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Former Steelers linebacker Ryan Shazier's book "Walking Miracle: How Faith, Positive Thinking, and Passion for Football Brought Me Back From Paralysis ... and Helped Me Find Purpose" is set to be published in hardcover on Tuesday.

Shazier's new book less about football, more about overcoming adversity

By Joyce Gannon

The first time a doctor told Ryan Shazier it was likely he'd never play football again, he was a sophomore in high school in southern Florida.

The future college All-American at Ohio State University and All-Pro linebacker for the Steelers had been diagnosed with scoliosis, and he and his mother both cried on the ride home from the doctor's office.

After two other specialists weighed in on his condition, there wasn't a definitive consensus on whether he should give up the game.

So the teenage Mr. Shazier agreed to wear a bulky brace under his clothes through his senior year in high school and sleep in an upright position for months to try to correct his spine curvature.

"If it meant I could play ball, I wasn't about to complain," Mr.



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Shazier writes in his soon-to-be-published book, "Walking Miracle: How Faith, Positive Thinking, and Passion for Football Brought Me Back From Paralysis ... and

Helped Me Find Purpose." A decade later, in December 2017, as millions watched a

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3 men guilty in Arbery killing

By Russ Bynum
Associated Press

BRUNSWICK, Ga. — Jurors on Wednesday convicted the three white men charged in the death of Ahmaud Arbery, the Black man who was chased and fatally shot while running through their neighborhood in an attack

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that became part of the larger national reckoning on racial injustice.

The jury deliberated for about 10 hours before convicting Greg McMichael, son Travis McMichael and neighbor William "Roddie" Bryan, who all face minimum sentences of life in prison. It is up to the judge to decide whether that comes with or without the possibility of parole.

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Travelers emerge in time for holiday

By David Koenig
Associated Press

DALLAS — Determined to reclaim Thanksgiving traditions that were put on pause last year by the pandemic, millions of Americans loaded up their cars or piled onto planes Wednesday to gather again with friends and family.

The number of air travelers this week is expected to approach or even exceed pre-pandemic levels, and auto club AAA predicts that 48.3 million people will travel at least 50 miles from home over the

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Inflation, supply issues, pandemic increase need for Goodfellows

By Ed Blazina
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The continuing pandemic has led to changes in almost everything: health care, the economy, how we celebrate and how we help those in need.

That last item is particularly true for the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program, which provides toys to disadvantaged children to make sure they have a reason to smile on Christmas morning. The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette's Goodfellows Fund, which officially begins collecting donations from readers to-

day, helps the Marines buy toys for the program, some 100,000 of which were distributed to 40,000 kids in the Pittsburgh area in 2020.

Last year was a challenge because toy donations at collection boxes and corporate donation sites were down, likely because foot traffic wasn't what it usually is with people working and shopping from home. The Marine



Corps Toys for Tots Foundation in Triangle, Va., which oversees the program, had to dip into its reserve funds to buy additional toys to serve about 100,000 additional children.

This year, with the pandemic continuing, inflation hitting families hard and expected supply chain problems with delivering toys, the need may be even greater. As a result, the foundation took a proactive step and ordered toys months earlier than normal in the spring.

"Last year, we thought it was a once-in-a-century pandemic and

we used reserves to get through it," said David Cooper, vice president of operations at the foundation and a retired lieutenant colonel. "We were wrong."

"This year, we ordered a lot more toys in the spring. We ordered early so the inflation and supply chain issues could be avoided."

But that only addresses part of the program. Every year, about two-thirds of the toys distributed are collected through 832 programs across the country, and those

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Acquitted of murder and in demand, Rittenhouse ponders what's next for him

By Michael Tarm and Amy Forliti
Associated Press

KENOSHA, Wis. — When he was acquitted of murder in shootings during unrest in Wisconsin, Kyle Rittenhouse went from staring at possible life behind bars to red-hot star of the right: an exclusive interview with Tucker Carlson and a visit with Donald Trump at Mar-a-Lago capped by a photo of both men smiling and snapping a thumbs-up.

For Mr. Rittenhouse, a year of legal uncertainty over whether his claim of self-defense would stand up has given way to uncertainty over what's next. He told Mr. Carlson, in an appearance that spiked the host's ratings by some 40%, that he hoped to become a nurse or maybe even a lawyer. He planned to "lay low" but would for sure leave the Midwest.

Even as Mr. Rittenhouse figures out his next moves, fundraising continues on his behalf, ostensibly to retire legal bills from his trial but perhaps in recognition that he may face civil lawsuits over the shootings. Mr. Rittenhouse has hinted he may bring defamation claims of his own and could seek possession of \$2 million in bail money raised by his supporters.

And some marketing experts say Mr. Rittenhouse — at least for a short while — may be able to leverage his story into lucrative paid appearances and even a book.

"I wouldn't go near it on a number of levels," said Ric Bachrach, CEO of branding and marketing company Celebrity Focus. "But somebody out there is going to want to tell his story."



Courtesy of Fox News via AP

Kyle Rittenhouse, right, sits for an interview with Fox News host Tucker Carlson. Mr. Rittenhouse was acquitted on charges stemming from killing two men and wounding another during the unrest that followed the shooting of a Black man by a white police officer in Kenosha, Wis.

"He could easily secure a seven-figure book contract," said Andrew M. Stroth, a former talent agent and an attorney in Chicago with no ties to Mr. Rittenhouse. Mr. Rittenhouse, he said, "could monetize his brand and potentially make in the millions."

Mr. Rittenhouse could get the \$2 million that was raised for his bail, though there is a legal battle for it. In Kenosha County, where he was tried, if a defendant is acquitted, the entire bail amount is typically refunded to whomever posted it, upon a judge's order. The poster of the bail is not necessarily the defendant, said Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, the clerk of courts for Kenosha County.

Mr. Rittenhouse's bail was posted by his former attorney, John Pierce, who said he has relinquished claim to the money. Mark Richards, Mr. Rittenhouse's current attorney, said in a Friday filing that it should go to his client. Fightback Foundation, the organization that raised the funds

and transferred them to Mr. Pierce so bail could be paid, argues that the money should be refunded to the organization.

Other fundraising opportunities have opened up.

After his acquittal, GoFundMe lifted a ban on Rittenhouse fundraisers that had been in place as part of a policy blocking fundraising for the legal defense of someone accused of a violent crime. There didn't appear to be any new fundraising efforts for Mr. Rittenhouse on the GoFundMe website.

But there are at least three efforts to raise money for Mr. Rittenhouse or his family on GiveSendGo, one of which has raised more than \$625,000 — including thousands since his acquittal. It's not clear how much an additional website, freekyleusa.org, has raised.

One email Tuesday from "Free Kyle USA," sent under the name of Mr. Rittenhouse's mother, Wendy, called his acquittal "a victory for the truth, for justice, and for every American's

God-given and unalienable right of self-defense." It said funds would go toward case-related debts, legal bills and then toward a scholarship fund for Mr. Rittenhouse so he can graduate from college without debt.

He may not have to wait around for donations. Mr. Stroth estimated Mr. Rittenhouse could command a speaker's fee on the lecture circuit of anywhere between \$2,500 and \$25,000 a speech.

