Route 22, is heading into its final year of mainline construction.

Although some excavation remains for the complicated I-79 interchange, four years of work to level hills and fill in valleys for road construction has been completed. Five of the seven sections of the project are just

meeting with contractors for the bridge over Fort Cherry Road earlier this year, he didn't expect their solution to an age-old challenge. When crews assemble girders for the framework of a new bridge, it's almost inevitable that the beams come up at least a few inches short because bolts fit in a loose slot that allows some variation from one to the next.

In Mr. Kohlmyer's experience, crews usually make adjustments to the beams to make

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Construction crews work on the beltway Thursday in South Fayette.

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waiting finishing touches.

The Southern Beltway is starting to look like the first totally new highway built in this region in decades.

Bridging a challenge

It's hard to surprise Bob Kohlmyer, a construction supervisor for CDR Maguire with decades of construction experience. But when he walked into a

Trump to make SCOTUS pick by Saturday

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said Monday he expects to announce his pick for the Supreme Court by week's end — before Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg is buried — launching a monumental Senate confirmation fight ahead of the November election.

Mr. Trump said he is planning to name his pick by Friday or Saturday, ahead of the first presidential election debate.

Justice Ginsburg's casket is to be on view mid-week on the iconic steps outside the court and later at the Capitol. She is to be buried next week in a private service at Arlington National Cemetery.

Democrats, led by presidential nominee Joe Biden, are protesting the Republicans' rush to replace Justice Ginsburg, saying voters should speak first — on Election Day, Nov. 3 — and the winner of the White House should fill the vacancy.

Mr. Trump told "Fox & Friends" he had a list of five finalists, "probably four." He says his choice will likely be a woman.

As for the swift action, Mr. Trump said, "I think that would be good for the Republican Party, and I think it would be good for everybody to get it over with."

The impending clash over the vacant seat — when to fill it and with whom — has scrambled the stretch run of the presidential race for a nation already reeling from the pandemic that has killed nearly 200,000 people, left millions unemployed and heightened partisan tensions and anger.

Democrats point to the hypocrisy of Republicans in trying to rush through a pick so close to the election after refusing to do so for President Barack Obama in February 2016, long before that year's election. Mr. Biden is appealing to

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Show introduces 9 women who gave Andy Warhol a 'Femme Touch'

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Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Andy Warhol befriended actresses, filmmakers, models, musicians and singers. Some achieved fame, while others were ill-fated comets who streaked only briefly across tabloid headlines.

Now, nine creative women who influenced the Pittsburgh-born pop artist are the subject of a new exhibition, "Femme Touch," on view at The Andy Warhol Museum through Jan. 3. Organized by chief curator Jose Carlos Diaz, this excellent show features stunning photographs, digitally remastered color film footage and a dazzling array of portraits.

The North Side museum's galleries have a "classy trashy" feel created by Erin Foster, a local graphic designer who blended diner decor and movie house mystery with coral neon signs glowing on walls painted a dark eggplant shade.

The show begins with Warhol's

Images from "Femme Touch," an exhibition on women intertwined with Andy Warhol's life and career, are on display at The Andy Warhol Museum on the North Side.

mother, Julia, dressed in a round hat, a string of pearls and a going-to-church dress. Photographer Duane Michals' affectionate portrait in

Warhol's Manhattan apartment conveys the lifelong bond between

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The Andy Warhol Museum

Counties fight Wolf's stay of order to lift restrictions

By Torsten Ove  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Lawyers representing four counties and Republican politicians said Monday the administration of Gov. Tom Wolf has failed to show why a federal judge's order striking down several of the main COVID-19-related restrictions imposed by Mr. Wolf should be stayed.

U.S. District Judge William Stickman IV in Pittsburgh on Sept. 14 ruled that the restrictions violated the U.S. Constitution.

The ruling meant that gatherings of more than 250 people outdoors and 25 indoors would be permitted despite the fact that the state continues to urge citizens to avoid big gatherings.

Mr. Wolf, a Democrat, asked for a stay of the order and the judge set Monday as a deadline for the plaintiffs to respond.

Lawyers for the plaintiffs said the Wolf administration

has failed to establish any of the four elements required to stay the court order.

Specifically, the attorneys said the administration has failed to show that it will prevail on the merits of an appeal to the 3rd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, that the administration will suffer "irreparable harm" if the stay is not granted, that the plaintiffs will not suffer greater harm if the stay is granted and that the public interest will be served by granting the stay.

"Despite the complete lack of evidence, defendants continue to assert that further constitutional violations are needed to protect the citizens of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania from themselves," the lawyers wrote. "If such assertions were true, surely, defendants would have been able to produce some expert testimony or evidence in

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Health & science

CDC confuses public on airborne virus spread

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The top U.S. public health agency has stirred confusion by posting — and then taking down — an apparent change in its position on how easily COVID-19 can spread from person to person via small droplets in the air.

Officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention say the virus spreads primarily through small airborne droplets, like those that fly through the air when someone coughs or sneezes. Most CDC guidance about social distancing is built around that idea, saying 6 feet is a safe buffer between people not wearing masks.

In interviews, CDC officials have also acknowledged growing evidence the virus can in some cases also spread via even smaller, aerosolized particles or droplets. That’s one of the reasons public health experts stress wearing a mask, which can stop or reduce contact with both larger droplets and aerosolized particles.

The CDC has maintained the spread is mainly through the larger droplets. And for months, its website said little about aerosolized particles.

So the agency’s position appeared to have changed when the CDC on Friday

quietly posted an update that discussed aerosolized particles in more detail. The post added singing and breathing to the ways the virus can go airborne, and it said COVID-19 can remain suspended in the air and drift more than 6 feet. It also emphasized the importance of ventilation indoors.

Federal health officials on Monday said the posting Friday was a mistake, put out before full editing and clearance was completed. They said the CDC is planning to clarify the agency’s thinking, but it did not immediately release a statement or revision.

The agency has come under attack for past revisions of guidance during the pandemic, some of which were driven by political considerations by the Trump administration.

Some said whatever drove the most recent confusion, the episode may further chip away public confidence in the CDC.

“The consistent inconsistency in this administration’s guidance on COVID-19 has severely compromised the nation’s trust in our public health agencies,” said Dr. Howard Koh, a Harvard University public health professor who was a high-ranked official in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services during the Obama administration.

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On this day, September 22

**1857** The first railroad bridge across the Allegheny River, a wooden structure, was opened to bring the Ohio & Pennsylvania Railroad into the city of Pittsburgh.  
**1949** The Mellon Educational & Charitable Trust Fund gave \$13.6 million to the University of Pittsburgh to build and operate a Graduate School of Public Health.  
**1964** The musical “Fiddler on the Roof,” starring Zero Mostel, opened on Broadway, beginning a run of 3,242 performances.  
**1991** The Pirates clinched the National League’s Eastern division title (but would lose to the Atlanta Braves in the playoffs).  
*Some items are from Stefan Loran’s “Pittsburgh: The Story of an American City” (digital.library.pitt.edu/chronology).*

— Compiled by Rick Nowlin

**Today’s birthdays:** Baseball Hall of Fame manager Tommy Lasorda, 93. Dancer/choreographer/singer Toni Basil, 77. Actor Paul Le Mat, 75. Capt. Mark Phillips, 72. Actor Shari Belafonte, 66. Singer Debby Boone, 64. Actor Lynn Herring, 63. Classical crossover singer Andrea Bocelli, 62. Singer-musician Joan Jett, 62. Actor Scott Baio, 60. Actor Catherine Oxenberg, 59. Actor Bonnie Hunt, 59. Actor Rob Stone, 58. Actor James Hillier (TV: “The Crown”), 47. Actor Mireille Enos, 45. Actor Daniella Alonso, 42. Actor Michael Graziadei, 41. Actor Ashley Drane (Eckstein), 39. Actor Katie Lowes, 38. Actor Tatiana Maslany, 35. Actor Ukweli Roach (TV: “Blindspot”), 34. Actor Tom Felton, 33. Actor Teyonah Parris, 33. Actor Juliette Goglia, 25. Actor Dalya Knapp, 10.

**Thought for today:** “Autumn, the year’s last, loveliest smile.”  
— William Cullen Bryant, American poet (1794-1878)

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Can ol’ No. 12 replace the Kardashians?



Gene therapy  
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On the broad spectrum of global environmental tragedies, national tragedies and personal tragedies, our painful losses have been counted in the hundreds of thousands here in 2020. So where exactly would you rate the news from Sept. 8 that “Keeping Up With the Kardashians” will be ending next year?

Low, probably. Extremely low.

But there it is nonetheless, the numbing reality that in 2021, Americans are to be relieved of duty when it comes to following the excruciatingly rapid adventures of Kim Kardashian; her mother, Kris; and Kim’s sisters: Kourtney, Khloe, Kendall, Kylie, Kayleigh, Katelyn, Karly, Kay-Kay, Karenina and Khrushchev.

Scoff not, as this cultural canker sore drew a huge reality TV audience for close to 15 years, perhaps never so spellbindingly as in 2011 when Kim got her butt X-rayed to prove it contained no artificial ingredients, a bulletin David Letterman shared with his network audience along with the comment, “This is why people fly planes into buildings.”

For better or worse, something or someone must fill the Kardashian void, and, happily for Pittsburgh, a superhero from out of our past has emerged, a blond bomber who hath avenged the city from the depths of despair more than once. OK, at least once, certainly.

I give you the star of E!’s



Matt Sayles/Associated Press

From left, Khloe Kardashian, Kylie Jenner, Kris Jenner, Kourtney Kardashian, Kim Kardashian and Kendall Jenner arrive at the Kardashian Kollection launch party in Los Angeles in 2011.

new reality series, “The Bradshaw Bunch,” ladies and gentlemen. ... Oh, God.

“I’m a four-time Super Bowl champion,” the old Steelers quarterback told no one in particular in Episode 1, a phrase he repeated word for word in Episode 2, so I think we know some of the dialogue from Episode 3, which hasn’t aired yet.

For the record, I’ve gone as far as I’m going with “The Bradshaw Bunch,” but if you are of that demographic within Steelers Nation who never tires of Bradshaw’s cackling forced laughter or his relatively recent habit of appearing partially or totally nude in his 70s, let me at least describe the storyboard in case your boredom quotient here in the Hunker Games is reaching near-toxic levels.

In “The Bradshaw Bunch,” the Blond Bomber cavorts with his blond fourth wife and three adult blond daughters on an 800-acre ranch richly populated with spouses, fiancées, grandkids, goats, alpacas, donkeys, horses, chickens and various additional cud-chewing quadrupeds and ruminants. At first glance,

it looks suspiciously like “The Real Housewives of Thackerville, OK,” but without quite the jewelry.

The premiere was mostly about Terry’s inner turmoil over the fact youngest daughter Erin, now 30, had breast augmentation without telling her father. On the sofa, Terry confides in Tammy (that’s his wife — try to keep up) that he and Erin have never had secrets, so this is a troubling development. At that point, he reaches behind the couch to pull out an oversized Bible and says, “God, give me strength to talk to Erin about the boob job.”

Oh, yeah, it’s the longest 22 minutes on television.

Later, on the same sofa, Erin explains directly to the camera this procedure isn’t something a 30-year-old woman talks to her father about, necessarily. She did it “in a very tasteful way,” whatever the hell that means, and concludes “sometimes his heart’s just a little bit bigger than his brain.”

Hmph. Episode 2 has slightly more action, teasing that

Terry will be driving a monster truck at an event in Texas in a “race” against stepdaughter Lacy, whom he gratuitously reminds, “Do you know I’m the most watched football commentator in America?” I’ve heard he’s a four-time Super Bowl champ.

Hoisted into the monster truck cab for a practice run, Terry starts to hyperventilate inside his helmet, the onset of a panic attack necessitating he be pulled free and fawn-humiliated, like that’s even possible.

Desperate that the Bradshaw monster truck showdown must go on, Terry tries to talk Erin into racing against Lacy. Erin at first refuses, as does oldest daughter Rachel, who was humiliated in Episode 1 because Terry tried boosting her real estate career by putting signs on park benches that read, “Seal the Deal with Rachel Bradshaw” and a phone number.

With no takers on the monster truck rally, Terry says, “I’ll give you a hundred thousand,” which was probably his fee for showing up in the first place.

Erin relents, beats Lacy around the dirt track, jumps from the cab and says, “Who won?”

Nobody, Erin. Nobody won.

In a quiet moment back on the sofa, Terry tells Tammy the whole thing was embarrassing. Swollen with wifely knowledge, Tammy nonetheless offers little solace: “All the things that you’ve done in your life, and THAT’S the thing that embarrasses you?”

Episode 3 comes Thursday. I know, but you can’t Kardashiana forever.

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Exhibit showcases women in Warhol’s life

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the doting mother and the shy boy she rewarded with a Hershey’s candy bar every time he finished a page in a coloring book.

Julia Warhol introduced her son to the Sunday comics and bought comic books that later influenced his art. She spent \$9 — nine days of housecleaning wages — on a home movie projector he used to screen movies of Mickey and Minnie Mouse. The budding artist created a scrapbook of Hollywood stars with autographed pictures of Shirley Temple, Carmen Miranda, Mae West and many other actresses, according to a Warhol biography published this year by author Blake Gopnik.

Ultimately, the gay artist’s fascination with celebrity, fashion and movie stars inspired his screen prints of Marilyn Monroe and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, plus an entire galaxy of famous women from various fields who appear in the show’s final gallery.

In the 1960s and ’70s, Warhol cast strong women in his films and easily named his three favorite women artists — Lynda Benglis, Alice Neel and Louise Nevelson, according to Mr. Gopnik’s biography. His female friends included a wealthy debutante, two supermodels, a revolutionary filmmaker and a radical feminist. A team of curators researched each person featured, and most of the art, artifacts, film and video are from the museum’s collection.

“These individuals are really fascinating,” Mr. Diaz said. “I didn’t know who Donna Jordan and Jane Forth were until I looked at their photos. They were some of the leading American supermodels. Warhol found them fascinating enough to use them as stars in a film in France.”

Chris Von Wangenheim’s photographic portraits of Forth and a bikini-clad blond Jordan, who appeared in the French edition of Vogue, have an aura of lush splendor. Along with Jerry Hall, Grace Jones and Jessica Lange, the two models were discovered by fashion illustrator Antonio Lopez.



The Andy Warhol Museum

Images from “Femme Touch,” an exhibition on women intertwined with Andy Warhol’s life and career, are now on display at The Andy Warhol Museum on the North Side.

Forth and Jordan starred in “L’Amour,” a 1973 romantic comedy Warhol shot in Paris that included fashion designer Karl Lagerfeld.

“Femme Touch” features ephemera and clothing from Tally Brown, a flamboyant actress, trained opera singer and civil rights activist. The Juilliard-educated vocalist sang ballads, blues and jazz and performed on and off Broadway.

Brown appeared in four Warhol films and made her own plus-sized clothes. Her black matching top and pants ensemble are displayed on a mannequin topped by a big curly black wig and a large set of earrings. The Warhol museum acquired her personal effects from Timothy Greenfield-Sanders, an acclaimed documentary filmmaker and portrait photographer.

In New York City, Warhol met Brigid Berlin, a former debutante who dipped her breasts in paint to make prints; Mario Montez, a drag performer who played a banana-eating Jean Harlow; and Barbara Rubin, a cultural matchmaker and experimental filmmaker.

Berlin began working at Warhol’s studio in 1975 and remained his friend until he died in 1987. She talked with Warhol nearly every day, and a black-and-white portrait shows how comfortable they were with each other.

Montez worked at office jobs but excelled as a drag, stage and film performer who took his name as an homage to the Dominican movie star Maria Montez.

“Mario identified as male,” Mr. Diaz said, adding the drag performer called his artistry “going into costume.”

Warhol admired the conceptual thinking of Rubin, an experimental filmmaker who made “Christmas on Earth.” Rubin, who introduced him to musicians Bob Dylan and Lou Reed and poet Alan Ginsberg, moved to France, became a Hasidic Jew and died at age 35.

Also part of the scene was Candy Darling, a transgender woman and actress who exuded glamour and appeared in two of Warhol’s films. A gallery devoted to her life includes gowns that typified her style.

Warhol’s most volatile acquaintance was Valerie Solanas, a radical feminist who critiqued America’s patriarchal culture in her “SCUM Manifesto.” She starred in a 1967 Warhol film, “I, A Man,” but became upset with the artist after he lost a script for a play she wrote. Solanas, who suffered from paranoid delusions, believed Warhol had designs on the play, according to Mr. Gopnik’s biography.

She shot Warhol on a New York street in June 1968, an

attack that nearly killed him. A gallery devoted to Solanas features film footage of her arrest and a giant poster version of the New York Daily News front page with the headline “Actress Shoots Andy Warhol.”

Due to the pandemic, no headphones are used with the exhibit, so all the film footage is silent. The absence of sound allows viewers to focus on how conscious of the camera Warhol’s friends were when it was trained on them.

The show’s colorful portraits of Black drag performer Wilhelmina Ross are from the artist’s “Ladies and Gentlemen” series. Ross appeared in 73 of the portraits; Italian art dealer Luciano Anselmino paid Warhol \$905,000 for the canvases.

The exhibition’s last section, “My Fair Ladies,” features a three-minute color screen test of Edie Sedgwick, an actress and model who starred in several of Warhol’s short films in the 1960s. Then comes a wide array of Warhol portraits including Judy Garland, Lana Turner, Jane Fonda and Aretha Franklin. The Queen of Soul appears in vivid hues and was the last one Warhol did before his death on Feb. 22, 1987.

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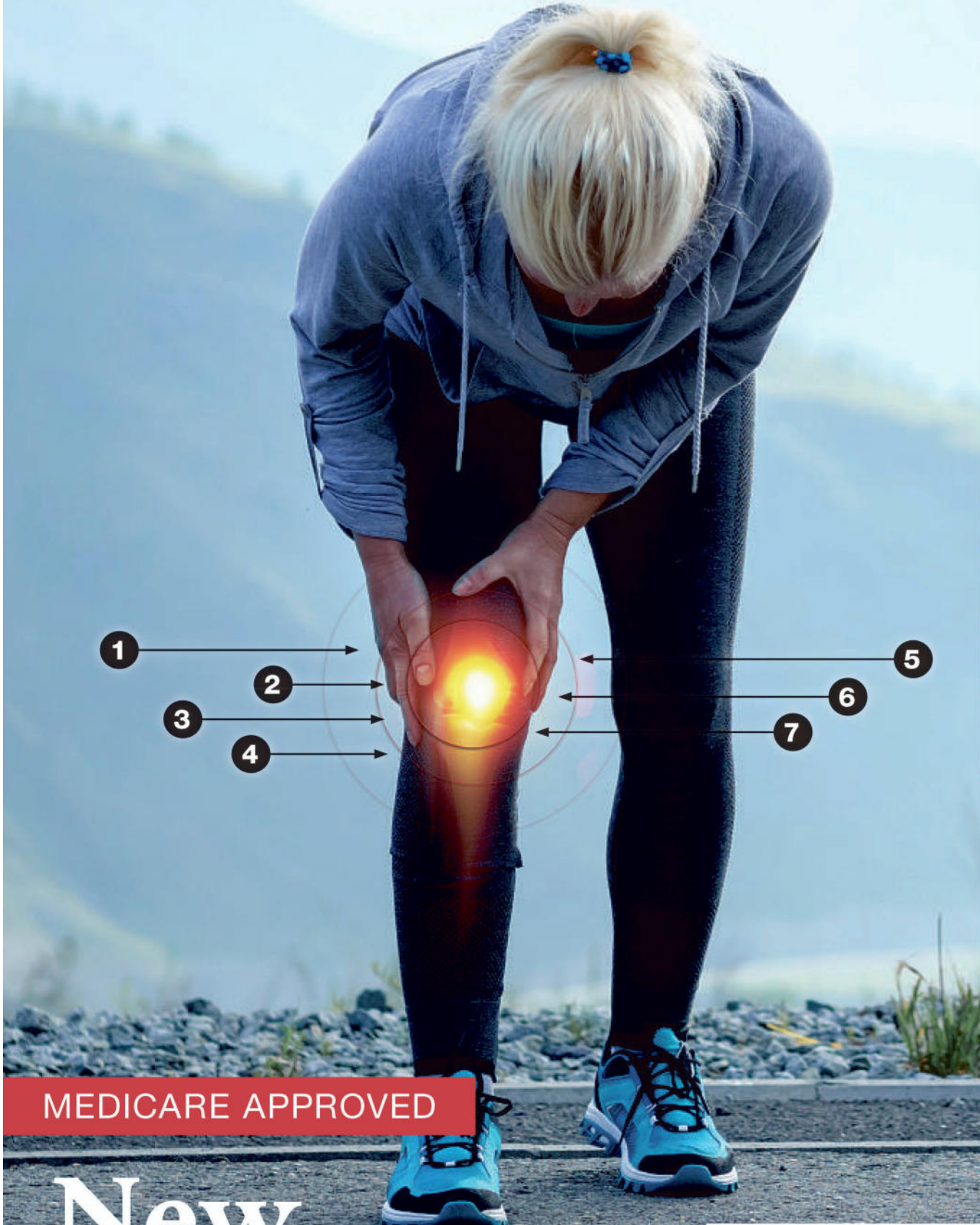
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# Beltway faces miles of paving before its opening

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everything fit. Not in this case.

Instead, when crews came up short on the fourth of seven piers, they attached hydraulic jacks to the top of the 115-foot-tall bridge pier to pull it closer to the beams. Of course, this is after the piers had been anchored in bedrock at least 10 feet under ground.

“This is the first one where I’ve seen them do that,” Mr. Kohlmyer said. “But it worked. There’s enough play in the pier that they could move it without causing any problem.”

Just building a curved bridge comes with its own challenges.

For example, beams for curved bridges usually are assembled in pairs on the ground. That’s because experience has taught workers beams installed one at a time twist inexplicably and quickly throw the structure way off-kilter, but that doesn’t happen with pairs.

Once the pairs were assembled on the ground, a precisely positioned crane lifted them — in this case, more than 100 feet — into place. Engineers spend hours calculating within inches the position of the crane and the precise lift point on the beams because being slightly wrong could cause the crane to tip or otherwise not position the beam properly.

As Mr. Rosinski put it, the process involves material that is “very large, very heavy with little room for error.”

On a long bridge like this, pouring concrete for the deck also takes some engineering finesse. Using a 40-foot-wide slipform paving machine, crews poured the area between bridge piers first to take the camber out of the surface, then did the area over the piers.

If they did the piers first, the middle areas would develop even more camber and make the road hard to drive.

In addition, the curves have a slight bank like a race track to help hold vehicles onto the surface. That bank is obvious walking across the pavement, but Mr. Rosinski said it will be barely noticeable to drivers.

The fact the bridge crosses over three trails, two roads and a stream also required close communi-



CDR Maguire project manager Dale Rosinski and assistant project manager Josh Farley inspect a newly built bridge on Thursday in Robinson, Washington County.

cation with people who want to use those facilities during construction.

“It’s challenging, but it’s construction,” said Josh Farley, assistant project manager for Maguire. “It’s just the job we do in a lot of ways.”

## Interchange breakthrough

Crews for Walsh Construction II had a major breakthrough last month after building the southbound bridge on I-79 just north of the Southpointe exit: They excavated away about 30 feet of land just below the surface of the structure, opening space under it so it actually has something to “bridge.”

That open space is the key to the beltway’s interchange with I-79, the most expensive, most complicated section of the project at \$174.3 million. The new valley will accommodate the spaghetti-like series of ramps that will go under the highway before connecting the new toll road with the interstate.

Last summer, crews closed the southbound lanes in that area and shifted all traffic to the northbound side. That allowed them to build the first bridge.

But they built that bridge by excavating just enough space for the middle pier and the abutments on each end of the 430-foot span. Dirt remained under the rest of the bridge.

After the bridge was finished and all traffic shifted to the southbound side, excavators finished opening up the valley by clearing dirt about 30 feet deep from each side of the pier and creating temporary roads where the ramps will be in the future.

On Thursday, Mr. Farley watched from the old abandoned northbound lanes that sit about 10 feet lower than the southbound lanes as three excavators filled dump trucks in the new valley.

Although four lanes of traffic on the southbound side have been jammed into the space that usually carries two lanes and part of the median, motorists whizzed by. The narrow lanes haven’t created any problems with congestion during the project.

“People are driving too fast, which means [the conditions] are too good,” Mr. Farley said.

The crews are preparing the site to raise the northbound lanes so the new bridge will be parallel with the southbound side and to narrow the median in this area from 40 feet to 15 feet. This bridge will be built in a more traditional manner above the open valley.

In addition, a 40-foot hill in the distance between the northbound lanes and Morganza Road will be excavated for one of the interchange ramps. For now, the space under the bridge will serve as the service road for

a parade of dump trucks hauling dirt from one side of the interstate to the other.

“We’ve got about 2 million cubic yards of material on the east side of I-79 that’s going over to the west side of I-79,” Mr. Farley said. “We’ve got plenty of dirt to go around.”

That’s what’s left of the 6.5 million cubic yards of dirt that crews will move as part of the interchange project. Engineers use computer modeling to determine where to use the material elsewhere because “keeping it on-site is cost effective” compared to hauling it away and dumping it.

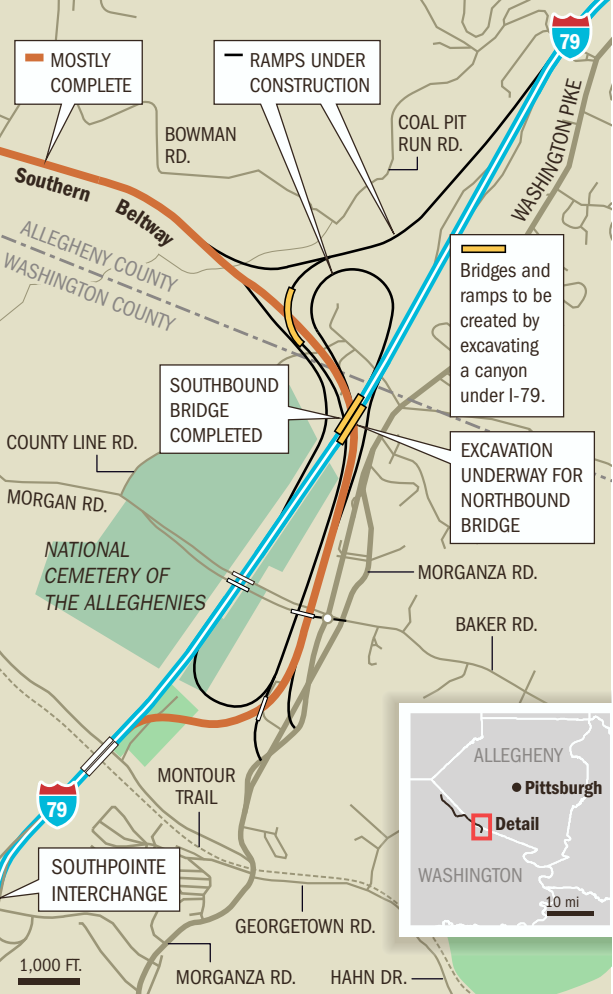
On the west side of the interstate, crews are running five dump trucks from the on-site concrete plant to the mainline just down the hill, where a crew of about a dozen uses a slipform paving machine to lay fresh pavement. In this digital age, a series of surveying machines sends radio signals to the machine to control the thickness of the pour, a process done in the past using lines of string.

Crews use squeegees on 20-foot poles to smooth the surface and eliminate any imperfections. Another machine follows the paver to spray a special compound on the surface to keep it from curing too quickly, which causes more cracks.

The goal is to pave the mainline to the edge of the bridge and leave the path

## Making progress

After more than a year of preparation and excavation, crews building the Southern Beltway interchange with Interstate 79 have broken through the land under the highway to create a valley for interchange ramps. The new southbound bridge over the valley has been completed as the Pennsylvania Turnpike’s 13-mile toll road moves into the final year of construction on the main highway. Crews are in the process of moving more than 2.5 million cubic yards of dirt before constructing the northbound bridge.



Source: Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission, Esri James Hilston/Post-Gazette

under open so it can be used for moving dirt, then pave as much of the interchange ramps on the east side as possible before the snow flies.

“The big focus for the winter months is hauling the material from the east side so that is ready for paving next year,” Mr. Farley said. “As soon as humanly possible next spring, we’ll start paving again and keep moving through the season until we’re done.”

## Home stretch

Last year, with activity in each section of the project, crews were performing about \$1 million of work every day on the beltway. Now, entering the sprint to open the mainline next fall, that’s down to about \$500,000 a day.

In addition to the paving,

remaining work for next year includes marking lanes and installing millions of dollars’ worth of electronic message boards and traditional road signs.

The goal, despite two summers of near-record rain and a three-week stoppage in March due to the COVID-19 pandemic, remains to finish work on the I-79 interchange by June 2022.

“This [dry, hot summer] hasn’t been the best of weather for a lot of industries, but for us, it was just what we needed,” Mr. Farley said. “We’re back on schedule and should be finished by June 2022.”

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# 4 towns consider police consolidation

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in benefits.

That plan, if adopted, could save the municipalities a combined \$220,915 in 2021 compared to 2018 spending, according to the Department of Community and Economic Development.

The plan also has the support of Attorney General Josh Shapiro, who submitted a statement to be read at Monday’s event.

While East Pittsburgh and Rankin councils have approved a resolution to form a commission that would begin the regionalization process, Braddock and North Braddock’s legislative bodies have not.

Braddock council will meet Tuesday evening to vote on the issue.

“If Braddock and North Braddock both decided to not move forward, this would die on the vine,” Ms. Doose said.

North Braddock is expected to meet next week, according to Councilwoman Lisa Franklin.

“I’m all for it,” Ms. Franklin said. “I believe it’s fiscally responsible. I believe it’s a good beginning for our borough. The pay for our police officers [is] well under \$20 an hour right now.”

A 2018 Pittsburgh Post-Gazette analysis found disparities among the more than 100 police departments in the county, notably in pay, training and demographics.

Municipal police



Source: Esri Post-Gazette

training came under scrutiny after the June 2018 police shooting of unarmed teen Antwon Rose II in East Pittsburgh.

Following the incident, East Pittsburgh officers admitted that they did not have written procedures for handling critical incidents like officer-involved shootings.

That police department disbanded in December 2018, and state troopers assumed patrol of the area.

“The state police do an excellent job, but the reality is they are spread very thin,” said Seth Abrams, East Pittsburgh’s borough manager.

“The ability to have full-time officers that are locally based gives us sta-



Steve Mellon/Post-Gazette

Braddock Mayor Chardae Jones discusses efforts to create a regional police force during a press conference in Braddock on Monday. She was joined by other Braddock officials, as well as those from East Pittsburgh, North Braddock and Rankin, as well as Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald.

bility to provide appropriate training and have a level of accountability that we expect and our residents demand of us.”

But not everyone is on board, with opponents expressing concerns about safety and job losses.

“It creates a safety issue for the community and a safety issue for the officers,” said Braddock Police Chief Guy Collins. “They’re trying to sell this like, ‘They’ll be full-time, they’ll be this, they’ll be that.’ How many officers are you going to hire back?”

Chief Collins said that the

plan only allows for three to four full-time officers at a time to patrol the four boroughs, which span over 3 square miles and have roughly 10,000 residents.

Braddock council has “tabled it because we want to talk to more people to see how they feel,” said Robert Park, council president.

“If there’s a shooting in Rankin, who’s going to stop the burglary in East Pittsburgh?” he said. “I’m all for regionalization, but it has to make sense.”

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# Wolf’s request for stay fought by 4 counties

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support thereof. None was produced and the time for such unsubstantiated rhetoric has long since passed.”

The lawyers said Judge Stickman explained in a 66-page opinion his analysis of the evidence, factual findings and his rationale in holding that the restrictions violate the right of assembly guaranteed by the First Amendment. They also said the judge was correct in finding the stay-at-home orders and business closure components of the governor’s order violate the due process clause and the equal protection clauses of the 14th Amendment.

The original plaintiffs in the case were the counties of Washington, Butler, Greene and Fayette, along with U.S. Rep. Mike Kelly, of Butler County, and state Reps. Marci Mustello, of Butler County; Daryl Metcalfe, of Cranberry; and Tim Bonner, of Grove City, Mercer County. All are Republicans.

Democratic Attorney General Josh Shapiro’s office had asked for the stay pending the appeal and to “maintain the status quo with respect to stay-at-home, business closure and congregate limit orders.”

State lawyers said

“With respect to the fourth element ... there is no time in our history that the continued infringement upon and violation of the citizens’ constitutional rights can be said to further the public’s interest.”

— Lawyers of counties that won ruling against Wolf’s COVID-19 restrictions

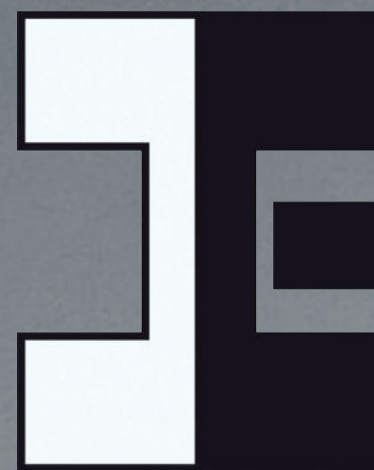
lifting the restrictions now will endanger lives.

“The virus still exists and continues to infect hundreds of Pennsylvanians each day,” they said.

But lawyers for the plaintiffs said there is no evidence to support that contention. They also said the stay will not serve the public interest as Mr. Wolf says it will.

“With respect to the fourth element, whether the public interest will be served by the granting of the stay, there is no time in our history that the continued infringement upon and violation of the citizens’ constitutional rights can be said to further the public’s interest,” they said.





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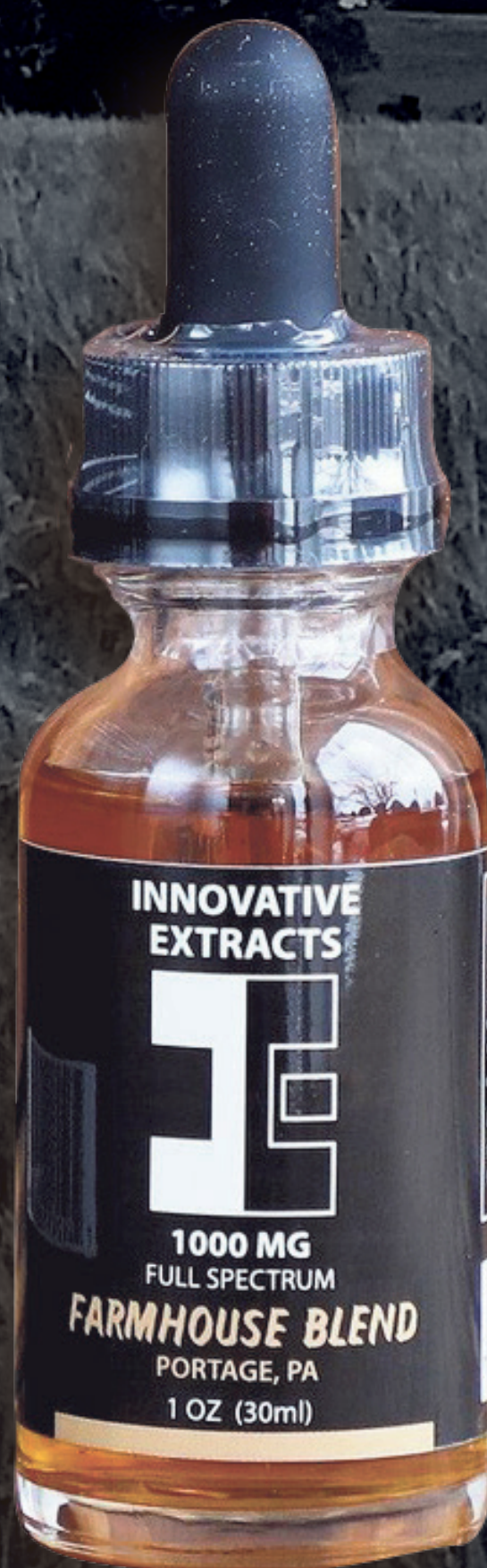
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## Ginsburg to be honored at Supreme Court, Capitol

By Katherine Tully-McManus  
CQ-Roll Call

WASHINGTON — Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg will lie in repose at the Supreme Court and lie in state at the Capitol this week.

The casket will arrive in front of the court just before 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, the court said in a statement.

Justice Ginsburg will then lie in repose under the portico at the top of the front steps of the Supreme Court building to allow for public viewing outdoors.

“The public is invited to pay respects in front of the Building from approximately 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 23, and from 9 a.m. until 10 p.m. on Thursday, Sept.

24,” the court said in its statement.

Justice Ginsburg’s former law clerks will serve as honorary pallbearers and will line the front steps as the casket arrives.

“The justices will remain inside the Great Hall where the casket will be placed on the Lincoln Catafalque, which has been loaned to the court by the U.S. Congress for the ceremony,” the statement said.

On Friday morning, a formal ceremony for invited guests will be held at the Capitol honoring Justice Ginsburg. Her casket will lie atop the Lincoln Catafalque — the same platform built and used during the funeral of Abraham Lincoln in 1865 — in Statuary Hall, according to a statement from House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

## Trump to announce pick by Saturday

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GOP senators to delay the vote until after the election.

Justice Ginsburg, 87, died Friday of metastatic pancreatic cancer.

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., is pushing ahead with plans to begin the confirmation process, vowing to vote “this year” on Trump’s nominee. With just over a month before the election, he said the Senate has “more than sufficient time” to handle the nomination.

Mr. Trump allowed that he would accept a vote in the lame duck period after Election Day, but he made clear his preference would be that it occur by Nov. 3.

Announcing a nominee Friday or Saturday would leave less than 40 days for the Senate to hold a confirmation vote before the



Patrick Semansky/Associated Press

A mural in remembrance of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg covers plywood outside a pub in Washington, D.C. on Monday.

election. No nominee has won confirmation that quickly since Sandra Day O’Connor became the first woman to serve on the Supreme Court in 1981.

Protesters are mobilizing for a wrenching confirmation fight punctuated by crucial issues before the court: health care, abortion access and even the potential outcome of the coming presidential election. Some showed up early Monday morning outside the homes of key GOP senators.

The president confirmed Monday that among the top contenders are Indiana’s Amy Coney Barrett and Florida’s Barbara Lagoa, both appellate court judges whom he appointed.

Judge Barrett — who met with Mr. Trump on Monday at the White House — has long been a favorite of conservatives and was a strong contender for the seat that eventually went in 2018 to Brett Kavanaugh. At the time, Mr. Trump told confidants that he was “saving” Judge Barrett for Justice Ginsburg’s seat.

Judge Lagoa, meanwhile, has been pushed by some aides who tout her political advantages of being

Hispanic and hailing from the key election battleground state of Florida.

Mr. Trump admitted that politics may play a role. Late Monday, he gave a nod to another battleground state, Michigan, and White House officials confirmed he was referring to Joan Larsen, a federal appeals court judge there.

The president also indicated that Allison Jones Rushing, a 38-year-old appellate judge from North Carolina, is on his short list. He has promised to nominate a woman for the high court, adding that his preference is for someone younger who could hold her seat for decades.

As the Senate returned to Washington on Monday, attention focused on Republican Sens. Mitt Romney of Utah and Chuck Grassley of Iowa for clues to whether Mr. Trump and Mr. McConnell will be able to confirm Justice Ginsburg’s replacement anytime soon.

Four Republicans breaking from their party could halt a quick confirmation, and Mr. Trump criticized Republican Sens. Susan Collins of Maine and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska for

opposing a vote before elections. The president warned they would be “very badly hurt” by voters.

Mr. Trump went so far as to disparage reports that Justice Ginsburg had told her granddaughter it was her last wish that a replacement justice not be confirmed until the inauguration of a new president. With no evidence whatsoever, Mr. Trump suggested that his Democratic political foes were behind the report, including Rep. Adam Schiff, the House Intelligence Committee chairman who led the chamber’s impeachment probe.

Mr. Schiff said Mr. Trump sank to “a new low” with that comment. He denied any involvement in Justice Ginsburg’s dying wish, but promised he would “fight like hell to make it come true.”

A day earlier, Mr. Biden appealed to Republicans to join Ms. Murkowski and Ms. Collins in opposing a confirmation vote before the Nov. 3 election.

“Uphold your constitutional duty, your conscience,” said Mr. Biden, speaking in Philadelphia on Sunday. “Let the people speak. Cool the flames that have engulfed our country.”

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Nation briefs

# Huge Calif. fire threatens desert homes

Compiled from news services

An enormous wildfire that churned through mountains northeast of Los Angeles and into the Mojave Desert was still threatening homes on Monday, but officials said calmer winds could help crews corral the flames.

At 165 square miles, the Bobcat Fire is one of the largest ever in Los Angeles County, and it has burned for more than two weeks. It's just 15% contained.

Evacuation orders and warnings are in place for thousands of residents in foothill and desert communities, where semirural homes and a popular nature sanctuary have burned. No injuries have been reported.

Erratic winds that drove flames into the community of Juniper Hills over the weekend had died down, said U.S. Forest Service fire spokesperson Larry Smith.

"It's slightly cooler, too, so hopefully that will be a help to firefighters," Mr. Smith said.

Numerous recent studies have linked bigger wildfires to global warming from the burning of coal, oil and gas, especially because climate change has made California much drier, which makes plants more flammable.

## NYPD officer accused of spying for China

Federal prosecutors on Monday charged a New York City police officer with acting as an illegal agent of the Chinese government, accusing him of providing intelligence about Tibetans living in the U.S. to officials at the Chinese consulate.

The officer, Baimadajie Angwang, 33, was taken into custody Monday, officials said. He has served as a patrol officer and acts as a liaison between the NYPD and the community in Queens.

A 25-page criminal complaint accuses Officer Angwang of reporting on the activities of ethnic Tibetans in New York at the behest of Chinese government officials, who were seeking to recruit intelligence sources in the community.

Officer Angwang also told a Chinese consulate official he could provide China sensitive information about internal NYPD operations, the complaint said.

The NYPD said Officer Angwang has been suspended without pay.

## Census Bureau didn't decide to shorten count

The decision to shorten by a month the 2020 head count of every U.S. resident was not made by the Census Bureau, and some agency officials suspect it was made by the White House or the Department of Commerce, according to a report from the bureau's watchdog agency.

The report by the Office of Inspector General did not identify who made the decision to shorten the 2020 census from the end of October to the end of September, but it said bureau officials confirm it was not made by them.

The accelerated schedule "increases the risks to the accuracy of the 2020 Census," the report said.

So far, more than 95% of households have been counted. (The goal is 99%.)

# Officials push back on DOJ 'anarchy' label

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department identified New York City, Seattle and Portland, Ore., as three cities that could have their federal funding slashed under a memorandum by President Donald Trump that sought to identify localities that permit "anarchy, violence and destruction in American cities."

The designation, which could open the door for the federal government to cut off some funding to the cities, drew immediate criticism from local elected officials. It comes as Mr. Trump throughout the summer has attempted to cast American cities run by Democratic mayors as under siege by violence and lawlessness — despite the fact most of the demonstrations against racial injustice have been largely peaceful and contained in small areas of large cities.

An attempt to cut off federal funding to the cities would likely be met with immediate legal challenges, and several federal judges have ruled in favor of municipalities over similar attempts to withhold funding tied to immigration policies.

The Justice Department said the three cities were designated because they meet four main criteria, including "whether a jurisdiction forbids the police force from intervening to restore order amid widespread or sustained violence or destruction" and whether the city "disempowers or defunds police departments."

In Seattle, officials pointed to the "occupied" area known as the Capitol Hill Occupied Protest zone, or CHOP, which emerged

during nationwide protests over the May 25 police killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis. Seattle police officers, wearing helmets and wielding batons and rifles, cleared the area by force on July 1.

In Portland, they pointed to 100 consecutive nights of protests "marred by vandalism, chaos and even killing," while in New York City, the Justice Department pointed to a skyrocketing number of shootings throughout the five boroughs.

It is not the first time the Justice Department has attempted to take action against city officials for the violent demonstrations.

The department also explored whether it could pursue either criminal or civil rights charges against city officials in Portland after clashes between law enforcement and demonstrators erupted there night after night. For weeks, hundreds of demonstrators gathered outside the federal courthouse in Portland, some throwing bricks, rocks and other projectiles at officers, leading officers to fire volleys of tear gas and pepper balls at the crowd.

"When state and local leaders impede their own law enforcement officers and agencies from doing their jobs, it endangers innocent citizens who deserve to be protected, including those who are trying to peacefully assemble and protest," Attorney General William Barr said in a statement. "We cannot allow federal tax dollars to be wasted when the safety of the citizenry hangs in the balance."

Mr. Barr said he hoped the designation would convince the cities to "reverse course and become



Brynn Anderson/Associated Press

U.S. Attorney General William Barr speaks with federal officials during a panel discussion on combating human trafficking at the U.S. Attorney's Office in Atlanta on Monday.

serious about performing the basic function of government and start protecting their own citizens."

The attorney general's statement drew immediate condemnation from New York City Mayor Bill de Blasio and New York Gov.

Andrew Cuomo, both Democrats, who accused the Trump administration of politicization of law enforcement.

"This is just another one of President Trump's games," Mr. de Blasio said.

Mr. Trump has heaped

blame for the unrest on Democrats, who are leading the cities where violence has occurred, and tried to focus squarely on the small pockets of protest-related violence while ignoring the larger point of the racial injustice movement.

# Tropical Storm Beta expected to bring heavy rains

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — As Tropical Storm Beta neared the Texas coast Monday, the biggest unknown was how much rainfall it could produce in areas that have already seen their share of damaging weather during a busy hurricane season.

Beta's winds were weakening as it got closer to making landfall sometime Monday evening, and the storm is not expected to strengthen into a hurricane.

But its path along the Texas coast over the next couple of days once it gets inland could produce bands of showers with heavy rainfall, forecasters said. Rain from Beta was already coming down Monday in the Houston area.

"[Rainfall] still is probably the most uncertain part of the forecast," said Dan Reilly, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in the Houston-Galveston office.

Earlier predictions of up to 20 inches in some areas were downgraded Monday to up to 15 inches. Texas

coastal counties were most likely to see 4 to 6 inches with 2 to 4 inches farther inland, Mr. Reilly said.

Forecasters and officials reassured residents Beta was not expected to be another Hurricane Harvey or Tropical Storm Imelda. Harvey in 2017 dumped more than 50 inches of rain on Houston, causing \$125 billion in damage in Texas; Imelda, which hit Southeast Texas last year, was one of the wettest cyclones on record.

Beta's maximum sustained winds were 45 mph Monday afternoon. The storm was moving west-northwest at 5 mph at about 4 p.m., forecasters said. It was about 25 miles southeast of Port O'Connor, Texas.

Storm surge of up to 4 feet was forecast from Port Aransas to Sabine Pass, Texas.

After Beta makes landfall, it is expected to move northeast along the coast and head into Louisiana sometime midweek, forecasters said. Flash flooding is possible in Arkansas and Mississippi as the system moves farther inland.

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## Lioness

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, the liberal lioness of the U.S. Supreme Court who died Friday at 87, was a fierce advocate for equality and justice long before she joined the nation’s highest court.

She was also diminutive and soft spoken, a fan of fancy feminine judicial collars, and someone who was quick to make friends, even with her judicial adversaries.

These were not contradictory qualities in Justice Ginsburg’s eyes. Advancing the cause of American ideals means understanding your opponent’s argument and point of view, she believed. Making the most persuasive cases requires listening to the other side.

When she graduated with top grades from Columbia Law School, she couldn’t get a job at a New York law firm because, as she said, she was Jewish, she was a woman and she was a mother. Instead, she took a teaching job and had time to devote to work fighting for women’s equality.

Long before she had a seat of her own on the court, the future Justice Ginsburg famously persuaded an all-male U.S. Supreme Court to see things her way in a string of landmark victories for equal rights, including one ruling that declared the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment applies to gender. She did it with a strategy that showed the justices how gender discrimination affected men, too.

When President Bill Clinton appointed her to the court in 1993, she quickly distinguished herself as a justice who attempted to build consensus for her opinions and, when she failed to do so, would write blistering dissents that often became



Rebecca Gibian/AP  
U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg sits onstage in New York during a question-and-answer session about her quarter-century on the court in December 2018.

better known than the majority opinions.

Justice Ginsburg’s judicial polar opposite for most of her court tenure, conservative stalwart Antonin Scalia, became her “best buddy,” as she called him. They shared a love of opera, a reverence for the law and a deep respect for each other. They disagreed — fervently most of the time — on just about everything else.

She did not see this as an obstacle to friendship or as a barrier to a constructive working relationship.

Ruth Bader Ginsburg leaves us a multifaceted legacy — one of perseverance and of fighting to ensure all Americans enjoy the rights and freedoms our Constitution guarantees. But it is this understanding that we can disagree passionately without dehumanizing each other that means the most in these polarized times.

## A commonsense correction

No-knock search warrants are one example of a terrible police practice that should be banned entirely. In a country with more guns than people, law enforcement is permitted, in 48 states, to violently enter a home without first clearly announcing their presence. What could possibly go wrong?

This tactic is extremely dangerous both for police and the occupants of the home being invaded. If you are a gun owner and someone smashes through your door in the middle of the night, this is precisely the moment you reach for your gun. Even if officers declare themselves this may not be convincing enough for an armed homeowner intent on protecting themselves and their families. After all, anyone can yell “Police!” as they break into your home.

The use of no-knock warrants increased as drug laws became more punitive, and such tactics have become emblematic of the excesses of the war on drugs. The raids are often executed at night and involve flash-bang grenades, automatic weapons and military-style vehicles. They are meant to cause maximal confusion for potential suspects and prevent evidence from being destroyed, but they can also result in tragic error.

Breonna Taylor was shot and killed in her Louisville, Ky., apartment on March 13, after her address was included in a drug investigation of a former boyfriend. The police, dressed in plain clothes, used a battering ram to invade Taylor’s home

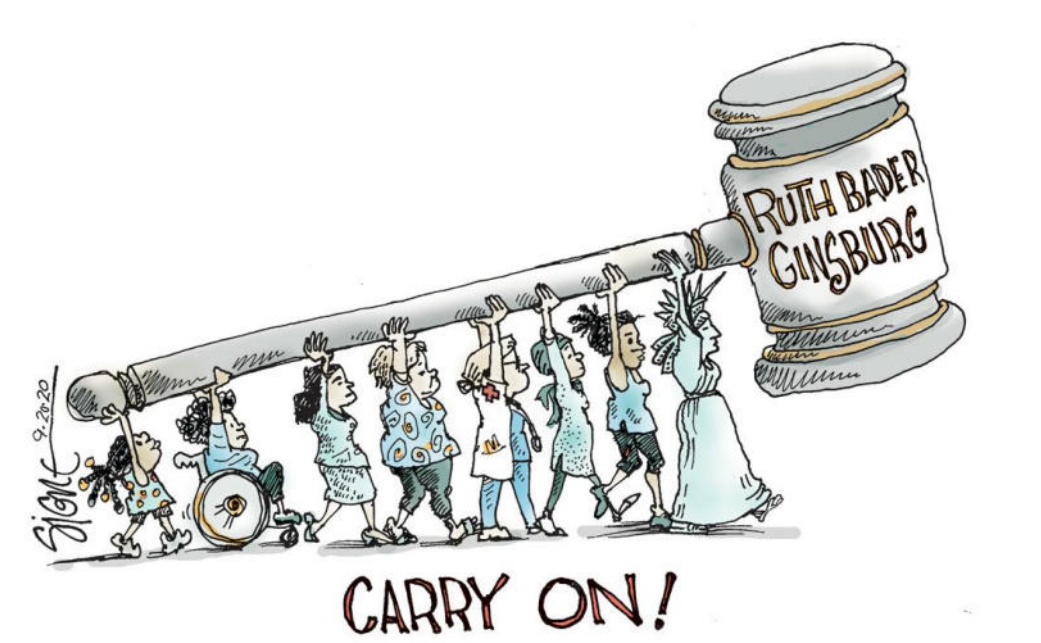


and ended up shooting her five times. No drugs were found in the apartment and the intended suspect was already in custody. Since Taylor’s death, such warrants have been banned in Louisville, and the city reached a \$12 million settlement with the Taylor estate.

Currently, only Florida and Oregon ban no-knock warrants, but Pennsylvania state Sen. Tim Kearney has recently introduced a bill that would make them obsolete in the commonwealth. “Breonna’s Law” which has 11 Democratic co-sponsors, would require law enforcement to knock and announce themselves when serving a warrant and wait at least 15 seconds for a response. Officers would also have to wear body cameras during all stages of the search and wear clothes and badges that identify them as police.

Robert Chabali, former chairman of The National Tactical Officers Association and a retired assistant chief of police in Dayton, Ohio, said of no-knock raids, “It just makes no sense. Why would you run into a gunfight? If we are going to risk our lives, we risk them for a hostage, for a citizen, for a fellow officer. You definitely don’t go in and risk your life for drugs.”

This is the low-hanging fruit of police reform, a commonsense correction. Mr. Kearney’s bill would put an end to the deaths, injuries and property damage that predictably result from such reckless policing, and it should be expedited through this legislative session.



### Letters to the editor

## McConnell’s hypocrisy shows GOP is worried

Could the Republican Party find any way to more thoroughly display their hypocrisy than with their reaction to the U.S. Supreme Court vacancy created by the death of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg?

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell announced within hours of her passing that the Senate would vote on a nominee to her seat.

Mr. McConnell refused even to hold hearings on President Barack Obama’s nominee on the grounds that it was “an election year” and the “next president” should fill the vacancy. The election, at that time, was nearly eight months after the nomination of Merrick Garland.

This is an election year, too, and about six weeks from the election.

The moral of this story is there are those who will do whatever they think they can get away with, and they are now in political power.

But they won’t always be, and there is an old saying about “payback.” If Mr. McConnell weren’t seriously worried about the outcome of this election, there wouldn’t be any hurry, would there? He’d figure that there would be plenty of time afterward. But President Donald Trump is in trouble, and so is the Senate majority. That is the reason for the rush. But then, there is always the “payback,” isn’t there?

**CAROLE MCINTYRE**  
Waynesburg

been unimaginably turned on their heads and belt-tightening is a priority.

Is the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette editorial board really suggesting that in order to be a “true leader,” the mayor should operate in a vacuum? Leadership includes the capacity to listen, to gather information, draw from the best, decide the right course of action and execute it.

Far from being criticized for “pandering and posturing,” “blather” and dereliction of duty, the mayor should instead be lauded for inclusiveness.

This isn’t a contest in which a winning submission will become the 2021 budget, nor is it a binding referendum. Asking for information isn’t delegating decision-making to others; it’s enriching the city’s knowledge in order to establish sound budgetary policy.

**MARY McDONOUGH**  
Shadyside

### Protect America

I hope Joe Biden keeps his eye on the ball. The most immediate reason that we need Mr. Biden to win the election is to take over the fight to control the COVID-19 virus and to “bring back better” our economy.

The most urgent and most important reason for Mr. Biden to win the election is to remove Donald Trump from the office of the presidency and to save America from the destruction of our democratic values, to save our constitutional republic, to protect our democratic institutions from being destroyed from within.

Protect the America that we love. Mr. Biden needs to win the presidency and then he can proceed to re-cement our ties to the other democratic nations of the

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world, to re-establish normalcy, stop the divisiveness and return bipartisan compromise and governance.

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### Campaign support

It’s easy to spend someone else’s money, so I have a suggestion for Michael Bloomberg: Forget the \$100 million for general campaign support in Florida (Sept. 14, “Bloomberg Offers at Least \$100M to Help Biden in Fla.”)

Instead, take just one of his \$50 billion-plus fortune and pay off the outstanding fines and court costs of the more than 700,000 ex-felons who have otherwise paid their debts to society. Besides virtually assuring Joe Biden’s victory in that state, it will give a lot of people a much-needed fresh start in life. But he has to hurry; time is short!

**E.J. STRASSBURGER**  
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## Providing a second chance

After overcoming their troubled pasts, Courtney Haveman and Amanda Spillane wanted to become licensed estheticians, a career choice both hoped would offer them a fresh start. But even though they met all of the state’s licensing qualifications, the state cosmetology board still denied their licenses, claiming that they lacked “good moral character” because of their criminal records.

To vindicate their constitutional rights, the two joined forces with the Institute for Justice and sued the board. Last month, Commonwealth Court sided with them, declaring that the state’s inconsistent moral-character requirements were “absurd.”

For instant, both licensed barbers and estheticians can shape and tweeze eyebrows and dye hair, but only the latter are required to possess good moral character. In fact, the board readily admitted it didn’t have any evidence that requiring good moral character actually protected customers.

Because “similarly situated” workers are “not similarly restricted,” Commonwealth Court ruled that the state’s restrictions violated the Pennsylvania Constitution’s guarantee of equal



protection.

This legal victory also builds off of a recent reform that will make it easier for people with criminal records to become licensed. Before Gov. Tom Wolf signed S.B. 637 in July, the Keystone State had some of the nation’s highest hurdles for ex-offenders seeking licensure, initially receiving an F in a recent report by the Institute for Justice. Pennsylvania was one of just a handful of states where applicants could be denied based on any felony conviction, even if it were completely unrelated to the license sought.

But when S.B. 637 takes effect in December, boards will no longer be able to use moral character to deny licenses to otherwise qualified applicants. Instead, boards can deny licenses to applicants only if they would pose a “substantial risk” to the public if granted a license. S.B. 637, coupled with the Commonwealth Court decision, are first steps toward giving people with criminal records a second chance.

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Perspectives

Melissa E. Marinaro

How do you solve a problem like Columbus?

On Oct. 12, 1958, a statue of explorer Christopher Columbus was unveiled to the public in Pittsburgh’s Schenley Park. This event marked the first of many bicentennial festivities celebrating the city’s 1758 founding, when a 20-something George Washington helped establish Fort Pitt.

Fast forward more than 60 years later. Our society is engaged in debates about symbols in America, their meaning and public display. Symbols are subjective and especially complicated when made in the image of a historical figure. Columbus is one such case.

If you are a product of the American public-school system, your education in U.S. history began with Columbus and the Age of Exploration in the late 15th century. Why do we begin our country’s narrative in this historical moment? Why not begin with Jamestown in 1607 or the landing of Pilgrims in 1620?

During the founding of our nation in the 18th century, long before the Italian American community aligned itself with the “Great Discoverer,” our country’s leaders used the narrative of Columbus to teach ideas of American patriotism. Similar to figures such as Washington, Columbus’ origin story appealed to early Americans who were in the process of constructing a national identity: He wasn’t of noble birth; he did not sail on behalf of the British crown; and his success was attributed to his talents and effort.

During the early 1880s, immigrants from Southern and Eastern Europe entered the U.S. in increasingly large numbers. This population shift upset some Americans; unlike previous waves of immigrants, the customs, languages and religions practiced by these foreign-born groups stoked nativist sentiments. Discrimination experienced by non-Anglo-Saxon, non-Protestant immigrants led to intolerance in many communities.

In 1892, the nation embarked on a very public national embrace of the navigator for the 400th anniversary of his landing in San Salvador. His life was



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The controversial Christopher Columbus statue in Schenley Park.

published in full-page spreads in newspapers across the nation, churches and synagogues held services, and public-school students participated in patriotic exercises steeped in American symbols — flags, Uncle Sam and red, white and blue bunting.

There wasn’t a celebration of this magnitude in 1792 for Columbus’ 300th anniversary. What changed in 100 years?

Consider this statement made by U.S. Rep. Benjamin Franklin Meyers in Harrisburg: “If Christopher Columbus had been an American, native and to the manner born, his career could not have illustrated more singularly the character of a self-made man risen to greatness and honor through his own unaided efforts. Notwithstanding his foreign birth, and his fealty to monarchical institutions, his whole life is a lesson that may be studied with profit by the youth of our country.”

Meyers’ statement, which echoed the sentiments of other politicians, was made at a time when America’s foreign-born population had risen to 15%. Columbus was offered as an American hero that both old-stock Americans and foreigners of all

classes could admire and emulate.

By the mid-20th century, Columbus celebrations were synonymous with celebrations of Italian pride as well as American patriotism.

Just prior to the 500th anniversary of Columbus’ landing in 1992, historians began to re-evaluate his legacy in light of the impact his voyages had on indigenous communities in the Americas. For centuries, we focused on the explorer narrative part of Columbus’ record. At the end of the 20th century, historians and American Indian activists helped us learn more about the full picture.

Yes, he was still a great navigator, but he was a poor administrator and, by his hand or not, atrocities were committed in his name. He opened the door for conquistadors and the trans-Atlantic slave trade, both of which devastated populations, destroying languages, customs and culture. This part of the history upsets many Americans — as it rightfully should — and it has angered some to the point of vandalism and forced removal of statues, actions that go beyond our right to

protest, the freedom of assembly and the freedom of speech.

Our country’s political ideology is based on a system that allows for progress, refinement and, most important, a voice for the people. Like our laws, our symbols and their public display can be brought into a process of consideration.

The people of the United States have pushed our great experiment of democracy forward for nearly 250 years, an incredible feat when one considers we are working with documents crafted at the end of the 18th century. No matter how far forward we move on the timeline, we must remember to go back to foundation to inspire wise actions for the future.

Here in Pittsburgh, we are fortunate there is a process laid out by the city’s Art Commission where we can exercise our civic duty and share our concerns. If we can move forward with open hearts and respect, we will surely find common ground, allowing us to work together to find a solution.

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The moral vacancy of the Republican Party

To be shocked by the shamelessness of the Republican Party under Donald Trump is tantamount to proudly announcing one’s idiocy.

The GOP’s stated goal to push through a vote on whomever Mr. Trump nominates to fill the still-warm but vacant seat of Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg before Election Day has both the feel of an impending apocalypse and business as usual.

The weekend of Justice Ginsburg’s death was filled with remembrances of a brilliant jurist, genuine grief on the part of millions of citizens — especially women — who saw their opportunities in life expand because of “RBG” and speculation about partisan moves to either subvert or build momentum on her legacy.

I was social-distance visiting a colleague and friend I’ve known for three decades on Friday evening when her neighbor, who had joined our stoop-side conversation minutes earlier, let loose a primal scream.

My friend’s neighbor had been casually scrolling through social media when she saw the alert about Justice Ginsburg. My colleague, who did not have her phone with her, echoed her neighbor’s primal scream simply by hearing that Justice Ginsburg was dead. Both women reacted as if hearing of the unexpected death of a cherished loved one.

Stunned and saddened, I opened my phone and clicked through reactions on Twitter just as the battle lines that would dominate the Jewish holiday weekend were being drawn in real time.

The message Justice Ginsburg dictated to her niece days before she died, stating that her most fervent wish was that her seat be filled by the next president, was all over social media.

It was both poignant and heart-breaking knowing how it would be received by a cynical White House desperate to change the subject from 200,000 Americans dead because of its criminally



Tony Norman

inept management of the nation’s COVID-19 response.

Because there are few things in politics as predictable as the cartoon villainy of Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, I knew his vow to fill Justice Ginsburg’s vacant seat before Election Day was coming long before I actually saw it on a news site Friday evening.

I knew that there also wouldn’t be the slightest attempt to rationalize the hypocrisy of giving a “lame-duck president” the right to such a momentous vote even after taking the opposite position in 2016 when President Barack Obama nominated Merrick Garland for the high court seat vacated by the death of Associate Justice Antonin Scalia.

Mr. McConnell was on the record long before Justice Ginsburg’s death vowing that he would fill a Supreme Court vacancy “in a heartbeat” in Mr. Trump’s last year if the opportunity came up.

Mr. McConnell’s rationale for flip-flopping is, of course, weak-minded and ridiculous. He now says that if the presidency and the U.S. Senate are controlled by the same party, then they are obligated to fill the empty Supreme Court seat even in the last year of an incumbent president’s term.

It was such ridiculously tortured logic that no one took the hypocrisy seriously enough to debate it — until Justice Ginsburg died. In fact, nearly every Republican senator who echoed Mr. McConnell’s logic in 2016 has espoused some version of the new rationale to justify rushing a vote for a new nominee regardless of the assault on decorum and deliberation such a move would represent.

Whether the new nominee is Sen. Ted Cruz, U.S. Court of Appeals 7th Circuit Judge Amy

Coney Barrett, Fox News host Judge Jeanine Pirro, the retiring Judge Judy or even an especially articulate ham sandwich recommended by the Federalist Society, the GOP-controlled Senate will enthusiastically confirm any nominee Mr. Trump sends its way.

That’s because the U.S. Senate is no longer a deliberative body under Mr. McConnell. It has no animating spirit other than pleasing the president. It has made itself an empty husk that responds to the challenges of the times only via the ventriloquism of its increasingly erratic master in the White House.

In early 2018, Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., swore that he and his fellow Republicans would apply the same rule against Mr. Trump that was applied to Mr. Obama. Opining pompously that if there was an opening on the Supreme Court during the “last year of President Trump’s term, and the primary process has started, we’ll wait ‘til the next election” to confirm a nominee, Mr. Graham then challenged the American people to hold him accountable for his words.

“I want you to use my words against me,” he said. The South Carolina senator is currently locked in the toughest battle of his political life and his words are being used against him, but he doesn’t care. His conscience and integrity were outsourced to Mr. Trump a long time ago. His fate is tied to that of a president he truly believes is capable of miracles, no matter how personally off-putting he is.

Like Mr. McConnell, Mr. Graham doesn’t pretend to be following a time-honored principle in flip-flopping so dramatically. He knows that we, the voters, know this rush to appoint a justice is about raw politics and has always been about raw politics.

The only difference is that in the past, Democrats and the press would frame it as a disappointing discourse that ultimately centered on the GOP’s willingness to

appear hypocritical for either short-term or long-term gain.

What hasn’t been acknowledged until now is that the GOP is a completely amoral party at this point of its existence. The party as it was known three or four election cycles ago is dead and buried. It was replaced by a whiny, screaming, orange-hued cult of personality inclined toward conspiracy theories, historical revisionism, lying on a mass scale, paranoia and gun nuttury.

There is no sacrosanct governing principle it once adhered to with religious zeal that it will not sacrifice to please its master and to stay on the right side of a presidential tweet.

An abhorrence for running deficits is out the window along with any insistence on the personal morality of the leader. Consorting with the nation’s enemies and calling upon them for help against domestic opposition is now considered a clever electoral strategy.

Generating domestic chaos, including perpetuating racial strife, is worth the cost if an increasingly regional, white identity-minded party is to retain any power going into the future.

While things can often look dark to those unalterably opposed to Mr. Trump and the GOP, there is an important thing to remember as we head into November. Democracy’s battle is not against the Republican Party. That’s the party of the Walking Dead. It is a desiccated husk that will crumble at the first brisk wind without Mr. Trump as its animating life force. Our battle is really against a very robust orange virus that inhabits political parties and gnaws out the soul of that party from the inside out.

There is no GOP. There is only Trumpism and its discontents. Only voting in historic numbers can bend the electoral curve and stamp out this malignant, narcissistic virus once and for all.

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Steve Chapman

Can the U.S. survive the 2020 election?

At the 2004 Democratic National Convention, a little-known state senator from Illinois electrified the crowd with a speech proclaiming our fundamental unity. “There’s not a liberal America and a conservative America; there’s the United States of America,” Barack Obama declared.

Four years later, he campaigned for president promising that we could overcome our differences. His election offered evidence that he was right. His presidency, however, proved that he was wrong.

Mr. Obama was a cautious centrist, but conservatives vilified him as a foreign-born socialist who hated white people. When Mr. Obama finished his second term, his approval rating among Republicans was just 14% — compared with 39% for Bill Clinton when he left. Mr. Obama gave way to Donald Trump, the Niagara Falls of divisiveness.

Under him, our ideological, cultural and racial cleavages have gotten deeper and more unbridgeable. The overlooked question is: Can the United States survive this election?

In his new book “Break It Up: Secession, Division, and the Secret History of America’s Imperfect Union,” leftist journalist Richard Kreitner expresses doubt that the country can hold together, or should. As he notes, English colonists came here to separate themselves from their rulers. Our revolution amounted to the colonies’ secession from the British Empire.

The concept of splitting off is as American as the Fourth of July. The high point of separation sentiment came after Abraham Lincoln’s election in 1860, resulting in the Civil War. But New England states contemplated leaving over the War of 1812. And though the South was forced to stay, it fiercely resisted federal interference in race relations for a century — achieving an autonomy just short of independence.

In 1970, the Russian dissident Andrei Amalrik wrote a book titled “Will the Soviet Union Survive Until 1984?” At the time, the idea of a giant superpower disintegrating sounded like a fantasy. But it eventually came true.

Countries like Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia have also broken apart. Britain is leaving the European Union, and Scotland could push to leave Britain. It would be folly to think the United States is immune to these forces. In fact, Mr. Kreitner writes, “disunion has been one of our only truly national ideas.”

For decades, the threat posed by the Soviets served to unify us. The 9/11 attacks did the same. But today, the need to stand together for self-defense is less compelling.

Some of Mr. Obama’s foes talked about seeking a political divorce. In 2009, Texas Gov. Rick Perry said: “We’ve got a great union. There is absolutely no reason to dissolve it. But if Washington continues to thumb their nose at the American people, you know, who knows what may come out of that?” After Mr. Obama was re-elected, a Huffington Post poll found that 22% of Americans — and 43% of Republicans — would be inclined to support their own state’s secession.

That sort of talk is still around, but it’s moved leftward and westward. After Mr. Trump’s 2016 victory, a poll found that 1 in 3 Californians supported what is known as “Calexit.” As if to encourage the idea the Golden State is alien territory, Mr. Trump has attacked it at every opportunity. He conducts himself as though he were the president only of the red states.

If Joe Biden wins, the urge to flee will subside in California. But what about GOP states? The Texas secessionist movement would get a big boost, which would stimulate similar efforts in other Southern states. If Trump voters saw the election as fraudulent, some of his supporters would see extreme measures as obligatory.

Who can forget the sight of armed protesters entering the Michigan capitol to protest the Democratic governor’s stay-at-home order? Mr. Trump stoked the flames last year, tweeting that if he were impeached and removed, “it will cause a Civil War like fracture in this Nation from which our Country will never heal.”

But there is also the possibility that Mr. Biden will lose. The protests and violence that have occurred in recent months would undoubtedly expand. Mr. Trump’s re-election would be taken as the final proof that those who reject him have nothing in common with much of America.

The bonds that hold Americans together have frayed, and what happens on Nov. 3 may do additional damage. No nation lasts forever, and ours won’t be the first. This election won’t be the end of the United States. But it could be the beginning of the end.

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Op Xtra

Celeste Trusty

Pa. needs more opportunities for second chances

On Sept. 4, Pennsylvania’s Board of Pardons voted to send eight cases to Gov. Tom Wolf’s desk for possible clemency.

It’s beautiful to see these eight people offered second chances, and the board should be applauded for their dedication to supporting clemency for them.

The overall results of these hearings, however, highlight that relying on clemency as the only pathway to relief from unending punishment barely scratches the surface of what must be done in our state. We send too many people to prison for too long. There are thousands of people in Pennsylvania’s prisons whose incarceration serves no further purpose.

Pennsylvania’s clemency system was robust in the 1970s: Between 1971 and 1978, the board supported clemency for 267 people serving life sentences, and Gov. Milton Shapp approved second chances for 251 of them.

This was easier prior to 1997, when the Board of Pardons required a simple 3-2 majority for a person seeking clemency from a life or death sentence to advance to the governor, but now applicants must be supported by a unanimous 5-0 board vote.

The unanimous Board of Pardons vote requirement and failed tough-on-crime policies contributed to a near stoppage of clemency for people serving life without parole. The board recommended just 10 people serving life sentences for clemency between 1995 and 2015, and only six of those were granted by the governor.

Since taking office in 2015, Gov. Tom Wolf has granted clemency to 19 of the 23 people serving life sentences who were recommended by the Board of Pardons. The recent increase in clemency cases heard, recommended and granted mark a positive step forward, but Pennsylvania must do



The State Correctional Institution at Fayette.

Post-Gazette file

more to uphold our commitment to second chances.

In Pennsylvania, clemency is currently the only pathway to a second chance for people serving a long sentence, life without parole or death sentences. But it doesn’t have to be. Through steps like ending life without parole, passing medical and geriatric release, expanding compassionate release and broadening clemency, Pennsylvania’s legislators can make huge strides toward a fairer justice system.