Both Mr. Stroth and Mr. Bachrach said they would never seek to represent Mr. Rittenhouse, and that many speakers' agents and publishers would consider him too toxic. But some who cater to conservatives could jump at the chance to sign him.

Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, who was released from prison last year after then-President Trump commuted his sentence, told reporters in August that money he earns sending personalized greetings via the Cameo app is "surprisingly lucrative." A personal video greeting from Blagojevich costs \$100, and messages for business use are \$500.

Blagojevich also started a podcast, another possible option for Mr. Rittenhouse.

There's also merchandise. "Free Kyle" T-shirts and other items that were sold online after the shootings were eventually dropped by the vendor after prosecutors criticized the sales. Acquittal might reopen that market.

In his interview with Fox News, Mr. Rittenhouse hinted that he was looking into possible libel lawsuits. "I feel like my life has been extremely defamed," he said, adding: "I have really good lawyers who are taking care of that right now."

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On this day, Nov. 25

1783 The British evacuated New York during the Revolutionary War.

1881 Andrew Carnegie made his first move to create a free library for Pittsburgh; he offered \$250,000 on the condition that the city government agree to appropriate \$15,000 annually for its maintenance. (The city was unable to accept the gift as it had no funds on hand for such a purpose.)

1940 A group of 40 young men, comprising the city's first World War II draft contingent, passed physical examinations and entrained for Fort Meade, Md.

1961 The first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, USS Enterprise, was commissioned.

1986 The Iran-Contra affair erupted as President Ronald Reagan and Attorney General Edwin Meese revealed that profits from secret arms sales to Iran had been diverted to Nicaraguan rebels.

2008 The Pittsburgh Cultural Trust took

over the management of the Three Rivers Arts Festival, formerly run by the Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh.

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— Compiled by Rick Nowlin

Today's birthdays: Actor Kathryn Crosby, 88. Actor Christopher Riordan, 84. Pro Football Hall of Fame coach Joe Gibbs, 81. Singer Bob Lind, 79. Author, actor and economist Ben Stein, 77. Actor John Larroquette, 74. Actor Tracey Walter, 74. Movie director Jonathan Kaplan, 74. Author Charlene Harris, 70. Retired MLB All-Star Bucky Dent, 70. Dance judge Bruno Tonioli (TV: "Dancing With the Stars"), 66. Singer Amy Grant, 61. Former NFL quarterback Bernie Kosar, 58. Rock musician Eric Grossman (K's Choice), 57. Rock musician Scott Mercado, 57. Rock singer Mark Lanegan, 57. Rock

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BLOOMFIELD

Legal experts see case for intent in deadly Waukesha parade crash

By Tammy Webber, Todd Richmond and Bernard Condon
Associated Press

The man accused of plowing his SUV into a parade of Christmas marchers could have turned down a side street but didn't. Once he passed it, he never touched the brakes — barreling through and leaving bodies in his wake, according to a criminal complaint.

No motive has been given for Darrell Brooks Jr., the suspect in the suburban Milwaukee crash Sunday that killed six people and injured more than 60 others, but it may not matter if he goes to trial. Legal experts say the evidence strongly supports intentional homicide charges that would mean life in prison.

Former Waukesha County District Attorney Paul Bucher said it might be difficult to prove intent with the first person Mr. Brooks struck, "but when he kept going and knowing what he had done to the first person and didn't stop, then it was all intentional."

Mr. Brooks, 39, is charged with five counts of first-degree intentional homicide and is expected to face a sixth count after an 8-year-old boy died Tuesday. Waukesha County District Attorney Susan Opper has also said additional charges are likely.

Mr. Brooks' attorneys, Jeremy Perri and Anna Kees, cautioned people not to judge the case before all facts are known.

"It's essential that we not rush to judgment, and instead treat these proceedings and all those involved with dignity and respect," they said in a statement.

"That includes Mr. Brooks, who is entitled to a vigorous defense and careful protection of his constitutional rights. No matter how serious and emotional the charges, until the



Mark Hoffman/Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel via AP
Darrell Brooks Jr., center, is escorted out of the courtroom after making his initial appearance Tuesday in Waukesha County Court in Waukesha, Wis. Prosecutors in Wisconsin have charged Mr. Brooks with intentional homicide in the deaths of at least six people who were killed when an SUV was driven into a Christmas parade.

government proves its allegations beyond a reasonable doubt, our client is presumed innocent."

Ms. Opper said Wednesday her office would not comment on a pending case.

Mr. Brooks is accused of refusing to stop even as an officer banged on the hood of his SUV. Another officer fired three shots into the vehicle, but it did not stop.

Five people ranging in age from 52 to 81 were pronounced dead within hours. One of many injured children, Jackson Sparks, 8, died on Tuesday. Representatives for local hospitals said Wednesday that at least 16 people are being treated for injuries.

Mr. Brooks hasn't spoken publicly, and it's not known what, if anything, he told investigators.

But even if Mr. Brooks was under the influence of drugs or alcohol at the time — and police have not said he was — that could not be used as a defense in Wisconsin, experts said.

Tom Grieve, a Brookfield defense attorney and former Waukesha County prosecutor, said one possible defense would be that Mr. Brooks was suffering from a mental disease or defect. A jury would have to decide if he was guilty of the charges and then whether he was mentally ill. Such a finding would likely land him in a mental institution rather than prison.

Ms. Opper could have charged Mr. Brooks with first-degree reckless homicide, which would have been a "slam dunk" conviction that,

given Mr. Brooks' age, would have been an effective life sentence, Mr. Bucher said. But extensive video and other evidence also support the more serious charge, he and other experts said.

"The fact he didn't step on the brakes: That was intentional. The fact that his foot was on the gas: That was intentional. He could have stopped. ... He's the only person who could put his foot on the brake pedal, and he didn't," Mr. Grieve said.

A criminal complaint detailing the charges includes statements from police officers and witnesses who said the vehicle "appeared to be intentionally moving side to side," with no attempt to slow down or stop as it struck multiple people and sent bodies and objects flying.

National briefs

Justice Department to prioritize prosecuting violence on flights

Compiled from news services

Attorney General Merrick Garland directed U.S. attorneys across the country to swiftly prioritize prosecution of federal crimes that happen on commercial flights as federal officials face a historic number of investigations into passenger behavior.

Mr. Garland's memo, issued Wednesday, emphasizes that the Justice Department is committed to aggressively prosecuting violent passengers who assault crew members or endanger the safety of other passengers. Federal law prohibits interfering with a flight crew, including assaulting, intimidating or threatening crew members.

In a statement, Garland said such passengers do more than harm employees. "They prevent the performance of critical duties that help ensure safe air travel. Similarly, when passengers commit violent acts against other passengers in the close confines of a commercial aircraft, the conduct endangers everyone aboard," he said.

The memo also notes that dozens of incidents have been reported to the FBI by the Federal Aviation Administration — it investigates some flight disturbances and can issue civil fines to disruptive passengers — as part of an "information-sharing protocol" between the two agencies.

Rep. Greene pushes to honor Rittenhouse

Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga., has introduced a bill to award the Congressional Gold Medal — the legislative branch's highest honor — to Kyle Rittenhouse, the teenager who last week was found not guilty of homicide and

other charges related to his fatal shooting of two men during a protest against police violence last year.