Thanks to criminal justice reform measures, Pennsylvania has begun to see a decline in our prison population over the past eight years. The Department of Corrections’ 2019 “Crimelines” report shows a 4,387-person reduction in overall inmate population since 2012, along with a 29% drop in crime over the same period in Pennsylvania.

However, despite the drop in population, due to a lack of mechanisms for second chances, the

increase in the number of people serving long and life-without-parole sentences continues. Pennsylvania’s older prison population grew from 6% to 22% of the overall population since 1996, and we now have more than 10,000 people over the age of 50 living in our state prisons.

Incarcerated people often feel the effects of aging sooner than those of us outside prison walls, and the cost of housing and caring for this elderly prison population is enormous. The Department of Corrections’ 2020-2021 budget says it spends \$3.2 million monthly on prescriptions for people over age 50, and there are more than 400 people in long-term skilled and personal-care units at a cost of \$500 each day per person.

Many of these people have already spent decades enriching their prison communities and themselves, and would be mentors and leaders in their home communities if given second chances.

Pennsylvania must also reckon with the historical disproportionate harm caused to Black communities and communities of color through limiting second chances for those sentenced to life without parole.

In Pennsylvania, Black people serve life-without-parole at a rate 18 times greater than white people, and Latino people serve life-without-parole at a rate five times greater. In addition, 65% of the people serving life-without-parole sentences in Pennsylvania are Black.

Pennsylvania’s approach to sentencing is wasteful, separates families, exacerbates racial disparities and deprives people who have made mistakes of nearly any opportunities for redemption or mercy. All of us change and mature, and our laws should reflect that.

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Jennifer Rubin

Ginsburg is gone, but democracy must survive

As the Jewish community bids goodbye to the year 5780, we and the greater American community lost a “tzadik” — a righteous person, a hero to those who believe the “we” in “We the people” must expand in each generation. Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg passed away Friday night, delivering one more opinion: “My most fervent wish is that I will not be replaced until a new president is installed.” How like her to leave an admonition to respect the Constitution, to act fairly and to do justice — even if others might ignore or scorn her.

I would never have become a lawyer, millions of women would never have become lawyers — or judges or doctors or businesswomen or full members of American society — had she not had the sheer intellectual firepower and will to convince courts that “protections” for women were a cage, a violation of their humanity and of the equal protection under the law guaranteed by the Constitution.

Her biography is well known: a star law school student whom firms wouldn’t hire after graduation, a beloved law professor who inspired generations of women, a pioneer for women’s rights who attacked the systematic injustices that had become accepted as “the way things are,” a judge and then a Supreme Court justice whose remarkable clarity in writing and withering dissents served as a legal tutorial to the country for nearly three decades, and, ultimately, a pop icon who showed us that women of any age can be powerful and heroic.

Her dissents were prescient. In *Shelby County v. Holder*, which gutted the preclearance provisions of the Voting Rights Act, she warned, “Throwing out preclearance when it has worked and is continuing to work to stop discriminatory changes is like throwing away your umbrella in a rainstorm because you are not getting wet.” Since the ruling, a gusher of policies designed to suppress minority voting flooded covered jurisdictions, just as Justice Ginsburg predicted.

Her legal admonitions were powerful: “I ask no favor for my sex. All I ask of our brethren is



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Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg smiles as she takes questions from first-year students at Georgetown Law in September 2018.

that they take their feet off our necks” (quoting abolitionist Sarah Grimké). “When I’m sometimes asked ‘When will there be enough [women on the Supreme Court]?’ and I say ‘When there are nine,’ people are shocked. But there’d been nine men, and nobody’s ever raised a question about that.” Equally powerful were her personal ones: “Every now and then it helps to be a little deaf. ... That advice has stood me in good stead. Not simply in dealing with my marriage, but in dealing with my colleagues.”

She showed how a diminutive, perfect “lady” could be the most powerful voice in the room or the country. And for Jewish Americans, she remained an exemplar for how her faith’s reverence for justice, mercy and compassion were both consistent with America’s creed and accelerants in the battle to form a “more perfect union.”

And here we are, in the country’s most miserable year in at least half a century, facing a presidential election, a president bent on burning down the house of democracy to keep power and a Senate Republican majority for whom hypocrisy is a compliment, not a sin. When President Barack Obama nominated Merrick Garland in March 2016, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., shamelessly denied Mr. Garland a hearing for months. Now Mr. McConnell declares his intent to deliver a floor vote for

President Donald Trump’s nominee less than six weeks before the next election.

Mr. McConnell’s spectacular hypocrisy perfectly encapsulates why Republicans must lose up and down the ballot. They have adopted a mentality in which fairness is for fools and the rules apply only to the other side. It is a mindset at odds with fairness and the rule of a law, which demands that the rules apply equally regardless of one’s status or identity.

The effort to shame Mr. McConnell and the legion of morally vacuous Republicans who dreamed up a rule to deny Mr. Garland a vote in 2016 is useless. They are beyond fairness; they scorn democratic norms. They care nothing for intellectual consistency or for the credibility of the Supreme Court.

Only a few Republicans in the Senate — Susan Collins of Maine, Lisa Murkowski of Alaska and perhaps Mitt Romney of Utah — understand this would devour what is left of comity, fairness and the Senate as a credible institution. But they and other Republicans must understand that the effort to steal another seat would lead to far bigger losses for them and to a fundamental shift in power.

Democrats cannot hope to persuade the unpersuadable or to shame the shameless. Instead, they must explain unequivocally: If the Senate confirms a new justice before the next president

is inaugurated, the new Senate and president will by any means necessary obliterate the impact of that move.

If need be, Democrats will expand the Supreme Court and change the lifetime tenure of justices. If need be, Democrats will eliminate the legislative filibuster. (Don’t think for a moment that if they show restraint, the Republicans would not eliminate the filibuster the moment they are back in the majority.) If need be, Democrats will admit Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico as states — there is justification for doing so quite apart from the Supreme Court — thereby expanding the Senate to 104 votes.

The vast majority of Republicans are not susceptible to pleas for fairness, but they can be convinced that they will lose this fight to turn the Supreme Court into a right-wing cudgel, unrepresentative in any sense of the country at large. The impact of a single justice will be swallowed by an expanded Supreme Court; the impact of court fights will be reduced by abolishing lifetime Supreme Court tenures. The shape of the Senate will be fundamentally changed to the detriment of a rump party of white supremacists.

To that end and to focus our minds and hearts, I would strongly urge a memorial to celebrate Justice Ginsburg’s life be held at Washington National Cathedral in October. Her life, the urgency to protect the integrity of the courts and the commitment to carry on her legacy must be honored. Such an event should serve as inspiration for anti-Trump forces going into the election.

Democrats and other opponents of Republican authoritarianism must defeat the GOP in November overwhelmingly, win back the White House and the Senate, and be prepared to proceed as promised. Republicans might fill Justice Ginsburg’s seat, but they will lose the court majority in the short and long term.

So we celebrate Justice Ginsburg’s life, we mourn her loss, and we commit to vindicating her ideals.

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Euan Ashley

COVID and heart disease

A teacher who was thinking of quitting the profession because of the coronavirus recently contacted me. He had read about the infection triggering a wave of heart disease and about patients who were symptomatic weeks or months after recovering from their initial infection. He was concerned about returning to school and the prospect of carrying the virus home and infecting his family.

Certainly, ongoing health issues in recovery from COVID-19 appear common. In one Italian study, 87% of patients reported at least one symptom two months after the onset of disease. Another study from Germany reported that, among recently recovered patients, 78% had an abnormality in magnetic resonance imaging scans of their hearts. Another European study using ultrasound showed 55% of hospitalized patients had an abnormal heart finding. One study in athletes who had recovered from COVID found around 40% had an MRI imaging abnormality.

So, should we be worried about millions of patients presenting with COVID-related heart disease? It’s not so simple.

Most patients with COVID-19 have no symptoms, or minimal ones. By some estimates, as many as 40% are asymptomatic and about another 40% only ever get mildly ill.

The medical profession has known for centuries that following a viral illness, a small group of patients will have to endure a longer-term recovery.

It is not surprising to find evidence that COVID-19 affects the body beyond the lungs. From the earliest days of the pandemic, scientists knew that the “lock” that the virus “picks” to enter cells (a receptor known as ACE2) is present on cells in areas of the body including the heart, the kidney and the gastrointestinal system. We would expect to find evidence of the immune system fighting the virus in each of these tissues, especially with exquisitely sensitive imaging technology like MRI. Most patients recover completely.

Finally, the widely reported heart-imaging studies in Europe represent populations more severely affected than average. In the ultrasound study, patients had to be admitted to the hospital to be included in the study and doctors had to either suspect or know of an existing heart problem before an ultrasound of the heart could be ordered. In the German MRI study, the patients were by chance more severely affected than the general population. Even the authors observed the changes were modest and of unclear significance. Earlier studies in athletes found similar rates of these MRI “abnormalities” in healthy athletes and in those who recently suffered from the common cold.

So recent headlines about a coming wave of heart disease are misleading or, at the very least, premature.

What is lost in these articles and speculation about a “new” heart disease is that regular old heart disease has not gone away. Unfortunately, some patients continue to hesitate to go to the hospital when they feel classic signs of a heart attack — chest tightness that can spread to the neck, jaw or arms, nausea, dizziness and heart palpitations. Heart doctors use a phrase: Time is muscle. The longer someone having a heart attack waits, the more heart function they might lose and the greater the danger to their life. The message is: Do not wait.

More than 6 million Americans have been documented as having been infected with SARS-CoV-2, which causes the disease COVID-19. Some estimates say that number would be five times as high if undocumented cases are included. With so many cases, the medical community needs systems in place to carefully monitor the small percentage of patients with continuing symptoms. In addition to hospital-based testing, digital applications can help doctors monitor symptoms at home.

The most reassuring news with respect to chronic COVID-19 is how much we have learned about avoiding and treating acute COVID-19. The pace of scientific advance has been dizzying; more than 50,000 papers have been written this year on COVID, which is more than five times the number that have ever been written on mononucleosis.

We now understand SARS-CoV-2 transmission dynamics and, as a result, know how to layer preventive strategies to reduce our exposure (masks, distancing, ventilation, being outdoors). We know who is most at risk (the elderly, disadvantaged and infirm). We have treatments that have been proved to save lives (the steroid dexamethasone) or reduce the impact of the illness (the antiviral drug remdesivir). Multiple promising vaccines are in late-stage trials. All this should give us hope.

After I shared some of the context for the studies the teacher was worried about, he said he is not quitting — at least not yet.

*Euan Ashley is professor of cardiovascular medicine and genetics at Stanford University. This piece was first published in the Los Angeles Times.*





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## Wolf vetoes bill on high school sports fans

### Lawmakers will attempt to override

By Brad Everett  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Schools might be able to decide how many fans are permitted at sporting events in Pennsylvania. It just won't happen today.

Gov. Tom Wolf on Monday afternoon vetoed a bill that, if passed, would have given each school the power to decide if and how many

spectators would be allowed to attend high school sporting events during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Wolf's decision comes after House Bill 2787 passed in the state Senate and House of Representatives earlier this month. Mr. Wolf had 10 days to act on the bill, during which he could pass it, veto or not take any action, which would allow it to become law without his signature. Monday marked the 10th day, and Mr. Wolf made his feelings known loud and clear at a media gathering Monday morning.

"That will be today," Mr. Wolf

said when asked if he would veto the bill. "Schools already have the ability to decide whether they're going to do sports. As to how many fans they can have or together, I'm always amazed at politicians thinking that they can somehow wave a magic wand and suspend sort of reality. Next I'm waiting for someone to come and suspend the law of gravity.

"School districts, they're going to do what they do, but there's a virus out there, and that virus really likes it when you bring a lot of people together. That's what we know.

And so you ignore that at your peril. Yeah, you could ignore reality. But that reality really is the virus is out to get us. As much as I hate that fact and as much as everybody hates that fact, it's a fact."

The House and Senate have the power to override the veto because it passed by a two-thirds majority. To do so, the bill, which is sponsored by State Rep. Mike Reese, R-Westmoreland/Somerset, again needs to be passed by a two-thirds vote.

The House is set to reconvene Sept. 29, but Mr. Reese said

Monday afternoon that the House could be called together on Zoom for a veto override vote before then.

"We could have an override vote this week, or at the latest, early next week," Mr. Reese said. "Then it will go to the Senate. So this could go on to Wednesday or Thursday of next week."

Mr. Reese is confident that both the House and Senate will have enough votes to override.

"At this point right now, I think we do," Mr. Reese said. "It's very,

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## Mt. Lebanon school board member resigns

By Deana Carpenter

Mt. Lebanon school board member Michael Riemer has resigned following a meeting last week during which he spewed a number of profanities while unmutted prior to a Sept. 14 school board meeting. He was participating virtually from home.

The board unanimously approved his resignation at its regular meeting Monday. Mr. Riemer was not present for the meeting.

An online petition calling for his resignation had garnered more than 350 signatures as of Monday.

"Earlier today, I received Michael Riemer's resignation," said board President Sarah Olbrich at the meeting.

"Let me be clear, the word Mr. Riemer used last Monday is a word that should never be uttered," she said.

She added his comments last week have been "unequivocally denounced" by everyone in the Mt. Lebanon School District.

But board member Aviva Diamond said Mr. Riemer "dedicated his public life to service" first as a police officer and for the past seven years as a school director.



Cassie Beveridge, an English language arts teacher at the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf, conducts her first class since the COVID-19 shutdown Monday in Edgewood.

## Pittsburgh Foundation launches \$1.5 million fund for racial justice

By Joyce Gannon  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

In the wake of global unrest around racial bias and disparities, The Pittsburgh Foundation has rolled out a new fund totaling \$1.5 million to support groups and initiatives working toward racial and socioeconomic equity in Allegheny County.

The Grantmaking for Racial Justice Fund will distribute grants of up to \$100,000 to nonprofits that engage in programs that benefit low-income residents or programs that will spur change to eliminate systemic racism.

Lisa Schroeder, president and CEO of the Downtown-based community foundation, said besides the "extreme issues of racism that have been brought to the foreground so poignantly in recent months," the philanthropy is responding to data that shows "a disproportionality of support to Black- and brown-led organizations."

"We know this is an effort that needs to proceed over the long term with very deep layers of dedicated philanthropic assistance," Ms. Schroeder said Monday.

In announcing the fund, the foundation cited a 2017 report from the Philanthropic Initiative for Racial Justice that said from 2005 to 2014, funding by philanthropies for people of color was "stagnant" at 8.5% and funding to Black communities comprised only 2% of all support.

The Pittsburgh Foundation, which reported assets of \$1.3 billion last year and approved about \$60 million in grants, said a review of its own grantmaking from 2015 to 2019 found awards to small nonprofits and groups led by people of color were "far fewer in numbers and amounts than grants to larger, white-led nonprofits."

"The findings were alarming to staff, given the foundation's decades-long track record of grantmaking to address systemic racism," the foundation said in a statement.

In June, nearly a dozen foundation staff members — all women of color — said in a public post on the foundation's website that they were "utterly exhausted" by the violent deaths of Black individuals, including killings by police.

"The time for talking is over," the women said in the post, which called on the community to "do the work of racial justice in our homes, in our communities, in our workplaces and in our philanthropy."

Prior to announcing the Racial Justice Fund, the foundation invited 53 nonprofits in the county to apply.

Grants of up to \$100,000 will be given to nonprofits that the foundation has previously funded and grants up to \$50,000 will go to

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## City launches new program focused on keeping students safe

By Andrew Goldstein  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Children should be able to walk or bike to school safely, but that is not possible in some parts of Pittsburgh because of crumbling infrastructure, unsafe roadways and criminal activity.

In an effort to change that, the city's Department of Mobility and Infrastructure on Monday announced the launch of the federally funded Safe Routes to School program.

Safe Routes to School, which was established in 2005, assists cities and school districts with infrastructure improvements and includes programming to develop safer spaces and better habits for students.

"The mission of Safe Routes to School Pittsburgh is to increase the number of students walking, biking and being transported to and from school," Harriet Jackson, the city's Safe Routes to School coordinator, said at a press conference outside Faison K-5 in Homewood. "We plan to look at it through education, encouragement and safety improvements."

Faison K-5 is one of four Pittsburgh-area schools selected to participate in the city's inaugural Safe Routes to School program. The others include Pittsburgh Arlington PreK-5, King K-8 and Propel Schools — Hazelwood. City officials said they hope to expand the program to more schools next year.

Russell Patterson, the principal at Faison K-5, said the right to walk to school safely has been stripped away from his students and children in other Pittsburgh neighborhoods.

"Our students deserve to be able to walk to school and not have to encounter debris, such as broken glass, drug paraphernalia and litter," Mr. Patterson said. "They should not have to

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**GOOD NEIGHBOR** Don Watts, of the Strip District, sweeps up trash Monday at the corner of Penn Avenue and 20th Street, joining other Strip District neighbors and service groups to clean their neighborhood.

## Pittsburgh Theological Seminary president to retire next summer

By Peter Smith  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The Rev. David Esterline, president of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, announced Monday he will retire next summer after six years in the position.

"It feels this is exactly the right time," Rev. Esterline said, noting that he will be turning 70 in the coming year. "We have a very strong seminary. We are very well placed to move through the issues we are facing," including the current pandemic and racial reckoning in the U.S., he said.

The seminary cited a number of accomplishments under Rev. Esterline's tenure. These include expanding degree and certificate offerings; appointing the seminary's first female dean, the Rev. Heather Hartung Vacek; securing grant funding in areas ranging from rural ministry to mental health to the impact of COVID-19 on communities of color in Pittsburgh; completing library renovations; and redeveloping the curriculum.

He said he's most pleased with a basic accomplishment. "The overall work of what a seminary does is what I have been engaged in," he said, equipping students in "doing the preparation for ministry."

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# Local foundation rolls out \$1.5M racial justice fund

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organizations it has never before funded.

The grants are expected to be awarded in November. “There could very well be 53 grants,” Ms. Schroeder said.

An advisory group that helped create criteria for the grants included a broad range of racial and social justice leaders in communities that deal with “extreme pressure” on a daily basis about equity issues, she said.

The foundation aims to identify as many organizations as possible working on those challenges and said a goal of the fund is to make its grant programs more accessible to nonprofits led by minorities.

The foundation’s past initiatives to improve equity include 100 Percent Pittsburgh, a strategic grantmaking focus that assists segments of the population that haven’t benefited fully from the region’s transition from heavy manufacturing hub to a center for technology, medicine and higher education.

It launched a Small and Mighty grants program in 2016 to benefit small nonprofits, including many that are led by or assist minorities; in 2017, it launched a Social Justice Fund.

Those funds together have awarded approximately \$1.5 million to 74 groups in Allegheny County, about 65% of which are nonprofits led by people of color, the foundation said.

“Those are all fantastic signature programs,” Ms. Schroeder said. “What we want to do is greatly expand those programs — and others like them — to be able to widen our support.”

Other local philanthropies also have launched or expanded initiatives recently to promote racial

justice and assist with the disproportionate impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the Black community.

For instance, POISE Foundation, a Black-led philanthropy based in Downtown, in July said it would ramp up fundraising for its Human Equity and Justice Fund in the wake of widespread racial unrest and the pandemic.

The fund supports Black-led organizations responding to the COVID-19 crisis and Black-led groups working on youth leadership initiatives and social justice programs.

In April, Poise launched a Critical Community Needs Fund to help small nonprofits and churches that were assisting vulnerable people in Black communities dealing with issues brought on by the pandemic.

That fund was seeded with \$350,000 in contributions from the city’s largest philanthropies: the Richard King Mellon Foundation and the Heinz Endowments.

The Heinz Endowments in May approved nearly \$7 million in grants focused on equity issues, including criminal justice reform and a range of initiatives that support Black Pittsburghers and other minorities.

The Pittsburgh Foundation, Heinz Endowments, Richard King Mellon Foundation and Henry L. Hillman Foundation each seeded the region’s Emergency Action Fund in March with \$1 million to respond to needs generated by the pandemic.

That fund, which raised \$9 million and is housed at The Pittsburgh Foundation, has also awarded grants to assist people who were already coping with racial and socioeconomic disparities and whose challenges were intensified by COVID-19.



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Rich Craig, a Struthers police officer, walks in front of a home involved in Monday’s mass shooting.

# Boy, 4, killed, 4 adults wounded in shooting near Youngstown

By Lactetia Wimbley  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A 4-year-old boy was shot and killed and four adults were wounded in a shooting that occurred early Monday at a home near the Ohio-Pennsylvania border.

The shooting occurred around 2 a.m. in the 100 block of Perry Street in Struthers, Ohio. According to witness statements, a “young, light-skinned, Black male” walked into the home and opened fire, police said. At least one of the men was shot twice in the head, another was shot at least twice in the back, and two women were shot in the “lower extremities,” said Struthers police Chief Tim Roddy.

The child, Rowan Sweeney, died “tragically” in his mother’s arms, Chief Roddy said. The four adults — Cassandra Mariscola, 20; Alexis Schneider, 22; Yarnell Green, 20; and Andre McCoy, 20, were taken to St. Elizabeth Youngstown Hospital. All four adult victims were friends, police said.

“The two males are in critical condition, but the two women are OK,” Chief Roddy said. “The suspects left prior to our arrival. We didn’t stop processing the scene probably until about 10 a.m., and we’ve been following several leads going on 14 hours.”

The victims reportedly told police they did not know the gunman, who ran away from the home. Chief Roddy said the suspect likely fled on foot. “Neighbors heard gunshots, but no one saw a vehicle driving away or anyone else,” the chief said.

He said there didn’t appear to be forced entry and the gunman likely walked in the front door, which leads to the living room. All five



David Sweeney holds up a photo of his son, Rowan, 4, who was killed Monday in Struthers, Ohio.

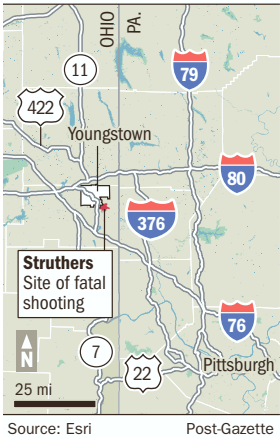
victims were shot “in very close proximity to each other,” Chief Roddy said. “[The suspect] entered and began yelling,” the chief said. “Before they had a chance to respond, ... he began shooting.”

Chief Roddy would not speculate about a motive for the shooting but said there was a call about an overdose at the same address just last week.

“It was not a resident of the house,” Chief Roddy said. “The overdosing person fled while we were arriving,” but he said authorities were able to apprehend the person.

At around 8 p.m. on Monday, Chief Roddy confirmed that Kimonie Devante Bryant, 24, turned himself in to the U.S. Marshall Service, according to reporting from the Tribune Chronicle.

Bryant is facing one charge of aggravated murder, with more charges likely coming, Capt. Daniel Mamula said, and is expected to be arraigned in



Source: Esri Post-Gazette

Struthers Municipal Court on Friday. Although Capt. Mamula said that Bryant has “familiarity” with the victims, he did not disclose anymore information.

Anyone with information is asked to call Crimestoppers Youngstown at 330-746-CLUE or Struthers police at 330-755-9849.

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# City launches student safety program

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encounter sidewalks that are so damaged that the students cannot walk on them or they are nonexistent. They should not have to encounter drug deals; they should not have to encounter [people] soliciting prostitutes; they should not have to encounter gang activity or turf wars.”

Mr. Patterson said the program was a step in helping take back the community.

The city received about \$1.2 million in federal funding for the program over the next three years, said Karina Ricks, director of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure.

Ms. Ricks said the city



Pam Panchak/Post-Gazette

Mayor Bill Peduto and Pittsburgh School Superintendent Anthony Hamlet talk before a news conference Monday to announce the city’s new Safe Routes to School program.

will look to make improvements to sidewalks, crosswalks and lighting, as well as traffic-calming measures around schools through the program.

Although Pittsburgh Public Schools students are not taking classes in person until at least November because of COVID-19, program resources, including events and activities, can be found on the Safe Routes to School page on the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure website, <https://pittsburghpa.gov/domi/srts>.

Speaking at the news conference, state Rep. Ed

Gainey, D-Lincoln-Lemington, said school is a positive environment for children, but work must be done to make the travel to and from it a safer experience.

“While we have this remote learning right now, we have a beautiful opportunity to ensure that our streets are safe,” Mr. Gainey said. “When we do that for the kids, it’s not just a victory for the kids; it’s a victory for the parents. It’s a victory for the school district and a victory for the neighborhood.”

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# 967 new Pa. cases, 48 deaths over 2-day period

By Hallie Lauer  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

With the state and county health departments no longer providing a COVID-19 update on Sundays, the state health department reported a two-day increase of 967 COVID-19 cases and 48 additional deaths.

According to the state, there was a statewide increase of 733 cases on Sunday and 234 cases on Monday. A total of 150,812 across the state have tested positive for the coronavirus.

With the new deaths, the state death toll has reached 8,004.

Western Pennsylvania accounted for 304 of the state’s newest cases. Allegheny County reported the highest increase with 116 new cases, followed by Westmoreland County with 36 and Indiana County with 31.

Butler County reported 18 new cases and has a total of 1,001 cases. Butler County is the fifth county in the region to surpass 1,000 cases since the beginning of the pandemic.

The latest cases in Allegheny County come from 2,175 tests that were taken between Aug. 12 and Sept. 19. County health officials said that the “vast majority” of the tests were from Sept. 12 to Sept. 19.

Those who recently tested positive range in age from four to 92 years old, with a median age of 33.

The county has had a total of 11,779 positive cases of COVID-19 and 373 deaths. Allegheny County reported zero new deaths for Monday. In the Pittsburgh region, only two counties reported new deaths in the past 48 hours — Beaver County with two new deaths and Westmoreland County with one.

Since mid-March, 1,158 people in the county have been hospitalized as a result of the virus. The state health department is reporting that there are currently 418 people across the state — 42 of which are in Allegheny County — hospitalized for the virus.

Here is the total number of positive cases reported Monday in Western Pennsylvania:

- Allegheny: 11,779 (up 116 from Saturday)
- Armstrong: 418 (up 8)
- Beaver: 1,838 (up 4)
- Butler: 1,001 (up 18)
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- Lawrence: 499 (no change)
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- Washington: 1,284 (up 9)
- Westmoreland: 2,084 (up 36)

## REGION

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The clinic is offering walk-in vaccinations from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, which started Monday. The clinic also will have additional evening hours from 4 to 7 p.m. on Thursdays.

Although the clinic is located on the fourth floor of the Hartley-Rose building at 425 First Ave., visitors must use the entrance on Cherry Way.

The vaccine is available to all insured, uninsured and under-insured people in Allegheny County, although visitors are asked to bring an identification and insurance card, if applicable.

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**Monday's Pick 4**  
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**HUCKE**, Dorothy Camp, Bethel Park  
**JAMESON**, Nichol "Nick," Plum  
**KELLY**, Thomas A. Jr., McMurray  
**KLEMENTS**, Mary M. Partridge "Mim," Bridgeville  
**KNOBLOCH**, John "Jack," Pleasant Hills  
**MAGALDI**, Sister Mary Sara  
**MANGAN**, Velma C. Fagan, North Braddock  
**POLITANO**, Florence A. O'Shea "Flora," Oakmont, formerly Plum and Garfield  
**PORTER**, Clifford G., Carrick  
**SHIELDS**, Donald J., Shaler  
**STEINER**, Carol J. Schumm, Baldwin  
**STOLTE**, Sylvia M., Brentwood  
**TENNANT**, Kathleen E., Forest Hills  
**WRZESINSKI**, Natalie Nicole, South Park

# State officials to fight Gov. Wolf's sports veto

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very difficult to change votes that already have been put on the floor."

But for now, the limits of 250 people outdoors and 25 indoors remain. Last week, U.S. District Judge William S. Strickman IV ruled those restrictions unconstitutional. The Wolf administration says it is appealing that decision.

"Instead of ignoring it, we should try to figure out what we do to keep that virus from infecting too many people," Mr. Wolf said Monday. "Apparently, the folks who voted for this decided they just wanted to ignore

that reality. I don't think Pennsylvanians can afford to ignore that reality, so I'm going to veto it."

Mr. Reese heard Mr. Wolf's comments.

"They were interesting," Mr. Reese said. "The idea that this virus is out to get us? Yeah, it's a virus, but he's inconsistent with his message. I love using the girls volleyball example where the maximum number of people in the gym is 25 and some girls on the team who play have to sit in the hallway while the game goes on. But yet we have big box stores with maybe 1,000 people in them and they're roughly the same size as

gymnasiums.

"I can't get past the fact that, as governor, he has absolutely shown complete distrust in locally elected officials. He's basically saying he doesn't trust locally elected officials to make decisions."

The lack of consistency has been brought up frequently by athletic directors, Upper St. Clair's Kevin Detrick among them.

"It's been tough," Mr. Detrick said. "You get 12 contingency plans. The consistent thing is it not being consistent. I think us as athletic directors, we're used to planning months ahead of schedule and not used to going day by day."

While nothing is etched in stone yet, Mr. Detrick, as well as North Allegheny athletic director Bob Bozzuto, remain optimistic that schools will soon have the power to create their own limits.

"All indications are that it's going to pass," Mr. Bozzuto said, "so if it takes another week, so be it. So on Oct. 2, teams around the WPIAL and around the state can open their stadiums, be socially gathered, socially distanced and wearing their masks."

*Brad Everett: beverett@post-gazette.com and Twitter: @BREAL12.*

**RHONDDA D. AVERBACH**

Age 84, of Upper St. Clair, formerly of Oakland, passed away on Friday, September 18, 2020. Beloved wife of 62 years to Donald Averbach. Loving mother of Shoshana (Boruch Berman), Nancy (the late David Friedman), Debra (Ran Bar-Mashiah), and Michael ("Sally") Averbach. Cherished grandma of Amit, Rachel, Joshua, and Daniel. Sister of the late Phillip Segall. Also survived by loving in-laws, cousins, nieces and nephews. Rhondda was a longtime member of Beth El Congregation, where she sang in choir. She was an active volunteer at the Synagogue, Upper St. Clair Library, St. Clair Hospital, and numerous Jewish women's organizations. She was a magnificent cook and loved to knit, crochet, needlepoint, read, and spend time with family and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Beth El Congregation of the South Hills, 1900 Cochran Rd., Pgh., PA 15228. Private service and burial arrangements entrusted to **WILLIAM SLATER II FUNERAL SERVICE**, Scott Twp. (412-563-2800).

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**LOUISE VENTO COSTA**

Louise Vento Costa was born on August 22, 1929 and passed away on Saturday, September 19, 2020. Loving wife of the late Jay Costa, Sr.; devoted mother of Joe Costa (Alicia), Guy Costa (Cathy), Jay Costa (Roxanne), Paul Costa (Kathy), Greg Costa (Debra) and Mary Kay Carey (Kevin); she was adored by many grandchildren, nieces and nephews; sister of Angelo Vento (Serafina) and the late Anthony Vento, Catherine Nardozi, Helen Powers, John Vento and Anita Costa; sister-in-law of Mary Grace Costa Martinelli; daughter of the late Gaetano and Philomena Sgambati Vento, and matriarch of the extended Vento and Costa families. Mrs. Costa was known for generations of providing heartfelt hospitality to everyone she met and was a strong advocate for senior living communities. Friends will be received at **JOHN A. FREYVOGEL SONS, INC.** (freyvogelfuneralhome.com), 4900 Centre Avenue at Devonshire Street, on Monday, 6-8 p.m., and Tuesday, 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Funeral, Wednesday, Mass of Christian Burial, St. Paul Cathedral, 108 N. Dithridge Street, Pgh., PA 15213 at 10 a.m. Rev. Thomas J. Burke, celebrant. At the request of the family, everyone please meet at the church.

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**SISTER MARGARET "MARGIE" FRAZER**

Sister Margaret "Margie" Frazer, CSJ, 63, died Sunday, September 20, 2020, in the 33rd year of her religious life as a Sister of St. Joseph. The daughter of James and Margaret Mary Kretzler Frazer, Sister Margie entered the Congregation from St. Joseph in New Brighton. Her early ministries were in education, serving as a teacher at St. Bernard in Indiana, PA (1990-1992) and Mount Gallitzin Academy in Baden (1992-95). After receiving a master's degree in pastoral studies from Seattle University, Sister Margie transitioned from education to parish work at Mary Mother of Hope in New Castle, where she served as Pastoral Associate from 1995-1999. For the past 21 years, Sister Margie served at Our Lady of Fatima in Aliquippa, first as Director of Initiation and Evangelization and, most recently, as Pastoral Associate. From the preschoolers, whom she referred to as "little ones," to the seniors in the parish, whom she called "so dear," Sister Margie exemplified compassion, kindness, patience, and generosity. While teaching at MGA, she wrote: "Through the children's eyes, I have often seen and experienced a gentle loving God. With them, I have felt God's love in the wind, the flowers, little bunnies, cheese and crackers, and peanut butter sandwiches." During the COVID-19 pandemic, Sister Margie was determined to keep in touch with senior citizens at the parish by listening, encouraging and offering hope over telephone calls. Even when confronted with her own health challenges, Sister Margie quietly and selflessly placed the needs and wants of others before her own. Known for simplicity and humility, Sister Margie reflected during her Silver Jubilee, "I have had the privilege of accompanying many folks on their journey of faith. The deepest desire of my heart is to support them as they search for a closer relationship with God - sharing in their joys and holding them in their pain. I thank God for each of them for they have become not only my companions on the journey but my family." Predeceased by a brother, Albert Frazer, and a sister, Doris Frazer, Sister Margie is survived by two brothers, Fr. Francis Frazer of Clarksville, PA, and Ray Frazer of Leesburg, FL, nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, associates, and the Sisters of St. Joseph. The Sisters are grateful to the Supportive Living staff at the Motherhouse and the Concordia at Villa St. Joseph staff for their care of Sister Margie. A Memorial Mass will be scheduled at a later date. Donations in the name of Sister Margie may be sent to the Sisters of St. Joseph Memorial Fund, Development Office, 1020 State St., Baden, PA, 15005.

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**SCOTTY JAMES BARTEK**

Age 32, of Brookline, formerly of Ocala, FL, passed on September 18, 2020. Beloved son of Scotty Bartek and the late Patricia (Shamlin) Ortiz; cherished brother of Gena Leslie (Dustin), Trevor Vandal, Brianna Ortiz and Aleah Mercado; adoring uncle to David, Nyra, Ayden and Tricia; a special nephew to Jennifer Luna (Luis); and cousin to Nadia; treasured grandson, nephew, cousin and friend of many.

Scotty was a best friend and idol to his siblings. Friends and family shall miss him dearly. Sadly, services shall be held privately. Arrangements by **BALL FUNERAL CHAPEL, INC.**

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**BLAKELY DEAKINS**

Of East Oakmont passed away suddenly on Saturday, September 19, 2020 a week after his 89th birthday with his son and daughter by his side. Blakely was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Lou (March 1979) and second wife, Joanne (December 2015). He is survived by his son, Jeffrey (Elaine) Deakins and daughter, Mary Lee (Chuck) Wetmore and his two grandsons who he adored, Derek Deakins and Mark Wetmore. He is also survived by Joanne's children, Chuck (Lynn) Law, Bob (Paige) Law, and Kathy (Roger) Danovich and grandchildren, Chris (Jamie) McKnight, Scott (Danielle) McKnight, and Katie McKnight, and three great-grandchildren. He retired in 1989 from Westinghouse in Cheswick and was a 50 year member of the Oakmont Elks Lodge 1668, and also a 60 year member of Verona Lodge 548. Blake was an avid gardener and Pittsburgh sports fan. He also enjoyed golfing and volunteered at several US Opens. Blakely will be especially remembered for his outgoing personality. He was a friend to all he met. Friends and relatives will be received on Monday, September 21, 2020 from 6-8 p.m. and on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the **BURKET-TRUBY FUNERAL HOME CREMATION & ALTERNATIVE SERVICES, INC.**, 421 Allegheny Ave., Oakmont. Masonic services 7 p.m. Tuesday evening in the funeral home. Funeral Service Wednesday, September 23, 2020, 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home. Masks and social distancing required, no more than 25 people in the funeral home at a time. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital or the Pittsburgh Food Bank.