Ms. Greene introduced a bill Tuesday to give Mr. Rittenhouse the award. A summary states that the measure would "award a Congressional Gold Medal to Kyle Rittenhouse, who protected the community of Kenosha, Wisconsin, during a Black Lives Matter (BLM) riot."

A bill requesting a Congressional Gold Medal must be co-sponsored by two-thirds of the House and the Senate, both now controlled by Democrats, before it is considered by the House Financial Services Committee and the Senate Committee on Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs. After it is passed in Congress, the measure must be authorized by the president.

2 more lawsuits filed in Astroworld deaths

The family of two close friends from suburban Chicago who were killed at the Astroworld concert in Houston this month have filed wrongful death lawsuits against rapper Travis Scott, the Live Nation entertainment company and others.

The lawsuits filed by the Naperville families of Jacob "Jake" Jurinek, 20, and Franco Patino, 21, are part of a flood of dozens of suits against Mr. Scott and the companies behind the Nov. 5 event in which 10 people were killed and hundreds were injured when a crowd surge pushed concertgoers forward, crushing and trampling many of them.

As with many of the other lawsuits, this one puts the blame on the companies and Mr. Scott, an organizer of the concert who was onstage when the deadly scene unfolded, for failing to take even the most basic safety precautions.

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Shazier pens book about overcoming adversity

SHAZIER, FROM A-1

“Monday Night Football” matchup between the Steelers and the Cincinnati Bengals, Mr. Shazier attempted a tackle that would temporarily paralyze him from the waist down and end his playing career.

Dr. David Okonkwo, a neurosurgeon at UPMC who operated on the football star to repair the spinal contusion, later told him the scoliosis had made him more vulnerable to a spinal cord injury. While children and adults with the condition can participate safely in some sports, Dr. Okonkwo told Mr. Shazier he was rethinking his own view that it was safe for teens with scoliosis to play football.

Still, Mr. Shazier has no regrets about devoting his career to the high-impact game.

As he writes in his book, “God had put me on earth to play football,” and he believes the scoliosis, a childhood diagnosis of alopecia, which caused his hair to fall out, and the blow that brought his professional career to a halt were all obstacles he was destined to deal with on his life journey.

The book is co-written by Larry Platt, a Philadelphia-based author, former newspaper and magazine editor, and co-founder of the Philadelphia Citizen, a nonprofit digital news site.

It’s scheduled for release Tuesday by Grand Central Publishing, a division of Hachette Book Group, and is priced at \$28.

When Mr. Platt approached Mr. Shazier about telling his story, both men envisioned a comeback tale that would culminate in Mr. Shazier’s return to the Steelers and eventual election to the Pro Football Hall of Fame, they said in an interview with the Post-Gazette over Zoom earlier this month.

Instead, the book pivoted to a narrative of how Mr. Shazier tapped his positive attitude, his trust in God, the love of his wife and family, and an outpouring of support from the Steelers and the city of Pittsburgh to help navigate his recovery.

It became a story of “personal growth and realizing what’s really important,” said Mr. Platt.

When the pair met for the first time in the spring of 2019, Mr. Shazier was walking again — his walk across the stage in April 2018 to announce the Steelers’ first-round NFL draft pick went viral — and devoting hours each day to vigorous workouts at the Steelers’ facilities at the UPMC Rooney Sports Complex on the South Side, where teammates, coaches and staff encouraged his



Peter Diana/Post-Gazette

Steelers linebacker Ryan Shazier with a takeaway against the Jacksonville Jaguars on Oct. 8, 2017, at Heinz Field.



Matt Freed/Post-Gazette

Mr. Shazier watches drills during Pro Day at the UPMC Rooney Sports Complex on the South Side in 2018.

plan to return to the playing field.

Mr. Platt and Mr. Shazier met several times one-on-one before the COVID-19 pandemic limited their in-person contact.

“Generally, the way I do these [books] is to be very intimate ... and embed in your life,” said Mr. Platt, whose credits include co-authoring a memoir by Stuart Scott, an ESPN anchor who died of cancer in 2015 at age 49.

Despite not being in the same room during interviews, Mr. Shazier said that he was able to open up to the professional writer over the phone and “go really deep in my life.”

The book tracks the details of his spinal stabilization surgery at UPMC 48 hours after he was paralyzed, his treatments — including hyperbaric oxygen sessions where he was im-

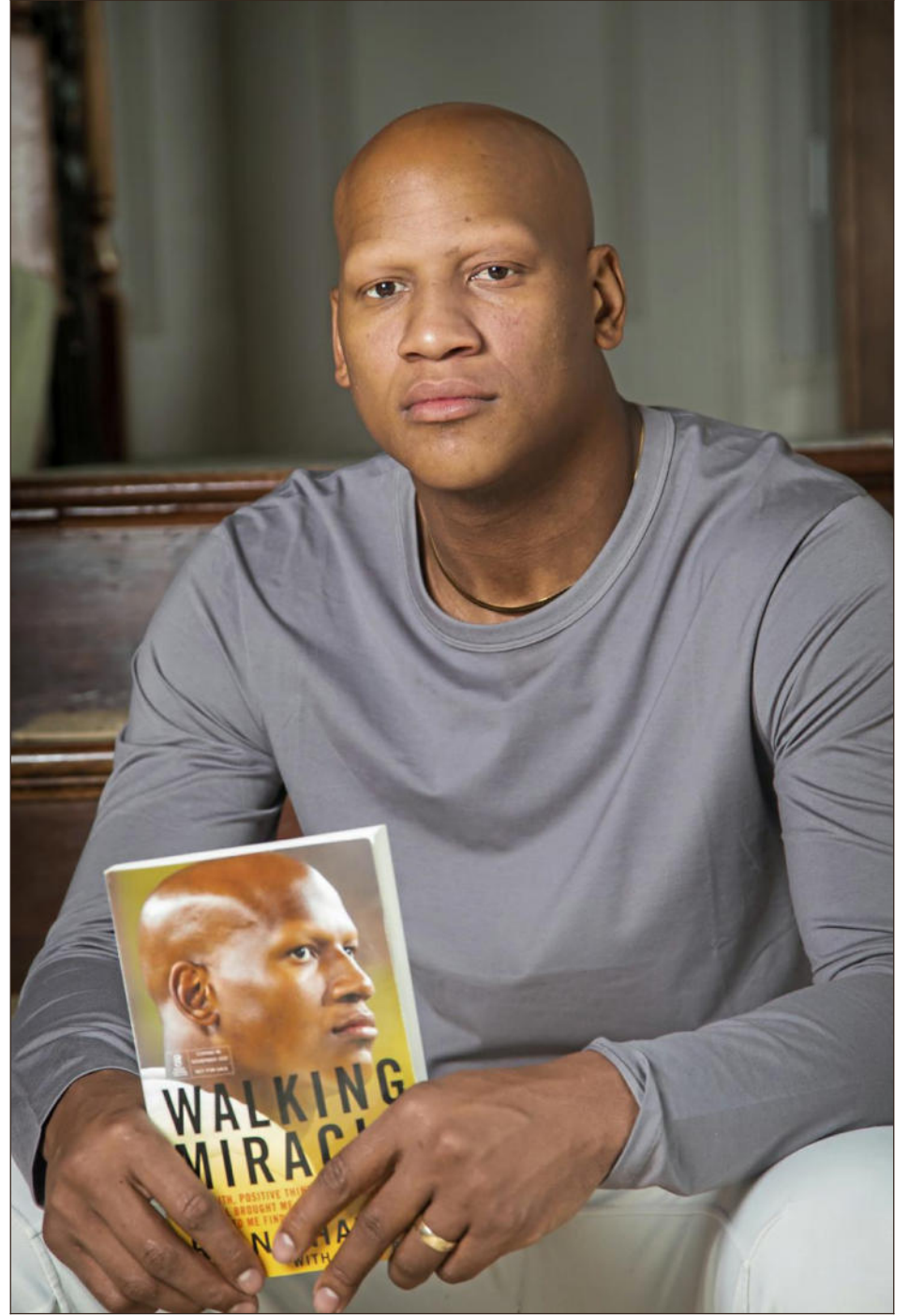
mersed in a chamber so that oxygen could be absorbed into his blood, tissues, lymph nodes and spinal fluid to promote healing — and his experiences learning to walk and regain balance and strength during six weeks as an inpatient at the UPMC Rehabilitation Institute at UPMC Mercy, Uptown.

Before he transferred to the rehab institute, a doctor he barely knew told him that while his surgery was a success, he had maybe a 20% chance of ever walking again.

“We think you’re done playing football, Ryan,” she said.

Mr. Shazier’s then-fiancee, Michelle, and his parents were in the room “and turned away” as the doctor spoke.

“I don’t know if it was positivity or just plain old denial, but I didn’t share their



Andrew Rush/Post-Gazette

Mr. Shazier wrote “Walking Miracle: How Faith, Positive Thinking, and Passion for Football Brought Me Back from Paralysis ... and Helped Me Find Purpose,” which is set to be published Tuesday in hardcover.

despair,” writes Mr. Shazier.

While he was hospitalized, Thomas Tull, a billionaire film producer who owns a minority stake in the Steelers, showed up with a copy of the book “The Obstacle is the Way.”

Its author, Ryan Holiday, was inspired by the ancient Greek philosophy of stoicism and features examples of how famous figures including Steve Jobs, Theodore Roosevelt and Barack Obama turned negative situations they encountered into advantages and successes.

Mr. Shazier devoured the book and gradually adopted the mindset of the “stoics.”

Instead of remaining inflexible about his immediate goal of playing football again, stoicism — which includes the practice of controlling only what you can and letting go of the rest —

“kind of showed me I’m hurt and this is what I have to deal with,” he said in the interview. “It let me find my way from here.”

He continues to use stoicism as a guiding force, and it has helped open his mind to pursuits beyond football including finishing his bachelor’s degree at Ohio State; becoming an investor and owner, along with his father, Vernon, in Pine-based transportation business Shay Trucking; and launching the Ryan Shazier Fund for Spinal Rehabilitation, which raises money to assist patients, families and caregivers of those impacted by spinal cord injuries.

Mr. Shazier, 29, also is a host and featured guest on the Ringer Podcast Network.

In September 2020, months after having a vivid and emotional dream about being on the field and again

being injured, Mr. Shazier announced his official retirement from the Steelers.

Physically, he has a lingering muscle spasticity in his left leg that likely would have prevented him from playing.

The function in that leg is now “at about 85%,” he said. “I’m able to do pretty much everything an average person can do.”

Mr. Shazier’s story “is not the comeback he was envisioning [when I met him],” Mr. Platt said.

“The book isn’t about football. It’s a road map for overcoming adversity.”

Mr. Shazier “came amazingly close” to playing again, said Mr. Platt. “And I think I would still lose a 40-yard dash to Ryan.”

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Goodfellows need may be higher than ever amid inflation, supply issues, virus

FELLOWS, FROM A-1

collections are just ramping up now, so it’s hard to say how well their collections will go.

In this area, Joe Desimone has collection boxes for unwrapped toys at his 12 outlets of The Wireless Store, including Waterworks Mall near Aspinwall. His franchises, which sell wireless plans for Verizon cellphones, have been collecting for nearly 25 years.

“We do it every year, but we do feel like it’s more important this year with the pandemic and inflation,” he said. “We’re happy to be that pathway for our customers to donate.”

Danielle Allison, who as project manager for Pittsburgh Cares schedules volunteers for the warehouse where toys are sorted, wrapped and prepared for distribution, said about 150 agencies have signed up for toys so far this year. That’s usually only part of the program because the Marines also coordinate direct distribution to families at the warehouse.

Again this year, due to COVID-19 and parking limitations at the warehouse, there won’t be a walk-up distribution, so families will have to be in contact with an agency in their neighborhood that is distributing toys.

“We’re directing everyone to reach out to the programs around them,” she said. “That’s the only way to get toys. It’s rough because we like to work directly with people. It’s disappointing.”

Ms. Allison said the agency needs help from more volunteer groups at the warehouse to prepare toys. Volunteers will be working nearly every day through Dec. 16, and individuals or groups can join in by registering through pittsburghcares.org/holiday.

Marine Sgt. Cristin Osornio, who’s overseeing the local program, said she is seeing “a really good turnout” from corporations stepping up to help with larger distribution events this year. Those will be publicized as they are scheduled, she said, and the Marines will be directly involved.

“I’m optimistic,” she said. “We’re seeing a lot more events. And you’re going to see a lot more Marines in uniforms at those events helping out.”

One way readers can help out is by donating through the Goodfellows campaign, where money is used to buy toys for the Marines program. For 75 years, the Goodfellow Fund has pro-



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Lt. Col. Cooper said he believes the changes will help the foundation reach everyone despite the increased need.

“We hope those purchases

are still going to be enough to serve every child that needs a gift,” he said. “We learned a lot last year about how to do things a little differently.”

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Biden picks women of color to lead budget office

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NANTUCKET, Mass. — Two women of color are President Joe Biden's picks to lead the White House budget office, a milestone for the powerful agency after his first choice withdrew following criticism over her previous attacks on lawmakers from both parties.

If confirmed by the Senate, Shalanda Young would become the first Black woman in charge of the Office of Management and Budget, while Nani Coloretto, a Filipino American, would serve as Ms. Young's deputy, making Ms. Coloretto one of the highest-ranking Asian Americans in government.

"Today it's my honor to nominate two extraordinary, history-making women to lead the Office of Management and Budget," Mr. Biden said in a video announcement released Wednesday while he spends the Thanksgiving holiday on Nantucket island in Massachusetts.

"She has continued to impress me, and congressional leaders as well," Mr. Biden said of Ms. Young, who has been acting director for most of the year. Mr. Biden turned to Ms. Young after his first nominee for budget director, Neera Tanden, came under bipartisan criticism.

Sen. Joe Manchin, a West Virginia Democrat who has become a pivotal vote for Mr. Biden's agenda in a chamber split 50-50, was the first Democrat to oppose Ms. Tanden's nomination and, lacking the necessary votes, she ultimately withdrew from consideration.

Mr. Biden later gave Ms. Tanden a job in the White House, where she is staff secretary and a senior presidential adviser.