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**MARGARET "PEG" DIPASQUALE**

Age 72, passed away peacefully on Monday, September 21, 2020. Beloved wife of 50 years to Anthony DiPasquale. Loving mother to Tony (Beth), Mike (Dawn), Jim (Michelle) and Steve (Dara). Devoted grandmother to Eliza, Ruby, John, Maya and Laney. Sister of Jack (Debbi) Gannon, Jean (John) Ward, James (Maryann) Gannon, Thomas Gannon, Richard (Denise) Gannon and the late Kathleen Gannon. Peg is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins. She fully embraced her role as wife, mother, and grandmother, but many also called her a friend and if lucky enough, one had the pleasure to call her teacher. Peg loved her vacations to Hilton Head each summer with all of her boys. She looked forward to making Christmas cookies with her grandchildren and putting tinsel on the tree. She would remind you that it was her "birthday week" each year and you could be certain Tony, the man who loved her endlessly, would make the whole week special for her. Peg will be deeply missed by all who knew her. Friends will be received Wednesday, September 23rd from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at **WEDDELL-AJAK FUNERAL HOME**, 100 Center Ave., Aspinwall, where a parting prayer will be held Thursday at 9:30 a.m. followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. at St. Scholastica Church, 309 Brilliant Ave., Aspinwall. Due to the current public health crisis, masks and social distancing guidelines must be adhered to. Visitation will be limited to 25 persons at a time.

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**RALPH W. ENGEL, JR.**

Postal Employee and Cub Scout Master

A longtime resident of Sharpsburg, PA, passed away peacefully on September 20, 2020 of natural causes. Mr. Engel was born in Pittsburgh in 1932, the eldest of three sons to Margaret Engel and Ralph Engel, Sr. of Carrick, PA. A Korean War veteran, Mr. Engel served in the U.S. Army then returned to Pittsburgh where he met and married his beloved wife of 50 years, Mary Jane. Mr. Engel went on to have a satisfying and successful 37 year career with the U.S. Postal Service and retired in 2000. Mr. Engel was heavily involved in Scouting and founded Cub Scout Pack 45 in Sharpsburg and remained the Cub Scout Master for over nine years. A devoted and respected family man, Mr. Engel was preceded in death by his wife, Mary, in 2008. He is survived by four children, Mary Margaret Brokaw of Sharpsburg; Ralph W. Engel III (Hildegard) of Gaithersburg, MD; Linda Berardini (Anthony) of Brentwood, and David Engel (Shirley) of Shaler Township. Also survived by two brothers, Jim Engel of Champaign, IL and Richard "Dick" Engel of Orlando, FL; also eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Friends and family will be received Wednesday 5-7 p.m. at **WORRELL FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, Sharpsburg. A Blessing Service will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home.

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**BARBARA ANN (COLOTTO) GOWANS**

Barbara Ann 'Barb' Colotto Gowans, 77, of Belle Vernon, passed away Saturday, September 19, 2020 at her home alongside her loving family. Born March 15, 1943 in Pittsburgh, she was the daughter of the late William and Evelyn Loftus Colotto. A resident of Belle Vernon for the past 43 years, she was a long-standing member of St. Sebastian RC Church, Belle Vernon. Barbara, better known as "Barb" from Duritz's, was the store manager for 35 years until her retirement in 2010. Prior to working at Duritz's she was employed at Krogers in Pittsburgh. Barb retired to spend more time with her family and to travel. She loved to live life to the fullest, whether it was spending time on her boat cruising the river, skiing down the slopes, traveling the world or heading to Steelers games, she was always up for adventure. Some of her most memorable vacations were traveling to Walt Disney World with her grandsons, skiing the slopes of Vail Colorado with her daughter, and traveling to Ireland, Italy and Greece with her sisters. She worked hard and played harder. She is survived by her only daughter and son-in-law, Darlene and Randy Maglet of Speers; her two beloved grandsons, Jonathan Maglet and Jason Maglet; four sisters, Betty Duritz of Weirton, WV, Evelyn Miller of Pittsburgh, Cecelia Klingensmith of Pittsburgh, Maryann Arnold of Cuyahoga Falls, OH; three brothers and sisters-in-law, William and Peggy Colotto of Toledo, OH, John and Lisa Colotto of Cuyahoga Falls, OH, and Steve and Jennifer Colotto of Wadsworth, OH; 35 nieces and nephews and 40 great-nieces and great-nephews. She was preceded in death by her brother, Robert Colotto; two nephews, Kirk Miller and Tracy Colotto; and four brothers-in-law, Robert Duritz, William Miller, Rusty Klingensmith and Jerry Arnold. Private funeral services will be held for the family. Barb's funeral arrangements entrusted to the **PARZYNSKI FUNERAL HOME & CREMATIONS, LLC.**, Family Owned and Operated, 626 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon, 724-929-6183. Condolences accepted at the funeral home's website, www.parzynskifuneralhome.com.

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**JAMES R. HAYDEN**

Of Reserve Township, formerly of Lawrenceville, on Saturday, September 19, 2020. Adored husband of 44 years to Denise (Enright) Hayden; proud father of Richard James Hayden (Rachel) and Lauren Elizabeth Hayden; preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Robert "Moe" Hayden and Betty Ater; brother of Robert, Gerald and Thomas Hayden and Diane Gillespie. Jim will be missed by all including his nieces, nephews, in-laws, large extended family and the huge number of friends he had from all walks of life. Regrettably, the funeral and interment will be private due to COVID restrictions. We look forward to a celebration of Jim's wonderful life to be announced at a future date and shared by all who knew him as the kind, funny, good soul and moral man that he was. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jim's name to Lustgarten Foundation Pancreatic Cancer Research, www.lustgarten.org would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements by **MCCABE BROS., INC.** Tributes and condolences may be expressed at

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**RUTH V. (ZACK) CASSIDY**

A lifelong resident of North Versailles, age 83, died on Sunday, September 20, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Hugh "Buzz" Cassidy. Ruth is survived by her niece and caregiver, Doreen (Jack) Luniewski of North Versailles, and many other nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews. She was preceded in death by her sister, Esther Dzurisko; and an infant sister; and her brothers, Leonard, John, Richard, Donald and Raymond Zack. Ruth began her career as a self-employed hairdresser in North Versailles. When J.C. Penney opened in East Land Sopping Center she became employed in it's beauty salon and later moved to it's Monroeville Mall location from where she retired. Ruth was an active member and volunteer with St. Robert Bellarmine Church, now Mary Mother of God Parish. She was a member of the parish's Ladies of Charity and the Funeral Mass choir. Ruth also volunteered as a hairdresser at the former Hamilton Hills Assisted Living Center in Turtle Creek. Her favorite pastime was taking care of dogs, big dogs. Friends are welcome on Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at **PATRICK T. LANIGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, INC.**, Turtle Creek / Monroeville Chapel, 1111 Monroeville Ave., Turtle Creek, 412-823-9350. Mass of Christian Burial will be Thursday. Details later. Ruth will be laid to rest in Penn Lincoln Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 320 Bilmar Dr., Pgh., PA 15205 or www.cancer.org.

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## CLASSIFIED OBITUARIES

### DOROTHY (CAMP) HUCKE



Age 88, of Bethel Park on Sunday, September 20, 2020. Beloved wife for 64 years of the late James B. Huckle, Sr.; dear mother of Claudia (Richard) Ruffing, James B. Huckle, Jr., Marlene (Dave) Peterson and Christine (Philip) Vargo; loving grandmother of Zachary Ruffing, Ariana Rebich, Nathan Ruffing, David A. Peterson, Ryan Peterson, Bradley Peterson, Elizabeth Vargo-Moore, Philip "Mikey" Vargo and Allison Vargo; also 10 great-grandchildren; sister of the late Lillian McMinn and Eleanor "Rose" Huemme. Dorothy worked for the Joseph Horne Co. for 35 years and retired to play with her grandchildren. Friends welcome Wednesday, 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at **FREYVOGEL-SLATER FUNERAL DIRECTORS**, 112 Fort Couch Rd., (opposite Macy's South Hills Village, Bethel Park). Mass of Christian Burial in St. Paul of the Cross Parish, St. Anne Church Thursday, 9:30 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven [www.slaterfuneral.com](http://www.slaterfuneral.com)  
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### NICHOL "NICK" JAMESON



Age 85, of Plum, on Saturday, September 19, 2020. Beloved husband of the late Claudia (Schlander) Jameson. Father of Jennifer Jameson and Carolyn (Michael) Sportelli. Grandfather of Rachel Sportelli, Valerie Sportelli, and Tyler Sportelli. Nick was a proud member of the U.S. Army Reserves. He was a 50 year member of the Infinity Lodge #546, 50 year member of the York Rite Bodies in Penn Hills, a longtime treasurer for Duquesne Commandery #72 Knights Templar, where he also served as a past Commander, and an active member of the Syria Shrine. Friends received Thursday, 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at **SOXMAN FUNERAL HOMES, LTD./ROTH CHAPEL**, 7450 Saltsburg Road (at Universal Road), Penn Hills. In observation of current restrictions on gatherings, visitors may be asked to wait before entering the building. Additionally, properly worn facial coverings are required. A Service will be held privately at Unity Community Church, where Nick was a longtime member and a familiar face of the Welcome Center. He loved the church and served as a deacon since 2012. Interment in Mt. Hope Cemetery. To best honor Nick, donations may be made Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc., 1033 Long Prairie Road, Ste. 5, Flower Mound, TX 75022.  
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### THOMAS A. KELLY JR.

Age 88, of McMurray, passed away Sunday, September 20, 2020. He was the beloved husband of 64 years to Elizabeth (Zeb) Kelly; loving father of Thomas (Peg) Kelly, Mark (Cathy) Kelly, and Douglas (Kim) Kelly; Proud grandfather of Brandon, Adam, Chad, Jenna, Ryan, Lauren, Logan, Dylan and the late Sarah and Austin; Son of the late Mildred and Thomas Kelly Sr. He was the loving brother of Darlene (Stan) Foster and the late Mildred Spirko, Kathleen Kelly and Jean Garland. He is also survived by a host of nieces, nephews and cherished friends and neighbors. Thomas was a graduate of North Catholic High School and later earned a Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Pittsburgh. Thomas served two years in the United States Army, during which time, he worked on the Red Stone Missile. Thomas worked for 48 years in the steel industry, with both J & L Steel and Wheeling Pittsburgh Steel. He enjoyed spending his time golfing and was an avid reader. Arrangements by **BEINHAUER**, A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Friday at St. Louise de Marillac Catholic Church, Pittsburgh, PA 15241 at 11:00 AM. Private inurnment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Austin Kelly Endowment ([givetochildren.org](http://givetochildren.org)). Please add and view tributes at [www.beinhauer.com](http://www.beinhauer.com).  
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### MARY M. "MIM" (PARTRIDGE) KLEMENTS

Age 95, of Bridgeville, passed away peacefully on September 20, 2020 in her home. Beloved wife of the late Raymond T. Klements for 70 years; loving mother of Trudy Lynn (Tom "Cass", Jr.) Cassidy; cherished grandmother of Mary Kathleen Cassidy; sister of Celine Noblit, Elaine Maleski, the late Bill (the late Kay) Partridge and the late Virginia (the late Chuck) Davis; also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, cousins and dear friends. Born and raised in Heidelberg, daughter of the late William and Mary (Langer) Partridge. Mary and Raymond were married in 1943, prior to his service in WWII. When he returned, they made a home in Bridgeville for 64 years. Mary was known as "Aunt Mimi" to the kids in the neighborhood and made many wonderful friends who all looked out for one another. She loved to cook and spend time with friends and family, especially her granddaughter, Mary Kathleen. Family and friends received on Wednesday from 4-8 PM at the **WARCHOL FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 3060 Washington Pike, Bridgeville (412.221.3333). Service and interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Bridgeville Community Food Bank or the Alzheimer's Association. The family would like to extend their gratitude to the Gallagher Hospice (Jen) and the staff of AHN Home Health for their exceptional care and kindness. Please keep a special memory of Mim in your heart. View and share condolences at [www.warcholfuneralhome.com](http://www.warcholfuneralhome.com).  
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### JOHN "JACK" KNOBLOCH



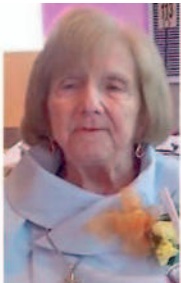
John "Jack" Knobloch, age 66 of Pleasant Hills, died after a lengthy battle with cancer, on Sunday, September 20, 2020 at his home. Jack was born on May 21, 1954 one of two children of John Jacob Knobloch, Jr. and Joan Patricia (Morse) Knobloch. He grew up in Beaver and graduated from Beaver Area High School. Jack was a successful casket salesman working for Reynoldsville Casket Company in Reynoldsville for over 25 years and later for Matthews International when they purchased the Reynoldsville Plant. He loved classic cars, especially his 1960 Red Chevy Biscayne; he loved listening to Beatles music with his son, Dan and in his retirement, he loved traveling and enjoying new restaurants with his family. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Mark Knobloch. Jack is survived by his beloved wife and best friend, Kay (Nissley) Knobloch and was the devoted dad of Jessica (Steve) Scheuble of Mt. Lebanon and Dan Knobloch of Huntsville, Alabama; he is also survived by his sister-in-law, Linda Nissley; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, John and Sharon Nissley; nieces and a nephew. Jack loved his family and was looking forward to the birth of his grandson in December. Family and friends are invited to attend visitation on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 from 3 - 7 P.M. in the STEPHEN D. SLATER FUNERAL HOME 1701 Route 51 Jefferson Hills, Pennsylvania 15025. Jack's funeral service will be in the funeral home on Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 12 Noon with Pastor Matthew Magera of Zion Lutheran Church in Brentwood officiating. If desired Jack's family suggests donation to Humane Animal Rescue 6926 Hamilton Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15208 [www.humaneanimalrescue.org](http://www.humaneanimalrescue.org), or the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank 1 N Linden Street Duquesne, PA 15110 [www.pittsburghfoodbank.org](http://www.pittsburghfoodbank.org). Current restrictions and CDC recommendations will be followed for Jack's visitation and funeral. All visitors will be required to wear masks and social distance. For condolences and any further information visit [www.stephendslater.com](http://www.stephendslater.com).  
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### SR. MARY SARA MAGALDI, OSF



Age 95, on September 21, 2020. Loving daughter of the late Marco and Matilda Verry Magaldi; sister of the late John and Mary Magaldi. Sister entered the Franciscan Sisters of Millvale on October 3, 1952 from St. Peter's Parish in Brownsville, PA. Prior to her entrance into religious life, Sister worked at various business establishments in Brownsville as executive secretary and stenographer. At the age of 27, Sister desired to use her skills in a different way by becoming a Franciscan sister. Following one year of teaching second grade to a classroom of 70 children at St. Scholastica's in Aspinwall, she spent the next 35 years serving in different positions in the St. Francis Health Care System - as administrative secretary, purchasing director and pastoral care minister. In 2002, she began serving in congregational services at Mt. Alvernia, including volunteer work at Mt. Alvernia Day Care and Learning Center. Over the years, Sister has been described by her sisters as gracious, generous, cheerful, willing to serve others and dedicated to God. Her favorite scripture quote was "God is love, and he who abides in love, abides in God and God in him." (1 John 4:16). To those who knew her, she was a woman who relentlessly shared her love of God with others. The world is a better place because of Sara's long life of love and service. Visitation at St. Alexis Church, 10090 Old Perry Hwy., Wexford, PA 15090 on Thursday, Septemebre 24, 2020 from 9:30 AM until the time of Funeral Mass at 10:00 AM. Professional Services trusted to **D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY LTD.**, Lawrenceville. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities, 960 James St., Second Floor, Syracuse, NY 13203-2503.  
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### VELMA C. (FAGAN) MANGAN



Of North Braddock, age 88, on Sunday, September 20, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Leo A. Mangan, Jr. Loving mother of Diana (late Matthew) Reiter of Pgh., Leo A. Mangan III of North Braddock, Katherine (Gary) Cleek of OK, and Sandra Mangan of North Braddock. Dear grandmother of Eric (Caitlin) Jones, Nicholas (Natalie) Jones, Luke, Rachel and Cole Puleo. Great-grandmother of Roman and Norah Jones. Sister of Barbara Fagan. Preceded in death by her sisters, Isabel Fagan, Sarah Revers and Janice Watt and her brothers, Roy and Orville Fagan. Velma was a member and officer of the Ladies Auxiliary of the North Braddock Amvets, Post #60. She had been employed during her work career at the Homestead Meals-on-Wheels program and at Vintage Adult Daycare in Pittsburgh. One of the joys in her life was her weekly visit to her hairdresser. Friends are welcome on Wednesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at **PATRICK T. LANIGAN FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY, INC.**, 700 Linden Ave. at Cable, East Pittsburgh, 412-824-8800. Mass of Christian Burial in Sacred Heart Church of St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Braddock Hills on Thursday at 12 noon. Velma will be laid to rest in Restland Cemetery, Monroeville.  
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### FLORENCE A. "FLORA" (O'SHEA) POLITANO

Age 86, of Oakmont, formerly of Plum and Garfield, peacefully passed away on Saturday, September 19, 2020. She was devoted to her faith and was blessed to have lived a very independent life until the end. Beloved wife of the late Pat Politano. Mother of Pat (Teresa) and Ernie (Barb) Politano. Also survived by five grandchildren, Joseph, Anne, Alex, Matthew and Hailey. Preceded in death by her siblings, Joseph O'Shea, Mary Catherine (O'Shea) McGill, and Thomas O'Shea. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Friends received from 3-7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23rd at **MAURICE L. KNEE, LTD FUNERAL HOME**, 7663 Saltsburg Road (across from S & T Bank), Plum, PA 15239. Friends and family are invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial at 9 a.m. on Thursday at St. John the Baptist Church of Holy Family Parish. Interment will follow in Calvary Catholic Cemetery.  
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### CLIFFORD G. PORTER



Age 94, on Saturday, September 19, 2020, of Carrick. Loving Husband of the late Margaret E. (Quiring) Porter for 69 years. Devoted father of Kathleen (William) Allison, Mary Lou (Jack) Case, Melissa (Ed) Chrzanowski, Margaret (Ron) Murphy, Jeanine (Rick) Doyle, Cliff Porter, Christine (Robert) Fauth, Theresa (Craig) Hout, Amy (Sean) Doyle, Patrick (Melissa) Porter, Barbara (Alaina) Correll, Jennifer (Selena) Porter-Suarez, and the late James (Deborah) Porter. Also 33 grandchildren, 38 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. Brother of Gerald Porter, Richard Porter and the late Hazel Wilson, Jane Schillinger, Ellen Williams and Mildred Rockicki. Clifford was the patriarch of a large extended family. He served in the U.S. Navy during WWII. He was dedicated to his family and loved fishing at the beach. Visitations Wednesday 6-8 PM and Thursday 2-4 and 6-8 PM at the **BORON FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 1719 Brownsville Road. Due to COVID-19, visitations will be limited to 25 people at a time, masks must be worn at all times and you must social distance. Mass of Christian Burial in Blessed Trinity Parish, St. Basil Church on Friday at 10:30 AM. EVERYONE PLEASE MEET IN CHURCH.  
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### CAROL J. (SCHUMM) STEINER



Age 81, on Monday, September 21, 2020 of Baldwin Boro. Beloved wife of the late George A. Steiner, Sr. Cherished mother of Diane (John) Smith, Sharon (Shawn) Welsh and George A. (Catherine) Steiner, Jr. Devoted grandmother of Laura and Luke Smith, Jacob Welsh, Samantha (Anthony) Monahan and Gabrielle Steiner. Sister of Shirley Schumm and the late Elizabeth LeJeune and Dorothy Udovich. Sister-in-law of John and Carole Steiner and Lee and Cindy Steiner. Also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Carol was devoted to her family which she loved dearly. She was an active member of Concord Presbyterian Church for 81 years and cherished her friendship with the girls of Concordia Circle, a proud graduate of Carrick High School and a Majorette. She loved many things, including crossword puzzles, the Pittsburgh Pirates, gardening, flowers, cooking, baking which includes pies, she was the best maker of all kinds of pies. Carol loved Polka dancing and was famous for her scrubbies. Carol was a 15 year cancer survivor and will be missed by her family and all that knew her. Friends and family received Wednesday from 2-8 PM at the **READSHAW FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 1503 Brownsville Road, Carrick. A Funeral Service will be held Thursday at 11 AM in the Concord Presbyterian Church, 1907 Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15210. (Everyone please meet at church.) Visitations will be kept within the CDC guidelines of no more than 25 people and masks must be worn. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Crestfield Camp & Conference Center at 195 Taggart Road, Slippery Rock, PA 16057 or to the Alzheimer's Association at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org). Send condolences to [www.readshawfuneralhome.com](http://www.readshawfuneralhome.com).  
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### SYLVIA M. STOLTE

Age 85, passed away on Saturday, September 19, 2020, of Brentwood. Daughter of the late William H. and Helen M. Stolte. Sylvia was a lifelong member of Stewart Avenue Lutheran Church where she devoted her time to the choir for over 50 years. She enjoyed helping with the church rummage sales. Sylvia was a wonderful sketch artist as well as an avid reader. She will be deeply missed by her loving church family. Friends are welcome at the **JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 412-881-4100, 4201 Brownsville Road, Brentwood 15227 on Wednesday, September 23, 2020 from 6-8 p.m. where funeral services will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home chapel. Interment will be held privately. Due to the current health crisis, masks and social distancing guidelines must be adhered to. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Stewart Avenue Lutheran Church, 2810 Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15227. Please send condolences to [www.johnfslater.com](http://www.johnfslater.com).  
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### DONALD J. SHIELDS



US Air Force Retired, 23 years, Master Sergeant, age 68, of Shaler Twp., on September 19, 2020. Husband of JoAnn Adamosky Shields. Father of Kimberly Gerhart (Charles) and Karrie Shields. Grandfather of Benjamin. Son of the late Raymond and Maxine Shields. Brother of James Shields, Darlene Blickendorfer, and the late Raymond Shields. Member of VFW Post 9199; Member of Blue Knights PA7. Visitation Wednesday, 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at **NEELY FUNERAL HOME**, 2208 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw. Funeral Service Thursday, 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please make any donations in his name to: Alzheimer's Foundation of America, [alzfdn.org](http://alzfdn.org) Or Mount Royal Veteran's Club/VFW Post 9199, 643 Wetzel Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15209. Please visit us at [neelyfuneralhome.com](http://neelyfuneralhome.com).  
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### KATHLEEN E. TENNANT



Of Forest Hills, age 73, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday, September 20, 2020. She was born in Pittsburgh to Brigadier General Charles E. Tennant and Kathleen E. O'Connor. She graduated from Wilkinsburg High School and attended the University of Pittsburgh while raising three children. Early on she worked at Stanton Electric, but after completing her Master's degree at Pitt she found her passion in helping youth and became a social worker for Children, Youth, and Family Services in Allegheny County. After her retirement, she enjoyed spending time with her family and her dogs. She is survived by her brother Chuck Tennant (Cathy) of TX and sister Nancy Stough (Dale) of Penn Hills; three children, Cynthia "Cindi" Amore (Gary), Craig Kodman, and Chad Kodman (Pam); nine grandchildren, Amanda Edwards, Michael Wilkins (Katie), Jonathan Wilkins, AJ Wilkins, Alexis Amore, Miah Kodman, Charles Kodman, Travis Kodman, Joshua Kodman, and Caleb Kodman; great-grandchildren, Mila Wilkins and Mickey Wilkins; four nephews, Chris and Coley Tennant, and Dale Jr. and Danny Stough (Lisa); and her beloved dogs, Frankie and Johnny. Friends received at a memorial reception at **WOLFE MEMORIAL, LLC, FOREST HILLS CHAPEL**, 3604 Greensburg Pike, Pittsburgh PA 15221, on Thursday from 9:00a.m. until 10:45a.m. Memorial Mass at St. Maurice Church of St. Joseph the Worker Parish, on Thursday at 11:00a.m. Interment in Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial gifts to the American Lung Association, [www.lung.org](http://www.lung.org).  
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### NATALIE NICOLE WRZESINSKI



Age 28, of South Park, passed away tragically on Friday, September 18, 2020. Natalie is survived by her loving parents, Glenn "Burke" and Lisa Wrzesinski; sister, Alyssa Wrzesinski; maternal grandmother, Peg (the late Frank) Nardozi; aunts, Christine Nardozi and Lynne (Jeff) Kremer; cousins and many dear friends. She was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Wallace and Leona Wrzesinski. Natalie had a way to bring a smile to your face no matter the situation, she loved being surrounded by her friends and family and will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved her. Given the current health restrictions we are currently experiencing, only 25 people will be allowed to gather at the funeral home at any given time, facial coverings are a must and physical distancing is encouraged. Family and friends are welcomed on Tuesday, September 22, 2020 from 1 to 8 p.m. at the **JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, INC.** 301 Curry Hollow Rd., Pleasant Hills, 15236. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, at 12 p.m. at St. Germaine Parish, 7003 Baptist Road, Bethel Park, 15102. Family requests that all guests meet at church. Online condolences may be shared at [www.jeffersonmemorial.biz](http://www.jeffersonmemorial.biz).



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You are still an inspiration to all who knew and loved you. You will always be remembered for your selflessness and unconditional love. The kindness you showed to others and the wisdom you shared with all of us will never be forgotten. You are missed everyday and will remain in our hearts forever.

Love you always, Rita



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## Despite challenges, save now for retirement

By Eva Hill  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*A back-to-school adulting series*

If saving for retirement is the last thing on your mind right now, that's more than fair, given the current combination of impending climate change disaster, the first pandemic almost anyone now alive has ever experienced and a collective student-loan debt in the United States of \$1.6 trillion.

But with the right preparation and adaptation to your own circumstances, making a plan to start saving for the future can give you decades to build an adequate retirement income — a critical asset in the age of declining Social Security benefits and the disappearance of pension plans.

**What are some of the ways to start retirement savings?**

Retirement accounts are special savings accounts with tax benefits that are designed to hold money that can serve as income — years later — in the account holder's retirement. There are two kinds of retirement accounts: IRAs (individual retirement accounts) and 401(k)s.

An IRA is opened by an individual, and you can do it without leaving your home — most major finance and investment institutions allow you to open one online.

Meanwhile, 401(k) accounts are opened for you by your employer, and they tend to have higher yearly contribution limits. You may have seen these accounts mentioned in the paperwork at a new job. Some employers will also offer a matching program where they'll contribute to your account when you do.

An important thing to know about both types of accounts is that, outside of a few exceptions, they both have penalties for any



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## Suspicious number of claims filed for pandemic relief program

By Lauren Rosenblatt  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Payments for new claims filed through the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program — a federal system set up to expand who is eligible for unemployment benefits — will be delayed as state officials work to stop scammers from filing fraudulent claims.

Officials from the state Department of Labor and Industry said Pennsylvania saw a surge in PUA claims last week, triggering worries that some of those claims were fraudulent.

Normally, the state receives about 5,000 claims a day. On Friday, more than 20,000 came in.

The Pandemic Unemployment Assistance program, part of the federal government's stimulus package to provide economic relief to those affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, offers benefits to eligible individuals who are self-employed, independent contractors, gig workers and others who may not qualify for regular unemployment but can no longer work.

Though people already receiving money through the program will not be affected, payments from new claims will be delayed while the state works to implement stronger identity-verification methods.

"We know that PUA is a lifeline for many Pennsylvania families," state Secretary of Labor & Industry Jerry Oleksiak said at a press briefing Monday. "Rest assured,

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## 7 bar/restaurants in county closed due to rule violations

By Patricia Sabatini  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Seven bar/restaurants in the region were ordered to close recently by the Allegheny County Health Department for breaking COVID-19 mitigation rules.

Facilities in the county caught flouting the rules must remain closed for at least seven days and submit a COVID-19 prevention plan before being allowed to reopen.

In addition to the closures, Potenza Pizza & Pasta on Centre Avenue in Oakland drew a consumer alert for health code violations including inadequate cleaning and sanitization, lack of a certified food protection manager and pest infestations.

"Dozens of house flies in the kitchen and prep areas," the inspection report said. The report also noted mouse droppings behind the prep tables, mixer and upright freezer, in the soda storage room and throughout the basement.

The owner of the business could not be reached for comment Monday. The manager declined comment.

Among the bar/restaurants that were shuttered, two — Roundz Lounge on South Braddock Avenue in Swissvale and Wilson's Nite Out on Denniston Avenue in Swissvale — were cleared to reopen on Saturday.

Both businesses had been closed on Sept. 11.

Roundz was cited for employees not wearing masks, serving alcohol without food, allowing smoking indoors and operating after 11 p.m.

At Wilson's Nite Out, the inspector noted customers and staff without masks, "zero physical distancing," smoking indoors, drinks being served after hours and without food, and "too many people to count," exceeding occupancy limits.

Culture on Atwood Street in Oakland also was shut down Sept. 11 for operating without a health permit and multiple COVID-19 violations such as lack of face coverings, operating after hours, exceeding occupancy limits, serving alcohol without food and lack of

physical distancing. The operator of the facility could not be reached for comment.

More recently, Savoy in the Strip District, Hottie's Martini and Cigar Bar in Carnegie, Bridgez in the South Side Slopes neighborhood and Seven, Downtown, were ordered closed this past weekend for COVID-19 problems.

It was the second closure this year for Seven, which was shut down Sept. 18 for admitting customers after 11 p.m. and denying entry for an inspection, according to the inspection report. Seven had been closed by the Health Department on Aug. 8 for COVID-19-related violations and had reopened on Aug. 17.

The manager of Seven, Susan Rhea, said the facility is no longer operating as a bar/restaurant. "We are operating as a banquet hall. We currently have a complaint filed with the Health Department because we don't fall under any of their governing rules," she said. "No food is being served. Everything is a private party and they bring their own food."

When asked if the facility remains open, she said, "We still have private parties booked."

At Savoy on Penn Avenue, an inspector cited the restaurant for operating indoors after 11 p.m., exceeding occupancy limits, using the bar for service, allowing smoking and serving alcohol without a meal.

Hottie's on West Main Street and Bridgez on Arlington Avenue were cited for lack of masks, operating after 11 p.m., allowing smoking, serving alcohol without food and failure to enforce social distancing. Bridgez also was found to be operating without a health permit.

The operators of Savoy, Hottie's and Bridgez could not be reached for comment.

Inspection reports for permitted food facilities in the county are available at [webapps.achd.net/Restaurant/](http://webapps.achd.net/Restaurant/).

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## Chick-fil-A mulls Market Square move

By Mark Belko  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

One of the country's biggest fast food chains could be headed to Downtown's Market Square, which is undergoing major changes as it struggles to cope with changes brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chick-fil-A is believed to be eyeing at least part of the space in 2 PPG Place once occupied by Molinaro Ristorante & Bar, according to several real estate sources.

Molinaro, an upscale Italian restaurant, closed in January. The 26,000-square-foot space, which holds a prominent corner spot in the square, has been vacant since then.

Kevin Langholz, senior director, retail brokerage, for the Hanna Langholz Wilson Ellis real estate firm, declined comment.

He represents Chick-fil-A in site expansion in Western Pennsylvania and in part of West Virginia.

Likewise, Jon Knudsen, director, brokerage and advisory, for Hanna Langholz Wilson Ellis who is marketing the 2 PPG Place space along with Mr. Langholz, had no comment.

Andy Wisniewski, vice pres-



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Molinaro Ristorante & Bar in Downtown's Market Square closed in January.

ident in Pittsburgh for Highwoods Properties, which owns PPG Place, did not return emails or phone calls seeking comment.

Before Molinaro took the 2 PPG Place space, it was occupied by Poros, a Mediterranean-inspired seafood restaurant that also closed its doors after several years of operation.

Should Chick-fil-A reach a deal

to take over at least part of the space — it is possible it could be broken up into smaller pieces — the restaurant would join a host of other fast food spots in Market Square.

They include Dunkin' Donuts, Chipotle, Moe's Southwest Grill, DiBella's Subs, Subway and Five

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## Business briefs

**FedEx seeks to add self-flying planes**

FedEx is looking at using small self-flying cargo planes to serve remote areas after experimenting with a technology startup on autonomous aircraft, said CEO Fred Smith. The effort builds on the courier's work with Silicon Valley's Reliable Robotics, which was founded by veterans of Elon Musk's Space Exploration Technologies.

**Estée Lauder to launch products into space**

NASA recently confirmed that about 10 bottles of Estée Lauder's Advanced Night Repair serum will be sent into space aboard a Northrop Grumman Cygnus spacecraft.

Liftoff is intended for Sept. 29. The beauty brand will become the first ever to partner with NASA in their efforts to bring business to the International Space Station.

**GE is getting out of the coal power business**

General Electric is one of the world's largest makers of coal-fired power plants. But now it plans to say goodbye to coal. Struggling GE said Monday it won't build new coal-fueled power plants, making it the latest major company to dump coal in an exit that may include asset sales, site closures and layoffs.

**Microsoft to acquire publisher of 'Doom'**

Microsoft is paying \$7.5 billion to buy ZeniMax Media, the parent

company of game publishing giant Bethesda Softworks. Bethesda is the publisher of popular franchises such as "Doom," "Fallout" and "The Elder Scrolls." The move comes just before Microsoft will introduce its next-generation console, the Series X, to the market Nov. 10.

**UPS offers buyouts to management employees**

UPS is offering buyouts to some of its management employees to trim its workforce. The company said the offers vary and include cash, extended benefits and job-placement assistance. UPS declined to disclose how many employees are getting buyout offers, what categories of employees qualify and how many people it aims to cut from its workforce.

From wire reports



# Saving now for retirement will reap big benefits later

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withdrawals made before you celebrate that 59th birthday plus six months. Early withdrawal will cost you 10% of however much money you take out, so it's best to avoid cashing in unless it's an emergency.

## How do I decide how much I should save?

"Going in with the understanding that there are competing objectives when you're at this stage of your life ... a focus on saving for retirement is very much important, and it's never really too early to start," says Avani Ramnani, director of wealth management and financial planning at New York-based firm Francis Financial.

To determine how much you should contribute to a retirement account, Ms. Ramnani says to start by making sure you're getting all the matching funds available from your company. Not all employers offer it, but many do.

"That match is free money, so you should at least contribute to the point where you get the maximum match," she said. Employers might match a certain percent of your salary if you direct it to your 401(k) account each month, or they might have a set dollar amount that they'll match up to.

Getting the most out of employer-matching funds can be a little tricky; some companies have "vested" matching — meaning that if you leave the company too soon, you'll lose some percentage of what the company (not you) contributed to the account.

Outside of matching benefits, Ms. Ramnani advises putting 10% to 15% of your income into your re-

tirement account.

So if you made \$35,000 a year, that would be \$3,500 to \$5,250. Obviously, not everyone can spare that much — but even if you can contribute a few hundred dollars a year, that's far from nothing. Over time, it can grow significantly.

If you save \$2,000 in a retirement account and get an 8% return, for example, and then never contribute to it again, in 10 years you'd have well over \$4,000 in the same account. And if you contribute an additional \$20 every month, your ending balance after 10 years would be close to \$8,000.

Ms. Ramnani recommends investing your money in a mix of different tools.

For more financially sophisticated savers, that might involve handpicking a variety of stocks, bonds and mutual funds. Others might prefer to just invest in a mixed-stock fund intended for retirement savings. For example, Fidelity offers "Freedom Funds" tagged with an expected retirement age, which have a changing mix of investments intended to maximize growth when you're younger and minimize risk as you get closer to retirement.

## Roth and traditional retirement accounts

In a traditional retirement account, your contributions are tax-deductible, but your withdrawals are taxed. Contributions to a Roth account are not tax-deductible but — after you turn 59.5 years old — there is no tax on the withdrawals.

If your current tax bracket is lower than the one you expect to be in when you retire — essentially, if you expect your

yearly earnings to increase as you get older — then a Roth account may be the right choice, said Ms. Ramnani. But if you expect your earnings to remain relatively stable, a traditional account may be better.

## Shouldn't I pay off my student loans first?

It can feel counterintuitive to be saving for a retirement decades away while you have tens of thousands of dollars in debt — or more — hanging over your head.

In the long run, there are situations where it can actually benefit you to keep student debt around while contributing to a retirement fund. For example, if your debt has a 4% interest rate and your money is making 8% a year, you come out ahead.

Mark Kantrowitz, publisher and vice president of research at Miami-based company SavingForCollege.com, said that after you've maximized your employer-matched contributions and built an emergency fund in a nonretirement account, the best thing to do is to compare the interest rates after tax of your saving options and loan balances.

Then direct the money toward whichever has the highest rate, while still making the required monthly payments.