Ms. Young faces a Senate confirmation vote, though it was not immediately clear how soon it would be scheduled. But she was confirmed as deputy director in March on a 63-37 vote, with backing from more than a

dozen Republicans.

Ms. Young's nomination comes just as year-end spending negotiations are starting to heat up.

Republicans rebuked the Biden administration for proposing a narrow funding increase for defense, arguing that it could cede the United States' role as a leading military power.

Senate Budget Committee ranking member Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who backed Ms. Young's nomination for deputy director, told her during a June 8 hearing that the defense spending level was the "real problem" with the proposal.

"How do you grow the Defense Department to compete with the technologies being developed by Russia and China if our defense spending is less than inflation? Their spending is not less than inflation, so this budget, I think, is blind to the world in which we live in, in terms of military threats," Mr. Graham said.

Ms. Young told the panel the larger increase for non-defense discretionary programs would "restore non-defense appropriations to its historical average share of the economy."

At the time, she told Mr. Graham that getting to a final topline spending level and completing appropriations bills "has to be a bipartisan process."

Republicans, who were opposed to Ms. Young's stance on federal funding for abortion when she was the deputy nominee, aren't likely to rethink their opposition now.

Ms. Young had been on track to get broad GOP support after her confirmation hearings, but eight of 11 Republicans on the budget panel and all seven on the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee voted against reporting her nomination to the Senate floor.

"I had planned to support Ms. Young based on her testimony before the commit-

tee," Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio, said at the Homeland Security Committee's markup in March.

"In reviewing her answers to the committee's questions for the record, though, I've got to say I was really troubled by her responses, particularly her strong advocacy for eliminating the Hyde amendment."

The 45-year-old provision, named for the late Rep. Henry J. Hyde, R-Ill., prohibits federal funding for abortions, with limited exceptions for rape, incest or the woman's life.

Senate Homeland Security Chairman Gary Peters, D-Mich., criticized panel Republicans at the time for objecting to a candidate they had said was qualified.

"In her written responses, Ms. Young stated that ending the Hyde amendment is a matter of economic and racial justice because its impact is felt most among low-income women of color. This is simply a statement of fact," Mr. Peters said. "But she also confirmed that she will follow current law, which includes the Hyde amendment. So I have a hard time following the objections of my Republican colleagues."

Ms. Young, who previously was staff director for the House Appropriations Committee, also has support from top Democratic leaders, including House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

In Congress, Ms. Young oversaw \$1.3 trillion in annual appropriations bills, disaster aid and COVID-19-related spending.

The head of the Office of Management and Budget is tasked with putting together the president's annual budget for Congress and overseeing a wide range of logistical and regulatory issues across the federal government.

Ms. Coloretto will rejoin the federal government from her current post at the Urban Institute think tank, where she is senior vice president overseeing financial and business strategy.



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President Joe Biden said Wednesday he intends to nominate Shalanda Young, the acting director of the Office of Management and Budget, to become the agency's permanent leader after months without one.

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German parties reach deal to end Merkel era

By Geir Moulson
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Associated Press

BERLIN — Germany's would-be governing parties vowed Wednesday to modernize Europe's biggest economy and step up efforts against climate change as they announced an agreement that leaves center-left leader Olaf Scholz poised to replace longtime Chancellor Angela Merkel within weeks.

The coalition will shift Germany's leadership a bit to the left after 16 years under the center-right Ms. Merkel, who gained plaudits for her handling of a series of crises over the years. Mr. Scholz signaled that the country's foreign policy would not change much.

Mr. Scholz's Social Democrats, the environmentalist Greens and the pro-business Free Democrats are set to

take the reins just as Germany faces its biggest surge of coronavirus infections in the pandemic so far, a reality that somewhat overshadowed the launch. Mr. Scholz opened the event by promising that "the new government will do everything necessary to bring us through this time well."

The three-party alliance is a first for a German government and creates strange bedfellows, with two left-leaning parties and one, the Free Democrats, that in recent decades allied with the center-right. But Mr. Scholz presented it as a big opportunity.

The new government will not seek "the lowest common denominator, but the politics of big impacts," he promised.

Mr. Scholz, 63, said he expects that members of the three parties will give their blessing to the deal in

the next 10 days. The biggest challenge is a vote by the Greens' roughly 125,000-strong membership. The other two parties plan to sign off on it at conventions during the first weekend in December, paving the way for parliament to elect Mr. Scholz as chancellor during the week starting Dec. 6.

Mr. Scholz has been Ms. Merkel's finance minister and vice chancellor since 2018 in the outgoing "grand coalition" of Germany's traditional big parties, in which his party was the junior partner. Ms. Merkel didn't run for a fifth term, and her Christian Democrats will head into opposition after a disastrous campaign that ended with defeat in Germany's Sept. 26 election.

"We will take over the government in a time of crisis," Green co-leader Robert Habeck acknowledged, describing the coalition deal as a sign of "courage and confidence" that fits those times. "The guiding principle of this government is a society that acts, a state that invests and a Germany that simply works."

Key pledges by the prospective partners include an increase in the minimum wage to 12 euros (\$13.50) per hour from the current 9.60 euros — a move that Mr. Scholz said "means a wage increase for 10 million citizens." And they also aim to get 400,000 new apartments per year built in an effort to curb rising rental prices.

Mr. Habeck also said measures planned by the government would put Germany on a path to meet the goals of the 2015 Paris climate accord. It also intends to bring forward Germany's exit from coal-fueled power from 2038, "ideally" completing it in 2030.

Mr. Habeck added that, instead of formally setting new goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, it



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Social Democratic Party chancellor candidate Olaf Scholz, second from left, with Green Party leaders Annalena Baerbock, second from right, Robert Habeck, right, and Free Democratic Party chairman Christian Lindner, left, on Wednesday in Berlin. After weeks of negotiations the leaders of the three parties presented a coalition contract for a new German government as Mr. Scholz is poised to succeed Angela Merkel.

will focus on concrete measures including ensuring that the price per ton of carbon dioxide won't fall below 60 euros — a measure that will speed up the coal phase-out.

At the Free Democrats' insistence, the prospective partners said they won't raise taxes or loosen curbs on running up debt.

The pro-business party's leader, Christian Lindner, said that "together we have a mission to modernize this country." He proclaimed that "we are going to digitize this state." That's a challenge in a country that has notoriously patchy internet and cellphone coverage and where government services are often offline.

Mr. Lindner, who is set to become finance minister, also said the coalition would implement more liberal social policies. Those include legalizing the sale of cann-

abis for recreational purposes in licensed shops.

The new government plans to place a greater emphasis on the welfare and participation of children and young people. The coalition deal says it will aim to lower the voting age in European elections from 18 to 16, and aim to change Germany's constitution so 16-year-olds can vote in federal elections too.

Looking beyond Germany, Mr. Scholz stressed the importance of a strong Europe, friendship with France and partnership with the United States as key cornerstones of the new government's foreign policy — continuing a long post-war tradition.

It's typical in Germany for coalitions to draw up detailed agreements for their four-year terms; this one runs to 177 pages.

The Social Democrats will get seven Cabinet ministers, including the defense and

health portfolios, as well as the chancellery. The Greens will get five, including the foreign minister and a minister for "economy and climate protection," a new combination. Neither party announced who would get those jobs.

The Free Democrats will get four ministries, including the key finance portfolio that goes to Mr. Lindner.

He acknowledged that the unexpectedly leak-free talks were "extraordinarily discreet." But he added: "I can assure you that the talks were just as argumentative as they were discreet — we argued over some individual sentences for hours."

Ms. Merkel's Christian Democrats are currently preoccupied with a contest over who will become their next leader and revive the party's fortunes after it suffered its worst-ever election result.

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Migrant boat capsizes in English Channel; at least 27 people dead

By Michael Spingler and Sylvia Hui
Associated Press

CALAIS, France — At least 27 migrants bound for Britain died Wednesday when their boat sank in the English Channel, in what France's interior minister called the biggest tragedy involving migrants on the dangerous crossing to date.

French Interior Minister Gérald Darmanin said in a news conference that 31 bodies had been recovered, including five women and a small girl, while two people survived. But his ministry told French media outlets later that the number of dead had been revised to 27.

Ever-increasing numbers of people fleeing conflict or poverty in Afghanistan, Sudan, Iraq, Eritrea or elsewhere are risking the perilous journey in small, unseaworthy craft from France, hoping to win asylum or find better opportunities in Britain. The crossings have tripled this year compared to 2020.

A joint French-British search operation for survivors was called off late Wednesday. Both countries cooperate to stem migration across the Channel but also accuse each other of not doing enough — and the issue is often used by politicians on both sides pushing an anti-migration agenda.

Four suspected traffickers were arrested Wednesday on suspicion of being linked to the sunken boat, Mr. Darmanin told reporters in the French port city of Calais. He said two of the suspects later appeared in court.

The regional prosecutor opened an investigation into aggravated manslaughter, organized illegal migration and other charges after the sinking. Lille Prosecutor



Activists and members of associations defending migrants' rights gather with posters Wednesday outside the port of Calais, northern France. Ever-increasing numbers of people fleeing conflict or poverty in Afghanistan, Sudan, Iraq, Eritrea or elsewhere are risking the perilous journey in small, unseaworthy craft from France, hoping to win asylum in Britain.

Carole Etienne, whose office is overseeing the investigation, said officials were still working to identify the victims and determine their ages and nationalities.

She told The Associated Press that the investigation may involve multiple countries as more information about the passengers emerges.

"It's a day of great mourning for France, for Europe, for humanity to see these people die at sea," Mr. Darmanin said. He lashed out at "criminal traffickers" driving thousands to risk the crossing.

Activists demonstrated outside the port of Calais on Wednesday night, accusing governments of not doing enough to respond to migrants' needs.

Hundreds of people live in precarious conditions along the French coast, despite

regular police patrols and evacuation operations.

The bodies were brought to Calais.

"Traffickers are assassins," Jean-Marc Puisseuseau, head of the ports of Calais and Boulogne, told The AP. "We were waiting for something like this to happen."

Mr. Darmanin called for coordination with the U.K., saying "the response must also come from Great Britain."

French President Emmanuel Macron advocated an immediate funding boost for the European Union's border agency, Frontex, and an emergency meeting of European government ministers "concerned by the migration challenge," according to his office. "France will not allow the Channel to become a cemetery," Mr. Macron said, according to his

office.

France's government is holding an emergency meeting Thursday morning to discuss the next steps.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson convened a meeting of the government's crisis committee, and said he was "shocked, appalled and deeply saddened."

He urged France to step up efforts to stem the flow of migrants, and said Wednesday's incident highlighted how efforts by French authorities to patrol their beaches "haven't been enough."

He reiterated that Britain wants to work with the French to "break the business model" of smuggling gangs.

French and British authorities have picked up thousands of migrants in the Channel in recent weeks, in scores of rescue operations.

World briefs

Sweden's 1st female prime minister quits hours later

Compiled from news services

Hours after being tapped as Sweden's first female prime minister, Magdalena Andersson resigned Wednesday after suffering a budget defeat in parliament and her coalition partner the Greens left the two-party minority government.

The government's own budget proposal was rejected in favor of one presented by the opposition that includes the right-wing populist Sweden Democrats. Sweden's third-largest party is rooted in a neo-Nazi movement. The vote was 154-143 in favor of the opposition's budget proposal.

Ms. Andersson, leader of the Social Democratic party, decided it was best to step down from the post more than seven hours after she made history by becoming the first woman to lead the country.

"For me, it is about respect, but I also do not want to lead a government where there may be grounds to question its legitimacy," Ms. Andersson told a news conference.

Ms. Andersson, who was finance minister before briefly becoming prime minister, informed parliamentary Speaker Andreas Norlen that she is still interested in leading a Social Democratic one-party government.

Mr. Norlen, the speaker of Sweden's 349-seat parliament, said he will contact Sweden's eight party leaders "to discuss the situation." On Thursday, he will announce the road ahead.

Russia moving forces in Ukraine buildup

Russia has been moving forces to the Crimea Peninsula as part of a large military buildup on Ukraine's

border, according to defense intelligence firm Janes and the Moscow-based Conflict Intelligence Team, which tracks Russian troop deployments.

Troops and equipment have been arriving in Crimea since last week, London-based Janes said by email. The deployment follows the dispatch of battle tanks and other heavy weaponry to the Voronezh region of southwestern Russia, Janes said.

The U.S. has shared intelligence with European allies that shows a buildup of Russian troops and artillery that it says could be preparing for a rapid, large-scale push into Ukraine from multiple locations if President Vladimir Putin decided to invade.

The U.S. assessment is that Mr. Putin could be weighing an invasion early next year. The information suggests the possibility of a scenario in which troops would cross into Ukraine from Crimea, the Russian border and via Belarus with about 100 battalion tactical groups, or potentially about 100,000 soldiers.

Haiti prime minister names new Cabinet

After four months and weeks of speculation, Haiti has a new ministerial Cabinet taking charge of its day-to-day governance amid an alarming spike in violent clashes by gangs who are abducting people for ransom, blocking fuel distribution and carrying out attacks on neighborhoods.

Interim Prime Minister Ariel Henry, who took charge of the country following a power struggle after the July 7 assassination of President Jovenel Moïse, announced his new government.

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Travelers swarm highways, airports leading up to holiday

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holiday period, an increase of nearly 4 million over last year despite sharply higher gasoline prices.

Many feel emboldened by the fact nearly 200 million Americans are now fully vaccinated. But it also means brushing aside concerns about a resurgent vi-

rus at a time when the U.S. is now averaging nearly 100,000 new infections a day and hospitals in Michigan, Minnesota, Colorado and Arizona are seeing alarming increases in patients.

The seven-day daily average of new reported cases up nearly 30% in the last two weeks through Tuesday, according to figures from

Johns Hopkins University. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says unvaccinated people should not travel, although it is unclear whether that recommendation is having any effect.

More than 2.2 million travelers streamed through airport checkpoints last Friday, the busiest day since the pandemic devastated travel early last year. From Friday through Tuesday, the number of people flying in the U.S. was more than double the same days last year and less than 9% lower than the same days in 2019.

Pittsburgh International Airport had projected Wednesday to be the busiest travel day of the week during the Thanksgiving holiday, according to spokesman Bob Kerlik. But he said the airport did not experience a significant bump in flight delays, cancellations



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Dasia Clark, of Morgantown, W.Va., waits Wednesday for her plane to Chicago to visit family for Thanksgiving in the ticket area of Pittsburgh International Airport.

to holiday travel before the pandemic.