"When you pay down debt, it's like you earn that interest rate from the interest you're no longer paying," Mr. Kantrowitz said.

If the interest rate is higher on your savings or retirement account, you'll save more by making the minimum payments on your loans and directing extra cash toward the accounts.

# Suspicious filings delay assistance

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we are doing everything to keep the delay in new claim payments to a minimum."

This isn't the first time some PUA payments have been delayed because of fraud since the system first rolled out in April. A massive unemployment scam affected up to 58,000 Pennsylvanians in May.

In an effort to prevent fraud at the time, the state Treasury Department announced that payments would no longer be made by direct deposit and instead would be issued only by check to the claimant's home address on file. That change was expected to delay benefits about two to four days.

This time, Mr. Oleksiak did not have an estimate for when new claim payments would begin again.

He reiterated that the state system wasn't breached and none of the state's data was compromised. Rather, the scammers apparently use data stolen from other sites to make it appear as though

they are filing legitimate claims. He added that this type of fraud was occurring in states across the country.

The Pandemic Unemployment Assistance system is a prime target for fraud because it does not include all the safeguards that the traditional unemployment system does to prevent scams, officials say.

"PUA was a federal program and compared to our traditional unemployment program, it's much easier to apply," Mr. Oleksiak said. "It's basically self-certifying that you are affected by COVID and there are some documents that need to be presented to show that you are qualified, but it's not the same as the traditional program."

Since the program began, the state has paid \$5.1 billion from the PUA system.

Meanwhile, state officials announced they had distributed \$1.5 billion through the Lost Wages Assistance program, a federal program that provided an additional \$300 per week to individuals who are unemployed due to COVID-19. The program

was meant to replace the \$600 supplemental federal jobless benefits that lapsed in July.

Pennsylvania received about \$2.8 billion from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which is distributing money for the program, to tack on \$300 to unemployment benefits for claims filed between Aug. 1 and Sept. 5. Earlier this month, the federal government stopped the program and cut off the possibility of applying for more funding to continue supplementing additional weeks.

Even though the state has already distributed half of the allocated Lost Wages Assistance funds, officials still recommend that people who are partially or fully unemployed apply for the program as soon as possible.

In total, since March 15, the state has paid out \$28 billion in benefits through various unemployment programs.

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# Market Square could add Chick-fil-A

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Guys.

The potential arrival of Chick-fil-A comes at a time the square itself is very much in transition with multiple restaurant closings, in part because of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Near Dunkin' Donuts, Chase Bank has signed a letter of intent to replace the Bruegger's Bagels location, which has closed for good.

Nick Nicholas, the Nicholas Coffee & Tea Co. operator who owns properties in Market Square, including the one that housed Bruegger's, also is searching for a replacement for

NOLA on the Square, the funky New Orleans-style restaurant that closed in July.

In addition, Mr. Nicholas said Monday that another Market Square restaurant, Sienna on the Square, will not be reopening.

He is looking for someone to occupy that space as well as a second-floor location above NOLA that once housed the Perle champagne bar.

"There's a lot of changes coming," he said.

Beyond those spots, Winghart's, tucked into a corner of Market Square, remains closed after being damaged by a fire last year, as does its

next-door neighbor, La Gondola Pizzeria & Restaurant.

Two other restaurants on Forbes Avenue near Market Square — Wolfies Pub and Pizzuvio — also closed in January about the same time as Molinaro Ristorante & Bar.



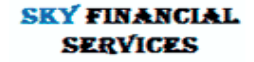

Lucas Piatt, president of Millcraft Investments, the owner of the building in which Wolfies and Pizzuvio were located, has said he is working with two or three other restaurants/bars that are interested in occupying the spaces.

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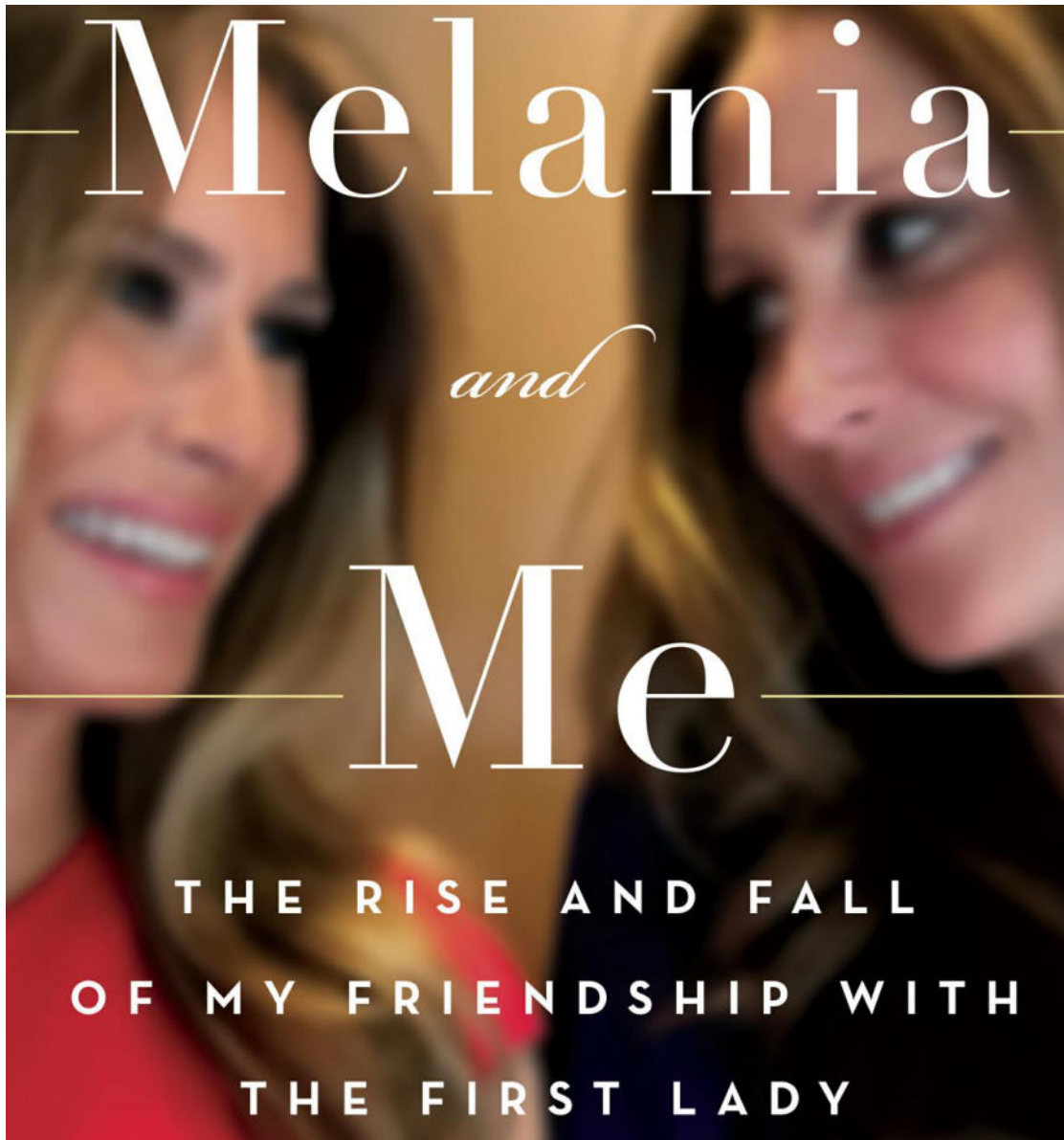
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## White House drama

‘Melania and Me’ captures a fraying friendship and first lady’s rivalry with Ivanka

By Joshua Axelrod  
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“Melania and Me: The Rise and Fall of My Friendship with the First Lady” kicks off with a famous phrase uttered by Donald Trump in the now-infamous “Access Hollywood” tape that was leaked a few months prior to the 2016 presidential election, dressed up in italics to emphasize its vulgarity.

Featuring those five words so prominently off the top serves as a succinct thesis statement for author Stephanie Winston Wolkoff’s tell-all about her time as a confidant of and adviser to first lady Melania Trump. If you’re down to rehash four years of Trump-related scandals from an ex-FLOTUS ally’s viewpoint, this is the book for you.

Then again, that might be giving “Melania and Me” a bit too much credit for potential juiciness. Ms. Winston Wolkoff does offer some salacious details about life in the first family’s inner circle, but nothing all that surprising to anyone who’s been paying attention.

For those unfamiliar with Ms. Winston Wolkoff, she’s an entertainment executive who cut her teeth working at Vogue for Anna Wintour, planning and producing huge events like the Met Gala and New York Fashion Week. That experience would eventually be put to use helping to organize President Trump’s inauguration in 2017, essentially as a favor to Ms. Trump.

She met the future first lady in 2003, when Ms. Trump was a

### ‘MELANIA AND ME: THE RISE AND FALL OF MY FRIENDSHIP WITH THE FIRST LADY’

By Stephanie Winston Wolkoff  
Gallery Books (\$28)

model most known for dating a billionaire real estate mogul. The two quickly struck up a friendship, complementing each other “like Lucy and Ethel, or Snooki and JWoww,” as the author describes it.

Ms. Trump has been an enigma since her husband became a major political player. She always seems to be in the background, smiling as Mr. Trump makes speeches or occasionally giving a short talk at an event without taking any press questions. It turns out, according to Ms. Winston Wolkoff, that this perception is completely by design — both by the West Wing and Ms. Trump herself.

Ms. Trump has always been focused on keeping her private life just that, Ms. Winston Wolkoff says. No one is entitled to details of her family’s life, no matter how miniscule. She is “a woman who does what she wants and what suits her owns interests.”

None of that qualifies as a revelation, but Ms. Winston Wolkoff does go into painstaking detail on how disorganized the first lady’s office was from the second the Trumps arrived in the White House. She claims that she and Ms. Trump believed that Ivanka Trump — Mr.

Trump’s daughter who they both cattily refer to as “Princess” — was actively trying to undermine her stepmother and accrue more authority than the first lady.

The most interesting tidbit in the whole book might be the suggestion that Ivanka was behind the speech Melania read at the 2016 Republican National Convention that borrowed from one Michelle Obama gave in 2008. The first lady vs. first daughter narrative is the most compelling part of the book.

Unfortunately, a frustrating number of pages are devoted to the minutiae of planning a presidential inauguration and staffing a first lady’s team.

It’s clear why Ms. Winston Wolkoff chose to go into such painstaking detail on the inauguration, because questions arose about its finances, and her ill-defined position on the first lady’s staff eventually led to her ouster. But endless complaints about stonewalled budget requests and difficulties obtaining government credentials don’t make for a page-turner.

Ms. Winston Wolkoff ultimately concludes that getting involved with the Trumps was a colossal mistake that cost her “emotionally, mentally, physically, financially, socially, professionally.” And though she says she kept giving Ms. Trump the benefit of the doubt, she finally realizes that “at her core, she’s one of them” — a Trump through and through.

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## Health statistics are ‘patients with the tears wiped away,’ says surgeon and author

By Carlo Wolff  
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Sayed Amjad Hussain is a thoracic surgeon, a scholar, a journalist, a photographer — and a captivating raconteur.

A pillar of the Pakistani community in Toledo, Ohio, Dr. Hussain was this year’s commencement speaker for the University of Toledo College of Medicine and Life Science, where he holds an emeritus professorship in cardiothoracic surgery. He also is emeritus professor of humanities in the university’s College of Arts and Letters. He told graduates he wishes COVID-19 hadn’t made the May 15 event virtual, and he hopes for a virus-free world.

Practice medicine with empathy, Dr. Hussain advised. Stay humble and grounded. And remember: “Statistics about health care are not just numbers. They are patients with the tears wiped away.”

He recently published an autobiography, “A Tapestry of Medicine and Life” (Literary Circle of Toledo, \$24.99), starting with a retrospective of his heritage as an upper-class Muslim growing up in Peshawar, an ancient walled city near the Khyber Pass and the border with Afghanistan. He knew early on that he



Toledo author and surgeon Said Amjad Hussain

wanted to be a doctor, even though his interests might have led him to other careers.

“I was nudged towards studying medicine by the elders in my family,” he wrote in an email. “After listening to the exploits of my physician grandfather along the turbulent northwest frontier of British

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Will Heath/NBC

From left, Larry David as Bernie Sanders, Maya Rudolph as Kamala Harris and Will Ferrell as Tom Steyer during a “Saturday Night Live” sketch in November.

## Jim Carrey to play Joe Biden on upcoming season of ‘SNL’

By Bethonie Butler  
The Washington Post

Jim Carrey as Joe Biden? Al-righty then.

The comedian will spoof the Democratic presidential nominee on the upcoming season of “Saturday Night Live,” Lorne Michaels, the show’s longtime executive producer, told Vulture in a Q&A published Wednesday.

Michaels also confirmed that Alec Baldwin will return as President Donald Trump — despite the actor’s repeated insistence he hates the gig — and Maya Rudolph will reprise her well-received impression of vice president nominee Kamala Harris. The comedy show starts its new season Oct. 3, the weekend following the first presidential debate.

Throughout its four-decade history, “SNL” has given us classic POTUS impressions, from Dana Carvey as President George H.W. Bush to Darrell Hammond as Bill

Clinton (and Trump). This announcement continues the sketch comedy show’s relatively new tradition of inviting non-cast members to regularly portray political figures. It doesn’t always work out (see: Robert De Niro’s stilted impression of former special counsel Robert Mueller III or Ben Stiller as former Trump attorney Michael Cohen).

Ahead of Carrey’s turn as the former vice president, we took a look at some of the show’s most memorable impressions and ranked them from good to great.

**10. Jason Sudeikis as Joe Biden.**

Sudeikis, an “SNL” alum, is Carrey’s predecessor when it comes to playing Biden. He does a fine impression playing the politician as a smooth-talking, salt of the earth fellow. “The teeth do a lot of work there for me,” Sudeikis joked of the overly large smile that

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## Scorned ex-husband needs a dose of cordiality

By Amy Dickinson  
Tribune Content Agency

**Dear Amy:** My wife of many years decided that she didn’t want to be married to me anymore. Turns out she had become involved with a bad influence from

### Ask Amy

her past. They are now married.

During the divorce proceedings, they conspired to destroy me. She sought to remove me from our house, to terminate all of my parental rights and lied repeatedly under oath. She even tried to get her hands on the kids’ education savings accounts, which she claimed were overfunded (even though she was already offered several million dollars from the marital estate).

Our kids are young adults now and will soon be having weddings, with grandchildren hopefully to follow.

I have never said a bad word to them about their mother and

hopefully never will. Here’s my issue: I don’t want her husband at smaller family gatherings like a baptism, grandchildren’s birthday parties, etc. I can handle the large events (where there would be plenty of people and space) but not the smaller ones.

I will never shake the man’s hand or be cordial to him. I can’t imagine having to hold a conversation with this creep. Yet, I don’t want to sit home alone just because he’s there. I also don’t want other guests to feel awkward. I realize that to give the kids an ultimatum (“him or me”) is not fair to them either.

I would very much appreciate your wise thoughts on this one. — **Reluctant Ex**

**Dear Reluctant:** Understand that if you state, “It’s him or me,”

you lose, no matter what your kids decide, because you will have surrendered your power and pride to someone who doesn’t deserve it.

I often suggest “cordiality” in this space because I believe that this is a concept that Americans don’t easily grasp. Speaking very broadly, we are visceral and revealing people. (This is our charm and also our challenge.)

Being cordial implies that you give NOTHING away. You hold it in. You restrain your feelings, voice, attitude and body language. You leave people wondering. It is the essence of maintaining the “upper hand,” but it also allows you the internal satisfaction of behaving to a polite standard.

It sounds as if your wife did not “win” her various attempts to lie

and bully you through the court system. Even though you now know what she is capable of, you have held it together for the sake of your children. You’ve been cordial. That’s what good parents do!

At smaller events, you would do well to attend with a friend or family member who can serve as a sympathetic buffer and distraction. Someday, you might have a new partner on your arm, which could make all of this easier for you.

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# Ranking best ‘SNL’ political parodies

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accompanies his portrayal in a recent interview with Stephen Colbert.

But truth be told, we preferred him playing Mitt Romney, the former Massachusetts governor, a long-running gig Sudeikis held before leaving the show in 2013. In a 2012 interview with Conan O’Brien, Sudeikis broke down the key to portraying Romney: “The voice that I’m doing is basically when Black stand-ups do a white guy voice. They’re doing that voice like, ‘Oh, hey, man, how you doing, buddy?’”

“Next thing you know, you’re on ‘Meet the Press,’” O’Brien joked.

## 9. Rachel Dratch as Amy Klobuchar.

Dratch — who made her Klobuchar debut during “SNL’s” parody of Brett Kavanaugh’s public Senate judiciary hearing — was a natural fit to play the U.S. senator from Minnesota. “You get a call out of the blue, like, you kind of look like this person, so I was like, ‘Yes, finally!’” Dratch recalled on Andy Cohen’s “Watch What Happens Live.”

## 8. Alec Baldwin as Trump.

Baldwin may hate parodying Trump on “SNL,” but viewers love it. When Baldwin hosted the show (for the 17th time) toward the end of Trump’s first year as president, the show earned its biggest ratings in six years. Sometimes, the script writes itself.

## 7. Maya Rudolph as Kamala Harris.

Many “SNL” fans had Rudolph in mind to play Harris long before the “SNL” alum made her debut as the U.S. senator from California. When she finally appeared last September, in a parody of a CNN Town Hall, Rudolph nailed Harris’ cadence while spoofing some of candidate’s most famous quotes. “That little girl you just introduced? That little girl was me,” Rudolph said. “I’m not just that little girl. I’m also America’s cool aunt. A fun aunt. I call that a funt.”

Viewers loved Rudolph’s take on Harris so much that the comedian’s name started trending after Biden named



Nicole Wilder/Showtime

Jim Carrey, shown in the Showtime series “Kidding,” will portray Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden this season on “Saturday Night Live.”

Harris as his running-mate. Rudolph, who happened to be taping an Entertainment Weekly panel at the time, declared the choice “spicy.”

## 6. Matt Damon as Brett Kavanaugh.

Damon first appeared as the now Supreme Court justice on the “SNL” season premiere in September 2018. It was a complete surprise since the actor wasn’t hosting.

If you watch his performance, you can actually hear the audience’s shock when Damon first appears, but it quickly turns to excitement as he makes a few Kavanaugh-esque facial expressions. And when the actor starts talking in a volatile baritone (“I’m a keg-half-full kind of guy!”), well, you can see why he was asked to come back later that year.

## 5. Amy Poehler as Hillary Clinton.

We’re used to Kate McKinnon’s gold-star impression of Clinton, but it was Poehler who first captured the role during her time on “SNL.” She has returned a few times since leaving the show in 2008 — most notably, appearing opposite McKinnon’s Clinton in a sketch that found Clinton talking to a younger version of herself.

## 4. Larry David as Bernie Sanders.

Who better to play the delightfully cranky Brooklyn native than another delightfully cranky Brooklyn native who happens to bear a passing resemblance to the U.S. senator from Vermont? After David began parodying Sanders on the show, the two found out — via Henry Louis Gates Jr. — that they are actually distant cousins. Cue the “Curb Your Enthusiasm” theme.

## 3. Melissa McCarthy as Sean Spicer.

When “SNL” needed someone to portray the bumbling White House press secretary, McCarthy eagerly stepped into the role. While notable for being an (appropriately) over-the-top impersonation, it was also notable because the president reportedly loathed the impression, largely because Spicer was

being played by a woman. It probably didn’t help that the Emmy-winning portrayal of the ten found McCarthy referring to herself as “Spicey” and occasionally using a motorized podium.

Producers for the show told the Hollywood Reporter that part of what made McCarthy perfect for the part were her similarities to Chris Farley, the beloved “SNL” cast member who died of a drug overdose in 1997. Many thought Farley would have been the perfect person to portray Spicer.

“In a lot of ways, Melissa is the closest thing just in terms of sheer power and comedy physicality that we have to Chris Farley, and I knew Lorne felt the same way,” producer Erik Kenward told the Hollywood Reporter.

## 2. Will Ferrell as George W. Bush.

Like Poehler, Ferrell first tackled playing the 43rd president while a cast member on “SNL.” But he has reprised the role several times since leaving the show in 2002. In 2018, as Bush’s approval rating soared, he returned to “Saturday Night Live” to remind his “fellow Americans” that he had been “really bad, like, historically not good” as president.

But Ferrell’s beloved impression hasn’t been limited to Studio 8H. He famously made the character the center of a Broadway play, “You’re Welcome America. A Final Night With George W. Bush.”

## 1. Tina Fey as Sarah Palin.

How good was Tina Fey as Sarah Palin? Well, Palin never actually said, “I can see Russia from my house,” but a fair amount of people thought she did. No, that would be her “SNL” doppelganger, who returned to her old stomping grounds (two years after leaving the show at the request of the internet, basically).

Fey recalled signing on after a number of people (including her husband, De Niro and Michaels’ doorman) noted the physical resemblance between her and Palin.

# Doctor’s tapestry of medicine and life

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India, I decided to follow his example.”

A surgeon on the faculty of Khyber Medical College also inspired him. At the same time, said this dedicated polymath, “I pursued my interests in photography, literature, archaeology and philosophy while in college and then in medical school. These interests did not detract from medical studies but added to it.”

“Tapestry” is not a conventional narrative; it consists of 68 brief chapters organized under categories including family, travel, medical anecdotes and unusual personalities. Dr. Hussain’s recollections span the bawdy, the touching and the harrowing. They also speak to family, to ethical dilemmas that elevate medicine above procedure and to paying heed to one’s better angels.

In one of his more revealing accounts, Dr. Hussain speaks of his “son of a bitch” second grade teacher, an unrestrained bully. Much later, when Dr. Hussain was a surgical intern at Peshawar, Muhammad Ali entered the hospital with a severe back-end problem. What a perfect opportunity for revenge. No spoiler here.

In another recollection, Dr. Hussain recounts how he reached the decision to

operate on a man whose heart is failing. He provides a granular description of an emergency procedure, “a now-or-never type of situation where time becomes the pivot between life and death.”

While the everyday practice of surgery is mostly straightforward, ethical questions do arise, he said.

“Should one implant a heart pacemaker in an elderly patient who has early dementia? Or do multiple vascular surgeries to save a leg that would eventually lead to amputation with very little quality of life between surgeries? Why not offer amputation early on?”

“Tapestry,” a book to dip into, has drive and is easy to absorb.

“The idea for this book came from a book of patient histories written under a pseudonym by a Toledo physician,” Dr. Hussain said, noting that he was then editor of the quarterly magazine of the Academy of Medicine of Toledo.

“The author asked if I would consider reviewing it. While writing the review during a flight, I thought about the patients I had seen during practice of surgery. By the time I reached my destination, I had a list of 50 topics. But unlike the book I was reviewing, these topics touched on medicine and other aspects of life. Hence

the name ‘A Tapestry of Medicine and Life.’

“I started writing the book in 2018, and the manuscript sat idle for a year or so.”

What’s the intended market for “Tapestry”?

“There are interesting stories in the book that I think would resonate with people. Part of my readership is of Pakistani-Indian background, and there is much in this book that would interest them. In addition, I have [Toledo] Blade readers... and they have always taken keen interest in my published work. Having said that, my books have not made me rich. But that has never been the intent.”

Dr. Hussain said the United States and his native Pakistan have changed significantly over his lifetime.

“America has been home for over 60 years, and Peshawar also remains home for me,” he said. “America is not the same America where I landed in 1963, but neither is Peshawar. With all its flaws, America remains a shiny example of success for immigrants like myself.”

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TUESDAY				MOVIES		SPORTS		KIDS		NEWS		TALK				
	8		8:30		9		9:30		10		10:30		11		11:30	
2 KDKA	NCIS The North Pole. The team helps Ziva with a task.				Love Island The islanders must couple up. (N) (CC)				FBI: Most Wanted The team hunts bank robbers.				News at Eleven (N)		Late Show-Colbert (N)	
4 WTAE	Dancing With the Stars First Elimination. The 15 couples compete; an elimination. (N) (CC)								Time100 (10:02) (N) (CC)				Action News 4 (N)		Jimmy Kimmel Live! (N)	
6 WJAC	America's Got Talent Live Finals. (N) (L) (CC)								Transplant (10:01) (N)				News (N)		J. Fallon (N)	
7 WTRF	NCIS The North Pole.				Love Island (N) (CC)				FBI: Most Wanted (CC)				7News at (N)		Colbert (N)	
8 WWCW	Cosmos: Possible Worlds (CC)								FOX 8 (N) Around T (N)				Drew Barrymore (N)			
9 WTOV	America's Got Talent Live Finals. (N) (L) (CC)								Transplant (10:01) (N)				News (N)		J. Fallon (N)	
10 WTAJ	NCIS The North Pole.				Love Island (N) (CC)				FBI: Most Wanted (CC)				News (N)		Colbert (N)	
11 WPXI	America's Got Talent Live Finals. The top 10 acts perform one last time. (N) (L) (CC)								Transplant (10:01) Saleh. (N)				Channel 11 (N)		Tonight Show (N)	
13 WQED	American Experience The Vote. (CC)				Frontline The Choice 2020: Trump vs. Biden. President Trump and Joe Biden. (N) (CC)								Amanpour and Company (N) (CC)			
16 WINP	NCIS: Los Angeles				NCIS: Los Angeles				NCIS: Los Angeles				NCIS: Los Angeles			
19 WPCW	Dead Pixels (N)	Dead Pixels Patricide.	Tell Me a Story Chapter 9: Deception. (N) (CC)				10 O'Clock News (N)		The Nightly Sports Call		Friends (CC)		2 Broke Girls (CC)			
21 WFMJ	America's Got Talent Live Finals. (N) (L) (CC)								Transplant (10:01) (N)				News (N)		J. Fallon (N)	
22 WPNT	Chicago P.D. Robberies lead to surprising suspects.				Chicago P.D. A vigilante murders pedophiles.				The Goldbergs (CC)		black-ish (CC)		Bob's Burgers (CC)		Bob's Burgers (CC)	
27 WKBN	NCIS The North Pole.				Love Island (N) (CC)				FBI: Most Wanted (CC)				First News Colbert (N)			
33 WYTV	Dancing With the Stars First Elimination. (N) (CC)								Time100 (10:02) (N) (CC)				News (N)		Kimmel (N)	
40 WPCW	Hope Today (CC)	RadiantTV (CC)	Dashing Dish (CC)		More Than a Song (CC)		Today's Life (CC)		Radical Makeovers		Bible Discovery (CC)		Joel Osteen (CC)			
43 WUAB	Dead (N)	Dead Pixels	Tell Me a Story (N) (CC)				News (N)		Sports Extra		Mod Fam		Mod Fam			
53 WPGH	Cosmos: Possible Worlds Evolution; human's potential for change. (CC)								Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10 (N) (CC)				Seinfeld The Checks.		Seinfeld The Switch.	
59 WPEA	Frasier	Frasier	Roseanne		Roseanne		Roseanne		Roseanne		The Nanny		The Nanny			
PREMIUM CABLE																
HBO	"Midway" (7:40) (2019) ★★ Ed Skrein. The U.S. Navy and fighter pilots battle Japanese forces. (CC)								REAL Sports With Bryant Gumbel (N) (CC)				Lovecraft Country (Subtitled-English)			
HBO/2	Lovecraft Country (Subtitled-English)		The Vow Mark reflects on his time at NXIVM. (CC)				"Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows" (2011) ★★ Robert Downey Jr., Jude Law. (CC)									
HBO/FAM	"Sky High" (7) (2005)	"Shazam!" (8:40) (2019) ★★★ Zachary Levi, Mark Strong. Shazam squares off against the evil Dr. Thaddeus Sivana. (CC)								"The Kid Who Would Be King" (10:52) ★★★						
HBO/SIG.	We Are Who We Are Right Here Right Now II. (CC)				"The Mustang" (8:55) (2019) ★★★ Matthias Schoenaerts. (CC)				*** Matthias Gosling. (CC)		"La La Land" (10:35) (2016) *** Ryan Gosling. (CC)		*** Ryan			
MAX	"Us" (2019) ★★★ Lupita Nyong'o. A family of four comes under attack from evil look-alikes. (CC)								"Ma" (2019) ★★ Octavia Spencer, Diana Silvers, Juliette Lewis. (CC)				"View From the Top" (N)			
SHO	Ray Donovan Ray prepares for his possible arrest.		Inside the NFL Highlights from the second week. (N)				Desus & Mero (CC)		Desus & Mero (CC)		Inside the NFL Highlights from the second week.					
STARZ	"Venom" (7:03) (2018) ★★ Tom Hardy.		Power Book II: Ghost (8:58) Play the Game. (CC)				Vida Episode 6. (CC)		"Made of Honor" (10:35) (2008) ★★ Patrick Dempsey. (CC)							
STARZ-E	The White Queen The Storm. (CC)		The White Queen (9:01) The Bad Queen. (CC)				"All Is True" (10:02) (2018) ★★ Kenneth Branagh, Judi Dench. (CC)				★★ Kenneth		"Evolution" (11:45) (2001)			
STZENC	"Hope Springs" (7:17) (2012) ★★★ (CC)		"The Wife" (2017) ★★★ Glenn Close, Jonathan Pryce. (CC)								"The American President" (10:44) (1995) ★★★ Michael Douglas. (CC)					
STZ/ENCL	"Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" (7:32) (1969) ★★★★★ (CC)				"Daddy Day Care" (9:25) (2003) ★★ Eddie Murphy. (CC)								Drop Dead Diva Senti-Mental Journey. (CC)			
STZ/ENCW	"Yellow Sky" (7:56) (1948) ★★★ Gregory Peck, Anne Baxter. (CC)				"The Man From the Alamo" (9:36) (1953) ★★★ Glenn Ford, Chill Wills. (CC)								"The Great Missouri Raid" (10:57) ★★★ (CC)			
STZ/ENSU	"Vantage Point" (7:27) (2008) ★★ (CC)		"Primal Fear" (1996) ★★★ Richard Gere, Laura Linney, Edward Norton. (CC)				*** Richard Gere, Laura Linney, Edward Norton. (CC)				"White Boy Rick" (11:13) (2018) ★★ (CC)					
TMC	"Days of Thunder" (1990) ★★ Tom Cruise. Upstart stock-car driver goes to the edge. (CC)								"Ghost" (1990) ★★★ Patrick Swayze. A murder victim returns to save his beloved fiancée. (CC)							
BASIC, EXPANDED AND DIGITAL CABLE																
A&E	"The Magnificent Seven" (2016) ★★ Denzel Washington, Chris Pratt, Ethan Hawke. Mercenaries battle a ruthless industrialist in the Old West. (CC)										Court Cam (11:04) (CC)		Court Cam (11:34) (CC)			
AMC	"Men in Black 3" (2012) ★★ Will Smith, Tommy Lee Jones. Agent J must go back to the past to save mankind's future. (CC)										"Bad Boys" (1995) ★★ Martin Lawrence, Will Smith, Tea Leoni. (CC)					
ANIM	Megalodon: The Extended Cut								Monster Squid: The Giant Is Real (CC)							
ATTSF	MLB Baseball (7) Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh Pirates. (N)								Pirates Post. Baseball				Championship Kickboxing			
BBC	"Spaceballs" (1987) ★★ Mel Brooks. (CC)								"National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" (1989) (CC)							
BET	"Barbershop"				"Tyler Perry's I Can Do Bad All By Myself" (2009) ★★ Tyler Perry. (CC)											
BRAVO	Below Deck Mediterranean Closing Time. (CC)		Below Deck Mediterranean (N) (CC)		Backyard Envy (Season Finale) (N) (CC)		Watch What (N)		Chrisley Knows Best							
CMT	Mom (CC)	Mom (CC)	Mom (CC)	Mom (CC)	Mom (CC)	Mom (CC)	Mom (CC)	Housewife	Housewife							
CNBC	Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		The Profit (CC)									
CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		CNN Tonight (N)									
COM	The Office	The Office	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0 (N)	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Daily (N)	Tosh.0							
C-SPAN	Removing Monuments				The Civil War (8:58) (CC)		Civil War		The Civil War (10:45) (CC)							
DEST	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	Beach Hunters	
DFC	Cake Wars Creation featured at Simpsons bash.		Cake Wars Centerpiece for DC Comics' celebration.		Cake Wars The bakers create Pokemon cakes. (CC)		Cake Wars Four champions make Avengers cakes.									
DIS	Bunk'd (CC)	Bunk'd (CC)	Bunk'd (CC)	Raven's Home (CC)	Raven's Home (CC)		Raven's Home (CC)		Sydney to the Max		Sydney to the Max					
DSC	Deadliest Catch Everything Changes. The Cornelia crew fights. (N) (CC)				Cal Fire (N)		Homestead Rescue (10:19) Fire & Ice. (CC)		How It's Made (11:19)							
DSC/INV	Homicide City Helen Bernstein is strangled. (CC)		Homicide City A skeleton is discovered. (N) (CC)		Living a Nightmare Karma Comes Late. (N) (CC)		Fear Thy Neighbor A retiree sends a tenant packing.									
E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	The Bradshaw Bunch Pilot.	Nightly (N)									
ESPN	MLB Baseball: Yankees at Blue Jays				MLB Baseball		Oakland Athletics at Los Angeles Dodgers. (N) (L)									
ESPN2	WNBA Basketball		WNBA Basketball Connecticut Sun vs Las Vegas Aces.				SportsCenter (N) (CC)									
ESPN-C	College Football From Nov. 26, 1999.								College Football From Oct. 23, 1982.							
EWTN	Mother Angelica Live		EWTN News	Holy Rosary	Scripture and Tradition				Mass of Saint Padre Pio							
FNC	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)		Hannity (N) (L) (CC)		The Ingraham Angle (N)				Fox News at Night (N)							
FOOD	Chopped Meat Fight. (CC)		Chopped (N) (CC)		Chopped High on the Hog.				Chopped Clock Shock.							
FREE FRM	"The Blind Side" (7:30) (2009) ★★★ Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw. A well-to-do white couple adopts a homeless black teen. (CC)				Kal Penn-Mesage (N)				The 700 Club (N) (CC)							
FS1	Tua (7:30)	MLB's Best	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Arizona Diamondbacks. (N) (L) (CC)													
FX	"The Secret Life of Pets" (2016) ★★★ Voices of Louis C.K., Eric Stonestreet, Kevin Hart. (CC)								"The Secret Life of Pets" (2016) ★★★ Voices of Louis C.K., Eric Stonestreet, Kevin Hart. (CC)							
FXx	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy Yacht Rocky.	Family Guy Bri-Da.	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy Cat Fight.	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers							
GOLF	Golf Payne's Valley Cup. Featuring Tiger Woods, Justin Thomas, Rory McIlroy and Justin Rose. (CC)															
GSN	America	Ma. Minds	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	
HALL	"Follow Me to Daisy Hills" (2020) Cindy Busby. (CC)				Golden Girls		Golden Girls		Golden Girls		Golden Girls		Golden Girls		Golden Girls	
HGTV	Windy City Rehab (N)		Windy City Rehab Bridgeport or Bust. (N)				Kitchen (N)		Hunters		Hunters Int'l					
HIST	America's Book of Secrets: Special Edition (7) (CC)				America's Book of Secrets: America's highest office. (CC)				Secrets of America's Book of Secrets: Special Edition (11:05)							
IFC	Parks and Recreation	Parks and Recreation	Parks and Recreation	Parks and Recreation	Parks and Recreation	Parks and Recreation	Parks and Recreation	Parks and Recreation	Parks and Recreation	Parks and Recreation	Parks and Recreation	Parks and Recreation	Parks and Recreation	Parks and Recreation	Parks and Recreation	
LIFE	Supernanny Justin and Amy are overwhelmed. (N)		Chicago E.R. Pilot. (N) (CC)				"What Happens in Vegas" (10:03) (2008) ★ Cameron Diaz, Ashton Kutcher, Rob Corddry. (CC)									
MSNBC	All In With Chris Hayes (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)				The Last Word (N)				The 11th Hour (N)					
MTV	Teen Mom 2 (N) (CC)		16 & Recovering (N) (CC)				Ridiculous.		Ridiculous.		Ridic. (N)		Ridiculous.			
NBCS	Monster Jam (N)		Mecum Auto Auctions Indy. From the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis.													
NGEO	Life Below Zero The Other Side. (N) (CC)								Life Below Zero (10:03) (N)				Life Below Zero (11:03)			
NICK	SpongeBob SquarePants	SpongeBob SquarePants	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	Friends (Part 1 of 2) (CC)			
OWN	The Haves and the Have Nots (N)		The Haves and the Have Nots Someone Special.				The Haves and the Have Nots The Executor.				The Haves and the Have Nots Counting the Costs.					
OXYGEN	Chicago P.D. Trigger.				Chicago P.D.				Chicago P.D. Descent.				Chicago P.D. Brotherhood.			
PARMT	"The Italian Job" (2003) ★★★ Mark Wahlberg. (CC)															
PCNC	NightTalk		PCNC 9PM		PCNC		Forensic		Forensic		Pittsburgh		Ch. 11 News			
SC	Einstein and Hawking: Unlocking the Universe (N)				Space's Deepest Secrets Kipping the Milky Way. (N)				Mysteries of the Universe: Our Solar System (N)				What on Earth? A lost pyramid. (CC)			
SYFY	"Zombieland" (7) (2009) ★★★ (CC)				"R.I.P.D." (2013) ★ Jeff Bridges, Ryan Reynolds. A slain cop joins a team of spirit lawmen. (CC)				Futurama (CC)				Futurama (CC)			
TBS	The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		Conan (N) (CC)		Lost Resort (CC)			
TCM	Women Make Film (N) (CC)				"The Cave of the Yellow Dog" (9:15) (2005) Nansal Batchuluun, Babbayar Batchuluun, Nansalma Batchuluun.				Women Make Film (CC)							
TLC	Counting On (N)				Counting On (N)				Doubling Down (N)				Outdaughtered (11:02)			
TNT	NBA Playoffs Pre-Game Show (N) (L) (CC)				NBA Basketball Los Angeles Lakers vs Denver Nuggets. (N) Subject to Black-out (L) (CC)								Inside the NBA (N)			
TOON	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Rick, Morty	Rick, Morty	Rick, Morty	Rick, Morty	Family Guy	Family Guy							
TRAV	The Dead Files Terrified at Home. (N) (CC)								The Dead Files (N) (CC)				The Dead Files (CC)			
TRUTV	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Jokes (N)	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	
TVL	Raymond	Everybody Loves Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King							
USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Genes.				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (9:01)				Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (10:02)				Modern Family			
VE1	"Hustle & Flow" (2005) ★★★ Terrence Howard. (CC)								Chappelle's				Chappelle's			
WH	Law & Order Dining Out.				Law & Order Sects. (CC)				Law & Order Tombstone.				Law & Order (CC)			
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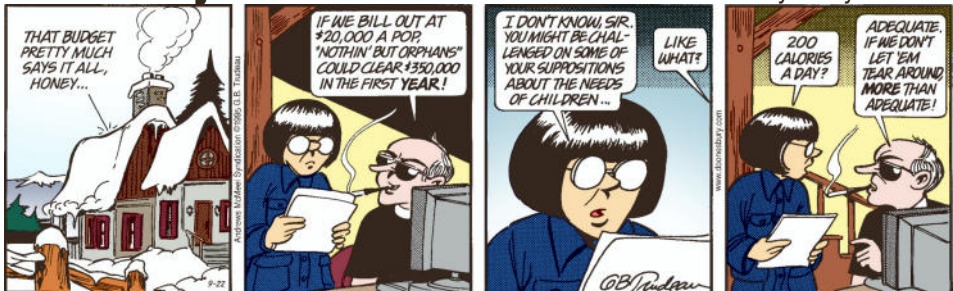
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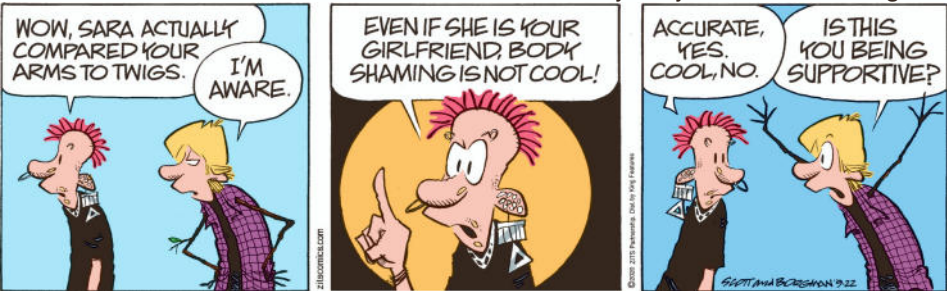
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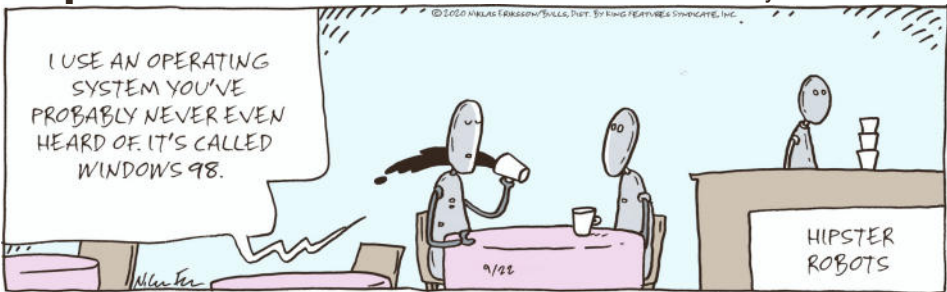
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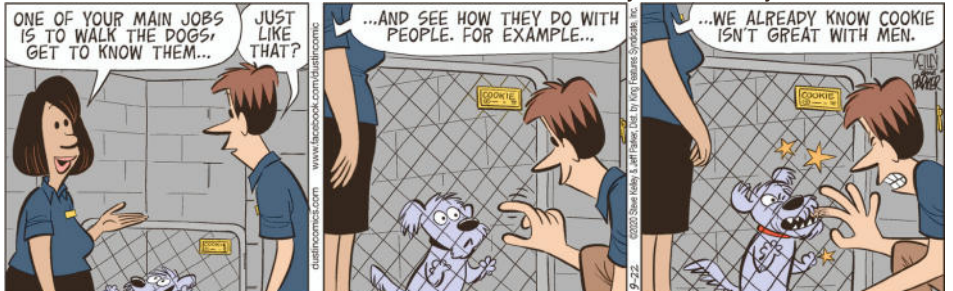
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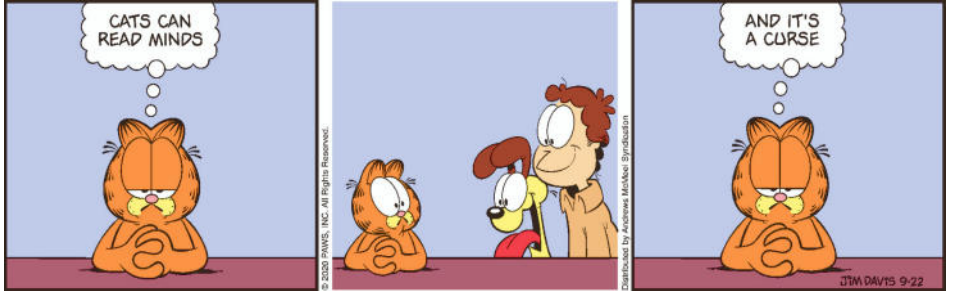
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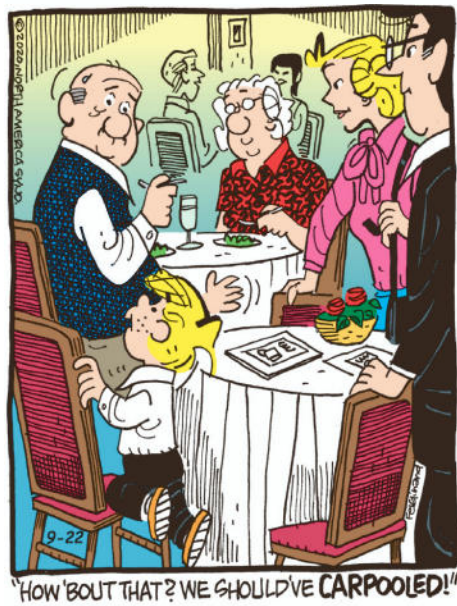
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Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