"There is not a lot of room to put people on another flight if something goes wrong," said Dennis Tاجر, a pilot for the airline and a spokesman for the American pilots' union.

By midday Wednesday on the East Coast, airlines in the U.S. had canceled about 70 flights, an unusually low number, according to FlightAware. The Federal Aviation Administration reported very few airports affected by significant delays.

"The airport was easy. It took us five minutes to get through security," said Ashley Gregory, who returned home to Dallas with her husband and daughter after a few days in Jacksonville, Fla.

"But our bags are late," she added, glancing at the empty baggage carousel at Dallas/Fort Worth International Airport.

Casey Murray, president of the pilots' union at Southwest, said things seemed to be going reasonably well by late morning on Wednesday. He said he had not received any reports of major incidents involving unruly passengers for several days.

"I don't think anything is going to make video, which is good," Mr. Murray said.

At Sky Harbor International Airport in Phoenix, hundreds of travelers waited in security lines snaking around in a half-dozen loops. The terminals were packed with people, and with seats all taken, travelers sat in floors as they waited for their flights. There were also long lines for food at a time when some Phoenix airport workers are on strike in a dispute over wages and benefits.

At the Denver airport, Rasheeda Golden arrived from Houston with her boyfriend and his sister on their way to a snowmobiling excursion over Thanksgiving.

"It's exciting to be traveling now, especially with things opening back up, some sense of normalcy going on. I welcome it," she said.

or other incidents.

"It's been fairly smooth," Mr. Kerlik said early Wednesday evening.

At Newark Liberty International Airport in New Jersey, Christian Titus was heading to visit extended family in Canada. Titus says he's spent much of the pandemic inside but is willing to risk flying on a crowded airplane because he misses being around his family. He got a booster shot to increase his protection.

"My mental health does better by being around my family during these times," he said. "Yeah, it's dangerous. But you love these people, so you do what you can to stay safe around them."

Meka Starling and her husband were excited for many members of their extended family to meet their 2-year-old son, Kaiden, for the first time at a big Thanksgiving gathering in Linden, N.J.

"We've put pictures on Facebook so a lot of them have seen pictures of him, but to get to actually touch him and talk to him, I'm excited about it," said Ms. Starling, 44, of West Point, Miss.

For their part, airlines are hoping to avoid a repeat of the massive flight cancellations — more than 2,300 a piece — that dogged Southwest and American Airlines

at different times last month.

The breakdowns started with bad weather in one part of the country and spun out of control. In the past, airlines had enough pilots, flight attendants and other workers to recover from many disruptions within a day or two. They are finding it harder to bounce back now, however, because they are stretched thin after pushing thousands of employees to quit when travel collapsed last year.

American, Southwest, Delta and United have all been hiring lately, which gives the airlines and industry observers hope that flights will stay on track this week.

"The airlines are prepared for the holidays," said Helene Becker, an airlines analyst for financial-services firm Cowen. "They cut back the number of flights, the industry has enough pilots, they are putting more flight attendants through their (training) academies, and they are paying flight attendants a premium — what I'm going to call hazardous-duty pay — to encourage people not to blow off work."

The airlines have little margin for error right now. American expected to fill more than 90% of its seats with paying customers on Tuesday. That's a throwback

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92% of fed workers under mandate are vaccinated

By Zeke Miller and Colleen Miller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Biden administration's vaccine mandate for millions of federal workers seems to be working, with no apparent disruption to law enforcement, intelligence-gathering or holiday travel.

On Tuesday, one day after the deadline for compliance, 92% of the 3.5 million federal workers covered by Mr. Biden's mandate reported to the government that they are at least partially vaccinated, according to White House officials.

The highest number of partial vaccinations by Tuesday was at the Agency for International Development, which had 97.8%, followed closely by the Department of Health and Human Services at 96.4% and State Department at 96.1%, according to data provided by the White House Wednesday.

Law enforcement agencies do lag behind in vaccines, with the Justice Department at 89.8%. The Department of Veterans Affairs is at 87.8% of partial vaccinations, though the Defense Department was 93.4% and the Homeland Security Department was 88.9%. The government office with the lowest number of partially vaccinated employees was the Agriculture Department, at 86.1%.

But overall, 96.5% of federal employees have been deemed in compliance with the policy, which also includes medical or religious exemptions that are still being evaluated. The rest are considered out of compliance, but officials emphasized that "it's not a cliff," and that workers will receive counseling to get vaccinated or file for an exemption. Only then would termination be considered.

"We know vaccine requirements work," said White House assistant press secretary Kevin Munoz. "We hope that our implementation sends the clear message to businesses to move forward with similar measures that will protect their workforce, protect their customers, and protect our communities."

White House officials said the data was just a snapshot and the numbers would continue to rise in the days and weeks ahead. As they work through additional vaccines and exceptions, there will be no disruptions to government services, the officials said.

Since instituting the initial vaccine-or-test mandate this summer and then the more-restrictive requirement without a test-out option this fall, the White House has believed the federal government could serve as a model for the rest of the nation's employers for how vaccinations could help shepherd a quicker return to the normal.

White House officials say the most important lesson for businesses from the federal experience is that once they take the first step toward requirements, their workers will follow.

The numbers from the Internal Revenue Service show how a mandate can

drive up the vaccination rate.

Agencies with marginally lower vaccination rates tend to have widely dispersed workforces, making education and counseling about the benefits of vaccines — or even just the task of getting workers to self-report that they've already gotten a shot — more difficult.

There is still some resistance. The union representing federal prison workers filed a lawsuit Tuesday seeking to block the mandate, arguing it's an unfair labor practice and violates employees' free speech and privacy rights. Shane Fausey, the president of the Council of Prison Locals, said in a Wednesday letter to members that more than 3,500 federal Bureau of Prisons employees — about 10% of the

agency's workforce — were being issued counseling letters and face possible termination for not complying with the mandate.

Mr. Fausey's letter repeated misinformation about the vaccine, including claims that it doesn't stop the spread of COVID-19 and that it does not reduce the "overall adverse medical effects of the virus." Lawyers Bruce Castor and Michael van der Veen, who represented former President Donald Trump at his second impeachment trial, are representing the union.

Several intelligence agencies apparently had at least 20% of their workforce unvaccinated as of late October, said Republican Rep. Chris Stewart, of Utah, a member of the House Intelligence Committee.

Fauci says most adults should get booster

By Dave Goldiner
New York Daily News

Dr. Anthony Fauci has a message for America: Get ready to roll up your sleeve again.

The nation's top infectious-disease expert said the "overwhelming number" of adults should eventually get an additional vaccine shot to boost their immunity against COVID-19.

"We'd like to get as many people who were originally vaccinated with the first regimen boosted," Dr. Fauci told Reuters in an interview.

Dr. Fauci predicted that only those who have received a booster shot will be considered fully vaccinated in the future.

About 60% of all Americans have been fully vaccinated so far. Out of those, an additional 33 million Americans have received a booster dose.

After initially issuing narrow booster shot guidelines, public health officials recently expanded eligibility to all U.S. adults, six months after their initial vaccination.