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By Bil Keane



Bizarro

By Wayne and Piraro



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Tuesday

PUZZLES, HOROSCOPE AND BRIDGE

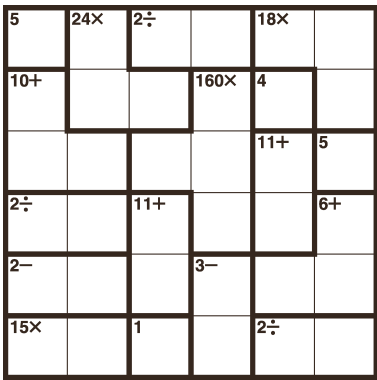
Cryptoquip

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P L   T D P H P I P M C   F Q Y R D P R Y H  
L X Y Q D L   P M   W P I G D ' L   N F G Q Y .  
L V G ' L   T L P M C   R Y Q X G M   L G M L G .

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: F equals P  
Solution for previous Cryptoquip: Tennis champ Evert plucking a guitarlike instrument very outlandishly: ludicrous luter Chris.

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words, and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.  
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Ken Ken



Directions: Each row and each column must contain the numbers 1 through 6 without repeating. The numbers within the heavily outlined boxes, called cages, must combine using the given operation (in any order) to produce the target numbers in the top-left corners. Freebies: Fill in single-box cages with the number in the top-left corner.

Previous solution

Jumble

Previous Jumble solution below Quick Crossword

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

LORED

CKONK

SLOFIS

ECCTAN

Think about it. Multiply yourself with me and you're you. I'm a pretty big deal.

You're so full of yourself!

He is odd. Yep.

I'm three times the number of you!

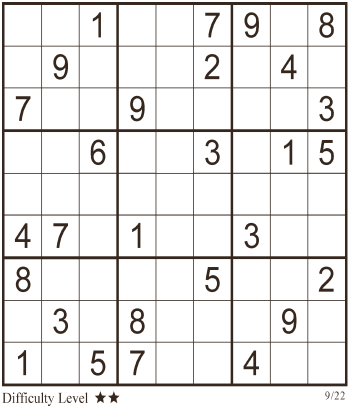
THE FIRST POSITIVE ODD NUMBER CONSIDERED ITSELF TO BE ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

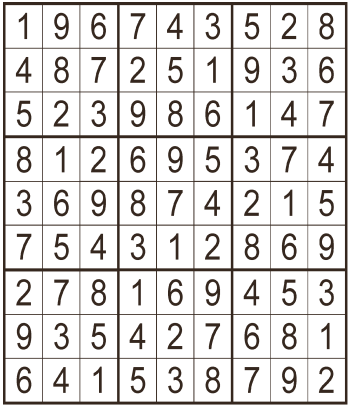
Sudoku

DAVE GREEN

Complete the grid so that every row, column, and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusively.



Difficulty Level ★★



Horoscope

MADALYN ASLAN

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

The following astrological forecasts should be read for entertainment value only. These predictions have no reliable basis in scientific fact.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ☆☆☆☆ Today is perfect for journeys and solving any transportation problems. You will find TV and radio broadcasts informative and enjoyable. Take time to read foreign literature or watch foreign films or documentaries. Tonight: Daydream about your next great adventure.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ☆☆☆☆ Today heightens your analytical skills. You will enjoy deeper insight into the motivation and needs of others. Draw on the wisdom of experience. Check to see what commitments others have made for you. There can be a conflict to straighten out. Tonight: Psychic perceptions are keen.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ☆☆☆ Associates have different thoughts and conflicting information. If you sense some jealousy or anger from a co-worker or family member, rise above it. Strategy and the use of intuition help you win others over to your viewpoint. Tonight: Dinner with your most loved ones.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ☆☆☆☆ There is a more

settled quality to closest relationships. If you have pet animals nearby, one of them bonds with you. Show your love and concern in practical ways. A decluttering of your desk or closet brings delight. Tonight: There are new alliances forming.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ☆☆☆☆ An old love remembers you and could try to rekindle the flame. You will enjoy athletic and adventurous leisure time activities. Other people have important news; you can benefit from their suggestions and experience. Social events are bright. Tonight: Remote partying.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ☆☆☆☆ It's easier to clear away debris and get organized. Stress lessens and your vitality improves. Teamwork and compromise lead to success. It is worthwhile to examine the views voiced by others. Tonight: You're home-concentrated and home-bound. Give yourself a break.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ☆☆☆ Complete projects in progress before considering new directions. Timely responses are appreciated by others. Keep up with prior commitments at work to protect your credibility. Reassuring words from you assure security and goodwill. Tonight: Catch up with a neighbor or old friends.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ☆☆☆☆ Your enthusiasm and added energy make others turn to you for inspiration and leadership. There can be a new demand for your job skills; explore further employ-

ment possibilities. Purchase finery and experiment with artistic expression. Tonight: Talk with someone who's been lonely.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ☆☆☆☆ Your confident and dramatic way of expressing ideas wins supporters. It's a marvelous time to write emails and make calls. Your efforts at sales, public speaking or acting succeed far beyond all expectations. Tonight: Celebrate with your nearest and dearest.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ☆☆☆☆ Today gives you a flair for strategy and subtle action. You'll be more introspective than usual. You're able to cherish your privacy. Even those closest to you will only know what you want to reveal. Tonight: It's a brilliant time to work with affirming visualization.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ☆☆☆☆ It's easy today to forgive and forget old hurts. This is a time to build healthy relationships. Call a friend you'd like to get to know better, or become more active in clubs and groups. You discover a new aptitude and surprise yourself. Tonight: Excitement.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ☆☆☆☆ Today finds you highly visible and creative at work. You'll have opportunities to show what you can do with your career. Your manners and appearance can carry you a long way toward realizing a professional aspiration. Tonight: Online networking and making important contacts.

Contract Bridge

STEVE BECKER

A defender who makes it a practice to falsecard regularly — in an effort to fool the declarer — will sometimes wind up fooling his partner instead and so defeat the very purpose of the falsecard.

However, there are times when a defender can afford to deliberately deceive his partner because he knows that no harm, and perhaps some good, can come from his deceptive measures. Such situations are relatively rare, but they should be exploited when the occasion arises.

Consider this deal where, if you look at all four hands, it seems that the outcome is preordained. Declarer's only

East dealer.  
Both sides vulnerable.

**NORTH**  
♠ A Q 5 4  
♥ J 7  
♦ K J 8 6  
♣ 10 9 5

**WEST**  
♠ 6  
♥ K Q 10 9 4  
♦ 9 7 5 4 2  
♣ 6 3

**EAST**  
♠ J 10 2  
♥ A 6 2  
♦ 3  
♣ A Q J 8 7 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ K 9 8 7 3  
♥ 8 5 3  
♦ A Q 10  
♣ K 2

The bidding:  
East 1 ♣  
South 1 ♠  
West Pass  
North 3 ♠  
Opening lead — king of hearts.  
losers are two hearts and a club, and he should therefore make four spades. But when the hand was played, South fell victim to a clever ruse by East and ended up down one. West led the king of

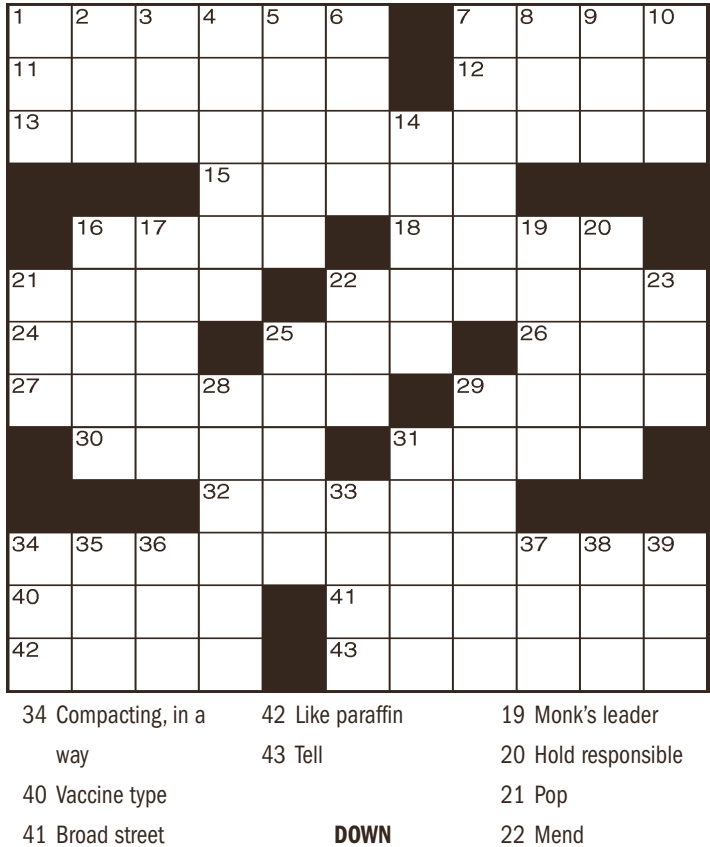
hearts. East overtook the king with the ace and returned the deuce of hearts to West's queen. West naturally assumed that his partner had started with the doubleton A-2 of hearts — which was exactly what East wanted him to think — so West continued with the ten of hearts at trick three.

Declarer could now have made the contract by ruffing low in dummy, but he elected to ruff high because he was afraid East would overruff.

When East followed suit to the third round of hearts, declarer realized he'd been had, but it was too late to do anything about it. The damage had already been done, and East eventually scored a trump trick as well as the ace of clubs to sink the contract.

Joseph Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Enlist
- 7 Iron or wood
- 11 One way to shop
- 12 Flying: Prefix
- 13 Putting on the air
- 15 Jeweler's unit
- 16 Dance bit
- 18 Spill the beans
- 21 Colors
- 22 Ineffectual
- 24 Sleeve filler
- 25 General address
- 26 Inlet
- 27 Apartment with a staircase
- 29 Igloo shape
- 30 Spot for laps
- 31 Locale
- 32 Suit pieces



REMUS  
AGENT  
GOLDA  
ERAS  
ALFRESCO  
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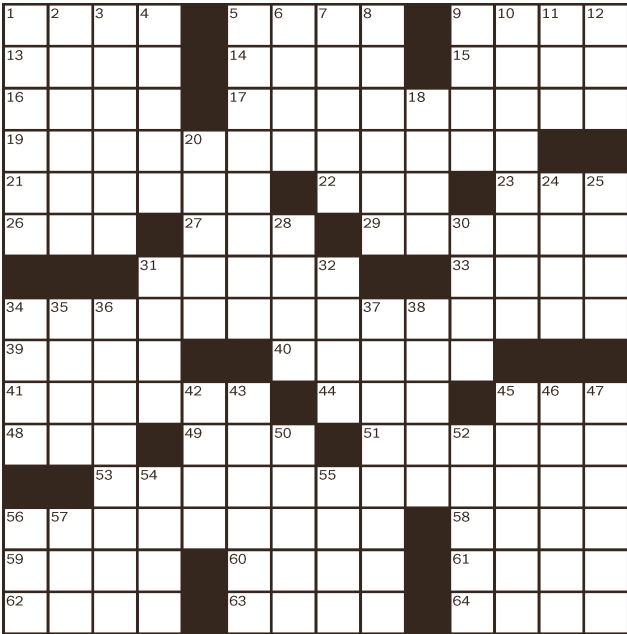
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NERVE  
SAM  
SAVAGE  
PERIL  
RIGS  
CASE  
BRIO  
AMISS  
REVUE  
ASYET

- DOWN**
- 1 Write hastily
- 2 Count starter
- 3 Suffering
- 4 Girls in the family
- 5 Open, in a way
- 6 Still-life fruit
- 7 Some livestock
- 8 Maui souvenir
- 9 Caterer's dispenser
- 10 Marsh
- 14 Cavalry sword
- 16 Pancake topper
- 17 Musical speed
- 19 Monk's leader
- 20 Hold responsible
- 21 Pop
- 22 Mend
- 23 Iris setting
- 25 Tennis star
- Monica
- 28 Enticing
- 29 Make disappear
- 31 Burner setting
- 33 Wound remnant
- 34 Road rescue
- 35 Pitching stat
- 36 Not strict
- 37 One — million
- 38 Bolt partner
- 39 "My word!"

The New York Times Crossword

No. 0818

- ACROSS**
- 1 Piece for Leontyne Price
- 5 Recipe measures: Abbr.
- 9 \_\_\_\_-play
- 13 Something produced by a dogwood tree ... or a dog
- 14 Like a blue moon
- 15 New York State's \_\_\_\_ Canal
- 16 Mine, in Le Mans
- 17 Rights advocate who campaigned for 53-Across
- 19 What 53-Across changed
- 21 A choir might sing in it
- 22 Zeus, to Rhea
- 23 One meas. of economic activity
- 26 Cul-de-\_\_\_\_
- 27 Nickelodeon's "Kenan & \_\_\_\_"
- 29 Call it a day
- 31 Wild
- 33 Compulsively particular, say
- 34 Subject of 53-Across
- 39 Grad
- 40 Front of a pig
- 41 Seven Sisters school in the Hudson Valley
- 44 "If \_\_\_\_ doesn't make us better, then what on earth is it for?": Alice Walker
- 45 Computer key usually hit with the left pinkie
- 48 Tonsillitis-treating doc
- 49 Expected, as a baby
- 51 Balkan land whose capital is Pristina
- 53 Measure fully ratified on 8/18/1920
- 56 36th state to ratify 53-Across, resulting in its passage
- 58 Narrow estuaries
- WOOS  
AUNT  
LIEU  
LOAFS  
SURF  
TIM  
POLES  
SHELLS  
BEETLE  
TARTS  
USER  
ISDUE  
BEACH  
LATKE  
TRESS
- PALS  
AVOW  
WAVES  
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RAY  
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THENE  
SOUT  
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URIS  
PALMS  
SCARP  
SCOOOP
- ADLIB  
AIOLI  
HELLO  
SELF  
TONER  
SADDAY  
CASH  
BAE  
CARDS  
HORA  
OMEN  
OSSA



- 59 Jason's ship, in myth
- 60 Fill-in worker
- 61 Girl of Green Gables
- 62 [OMG!]
- 63 Bullring cries
- 64 "Hey, you!"
- DOWN**
- 1 Simple adding device
- 2 \_\_\_\_ Quimby of children's literature
- 3 Alanis Morissette song about unfortunate situations
- 4 "Sealed With \_\_\_\_"
- 5 Some gym personnel
- 6 One reason dogs lick us is for this, it's believed
- 7 Toyota hybrid
- 8 Division of the economy
- 9 Defaulter's loss, informally
- 10 Citrus drink often sold in a pear-shaped bottle
- 11 Lucy who played Watson on "Elementary"
- 12 Slithery fish
- 18 German article
- 20 Coin in an arcade
- 24 "We're all born naked and the rest is \_\_\_\_": RuPaul
- 25 Brazilian soccer great
- 28 Scottish miss
- 30 Sour
- 31 Ladies, slangily
- 32 Moon goddess
- 34 Surfer's need
- 35 Heroine in Pearl Buck's "The Good Earth"
- 36 Ford Motor muscle cars
- 37 Without the possibility of being taken back
- 38 Foldable bed
- 42 Ending with chick
- 43 Totals
- 45 What juice cleanses are supposed to get rid of
- 46 Feathered creatures
- 47 Complete DVD collection, maybe
- 50 Ford Motor flop of the 1950s
- 52 Bra part
- 54 Pre-Q quartet
- 55 Grumpy Cat or Doge, e.g.
- 56 Kids' game with a lot of running
- 57 Period in history

Monday's Jumble: Going, Foggy, Grubby, Future. The dog with the flea problem told the small parasitic insects to — Bug off.



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Today

69

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Hazy sunshine. Winds NW at 3-6 mph.

A.M. RUSH 39

LUNCH 62

RUSH 68

Tomorrow

76

53

Mostly sunny and nice. Winds WNW at 4-8 mph.

Thursday

76

53

Mostly cloudy. Winds SSW at 3-6 mph.

Friday

77

55

Nice with clouds and sun. Winds SE at 4-8 mph.

Saturday

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61

Clouds and sunshine. Winds SSE at 6-12 mph.

Weather outlook

Hazy sunshine today. Clear tonight. Mostly sunny and nice tomorrow. Thursday: mostly cloudy. Friday: nice with clouds and sun.

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Nation Cities

	Today	Tomorrow
	Hi/Lo W	Hi/Lo W
Albany	66/48 s	71/52 s
Albuquerque	85/58 pc	85/57 s
Allentown	71/49 s	78/52 s
Anchorage	57/47 c	58/46 sh
Atlanta	73/57 pc	75/61 c
Atlantic City	72/56 s	79/58 s
Baltimore	73/52 s	80/56 s
Birmingham	77/61 pc	73/62 c
Boise	80/58 pc	82/60 pc
Boston	67/56 pc	77/58 pc
Buffalo	70/56 pc	74/59 s
Charleston, S.C.	75/52 s	77/59 pc
Charleston, W.Va.	72/47 s	76/53 s
Charlotte	72/50 s	77/57 s
Chicago	79/59 pc	79/59 s
Cincinnati	75/54 s	77/58 s
Cleveland	71/54 pc	74/58 s
Columbus	73/51 pc	78/57 s
Dallas	71/64 r	75/62 c
Dayton	76/53 pc	80/56 s
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Phoenix	103/78 pc	104/78 s
Portland, Maine	66/53 pc	76/54 pc
Portland, Ore.	71/58 pc	68/58 r
Providence	69/53 pc	78/56 s
Richmond	71/50 s	79/54 s
Sacramento	86/55 s	86/59 s
St. Louis	77/58 pc	76/57 c
Salt Lake City	87/59 pc	86/62 pc
San Diego	78/64 pc	81/65 pc
San Francisco	72/58 pc	76/63 pc
San Juan	90/79 t	90/79 t
Seattle	70/58 c	65/57 r
Spokane	71/52 pc	72/52 c
Syracuse	68/50 pc	73/55 pc
Tampa	87/70 pc	87/73 pc
Toledo	77/52 pc	80/56 s
Tucson	97/71 pc	97/71 s
Washington, D.C.	73/55 s	80/60 s
Wheeling	70/48 s	76/53 s
Wilmington, Del.	72/51 s	79/56 s

Yesterday's Record

Readings from the Pittsburgh Int'l. Airport through 5 p.m. Sep 21, 2020

TEMPERATURE

High ..... 67

Normal high ..... 72

Year ago ..... 86

Record high ..... 93 (1895)

Low ..... 40

Normal low ..... 52

Year ago ..... 63

Record low ..... 34 (1962)

DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL

Yesterday ..... -8.6

Month to date ..... -0.4

Year to date ..... +2.0

HUMIDITY

High ..... 82 (at 5 a.m.)

Low ..... 30 (at 4 p.m.)

PRECIPITATION (inches)

24 hours ending 5 p.m. yest. .... 0.00

Month to date ..... 0.64

Normal month to date ..... 2.27

Departure from normal ..... -1.63

Year to date ..... 30.21

Normal year to date ..... 29.07

Departure from normal ..... +1.14

BAROMETER

Yesterday's high ..... 30.55

Yesterday's low ..... 30.40

Skywatch today

Sunrise ..... 7:09 a.m.

Sunset ..... 7:17 p.m.

Moonrise ..... 1:17 p.m.

Moonset ..... 10:57 p.m.

Air Quality

Primary pollutant: Particulates

0-50: Good, 51-100: Moderate, 101-150: Unhealthy for sensitive groups, 151-200: Unhealthy, 201-300: Very Unhealthy, 301-500: Hazardous

Source: Pa. Dept. of Environmental Protection

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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Today's Forecast: ▾

Yesterday's Rating: ▴

River Stages

ALLEGHENY	
Franklin, Pa. ....	2.80 R
Parker, Pa. ....	2.00 F
Sharpsburg, Pa. ....	10.00 S
MONONGAHELA	
Gray's Landing, Pa. ....	9.80 S
CHEAT	
Parsons, W.Va. ....	2.50 F
WEST FORK	
Clarksburg, W.Va. ....	1.27 R
YOUGHIOGHENY	
Sutersville, Pa. ....	3.40 S
BEAVER	
Beaver Falls, Pa. ....	4.90 S
OHIO	
Pittsburgh, Pa. ....	16.50 S
Dashields Dam ..... 13.50 S	
Montgomery Dam, Pa. .... 12.70 R	
Pike Is. Lock and Dam, W.Va. .... 12.80 S	

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

Moon Phases

First

Sep 23

Full

Oct 1

Last

Oct 9

New

Oct 16

World Cities

	Today	Tomorrow
	Hi/Lo W	Hi/Lo W
Athens	84/68 s	84/70 pc
Auckland	64/53 pc	65/56 r
Baghdad	112/77 pc	107/73 pc
Beijing	80/60 c	68/60 c
Berlin	79/55 s	79/57 pc
Bermuda	79/73 pc	79/73 c
Bogota	70/46 pc	68/46 r
Buenos Aires	66/55 pc	67/56 pc
Cairo	94/75 s	91/72 s
Copenhagen	67/55 pc	68/59 pc
Dublin	63/43 sh	54/44 pc
Frankfurt	80/57 pc	78/59 pc
Hong Kong	89/80 sh	89/78 sh
Jerusalem	85/69 s	82/69 s
Johannesburg	72/47 pc	77/54 pc
Kinshasa	87/73 c	88/72 pc
London	76/58 pc	65/48 sh
Madrid	77/55 pc	75/57 pc
Manila	91/79 t	90/78 t
Mexico City	74/54 t	74/56 t
Montreal	65/50 pc	71/53 pc
Moscow	68/49 c	69/50 s
Nairobi	79/53 t	80/58 pc
Nassau	87/77 pc	87/77 pc
New Delhi	92/80 pc	90/77 t
Oslo	60/52 pc	59/48 sh
Paris	80/58 pc	73/53 r
Rio de Janeiro	71/67 r	73/69 sh
Rome	79/66 t	78/65 t
Seoul	78/56 s	77/58 pc
Singapore	87/78 t	89/77 t
Sydney	81/57 s	75/53 s
Tokyo	78/68 c	73/70 r
Toronto	71/54 pc	76/54 s
Vancouver	64/56 pc	62/55 r
Vienna	79/59 pc	74/58 t
Warsaw	78/52 s	79/55 pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

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Big horses on defense delivered most of hits



Shame on T.J. Watt and Cam Heyward for not following protocol. While Heinz Field was locked down to fans and signs were everywhere about staying 6 feet apart, they did not properly social distance from Denver Broncos quarterback Jeff Driskel Sunday in a 26-21 victory.

Watt and Heyward came in contact with Driskel so many times

they could be reprimanded by the governor's office for violating safe-distancing protocol. Watt had 2½ sacks and four quarterback hits while Heyward had a half-sack and four quarterback hits.

It was all part of a defensive effort in which the Steelers had seven sacks and a staggering 19 quarterback hits against the Broncos. Six of the sacks and 16 of the quarterback hits came against Driskel, who replaced starter Drew Lock in the first quarter. Lock was hit three times, the final one knocking him from the game when he was sacked by outside linebacker Bud Dupree and

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Peter Diana/Post-Gazette  
Pittsburgh Steelers defensive tackle Cameron Heyward and linebacker T.J. Watt were all over Denver Broncos quarterback Jeff Driskel on Sunday at Heinz Field.

Hilton, Alualu shine out of the spotlight



You know the big names on the Steelers defense. They get much of the credit for the team's success. T.J. Watt and Bud Dupree, who might be the best outside linebacker pair in the NFL. Minkah Fitzpatrick, a first-team All-Pro safety last season. Cam Heyward, a first-team All-Pro defensive end in two of the past three seasons.

But the Steelers defense wouldn't be so good and the team wouldn't be 2-0 if not for the sizable contributions of two lesser-celebrated players. Mike Hilton is playing as if he wants to be known as the best nickel cornerback in the game. Nose tackle Tyson Alualu

played just 45 percent of the snaps in the wins against the New York Football Giants and the Denver Broncos but had a significant impact in each game.

"We've got a lot of guys able to make plays," Hilton said of a defense that had 10 sacks, 26

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Associated Press  
Vanderbilt's Kumar Rocker, a likely candidate for the No. 1 pick in the MLB draft, had his sophomore campaign shut down by COVID-19.

A rocker on mound

Vanderbilt pitcher might just be what Pirates need, but draft procedures not set in stone



He's the light at the end of the tunnel for Pirates fans, the carrot dangling in front of a frustrating 2020 season: Kumar Rocker, a flame-throwing right-handed pitcher from Vanderbilt and likely No. 1 overall pick in the 2021 MLB draft.

#TankForKumar has become a thing and for pretty good

reason, as Rocker is someone MLB.com senior writer and draft/prospect expert Jonathan Mayo described as "the quintessential power pitcher" and "fearless on the mound."

Rocker can dial it up to 98-99 mph. He throws a devastating slider. He's fun to watch and has dominated with the Commodores, throwing a no-hitter in the 2019 NCAA tournament while striking out 19.

But this also isn't set in stone. Major League Baseball has not

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The Rocker Sweepstakes

**Projected No. 1 Pick:** Kumar Rocker, RHP, Vanderbilt  
**Height:** 6-4  
**Weight:** 255

- Ranked the No. 2 high school RHP in the 2018 draft by MLB.com.
- Drafted by the Colorado Rockies in the 38th round of the 2018 draft.
- Lettered for two years in football at North Oconee High School in Bogart, Ga.
- In four NCAA tournament starts, went 4-0 with a 0.96 ERA.

	GP	W	L	IP	H	R	ER	K	BB	ERA
2018-19	22	12	5	99.2	88	40	36	114	21	3.25
2019-20	5	2	1	15.0	6	5	3	28	8	1.80
Career	27	14	6	114.2	94	45	39	142	29	3.06



Cathedral takes part in uniform history

New brand design features building

In October 2017, Nike designers visited Pitt's campus to visualize and discuss the Panthers' ongoing rebranding efforts. Pitt already had returned to the script, but now under Nike's Global Identity Group umbrella, athletic director Heather Lyke and her staff eyed a significant overhaul — one that was later revealed in April 2019 with the blue and yellow colors, a panther head logo, the works.

But on that trip to Pittsburgh three autumns ago, Nike's designers became smitten by the Cathedral of Learning — and more specifically, the 100-year-old ironwork of blacksmith Samuel Yellin.

"What Nike told us during that time frame is, 'When you're prepared for an alternate, we have a plan that we think makes a lot of sense to emphasize this brand and take advantage of the Cathedral,' " Pitt deputy athletic director Christian Spears said. "So what we left out when we did the rebranding was the ironwork of the Cathedral of Learning. And we saved it for the alternate."

The result? A metal gray look that creates a sense of "steel city pride," Pat Narduzzi said.

Pitt's alternate uniforms — the program's first since the April 2019 brand launch — were revealed over the weekend and will be worn by the Panthers Saturday when they face Louisville at Heinz Field. The uniform features logos and other subtle homages to Pitt, the City of Pittsburgh and its steel-worker roots.

On the jersey's right shoulder, "H2P" is embroidered inside a circle, similar to the "USS" badge that United States Steel Corporation employees wore, Spears said. On the right breastplate is a yellow logo of Yellin, the early 1900s blacksmith, forging steel. And above a black and yellow panther logo, reminiscent of steel's smelting process, is Yellin's Cathedral gates design gracing the jersey's neckline.

"It is so intricate and so amazing that the designers at Nike really took hold of it," Spears said of Yellin's

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STANLEY CUP FINAL: LIGHTNING 3, STARS 2

Tampa Bay ties series, 1-1

Scores on two early power-play chances

The Associated Press

EDMONTON, Alberta — Nikita Kucherov and the Tampa Bay Lightning got themselves up off the ice to get even in the Stanley Cup final.

Kucherov had the primary assists on power-play goals by Brayden Point and Ondrej Palat in the first period before Kevin Shattenkirk scored and the

Lightning held on for a 3-2 victory against the Dallas Stars to win Game 2 Monday night at Rogers Place.

Those three goals came in a span of four shots in less than four minutes against Anton Khudobin, who made a Stanley Cup final-record 22 saves in the third period for the Stars in their 4-1 win in Game 1 two nights earlier. Game 3 is Wednesday night.

Joe Pavelski and Mattias Janmark scored for Dallas on passes from John Klingberg, with Alexander Radulov also assisting on both.

Kucherov left the bench momentarily early in the game after slamming hard into the boards on a collision with defenseman Jamie Oleksiak after trying to block a shot. Kucherov already had ended up on the ice twice before, when he was popped by Dallas captain Jamie Benn and when he drew a high-sticking penalty against Janmark.

On their second power play in Game 2, the Lightning cycled the puck to set up Kucherov's pass to Point to open the scoring 11:23

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Bruce Bennett/Getty Images  
Ondrej Palat (18) of the Tampa Bay Lightning celebrates after scoring against the Dallas Stars in Game 2 of the Stanley Cup final Monday at Rogers Place in Edmonton, Alberta.

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Pirates again waste a good start from their pitcher in loss to Cubs. **Page D-5**

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Giants RB Saquon Barkley is one of several players done for the year. **Page D-2**

**Trophy season**  
Oilers forward Leon Draisaitl won the Hart Trophy as the league's MVP. **Page D-3**

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Pro Football / High Schools

# Barkley's season over with torn ACL in right knee

From wire dispatches

New York Giants running back Saquon Barkley will miss the rest of the season with a major injury to his right knee. The Giants said an MRI Monday confirmed Barkley tore the anterior cruciate ligament in the knee Sunday in a loss to the Chicago Bears. Barkley, the 2018 NFL offensive player of the year, will have to wait for the swelling in his knee to subside before having surgery, which the team said would be in the near future.

Barkley went down hard on the Chicago sideline after trying to fend off Bears safety Eddie Jackson on a 6-yard carry early in the second quarter.

The No. 2 overall draft choice in 2018 dragged his

## NFL notebook

right leg behind him as he was helped back across the field to the sideline.

After a short conversation with trainers, Barkley got on a cart and was driven into the tunnel.

Giants coach Joe Judge said a lot of NFL players have had ACL injuries and come back the next year to play well, with Adrian Peterson, now of the Lions, a prime example.

“This is a young guy who is very physically gifted,” Judge said. “There are good doctors out there and he is going to get the very best medical treatment.”

With Barkley out, veteran and former Pitt standout Dion Lewis takes over at halfback.

## Monday's game

Derek Carr threw three touchdown passes and the Raiders gave their new fans in Las Vegas plenty to celebrate even if they weren't allowed in the stadium by beating the New Orleans Saints, 34-24. The new \$2 billion stadium in the desert held its first event following the Raiders' move from Oakland without any fans because of the COVID-19 pandemic. That was one of the few things that didn't go right for the Raiders (2-0), who overcame an early 10-point deficit to the Saints (1-1) and opened the season with two wins for the fourth time in the past 25 seasons.

## Panthers

All-Pro runing back

Christian McCaffrey is expected to miss “multiple weeks” with a high right ankle sprain. “I have prided myself on being on the field [but] freak accidents happen a lot, and this is one of them,” said McCaffrey, only the third player in NFL history to eclipse 1,000 yards rushing and receiving in the same season (2019).

## Vikings

Four-time Pro Bowl linebacker Anthony Barr will miss the remainder of the season because of a torn pectoral muscle. Barr was hurt before halftime of Minnesota's 28-11 loss Sunday and will be placed on injured reserve. Barr, the ninth overall pick out of UCLA in 2014, signed a five-year, \$67.5 million contract in 2019, but the

Vikings aren't on the hook for much after this season.

## Broncos

Quarterback Drew Lock could be out until midseason with a severely bruised throwing shoulder and whenever he does return he'll be without his top target for the rest of the season. Coach Vic Fangio confirmed that Pro Bowl wide receiver Courtland Sutton tore his left ACL against the Steelers and is done for the season.

## Browns

Starting linebacker Mack Wilson and starting cornerback Greedy Williams returned to practice, and nickel back Kevin Johnson was back on the field for the first time since he suffered a lacerated liver during an

August practice and had to be hospitalized.

## Elsewhere

The NFL reportedly will take a look at MetLife Stadium's turf after a number of injuries led one San Francisco 49ers player to call it “trash” and Coach Kyle Shanahan described it as “sticky.” Defensive lineman Nick Bosa went down early in the game with a knee injury and, two plays later, defensive lineman Solomon Thomas hurt his knee. On offense, running back Raheem Mostert (knee) and quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo (high ankle sprain) were injured before halftime. Pro Football Talk reported that the NFL's field operations unit would look into the complaints.

# Defense delivering big hits

STEELERS, FROM D-1

fumbled.

“You know, that’s just the code that we live by,” Steelers coach Mike Tomlin said. “I wouldn’t necessarily call it a game plan. It’s just our personality.”

After leading the league with 54 sacks and 117 quarterback hits in 2019, the Steelers already are back at doing what they do best. They have 10 sacks and 27 quarterback hits after two games, and it doesn’t sound as though they have any intention of backing off.

“We’re capable of really bringing anybody except the field corner,” Tomlin said. “That’s kind of our philosophical approach. We’re a blitz group. It’s tough to bring the field corner because of the distance he plays from, but anybody else is capable of coming, and that’s just the code we live by.”

While the pressure on Lock and Driskel was among the bright spots against the Broncos, the number of pass interference penalties was not. Joe Haden, Minkah Fitzpatrick and Terrell Edmunds were called for pass interference on third-down plays. Linebacker Devin Bush was called on a second-down play.

The Steelers already have had five pass interference penalties called after two games, a third of their total (15) from 2019.

“I think some of those calls, they were just bang-bang,” said Haden, who has two of the five pass interference penalties. “I thought a lot of them were bang-bang and could have gone either way. We’re getting there right on time. Sometimes those bang-bang calls just don’t go your way.”

Other observations after the Steelers started 2-0 for the first time since the 2017 season:

- Vince Williams continues to show why he’s so important to the run defense, registering three tackles for losses for the second game in a row. But



Peter Diana/Post-Gazette

Steelers outside linebacker Bud Dupree causes Broncos quarterback Drew Lock to fumble in the first half of Sunday's game at Heinz Field.

teams will continue to try to exploit him in coverage, which is what happened when he got matched against Broncos running back Melvin Gordon and was beaten for a 15-yard touchdown.

- James Conner had just 43 yards on 14 carries before breaking a 59-yard run — the longest of his career — with 90 seconds remaining. His previous long run was 30 yards in the 2018 season. Conner, though, is running tentatively, cradling the ball with both arms when he approaches the line of scrimmage.
- Diontae Johnson is fast becoming one of the best punt returners in the league. He had an 81-yard touchdown return negated by a penalty against Cameron Sutton but also had a shift 18-yard return in which he made nearly half of

the Broncos coverage team miss.

- Nose tackle Tyson Alualu, who is getting more playing time with the departure of Javon Hargrave, had maybe his best game with the Steelers. He had five tackles, a sack, two quarterback hits and a pass defended.

## Injury absence

After losing Zach Banner for the season and putting Stefan Wisniewski on short-term injured reserve because of injuries in the season opener, the Steelers made it through the Broncos game without any issues. That was good news on a day when many top players around the league were injured.

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# Hilton, Alualu making plays

COOK, FROM D-1

quarterback hurries, three interceptions and a fumble recovery in the first two games.

Hilton makes plenty of big plays for a little man, just 5-foot-9. He made more in the first half against the Broncos Sunday — four tackles, a sack, two tackles for losses, a fumble recovery, a quarterback hurry and a pass defended — than many players make in a month. But Hilton's best play might have happened late in the game when he ran down running back Melvin Gordon from behind and held him to a 3-yard gain on second- and 5 from the Steelers 18. Quarterback Jeff Driskel threw an incompletion on third down and was sacked by Terrell Edmunds on fourth down to virtually end the 26-21 win. That sack gave the Steelers seven against the Broncos to go with 19 quarterback hurries.

The surprise was that Hilton didn't get that final sack. Does he have a knack for getting to the quarterback or what? His sack Sunday gave him two in two games this season and 8½ for his career, tying him for second most among NFL defensive backs since he joined the league in 2017. His 25 tackles for losses also rank second among defensive backs. He is one of the best bargains in the league at \$3.26 million this season and is certain to get a big raise when he becomes a free agent after the season.

“It starts with our front and our linebackers,” Hilton said of his pass-rushing success. “Offensive lines are so worried about those guys up front.”

Alualu is the answer to one of the most frequently asked questions in the off-season: Who is going to replace Javon Hargrave, who left for a three-year, \$39 million contract with the Philadelphia Eagles?



Associated Press

Steelers cornerback Mike Hilton (28) made plenty of big plays on Sunday.

Alualu had been a solid depth player since joining the Steelers before the 2017 season after spending seven seasons with the Jacksonville Jaguars. But as a starter in their base defense? “I think I’m fitting in pretty well,” he said.

Alualu had four tackles — two for losses — and a quarterback hurry against the Giants. He was one of many reasons the Steelers held running back Saquon Barkley to 6 yards on 15 carries.

Aluala was back at it against the Broncos with five tackles, a sack, two quarterback hurries and one pass defended. On consecutive plays in the second quarter, he sacked quarterback Jeff Driskel and then batted away a Driskel pass. The Broncos ended up trying a 58-yard field goal that was no good on that drive.

It’s worth noting that Hargrave, who missed the Eagles’ first game with a strained pectoral muscle, played Sunday in their loss to the Los Angeles Rams and didn’t have any stats in 25 defensive snaps.

Alualu, humble like Hilton, gave credit to the stars around him during a Zoom call Monday.

“I think just having the guys we do on our defense

makes it a lot better for me, whether it’s Bud or T.J. coming off the edge or Cam and [Stephon] Tuitt pushing up the middle. I think when teams have to game plan around those guys, it makes it that much easier for me to go out there and do my job ...

“When I’m out there, I don’t want to let them down.”

Alualu is confident the defense can carry the Steelers a long way. He came here as a free agent because “I just wanted to be a part of something special.” This defense is giving him that chance. It’s a better defense than any he has played on. The Jaguars didn’t make the playoffs in his seven seasons with them and were 30-82. The 45-42 loss to the Jaguars — of all teams — in the playoffs after the 2017 season after the Steelers went 13-3 still haunts him.

And drives him.

“I’m just grateful,” Alualu said, “for this opportunity.”

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## HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS, SCHEDULE

MONDAY	
Football	
WPIAL CLASS 5A	
NON-CONFERENCE	
Kiski Area 36, Connellsville 35	
Score by quarters and scoring summary not reported.	
Field Hockey	
WPIAL CLASS 2A	
Penn-Trafford 3, Fox Chapel 1	
WPIAL CLASS 1A	
Winchester Thurston 12, Sewickley Acad. 3	
Boys Golf	
WPIAL CLASS 3A SECTIONAL QUALIFIERS	
Section 1	
at Greensburg CC	
Nick Turowski, Penn-Trafford, 74	
Alex Turowski, Penn-Trafford, 77	
Logan Divald, Norwin, 80	
Noah Oliver, Armstrong, 81	
Section 4	
at Meadowlark GC	
Michael Wareham, Franklin Regional, 73	
Rocco Salvitti, Central Catholic, 74	
Chuck Tragesser, Franklin Regional, 74	
Carter Pitcairn, Central Catholic, 77	
Connor Walker, Central Catholic, 77	
Zach Abdallah, Franklin Regional, 77	
Jeff Anderchak, Franklin Regional, 78	
Section 5	
at Fox Run GC	
Justin Scally, Moon, 74	
Ben Kwin, Moon, 79	
Anthony Pass, West Allegheny, 76	
Section 6	
at Cedarbrook GC	
Callan Wilcox, Mt. Lebanon, 77	
Josh Shellenberger, Mt. Lebanon, 79	
Connor Woods, Baldwin, 80	
Frank Visnikar, Bethel Park, 82	
Niko Renton, Mt. Lebanon, 82	

WPIAL CLASS 2A SECTIONAL QUALIFIERS	
Section 2	
at Norvelt GC	
Ben Ritenour, Greensburg C.C. 81	
Clay Sipple, Southmoreland, 82	
Jonathan Wagner, Mount Pleasant, 82	
Hunter Jurica, Derry, 84	
Austin Georing, Southmoreland, 84	
Section 4	
at Ponderosa GC	
Matt Lacey, Fort Cherry, 76	
Jake Orr, McGuffey, 81	
Joey Toth, South Park, 81	
Section 5	
at Stonecrest GC	
Tom George, Shenango, 77	
Sam Haswell, Laurel, 78	
Justin Lockley, Neshannock, 80	
Jack Barth, Mohawk, 81	
Joey Hudson, Ellwood City, 81	
Paul Litrenta, Neshannock, 83	
Liam Kisior, Neshannock, 84	
Milo Sesti, Ellwood City, 84	
Section 7	
at South Park GC	
Brendan Cooley, Serra Catholic, 84	
Logan Monzak, Elizabeth Forward, 85	
A.J. Palmer, Elizabeth Forward, 86	
Section 8	
at Chippewa GC	
Kyle Clayton, Jefferson-Morgan, 74	
Liam Lohr, Carmichaels, 81	
Chase Hazelbaker, Frazier, 82	
WPIAL CLASS 3A	
Section 8	
Hampton 202, Freeport 242	
Girls Golf	
WPIAL CLASS 3A	
Section 1	
Blackhawk 183, Mars 184	
Moon 177, North Allegheny 186	
Seneca Valley 184, Pine-Richland 218	
Section 2	
Oakland Catholic 194, Bethel Park 241	
Peters Township 177, Oakland Cath. 194	
Peters Township 177, Bethel Park 241	
South Fayette 178, Mt. Lebanon 190	

Upper St. Clair 188, Oakland Cath. 194	Upper St. Clair 188, Bethel Park 241
Section 3	
Franklin Regional 177, Indiana 205	
Section 4	
Butler 179, Kiski Area 245	
WPIAL CLASS 2A	
Section 1	
Greensburg C.C. 162, Derry 230	
Boys Soccer	
WPIAL CLASS 3A	
Section 3	
Thomas Jefferson 4, Laurel Highlands 1	
Section 4	
Franklin Regional 4, Plum 1	
WPIAL CLASS 2A	
Section 1	
Elizabeth Forward 1, Steel Valley 0	
WPIAL CLASS 1A	
Section 1	
Jeannette 13, Geibel 0	
O.L. Sacred Heart 7, Neshannock 0	
Section 2	
Winchester Thurston 6, Serra 0	
NON-SECTION	
Eden Christian 3, Brentwood 2	
West Mifflin 5, McKeesport 0	
SCORING LEADERS	
6 goals: Jordan Taylor, Geibel.	
4 goals: Marcello Majano, West Mifflin.	
Girls Soccer	
WPIAL CLASS 4A	
Section 1	
Butler 4, North Hills 1	
North Allegheny 6, Pine-Richland 1	
Peters Township 1, Mt. Lebanon 0	
Section 2	
Bethel Park 3, Canon-McMillan 0	
Moon 1, Upper St. Clair 0	
Section 3	
Fox Chapel 2, Latrobe 0	
Norwin 5, Hempfield 0	
WPIAL CLASS 3A	
Section 1	
Franklin Regional 8, Armstrong 0	
Indiana 1, Gateway 0	
Kiski Area 5, Knoch 2	

Section 2	
Belle Vernon 2, Ringgold 1	
Laurel Highlands 6, Greensburg-Salem 0	
Trinity 6, Albert Gallatin 0	
Section 3	
Thomas Jefferson 5, Penn Hills 0	
Section 4	
Mars 5, South Fayette 0	
Montour 2, Central Valley 1	
West Allegheny 2, Chartiers Valley 1 (OT)	
WPIAL CLASS 2A	
Section 1	
Avonworth 3, Beaver 1	
North Catholic 5, Hopewell 0	
Section 2	
Freeport 5, Deer Lakes 2	
Valley 6, Highlands 0	
Section 3	
Brownsville 8, Mount Pleasant 2	
Southmoreland 5, McGuffey 1	
Section 4	
Elizabeth Forward 7, West Mifflin 0	
South Allegheny 5, Keystone Oaks 2	
South Park 7, East Allegheny 0	
WPIAL CLASS 1A	
Section 1	
Greensburg C.C. 8, Serra 0	
Springdale 4, Apollo-Ridge 2	
Section 2	
Chartiers-Houston 6, Monessen 0	
Seton LaSalle 7, Beth-Center 0	
Section 3	
Freedom 11, South Side Beaver 1	
O.L. Sacred Heart 5, Mohawk 1	
Riverside 9, Neshannock 0	
Section 4	
Ellis School 5, Carlynton 0	
Sewickley Academy 4, Aquinas Acad. 1	
NON-SECTION	
Bentworth 2, Waynesburg 0	
Blackhawk 1, Kams City 1	
Windber 8, Ligonier Valley 0	
SCORING LEADERS	
5 goals: Tessa Dellarose, Brownsville;	
Olivia Stetz, South Allegheny.	
4 goals: Paige Kuisis, Seton LaSalle.	
3 goals: Ava Kovscek, Brownsville;Dalia	

Milch, Ellis School; Sydney Kranick, Franklin Regional; Renae Mohrbacher and Shaye Bailey, Freedom; Sara Felder, Greensburg C.C.; Peyton Shoaf, Laurel Highlands; Olivia Cernuto, Southmoreland; Alyssa Clutter, Trinity, Natalie Buza, Windber.	
Girls Tennis	
WPIAL CLASS 3A	
Section 1	
Franklin Regional 4, Hempfield 1	
Penn-Trafford 4, Connellsville 1	
Section 4	
West Allegheny 5, South Fayette 0	
WPIAL CLASS 2A	
Section 3	
Allerdice 3, Thomas Jefferson 2	
Ellis School 5, Highlands 0	
Section 4	
Ellwood City 4, Riverside 1	
Neshannock 4, Blackhawk 1	
NON-SECTION	
Avella 3, Hopewell 2	
Girls Volleyball	
WPIAL CLASS 4A	
Section 2	
Bethel Park 3, Canon-McMillan 1	
Upper St. Clair 3, Peters Township 1	
WPIAL CLASS 3A	
Section 1	
Franklin Regional 3, McKeesport 0	
Plum 3, Indiana 0	
Section 2	
Montour 3, Ringgold 0	
Section 3	
Albert Gallatin 3, Yough 0	
Elizabeth Forward 3, Uniontown 0	
Laurel Highlands 3, Thomas Jefferson 0	
Section 4	
Beaver 3, Hopewell 0	
Blackhawk 3, New Castle 0	
WPIAL CLASS 2A	
Section 1	
Neshannock 3, New Brighton 0	
Shenango 3, Freedom 0	
Section 2	
Seton LaSalle 3, Brentwood 0	



Hockey / College Football



Corey Perry (10) of the Dallas Stars is checked by Tampa Bay's Ryan McDonagh in Game 2 of the Stanley Cup Final Monday. Bruce Bennett/Getty Images

Lightning wins, ties series, 1-1

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into the game. Three minutes later, soon after Khudobin slid over to stop Kucherov's one-timer, Palat finished a nice passing sequence, taking advantage of a half-open net. Victor Hedman had the secondary assist on both of those goals.

Shattenkirk scored less than a minute later.

It was the first time in seven games Tampa Bay scored the opening goal.

Andrei Vasilevskiy stopped 27 shots for Tampa Bay. Khudobin had 28 saves.

Tampa Bay had failed to score on its previous 14 power-play chances with the man advantage, since Game 3 of the Eastern

Conference final, until the Kucherov-assisted goals.

Dallas finally got on the board on a power play with 5:17 left in the second. Klingberg took a shot from near the blue line, and Pavelski redirected the puck with his raised stick even with Ryan McDonagh all over him in front of the net.

In the third period, Klingberg was in the right circle, when instead of taking a shot as Vasilevskiy expected, passed to the stick Janmark, who had charged and suddenly stopped behind Shattenkirk just beyond the crease to score.

The Lightning looked to have another goal, and a two-goal lead, with just under 11 minutes left when

Mikhail Sergachev shot from the point and got the puck through traffic past Khudobin. But Dallas interim coach Rick Bowness challenged that Tampa Bay was offside, and replay clearly showed that Blake Coleman was.

Late in the second period, Pat Maroon decked Khudobin after taking a shot and got a goalie interference penalty. Earlier in the shift, McDonagh knocked Blake Comeau down and out with a questionable hit. Corey Perry and Cedric Paquette went at it, with Perry putting him in a headlock before an angry Paquette flipped him over.

NOTES — Pavelski's 10th goal this postseason was No.

58 in his career, matching former Stars standout Mike Modano for second-most by a U.S. born-player. Joe Mullen's 60 is the most, still less than half of the overall record of 122 for Wayne Gretzky. ... Kucherov's 28 points (6 goals, 22 assists) are the most in a postseason for a Tampa Bay player. Point now has 26 points (10 goals, 16 assists), matching the previous record set by Brad Richards (12 goals, 14 assists) in the 2004 championship run. ... The Lightning has started all three of the Stanley Cup final appearances the same way, losing Game 1 and then winning Game 2. Tampa Bay was the 2004 champion when it beat Calgary in a seven-game series, and lost the 2015 final in six games against Chicago.

Oilers' Draisaitl wins Hart Trophy

By The Associated Press

NHL notebook

The Stanley Cup final is in Edmonton, and Oilers star Leon Draisaitl made history Monday night.

Only it had more to do with his home country than his home arena.

Draisaitl became the first German player to win the Hart Trophy as MVP after leading the league in scoring with 110 points in 71 games. He also won the Ted Lindsay Award for most outstanding player as voted by peers.

Draisaitl joins former NBA star Dirk Nowitzki as the only German players to earn MVP honors in one of the four major North American professional sports leagues.

"Dirk was obviously someone that I look up to, someone that I admire: the way he presents himself and the way he really has achieved everything that there is to achieve for a professional athlete in North America," Draisaitl said. "He's always been someone that I look up and it's a big honor for me to be in that conversation."

Draisaitl finished ahead of Colorado Avalanche center Nathan MacKinnon and New York Rangers winger Artemi Panarin in voting by the Professional Hockey Writers Association. He scored 43 goals, and his 67 assists were a career high despite the regular season being cut short.

Winnipeg's Connor Hellebuyck won the Vezina Trophy as top goaltender, Nashville's Roman Josi got the Norris Trophy as the best defenseman, and Colorado's Cale Makar won the Calder Trophy as rookie of the year.

Draisaitl is the second

Oilers player to win the Hart in the past four years following Connor McDavid, who is widely considered the best hockey player in the world. Draisaitl played with and without McDavid this season and produced even more.

"I think Connor and I have a very healthy, great, competitive relationship and we just try and make each other better every day," Draisaitl said.

Edmonton was eliminated in the qualifying round of the expanded 24-team playoffs despite playing games in its — empty, of course — home rink. Minutes before the Dallas Stars and Tampa Bay Lightning faced off in Game 2 of the final, Draisaitl accepted the Hart and Ted Lindsay virtually from his home in Cologne, Germany.

Draisaitl would rather still be playing for the chance to win a title and add another banner to the rafters at Rogers Place.

"It's a nice personal reward," Draisaitl said. "But there's nothing that comes ahead of the Stanley Cup. That's the same for any player in the league. If I could hand those two or three awards back in for a Stanley Cup, I would do that in a heartbeat and I think so would everyone else."

Elsewhere

Bob Nevin, a fan favorite who won two Stanley Cups with the Toronto Maple Leafs before a successful run as captain of the New York Rangers, has died. He was 82.

Cathedral part of new brand

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ironwork, crafted in the 1930s. "He happened to get that project, and boy did we benefit from it, because it is exceptionally good."

Spears also said the metal gray helmet has a rough exterior feel with "a little bit of grit." He commended the work of Pitt equipment manager Derek Moos for creating the sheen and patina, resembling worn metal.

The helmet and uniform has attracted plenty of attention on social media, with Pitt football's reveal post garnering 1,700 likes and 800 retweets as of Monday afternoon. Fans and players alike have complimented the design, which has been utilized in all of Pitt's branding this week.

One player — senior safety Damar Hamlin — got an advanced look at the uniforms, well before the Sunday reveal. No, he didn't get a head's up just because he's from town. Hamlin wore the alternate threads in Pitt's reveal video, which was filmed at the Cathedral of Learning over the summer.

With COVID-19 protocols shutting down campus, Spears said Hamlin and a small crew had the Cathedral to themselves for a quick day of filming. The captain stayed "tight-lipped" about the upcoming alternates and nothing got out until Sunday.

Despite the general excitement around the reveal, the alternate uniform is a "one off," Spears said. In other words, don't expect to see the sheet metal look take over as Pitt's home or away getup anytime soon. It's just a way to mix things up and get players intrigued, both current Panthers and recruits considering Narduzzi's program — all while recognizing the city and the university's heritage.

"I don't really think our kids realize what they're putting on. I think they like the look, but I want to make sure they know why it looks



A look at the alternate uniform the Pitt football team will wear Sept. 26, 2020, against Louisville. Pitt athletics

like it does," Narduzzi said. "It's Pittsburgh through and through. It's the steel city. And we've got to go out and play with some pride with those things on."

"We'll have some fun with it. And if the guys decide they love 'em and want to wear 'em again, then so be it," Spears added. "Can you go wrong when you pay homage to our steelworkers and one of the most iconic academic buildings in the United States? So that's what we went with. Hopefully it'll be well-received, and we win the ballgame."

Players of the week

Cam Bright and Rashad Weaver were named the ACC's linebacker and co-defensive lineman of the week, respectively, for their performances against Syracuse.

Bright had a career-high 10 tackles to go along with 2.5 tackles for loss and a forced fumble. Weaver, meanwhile, logged seven tackles and two sacks in his season debut.

Game info announced

Fans with Comcast and Armstrong cable packages are forced to find another means to watch Pitt for a fourth consecutive week.

On Monday, the ACC announced its television and kickoff information for the following week, and Pitt's game against N.C. State will air on the ACC Network. The home contest, Pitt's fourth in a row to start the season, will kick at noon at Heinz Field.

Pitt has yet to announce if fans will be allowed in the Heinz Field stands in October, though at this point it seems unlikely. The Panthers and Steelers each acknowledged in August that attendance would be prohibited in September due to the state's social distancing guidelines and limit of 250 people at outdoor events.

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# MLB

## STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE										
East	W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.	Last 10	Home	Away		
z-Tampa Bay	37	19	.661	—	W-1	7-3	17-9	20-10		
z-New York	31	22	.585	4½	L-1	9-1	21-7	10-15		
Toronto	27	26	.509	8½	W-1	3-7	12-7	15-19		
Baltimore	23	31	.426	13	W-1	3-7	13-20	10-11		
Boston	20	34	.370	16	W-1	5-5	9-19	11-15		
Central										
W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.	Last 10	Home	Away			
z-Chicago	34	20	.630	—	L-2	6-4	17-10	17-10		
z-Minnesota	33	22	.600	1½	W-2	6-4	21-5	12-17		
Cleveland	30	24	.556	4	W-2	4-6	13-11	17-13		
Detroit	22	30	.423	11	L-1	3-7	12-15	10-15		
Kansas City	21	32	.396	12½	L-3	6-4	10-13	11-19		
West										
W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.	Last 10	Home	Away			
z-Oakland	33	20	.623	—	L-1	5-5	20-8	13-12		
Houston	27	26	.509	6	W-2	5-5	20-8	7-18		
Los Angeles	24	31	.436	10	W-1	6-4	16-15	8-16		
Seattle	23	30	.434	10	L-1	4-6	12-9	11-21		
Texas	19	35	.352	14½	L-1	4-6	13-13	6-22		

## NATIONAL LEAGUE

East	W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.	Last 10	Home	Away		
Atlanta	31	22	.585	—	W-1	6-4	15-8	16-14		
Miami	28	25	.528	3	L-1	6-4	11-15	17-10		
Philadelphia	27	27	.500	4½	L-2	4-6	19-13	8-14		
New York	24	31	.436	8	L-2	4-6	11-17	13-14		
Washington	21	32	.396	10	W-2	4-6	10-16	11-16		
Central										
W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.	Last 10	Home	Away			
Chicago	32	22	.593	—	W-1	7-3	19-14	13-8		
St. Louis	26	24	.520	4	W-4	6-4	11-11	15-13		
Cincinnati	28	27	.509	4½	W-2	8-2	15-12	13-15		
Milwaukee	26	27	.491	5½	L-1	6-4	15-14	11-13		
Pittsburgh	15	39	.278	17	L-5	1-9	10-19	5-20		
West										
W	L	Pct.	GB	Strk.	Last 10	Home	Away			
z-Los Angeles	38	16	.704	—	L-1	6-4	16-8	22-8		
z-San Diego	34	20	.630	4	W-1	7-3	21-9	13-11		
San Francisco	26	26	.500	11	W-1	5-5	16-9	10-17		
Colorado	23	29	.442	14	W-1	3-7	12-18	11-11		
Arizona	20	34	.370	18	L-2	5-5	11-13	9-21		

z-clinched playoff berth

## LEADERS Through Sunday

AMERICAN LEAGUE										
<b>PITCHING</b> —Bieber, Cleveland, 8-1; Lynn, Texas, 6-2; Keuchel, Chicago, 6-2; Gonzales, Seattle, 6-2; Fiers, Oakland, 6-2; G.Cole, New York, 6-3; Dobnak, Minnesota, 6-4; Foster, Chicago, 5-0; Maeda, Minnesota, 5-1; J.Hernández, Texas, 5-1. <b>ERA</b> —Bieber, Cleveland, 1.74; Keuchel, Chicago, 2.04; Maeda, Minnesota, 2.52; Lynn, Texas, 2.53; Bassitt, Oakland, 2.57; Carrasco, Cleveland, 2.90; G.Cole, New York, 3.00; Ryu, Toronto, 3.00; Bundy, Los Angeles, 3.12; Gonzales, Seattle, 3.49. <b>STRIKEOUTS</b> —Bieber, Cleveland, 112; G.Cole, New York, 87; Giolito, Chicago, 86; Lynn, Texas, 84; Glasnow, Tampa Bay, 83; Carrasco, Cleveland, 74; Maeda, Minnesota, 71; Bundy, Los Angeles, 69; Ryu, Toronto, 68; F.Valdez, Houston, 68.										

NATIONAL LEAGUE										
<b>PITCHING</b> —Fried, Atlanta, 7-0; Darvish, Chicago, 7-2; Davies, San Diego, 7-3; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 6-2; Hendricks, Chicago, 6-4; Wainwright, St. Louis, 5-1; Baragar, San Francisco, 5-1; Senzatele, Colorado, 5-2; D.Peterson, New York, 5-2; Aa.Nola, Philadelphia, 5-3; S.Gray, Cincinnati, 5-3. <b>ERA</b> —Burnes, Milwaukee, 1.77; Bauer, Cincinnati, 1.80; Darvish, Chicago, 1.86; Fried, Atlanta, 1.96; Lam, New York, 2.07; deGrom, New York, 2.09; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 2.15; Wheeler, Philadelphia, 2.62. <b>STRIKEOUTS</b> —Lamnet, San Diego, 89; Bauer, Cincinnati, 85; Scherzer, Washington, 88; Aa.Nola, Philadelphia, 84; Burnes, Milwaukee, 83; deGrom, New York, 80; Darvish, Chicago, 79; Castillo, Cincinnati, 76.										

## GAME DETAILS

HOME team in caps

**ANGELS 8, Rangers 5:** Jared Walsh hit his first career grand slam during the Angels' seven-run fourth inning in an 8-5 victory over the Texas Rangers on Monday. Max Stassi had a two-run single in the final home game of the fifth consecutive losing season for the Angels (24-31), who have nevertheless won 12 of 18 overall.

**INDIANS 7, White Sox 4:** Carlos Santana's two-run homer snapped a tie and José Ramírez homered again as the Indians moved closer to clinching a playoff berth – and delayed Chicago's likely AL Central title – with a 7-4 win over the White Sox on Monday night.

**REDS 6, Brewers 3:** Eugenio Suárez hit a two-run homer, Luis Castillo won his fourth straight start, and the streaking Reds moved above .500 for the first time since opening day, beating the Brewers 6-3 Monday night.

**Cubs 5, PIRATES 0:** Jon Lester scattered four hits over six innings and the Cubs inched closer to their first NL Central title since 2017 with a 5-0 win over the Pirates on Monday night.

**NATIONALS 5, Phillies 1:** Bryce Harper was hitless in his return from back stiffness and Philadelphia manager Joe Girardi was ejected in the third inning of a 5-1 loss to the Nationals on Monday.

**Rays 2, METS 1:** Nate Lowe homered and scored both runs against NL Cy Young Award contender Jacob deGrom, and the Rays overcame 16 strikeouts to move closer to an AL East title by beating the Mets 2-1 Monday night.

**Yankees at BLUE JAYS, late:** The Blue Jays are 17-16 against the rest of their division. New York has slugged .462, good for second in the American League.

**Marlins at BRAVES, late:** Atlanta has a collective on-base percentage of .344, good for second in the National League. The Marlins are 20-16 against opponents from the NL East.

**Cardinals at ROYALS, late:** Kansas City is slugging .396 as a unit. The St. Louis pitching staff as a whole has an ERA of 3.94.

**Astros at MARINERS, late:** The Mariners are 16-17 against AL West teams. Houston hitters have posted a team on-base percentage of .308 this season.

**Rockies at GIANTS, late:** The Giants are 15-17 against opponents from the NL West. Colorado has hit 59 home runs as a team this season.

### Angels 8, Rangers 5

TEX .....	111	002	000	– 5
LAA .....	010	700	00x	– 8
<b>Texas</b>				
Taveras cf	3	1	0	1
Calhoun dh	4	0	0	0
Kiner-Falefa 3b	4	1	2	1
Gallo rf	3	0	0	0
Walker lf	2	0	0	0
Ordor 2b	4	0	0	0
Tejeda ss	4	0	1	0
Dietrich 1b	4	1	1	2
Muthis c	4	0	0	0
Totals	34	5	2	6
<b>Los Angeles</b>				
Fletcher 2b-3b	5	1	2	0
Walsh 1b	4	1	1	0
Trout cf	4	0	0	0
Rendon 3b	4	0	1	0
Rangifo 2b	0	0	0	0
Ohtani dh	2	2	0	0
Upton lf	1	1	0	0
Adell rf	0	0	0	0
Ward rf-1b	2	0	0	0
Stassi c	4	1	2	0
Simmons ss	4	1	1	0
Totals	31	8	7	5
<b>TEX</b>				
Gibson, L, 2-6	4	5	8	7
Herget	1	0	0	0
Evans	1	2	0	0
Goody	1	1	0	0
Chavez	1	0	0	0
<b>Los Angeles</b>				
Bundy, W, 6-3	5	5	3	3
Milner	½	2	2	0
Andriese, H, 2	1½	0	0	0
Mayers, S, ½	2	0	0	0
<b>HBP:</b> Gibson (1); John Libka; 2B: Lance Barrett; 3B: Jim Reynolds; T: 3:00.				
<b>Indians 7, White Sox 4</b>				
CHW .....	000	040	000	– 4
CLE .....	010	020	10x	– 7
<b>Chicago</b>				
Anderson ss	5	1	1	0
Moncada 3b	4	0	0	0
Grandal c	4	1	0	0
McCann c	3	2	0	0
Abreu lf	4	1	2	1
Jimenez lf	4	1	3	2
Encarnacion dh	4	0	0	0
Robert cf	4	0	0	0
Mazara rf	4	0	1	0
Madrigal 2b	4	0	2	0
Totals	36	4	9	4
<b>Cleveland</b>				
Lindor ss	5	1	2	0
Bernard 2b	3	2	2	1
Ramirez 3b	3	0	0	0
Santana 1b	3	1	1	2
Reyes dh	3	0	0	0
Nasquin rf	4	0	0	0
R.Perez c	2	0	0	0
Naylor lf	4	1	3	0
Mercado pr-1f	0	0	0	0
DeShields cf	3	0	0	0
Totals	32	7	10	7
<b>Los Angeles</b>				
Fry, L, 0-1	1	1	2	2
Cordero	2	2	1	0
Foster	1	1	0	0
<b>Cleveland</b>				
Civale, W, 4-5	6	8	4	3
Wittgren, H, 10	1	0	0	0
Karinchak, H, 8	1	0	0	0
Hind, S, 14-14	1	0	0	0
<b>HBP:</b> off Cordero (Santana). <b>Umpires:</b> HP: Dan Bellino; 1B: Angel Hernandez; 2B: Will Little; 3B: Nic Lentz; T: 3:14.				
<b>Reds 6, Brewers 3</b>				
MIL .....	000	010	002	– 3
CIN .....	000	002	04x	– 6
<b>Milwaukee</b>				
Garlic cf	4	0	0	0
Yelich lf	2	0	1	0
Braun dh	4	0	0	0
Vogelbach 1b	3	1	0	0
Huisa 2b	4	0	0	0
Gyorko 3b	3	1	1	1
Peterson rf	4	1	2	0
Arca ss	3	0	0	0
Sogard ph	1	0	0	0
Narvaez c	2	0	0	0
Taylor ph	1	0	0	0

Nottingham c	0	0	0	0	0	200
Totals	31	3	6	3	4	12
<b>Cincinnati</b>						
Akiyama lf	4	1	1	0	0	239
Castellanos rf	4	1	1	0	0	230
Votto 1b	3	0	0	0	1	231
Farrar pr-ss	0	1	0	0	0	268
Suarez 3b	3	2	2	1	0	203
Moustakas 2b-1b	3	1	2	3	1	218
Winkler dh	2	0	0	0	0	257
Aquino ph-dh	2	0	1	0	0	216
Iglesias cf	2	0	0	0	0	305
Senzel ph-cf	2	0	0	0	0	203
Giles ss-2b	3	0	0	0	0	209
Casali c	3	1	1	0	0	224
Totals	31	6	8	6	3	12
<b>Milwaukee</b>						
DeGrom, L, 2-5	5	4	2	2	2	9
Claudio	1½	0	0	0	1	363
Rasmussen	½	3	2	1	0	440
Totals	1½	1	0	0	0	433
<b>Cincinnati</b>						
Castillo, W, 4-5	6½	4	1	1	3	286
Garrett, H, 5	½	0	0	0	1	270
Iglesias, H, 1	½	0	0	0	0	305
Jones	1	2	2	2	0	627
<b>WP:</b> Woodruff; <b>Umpires:</b> HP: Chad Whitson; 1B: Mark Carlson; 2B: James Hoyer; 3B: Mike Estabrook; T: 2:56.						



Baseball

# Brubaker solid but Pirates lose to Cubs

Strikes out nine while offense chills

By Jason Mackey  
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

JT Brubaker stood on the top step of the dugout Monday and waited patiently, something he has done plenty of while wearing a Pirates uniform. Once the umpires completed their review of a double-play call, Brubaker calmly walked to the mound, eager to continue the best start of his major league career.

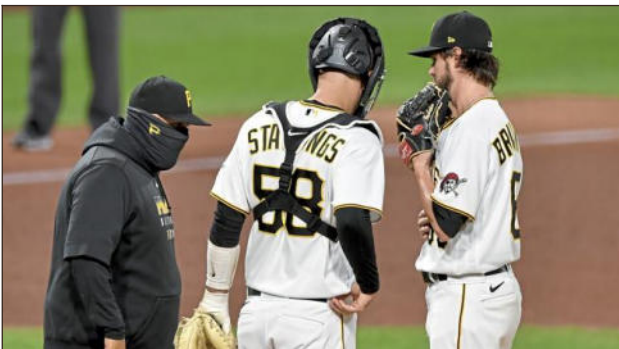
While the Pirates and Brubaker lost, 5-0, to the Cubs on a chilly night at PNC Park, it was hardly the 26-year-old right-hander's fault. If anything, what Brubaker did made yet another

Pirates notebook

loss for the Pirates (15-39) palatable, his strong start an indicator of the steps forward he has taken this season.

Brubaker was terrific against Chicago and allowed four hits and two earned runs over 6½ innings, walking one and striking out a career-high nine. It was exactly what you want to see if you're general manager Ben Cherington or manager Derek Shelton — the ball coming out of Brubaker's hand, sharp stuff for put-aways. Of Brubaker's nine strikeouts, four came via sinkers, three with sliders and two on curveballs.

Meanwhile, it continued a team-wide trend involving strong starting pitching of



Pitching coach Oscar Marin, left, talks with pitcher J.T. Brubaker as they take on the Cubs Monday at PNC Park.

late. First Mitch Keller's six-inning no-hitter Saturday, then six scoreless with 11 strikeouts Sunday for Joe Musgrove. This homestand has been all about strong starts for Pirates pitchers, but also about pretty much zero run support (12 scored

over the past five).

Pirates starting pitchers have posted an ERA of 2.13 over their past seven starts with 47 strikeouts and just two home runs allowed. Half of those 10 earned runs belong to Trevor Williams. Furthermore, all of those

guys — if the Pirates so choose — will be around next year to join Jameson Taillon and (theoretically) Chris Archer.

Now, one week does not a season make, but it's easy to appreciate what Brubaker has done this season for the Pirates, bouncing back from a lost 2019 due to a right forearm strain and looking more like the guy who was the Pirates minor league pitcher of the year in 2018.

Oliva called up

The Pirates called up outfielder Jared Oliva and placed Jason Martin on the 10-day injured list with an upper-back strain. Oliva had been working out at the alternate training site in Altoona before it disbanded last week. Oliva made his major league debut in the

ninth Monday and struck out.

In 2019, Oliva hit .277 with 24 doubles, 6 triples, 6 home runs, 42 RBIs and 36 stolen bases in 123 games with Class AA, making the Eastern League's postseason All-Star team.

To make room for Oliva on the 40-man roster, the Pirates transferred reliever Yacksel Rios to the 45-day injured list.

Pitcher reclaimed

The Pirates claimed pitcher Carson Fulmer off waivers for the second time this season. They claimed him off waivers from Detroit in late August but designated him for assignment eight days later. Baltimore then claimed Fulmer and he pitched a few innings in the majors before the Orioles waived him.

MLB notebook

## Harper returns as DH

Phillies slugger has back issues

By The Associated Press

Philadelphia Phillies slugger Bryce Harper was the designated hitter for Monday's game against Washington, a day after leaving a game with lower back stiffness.

Harper exited Sunday's 6-3 loss to Toronto after he struck out with the bases loaded in the seventh inning.

The Phillies right fielder took a slow walk in the dugout toward the clubhouse and signaled to manager Joe Girardi he was done for the day.

Harper was hitting second in the lineup Monday for the start of a four-game series with the Washington Nationals, his former team.

Girardi said he could also use Harper as the DH in one of the two games of Tuesday's doubleheader.

"Hopefully this will kind of refresh him," Girardi said.

Braves

After making just one start for Atlanta, Cole Hamels is done for the season. Hamels reported shortly before the start of a four-game series against the Miami Marlins that he didn't feel like he could get anything on the ball. The left-hander was scheduled to make his second start Tuesday after struggling throughout the year to overcome shoulder and triceps issues.

Rockies

Colorado will chase a flickering playoff spot without All-Star third baseman Nolan Arenado, who was placed on the injured list with a sore left shoulder. Arenado has been hampered recently by inflammation in his AC joint, along with a bone bruise.

Blue Jays

Close Ken Giles will have Tommy John surgery on his right elbow, likely causing him to miss all of 2021 and impacting the deal he will receive as a free agent this offseason.

Elsewhere

The higher seeded team reaching the World Series will have last at-bats in Games 1 and 2 and, if needed, Games 6 and 7, not necessarily the team with the best record.

• MLB and the players union have committed \$10 million to fund programs of the new Players Alliance to improve representation of Black Americans in baseball.

# Pitching prospect on Pirates' rockin' radar

ROCKER, FROM D-1

yet set its draft rules for 2021, and the Pirates (15-38) have seven games remaining entering Monday. Considering the Texas Rangers are 19-34, there's still plenty that can happen.

So, with Mayo's help, let's work through a couple of things worth knowing about Rocker and this entire situation.

Football roots

Rocker has the size — 6 feet 4, 255 pounds — of a football player, and that's no accident.

His father, Tracy, was a two-time All-American defensive tackle at Auburn University. In 1988, Tracy Rocker became the first Southeastern Conference player to win the Lombardi Award and Outland Trophy.

The 2004 College Football Hall of Fame inductee played for Washington in the NFL before becoming a coach. In addition to a three-year run with the Tennessee Titans, Tracy Rocker has coached at a half-dozen Power Five conference schools and currently is the defensive line coach at South Carolina.

Kumar's uncle, David, also played in the NFL; he was a defensive tackle for the Los Angeles Rams in the early 1990s.

Kumar Rocker played football growing up but decided before his junior year at North Oconee High School in Bogart, Ga., to focus on baseball, though Mayo said he has seen ample evidence of that football mentality.

"He's an intimidating figure on the mound," Mayo said. "He doesn't back down. He comes right at you. He definitely has this attitude of, 'This is what I got, try to hit it, and you're not going to be able to.' That will serve him well."

David Price 2.0?

Rocker has drawn some comparisons to another pitcher Pirates manager Derek Shelton knows well from their time together with the Tampa Bay Rays — 2007 No. 1 overall pick David Price, the 2012 American League Cy Young Award winner and a five-time All-Star.

Mayo isn't completely sold, saying he wants to go back and read reports on Price in college. The one thing he does know is that Stephen Strasburg is not a fair comparison.

"I've heard that," Mayo said, "and I'm like, no, [Rocker] is not quite as advanced [as Strasburg]."

Perhaps its because Price and Rocker are Vanderbilt guys who initially picked college over starting their pro careers. They're both also really, really good. At the same time, it surely didn't hurt that Price gave Rocker a shout-out on Twitter last summer when the current Commodore pitched the first no-hitter in a Super regional in NCAA tournament history while also striking out a record 19 hitters — the most for Vanderbilt in a tournament

game since Price's 17 in 2007.

Rocker won both starts in the College World Series and was named the tournament's most outstanding player. In the entire thing, Rocker struck out 44 and walked just five. Over the final 11 starts of his freshman season, Rocker went 10-1 with a 2.17 ERA, striking out 82 in 70½ innings.

"Kumar Rocker even in high school was a really good prospect," Mayo said. "It's just that everyone knew he wanted to go to Vandy and the price tag was too high. The big question mark is, 'Is he that much different than he was in high school other than showing that his stuff plays against very high levels of competition?'"

"I think he's going to be just fine, and I think he's probably going to be the front-runner to be the No. 1 pick. But it's not a Stephen Strasburg or even David Price slam dunk. Some of that has to do with the question marks. I think some of it has to do with all the question marks around this year."

Those questions involve the shortened 2020 season and the difficult of scouting much of anything this summer. Rocker, of course, will have a chance to stamp out much of that skepticism with another impressive showing in spring 2021.

While Rocker throws hard, Mayo said "his command at times has been shaky" and there really isn't a refined third pitch; Rocker really hasn't needed much aside from his lethal fast-ball-slider combination. Mayo also likened Rocker's development track to someone such as Tyler Glasnow — big and with a lot of "moving parts."

"It probably wouldn't take him that long to be ready to get big-league hitters out," Mayo said. "There might be some bumps because of the command issues initially, at least until he sort of settles in. But there have been lots and lots of examples of those kinds of power pitchers who even at the big-league level, it takes them a little while to find that groove."

Family ties

Tracy Rocker and Kumar's mother, Lalitha (Lu), met when Lu was a student at Maryland and Tracy played for Washington.

Lu Rocker, a daughter of Indian immigrants, is an instructional designer and sort of hilariously told Vanderbilt coach Tim Corbin that Kumar definitely would not sign and enroll in college.

"I told her, 'Do you know how many times I've heard that from a parent?'" Corbin told The Tennessean in February 2019.

But Lu Rocker wasn't kidding and neither was her son, who chose to honor that commitment. It's probably stating the obvious, but it sounds as if Kumar Rocker comes from very good stock.

"Education has always been a huge part of our culture, and it's important for Kumar," Lu told The Ten-

nessean. "I was around student-athletes at Maryland, and it's just the most amazing time in your life. They do something they love, plus get better, plus grow up, plus be under some of the best coaching in the world, plus get an education that's above and beyond."

Turns out that Lu was the one who chose Kumar's first name, explaining that it means "prince" or "young son" in Hindi. She also joked that he should fill out "blindian" on forms to truly explain his unique background.

"I want him to be aware of his heritage and for other people to question where his heritage is, and not look at him only as an African-American child," Lu said.

Draft issues

The biggest hiccup might be the draft itself. MLB commissioner Rob Manfred has the authority to adjust the draft rules considering the length of the 2020 season, and Mayo expects Manfred to do that — to use more than 2020 results to craft an order.

One possibility is a lottery.

"I hope it's not a lottery," Mayo said. "I think that's stupid. I know that they've not decided yet. There is an expectation that there's going to be some combination of the two years in all likelihood."

One thing Mayo suggested involved combining teams' 2019 and 2020 records, a scenario that would drop the Pirates from first to fifth and potentially take them out of the Rocker sweepstakes. They also could come up with a weighted option to account for the shortened season.

"You have teams like the White Sox and Padres who took a huge jump forward. They would end up making the playoffs and getting a good pick in some sort of hybrid model," Mayo said. "The flip side of that, the Red Sox, who were decent in 2019 and terrible this year not getting as good of a pick as they would if they had struggled for 162 games."

"I guarantee you that whatever they come up with, it's going to upset somebody. I don't think there's a real fair way to do it. I don't know how I would make a decision. Some of it is going to be a little arbitrary."

Meanwhile, Pirates fans will have to wait. The playoffs are long out of reach. The only tangible hope they have is #TankForKumar. Or, as Mayo reminded, a very good crop of high school position players.

"Based on what happened this year, you're like, 'They should be able to pick first,'" Mayo said. "I think the good thing is there's a lot of depth in this class, especially on the high school position player side. If they're picking in the top five, they have a chance to get a really, really good player."

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The Pirates are hoping to turn a bad year into a really good pitcher in the form of potential No. 1 pick Kumar Rocker, a right-handed flamethrower from Vanderbilt.

## Pirates report

Tuesday



**Game:** Pirates vs. Chicago Cubs, 7:05 p.m., PNC Park.  
**TV, radio:** AT&T SportsNet, KDKA-FM (93.7).  
**Probable starters:** LHP Steven Brault (1-3, 4.04) for Pirates; LHP Jose Quintana (0-0 6.00) for Cubs.

**Key matchup:** Cubs 3B Kris Bryant is 8 for 16 (.500) in his career against Brault with two home runs, two doubles and four RBIs.  
**Hidden stat:** Entering Monday, the Pirates had scored five or fewer runs in 18 consecutive games since beating the Cubs, 6-2, Sept. 3 at PNC Park.

On deck



Wed. vs. Cubs 7:05  
**Trevor Williams (1-8)**  
vs. Kyle Hendricks (6-4)  
AT&T/KDKA-FM (93.7)



Thurs. vs. Cubs, 1:35  
**Chad Kuhl (1-3)**  
vs. Alec Mills (5-4)  
AT&T/KDKA-FM (93.7)



Fri. vs. Cubs, 7:10  
**Mitch Keller (1-1)**  
vs. TBD  
AT&T/KDKA-FM (93.7)

Monday's game

Chicago Cubs 5, Pirates 0

Chicago	ab	r	h	bi	bb	so	avg.
Happ cf-lf.....	5	0	1	0	2	.262	
Rizzo 1b.....	4	1	0	0	0	.213	
Contreras c.....	3	1	0	0	1	.243	
Schwarber lf.....	4	1	2	2	0	.198	
1-Hamilton pr-cf..	0	1	0	0	0	.500	
Bryant 3b.....	1	0	0	0	0	.195	
Bote 3b.....	3	0	1	1	0	.211	
Heyward rf.....	3	0	1	0	1	.291	
Baez ss.....	4	0	1	1	0	.206	
Kipnis 2b.....	2	1	0	0	1	.255	
Hoerner 2b.....	1	0	0	0	0	.230	
Caratini dh.....	2	0	1	1	0	.240	
a-Martinez ph-dh..	2	0	0	0	1	.000	
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	
Pirates	ab	r	h	bi	bb	so	avg.
Reynolds cf.....	4	0	1	0	0	.182	
Hayes 3b.....	4	0	2	0	0	.323	
Gonzalez ss.....	4	0	0	0	1	.245	
Moran 1b.....	3	0	0	0	0	.236	
Bell dh.....	1	0	0	0	0	.000	
oli-dh.....	3	0	0	0	0	.226	
Polanco rf.....	1	0	0	0	2	.149	
Stallings c.....	3	0	0	0	0	.252	
Frazier 2b.....	3	0	0	0	0	.212	
Osuna lf.....	3	0	1	0	0	.169	
<b>Totals.....</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	
Chicago	010	010	030	—	5	8	0
Pirates	000	000	000	—	0	4	0

a-struck out for Caratini in the 8th. b-struck out for Moran in the 9th.  
1-run for Schwarber in the 8th.  
LOB—Chicago 5, Pirates 4. 2B—Schwarber 2 (6), Caratini (7). RBIs—Baez (22), Caratini (14), Schwarber 2 (23). Bote (27)  
DP—Chicago 2 (Baez, Rizzo; Baez, Kipnis, Rizzo); Pirates 1 (Frazier, Gonzalez, Moran)  
Chicago ip h r er bb so era  
Lester, W, 3-2.....6 4 0 0 1 1 4.40  
Ryan.....1 0 0 0 1 0 4.73  
Jeffress.....1 0 0 0 0 1 1.61  
Winkler.....1 0 0 0 0 3 3.24  
Pirates ip h r er bb so era  
Brubaker, L, 1-3.....6 4 2 2 1 9 4.46  
Davis.....1 1 1 1 0 1 2.70  
Cederlind.....0 3 2 2 1 0 9.00  
Troppeano.....1½ 0 0 0 0 1 1.23

Cederlind pitched to 4 batters in the 8th.  
Umpires—Home, Pat Hoberg; First, Ramon De Jesus; Second, Bill Welke; Third, Brennan Miller.  
T—2:58.

How they scored

**Cubs second.** Kyle Schwarber doubles to deep center field. Kris Bryant grounds out to shallow infield, Ke'Bryan Hayes to Colin Moran. Jason Heyward grounds out to shallow infield, Adam Frazier to Colin Moran. Kyle Schwarber to third. Javier Baez singles to shallow infield. Kyle Schwarber scores. Jason Kipnis strikes out on a foul tip. 1 run, 2 hits, 0 errors, 1 left on. Cubs 1, Pirates 0.  
**Cubs fifth.** Jason Heyward strikes out swinging. Javier Baez flies out to left field to Jose Osuna. Jason Kipnis hit by pitch. Victor Caratini doubles to center field. Jason Kipnis scores. Ian Happ called out on strikes. 1 run, 1 hit, 0 errors, 1 left on. Cubs 2, Pirates 0.  
**Cubs eighth.** Jose Martinez pinch-hitting for Victor Caratini. Jose Martinez strikes out swinging. Ian Happ grounds out to shortstop, Ke'Bryan Hayes to Colin Moran. Anthony Rizzo singles to left field. Willson Contreras walks. Kyle Schwarber doubles to deep center field. Willson Contreras scores. Anthony Rizzo scores. David Bote singles to left field. Billy Hamilton scores. Jason Heyward singles to right field. David Bote to third. Javier Baez strikes out swinging. 3 runs, 4 hits, 0 errors, 2 left on. Cubs 5, Pirates 0.

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
9/26	Indians	7:10	AT&T
9/27	Indians	3:10	AT&T

Home games in bold  
All games available on MLB.TV



Sports

NBA notebook

Davis’ buzzer-beating basket sign he’s thriving on big stage

From wire dispatches

Anthony Davis caught the ball deep on the left side with the Lakers losing and time about to run out.

The shot Davis made to win Game 2 of the Western Conference Finals was from nearly the same spot and situation as one he attempted in his team’s last game before the NBA season was suspended.

He missed that one, sending the Lakers to a two-point loss to Brooklyn on March 10, and was bummed about it for a few days.

Not LeBron James, though. That moment just reinforced what he already believed about the All-Star forward the Lakers had acquired to play alongside him.

“You’re not going to make them all, but the belief to just take it and live with the results is what it’s all about,” James said.

Davis has been making plenty so far in the deepest postseason run of his career.

He has been the dominant player in this series, where the Lakers have a 2-0 lead with Game 3 scheduled for Tuesday night. Davis followed his 37 points in Game 1 with 31 more Sunday, including the Lakers’ last 10.

The No. 1 pick in the 2012 draft, Davis had long been one of the NBA’s best players by the time he got to Los Angeles last July. But it’s one thing to be performing quietly in New Orleans, where just winning a post-season round made it a good season.

It’s another thing to be playing with James, where not winning a championship makes it feel like a lost season.

“When I left, I just wanted



Mark J. Terrill

Los Angeles Lakers forward Anthony Davis’ (3) game-winning shot proved he made the right call going to L.A.

to be able to compete for a championship, and I know that moments like this comes with it. Especially being in L.A., the biggest market in basketball,” Davis said after the 105-103 victory Sunday.

“I know the quote-unquote pressure is going to be on us, going to be on me, especially the first year with everything that happened last year, and then also playing alongside Bron,” Davis said. “I know he gets criticized more than any basketball player ever.”

Davis had never made a buzzer-beating shot in the postseason and had only one in his entire career. Now he’s on a list of Lakers that have done it in the playoffs, a group that includes Hall of Famers such as Kobe Bryant, Jerry West and Elgin Baylor, along with noted clutch postseason performers Derek Fisher and Robert Horry.

“Just because his teams haven’t been good enough to reach this moment doesn’t mean that he’s not that caliber of player,” Lakers coach Frank Vogel said.

Without Davis’ shot, the Nuggets would have been

celebrating another comeback victory. They trailed by 16 points and had already erased deficits of 15 or more against Utah and the Clippers in the first two rounds, on their way to overcoming 3-1 deficits in both.

So even though they are down, they don’t feel out.

“They had to rely on a great shot by a great player to beat us at the buzzer,” coach Michael Malone said. “But as long as we’re putting ourselves in position to win games, that’s all you can ask for.”

76ers

Los Angeles Clippers assistant coach Ty Lue, former Houston Rockets coach Mike D’Antoni and former Oklahoma City Thunder coach Billy Donovan are on a short list of candidates to become the new coach un Philadelphia, league scores confirmed.

The 76ers will have a second round of interviews with all three, but multiple league sources said the job is D’Antoni’s to lose, saying he’s the candidate the ownership group wants. Club officials denied that there’s a leading candidate.

Morning briefing

Djokovic wins in Rome

From local and wire dispatches

Fifteen days after he was defaulted from the U.S. Open, Novak Djokovic had plenty to celebrate Monday.

Djokovic beat Diego Schwartzman, 7-5, 6-3, to win his fifth Italian Open title. He passed childhood idol Pete Sampras for the second-most weeks at No. 1 with 287 — trailing only Roger Federer’s 310 weeks in the top spot — and he reasserted his dominance before the French Open starts in six days.

“I did experience mentally some kind of ups and downs in the first four, five days after [the U.S. Open default] happened. I was in shock,” Djokovic said.

“But I moved on and really I never had an issue in my life to move on from something. Regardless how difficult it is I try to take the next day and hope for the best and move on.”

In the women’s final, top-seeded Simona Halep won her first Rome title when 2019 champion Karolina Pliskova retired midway through their match with a left thigh injury.

Colleges


Jackson State University announced former Dallas Cowboys Hall of Famer Deion Sanders as the 21st head football coach in school history. An eight-time Pro Bowl player, and two-time Super Bowl champion, Sanders, nicknamed Prime Time, has been coaching on the high school level for more than a decade.

• The University of Massachusetts said it will play football this fall, reversing an August decision to postpone the season until the spring.

Cycling

French judicial author-

Planning ahead

	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	<b>Steelers</b> · 412-323-1200/steelers.com <b>Sept. 27:</b> Texans, 1 p.m., Heinz Field						



<b>Pirates</b> · 1-800-289-2827/pirates.com <b>Sept. 22:</b> Cubs, 7:05 p.m., PNC Park <b>Sept. 23:</b> Cubs, 7:05 p.m., PNC Park <b>Sept. 24:</b> Cubs, 7:05 p.m., PNC Park <b>Sept. 25:</b> Indians, 7:10 p.m., Progressive Field, Cleveland <b>Sept. 26:</b> Indians, 7:10 p.m., Progressive Field, Cleveland <b>Sept. 27:</b> Indians, 3:10 p.m., Progressive Field, Cleveland	
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<b>Pitt football</b> · 800-643-7488/pittsburghpanthers.com <b>Sept. 26:</b> Louisville, noon, Heinz Field	
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<b>West Virginia football</b> · 800-988-4763/wvusports.com <b>Sept. 26:</b> Oklahoma State, 3:30 p.m., Boone Pickens Stadium, Stillwater, Okla.	
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<b>Riverhounds SC</b> · 412-224-4900/riverhounds.com <b>Sept. 26:</b> Hartford Athletic, 7 p.m., Highmark Stadium	
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Today on TV & Radio

- Baseball**
  - KBO, 5:25 a.m., TV: ESPN2
- Golf**
  - The Payne’s Valley Cup, 3 p.m., TV: Golf Channel
- MLB**
  - Phillies at Nationals (Game 1), 3 p.m., TV: MLB Network
  - Phillies at Nationals (Game 2), TBD, TV: MLB Network
  - Yankees at Blue Jays, 6:30 p.m., TV: ESPN
  - Cubs at Pirates, 7:05 p.m., TV: AT&T SportsNet, Radio: KDKA-FM (93.7)
  - Rangers at Diamondbacks, 9 p.m., TV: FS1
  - Athletics at Dodgers, 9:30 p.m., TV: ESPN
- NBA**
  - Lakers vs. Nuggets, 9 p.m., TV: TNT
- Tennis**
  - ATP/WTa coverage, 1 a.m. (Wed.), TV: Tennis Channel
- WNBA**
  - Lynx vs. Storm, 7 p.m., TV: ESPN2
  - Sun vs. Aces, 9 p.m., TV: ESPN2

ities have opened a preliminary investigation into suspected doping during the Tour de France targeting the Arkea-Samsic team.

Auto racing

Ross Chastain snagged one of the coveted open Cup seats in a promotion at Chip Ganassi Racing to drive the No. 42 next season. The opening was considered one of the top

available seats in NASCAR.

- Former series champion Brad Keselowski accepted a one-year extension with Team Penske.
- Charlotte Hornets owner Michael Jordan and NASCAR driver Denny Hamlin are starting a racing team that will feature Bubba Wallace as the driver for the 2021 Cup season. Wallace previously drove for Richard Petty Motorsports.

SCOREBOARD

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AMERICAN CONFERENCE

	East	West	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	2	0	0.000	58	45
New England	1	1	0.500	51	46
Miami	0	2	0.000	39	52
N.Y. Jets	0	2	0.000	30	58

	South	West	Pct	PF	PA
Tennessee	2	0	0.000	49	44
Indianapolis	1	1	0.500	48	38
Jacksonville	1	1	0.500	57	53
Houston	0	2	0.000	36	67

	North	West	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	2	0	0.000	71	22
Pittsburgh	2	0	0.000	52	37
Cleveland	1	1	0.500	41	68
Cincinnati	0	2	0.000	43	51

	East	West	Pct	PF	PA
Kansas City	2	0	0.000	57	40
Las Vegas	1	0	0.000	34	30
L.A. Chargers	1	1	0.500	36	36
Denver	0	2	0.000	35	42

	East	West	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	1	1	0.500	57	59
Washington	1	1	0.500	42	47
N.Y. Giants	0	2	0.000	29	43
Philadelphia	0	2	0.000	36	64

	South	West	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	2	0	0.000	34	23
Tampa Bay	1	1	0.500	54	51
Atlanta	0	2	0.000	64	78
Carolina	0	2	0.000	47	65

	North	West	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	2	0	0.000	44	36
Green Bay	2	0	0.000	85	55
Detroit	0	2	0.000	44	69
Minnesota	0	2	0.000	45	71

	East	West	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	2	0	0.000	54	35
L.A. Rams	2	0	0.000	57	36
Seattle	2	0	0.000	73	55
San Francisco	1	1	0.500	51	37

Thursday's Games

Cleveland 35, Cincinnati 30

Sunday's Games

Tennessee 33, Jacksonville 30  
Chicago 17, N.Y. Giants 13  
Green Bay 42, Detroit 21  
Tampa Bay 31, Carolina 17  
Buffalo 31, Miami 28  
San Francisco 31, N.Y. Jets 13  
L.A. Rams 37, Philadelphia 19  
Dallas 40, Atlanta 39  
Pittsburgh 26, Denver 21  
Indianapolis 28, Minnesota 11  
Arizona 30, Washington 15  
Baltimore 33, Houston 16  
Kansas City 23, L.A. Chargers 20, OT  
Seattle 35, New England 30

Monday's Games

New Orleans at Las Vegas, late

Thursday, Sept. 24

Miami at Jacksonville, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 27

Houston at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.  
Tennessee at Minnesota, 1 p.m.  
Cincinnati at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.  
Chicago at Atlanta, 1 p.m.  
Washington at Cleveland, 1 p.m.  
Las Vegas at New England, 1 p.m.  
L.A. Rams at Buffalo, 1 p.m.  
San Francisco at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.  
N.Y. Jets at Indianapolis, 4:05 p.m.  
Carolina at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.  
Tampa Bay at Denver, 4:25 p.m.  
Detroit at Arizona, 4:25 p.m.  
Dallas at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.  
Green Bay at New Orleans, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 28

Kansas City at Baltimore, 8:15 p.m.

Late Sunday

Seattle 35, New England 30

New England	7	7	3	13	-	30
Seattle	7	7	14	7	-	35

First Quarter

NE—D.McCourt 43 interception return (Folk kick), 13:39.  
Sea—Lockett 4 pass from Wilson (Myers kick), 5:27.

Second Quarter

NE—Newton 1 run (Folk kick), 13:59.  
Sea—Metcalf 54 pass from Wilson (Myers kick), 6:57.

Third Quarter

NE—FG Folk 25, 10:12.  
Sea—Dav.Moore 38 pass from Wilson (Myers kick), 7:04.  
Sea—Swain 21 pass from Wilson (Myers kick), 2:00.

Fourth Quarter

NE—Johnson 1 pass from Newton (run failed), 14:14.  
Sea—Carson 18 pass from Wilson (Myers kick), 4:32.  
NE—Newton 1 run (Folk kick), 2:16.  
A—0.

	NE	Sea
First downs	29	22
Total Net Yards	464	429
Rushes-yards	25-67	30-154
Passing	397	275
Punt Returns	1-0	1-20
Kickoff Returns	4-99	3-89
Interceptions Ret.	1-43	1-0
Comp-Att-Int	30-44-1	21-28-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-0	2-13
Punts	2-56.5	4-50.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Penalties-Yards	2-12	9-68
Time of Possession	28:41	31:19

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—New England, Newton 11-47, Michel 7-19, Burkhead 6-2, Taylor 1-(minus 1). Seattle, Carson 17-72, Wilson 5-39, Hyde 5-22, Homer 3-21.  
PASSING—New England, Newton 30-44-1-397. Seattle, Wilson 21-28-1-288.  
RECEIVING—New England, Edelman 8-179, Harry 8-72, Byrd 6-72, Burkhead 4-47, Izzo 2-19, Meyers 1-7, Johnson 1-1. Seattle, Lockett 7-67, Metcalf 4-92, Dav.Moore 3-48, Carson 3-36, Hyde 2-15, Swain 1-21, Dissly 1-9.  
MISSED FIELD GOALS—New England, Folk 51.

NBA

Playoffs

**Sunday, Sept. 20**  
L.A. Lakers 105, Denver 103, L.A. leads series 2-0

Monday, Sept. 21

No Game Scheduled

**Tuesday, Sept. 22**  
L.A. Lakers vs. Denver, 9 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Miami vs. Boston, 8:30 p.m.

NHL

STANLEY CUP FINALS

**Saturday, Sept. 19**  
Dallas 4, Tampa Bay 1, Dallas leads series 1-0

Monday, Sept. 21

Tampa Bay 3, Dallas 2, series tied 1-1

Tampa Bay 3, Dallas 2

Dallas 0 1 1 - 2  
Tampa Bay 3 0 0 - 3  
**First Period**—1, Tampa Bay, Point 10 (Hedman, Kucherov), 11:23 (pp), 2, Tampa Bay, Palat 9 (Hedman, Kucherov), 14:22 (pp), 3, Tampa Bay, Shattenkirk 2 (Coleman, Cirelli), 15:16.  
Penalties-Janmark, Dal (High Sticking), 3:20; Pavelski, Dal (Tripping), 10:58;

Oleksiak, Dal (Holding), 13:11; Palat, TB (Interference), 18:49.

**Second Period**—4, Dallas, Pavelski 10 (Radulov, Klingberg), 14:43 (pp). Penalties-Comeau, Dal (Interference), 2:02; Kucherov, TB (Tripping), 3:47; Gourde, TB (Cross Checking), 6:26; Palat, TB (Slashing), 14:38; Perry, Dal (Roughing), 16:58; Klingberg, Dal (Roughing), 16:58; Hedman, TB (Roughing), 16:58; Maroon, TB (Interference), 16:58; Paquette, TB (Roughing), 16:58.  
**Third Period**—5, Dallas, Janmark 1 (Klingberg, Radulov), 5:27. Penalties-None.  
**Shots on Goal**—Dallas 6-18-5-29. Tampa Bay 14-5-12-31.  
**Power-play opportunities**—Dallas 1 of 5; Tampa Bay 2 of 4.  
**Goalies**—Dallas, Khudobin 13-7-0 (31 shots-28 saves). Tampa Bay, Vasilevskiy 15-5-1 (29-27).  
A-0 (18,641), T 2-40.

**Referees**—Steve Kozari, Kelly Sutherland. Linesmen-Derek Amell, Steve Barton.  
**Wednesday, Sept. 23**  
Tampa Bay vs. Dallas, 8 p.m.  
**Friday, Sept. 25**  
Tampa Bay vs. Dallas, 8 p.m.

WNBA

**Sunday, Sept. 20**  
Connecticut 87, Las Vegas 62.  
Connecticut leads series 1-0  
Minnesota vs. Seattle, p.p.d.

Monday, Sept. 21

No Games Scheduled

Tuesday, Sept. 22

Minnesota vs. Seattle, 7 p.m.

Connecticut vs. Las Vegas, 9 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 24

Las Vegas vs. Connecticut, 7:30 p.m.

Seattle vs. Minnesota, 9:30 p.m.

MLS

Sunday, Sept. 20

Philadelphia 4, Montreal 1

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Montreal at New England, 5 p.m.  
FC Dallas at Atlanta, 7 p.m.  
Toronto FC at NY City FC, 7 p.m.  
Orlando City at Sporting KC, 7:30 p.m.  
Minnesota at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Cincinnati, 7:30 p.m.  
Houston at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.  
New York at Miami, 8 p.m.  
D.C. United at Nashville, 8:30 p.m.  
San Jose at Colorado, 9 p.m.  
LA Galaxy at Real Salt Lake, 9:30 p.m.  
Seattle at Portland, 10 p.m.  
Vancouver at Los Angeles FC, 10:30 p.m.

NWSL

Sunday, September 20

Chicago 4, Sky Blue FC 1  
Portland 3, Utah 0

Saturday, September 26

Washington at Chicago, 1 p.m.  
Reign FC at Utah, 3:30 p.m.  
Orlando at Houston, 8:30 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

AP Top 25 Schedule

All Times EDT

Saturday

No. 2 Alabama (0-0) at Missouri, 7 p.m. ESPN

No. 3 Oklahoma (1-0) vs. Kansas State, Noon FOX

No. 4 Georgia (0-0) at Arkansas, 4 p.m. SECN

No. 5 Florida (0-0) at Mississippi, Noon ESPN

No. 6 LSU (0-0) vs. Mississippi St., 3:30

p.m. CBS

No. 7 Notre Dame (2-0) at Wake Forest, Noon ABC

No. 8 Auburn (0-0) vs. No. 23 Kentucky, Noon SECN

No. 8 Texas (1-0) at Texas Tech, 3:30 p.m. FOX

No. 10 Texas A&M (0-0) vs. Vanderbilt, 7:30 p.m. SECN

No. 12 Miami (2-0) vs. Florida St., 7:30 p.m. ABC

No. 13 UCF (1-0) at East Carolina, Noon ESPN+

No. 14 Cincinnati (1-0) vs. No. 22 Army, 3:30 p.m. ESPN

No. 15 Oklahoma State (1-0) vs. West Virginia, 3:30 p.m. ABC

No. 16 Tennessee (0-0) at South Carolina, 7:30 p.m. SECN

No. 18 BYU (1-0) vs. Troy, 10:15 p.m. ESPN

No. 19 Louisiana-Lafayette (2-0) vs. Georgia Southern, Noon ESPN2

No. 20 Virginia Tech (0-0) vs. NC State, 8 p.m. ACCN