Infectious-disease doctors fret about data showing that immunity from the initial lifesaving shots can wane.

After a summer wave eased, the U.S. is in the grip of a new surge of COVID-19 cases. The vast majority of those suffering serious illness and death are unvaccinated, but an increasing number of vaccinated people who have not received booster shots are also suffering so-called breakthrough infections.

The frightening trend is likely to only worsen as the U.S. heads into the end-of-year holiday period. Northern Europe is already experiencing a fresh wave that is as bad or worse as any time since the pandemic first started spreading across the globe in early 2020.

Dr. Fauci and other public health experts have said they hope the ongoing vaccination program will help to contain COVID-19 by the spring in the U.S. to the point where it can be considered an endemic disease.

That means the deadly virus will continue to circulate at a lower level, but it will cause smaller, less disruptive outbreaks.

The main obstacle to that goal is the tens of millions of Americans who refuse to get vaccinated amid a campaign of right-wing anti-vaccination disinformation.

President Joe Biden and public health experts want to expand vaccine mandates to increase the number of vaccinated people, protect the broader public and allow the economic recovery to continue.

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New talks on Iran nuclear deal amid growing pessimism



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Head of the International Atomic Energy Agency Rafael Mariano Grossi, left, and Iranian Foreign Minister Hossein Amirabdollahian meet Tuesday in Tehran, Iran. Mr. Grossi met with Iranian officials to press for greater access in the Islamic Republic ahead of diplomatic talks restarting over Tehran's tattered nuclear deal with world powers.

By Karen DeYoung
The Washington Post

Iran's continued blocking of access by international inspectors to a facility making centrifuge parts for uranium enrichment will seriously affect prospects for negotiations over the Iran nuclear deal scheduled to resume next week in Vienna, the head of the International Atomic Energy Agency said Wednesday after high-level talks.

IAEA Director General Rafael Grossi told member states that his discussions in Tehran had "proved inconclusive," and that he could not provide negotiators with "essential," up-to-date information about some aspects of Iran's nuclear activities.

Even before Mr. Grossi's efforts, Western participants in the Vienna negotiations had grown increasingly pessimistic about a successful outcome and held meetings to decide what they would do if they fail.

The Biden administration has insisted it far prefers a diplomatic outcome, but that it is prepared for the worst. If Iran "doesn't want to get back into the deal, if it continues to do what it appears to be doing now, which is to drag its feet at the nuclear diplomatic table and accelerate its pace when it comes to its nuclear program, if that's the path it chooses, we'll have to respond accordingly," chief U.S. negotiator Robert Malley said in an interview with NPR.

"The options that are at America's disposal are, you know, they're familiar to all," Mr. Malley said. Most immediate options include additional sanctions. Although there are few U.S. measures that have not been levied, the Americans see European partners as being more willing to implement "snapback" measures on broader international sanctions that were lifted as part of the original deal.

While prepared to respond to Iranian military

provocations, the administration has tried to persuade Israel, which is thought to be responsible for attacks against Iranian facilities, to hold off.

One of those attacks was at a centrifuge production facility in Karaj, a city near Tehran, where IAEA monitoring cameras were destroyed last summer. Mr. Grossi's negotiations centered on gaining Iranian agreement for the cameras to be restored.

After six sessions beginning in April, Iran suspended the Vienna negotiations in June after it elected a new government that has adopted, at least rhetorically, a much harder line.

Across the table from Iran are Britain, Germany, France, Russia and China — all original signers of the 2015 agreement under which Tehran agreed to limit the quantity and quality of its uranium enrichment and curtail other activities in exchange for the lifting of economic sanctions and other relief.

President Donald Trump withdrew the United States from the agreement in 2018, reinstating sanctions that had been removed and imposing hundreds of new ones as part of a "maximum pressure" campaign designed to crush the Iranian regime. In response, Iran first gradually — and in recent months rapidly — exceeded the limits it had adhered to, producing and operating more, and far more sophisticated, centrifuges that enrich uranium to a level that has now reached 60 percent. That is close to what is required to produce bombmaking fissile material.

Administration officials this week confirmed assessments by nongovernmental experts that Iran's "breakout time" for enough material for one weapon has moved from about a year when Mr. Trump withdrew from the deal, to what may now be only a few weeks. Iran has long denied that it

has any interest in producing nuclear weapons, saying its activities are for research and nuclear power purposes.

Iran has refused to meet directly with the United States, saying it is no longer a party to the accord. Instead, the European signers have served as go-betweens in the negotiations, transmitting information between U.S. and Iranian officials in separate Vienna hotel rooms.

President Joe Biden campaigned on a pledge to return to the nuclear agreement, called the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, or JCPOA. The administration has said its initial goal is "compliance for compliance," in which both Iran and the United States would return to the original terms of the deal, while expecting that would provide a platform for ongoing discussions about other issues, including Iran's ballistic missile program and the country's support of regional proxy wars and terrorism.

During the first six rounds, U.S. and European officials felt they had made progress on many of the specific, simultaneous steps both sides would take, and could quickly come to a resolution.

But the new Iranian government refused to set a date for a seventh meeting, while insisting that all sanctions against it be lifted — not just the ones that apply to its nuclear program, per the original agreement — and that the United States would guarantee that no future administration would again withdraw.

Administration officials have said they will not comply with the first condition, and cannot agree to the second. As Iran has expanded its nuclear activities, the United States and its European allies have warned that those moves may reach a point where the original terms of the deal might no longer apply.

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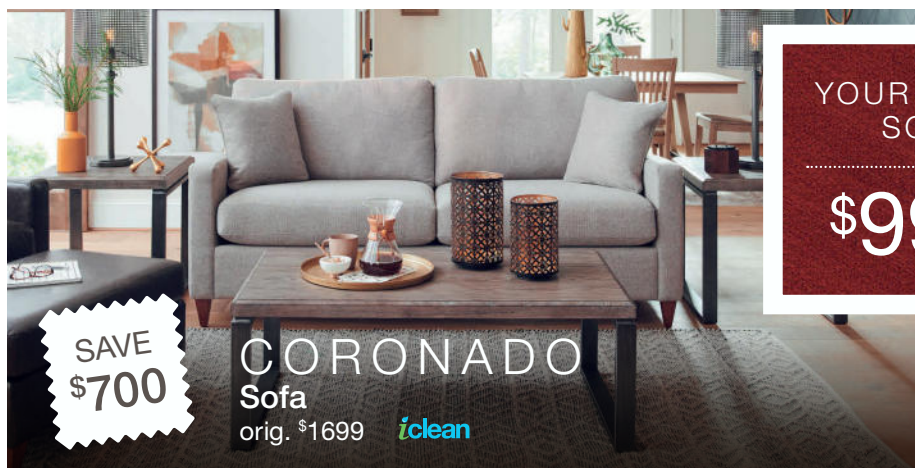
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Travis McMichael stood for the verdict, his lawyer's arm around his shoulder. At one point, McMichael lowered his head to his chest. After the verdicts were read, as he stood to leave, he mouthed "love you" to his mother, who was in the courtroom.

Greg McMichael hung his head when the judge read his first guilty verdict. Bryan bit his lip.

Moments after the verdicts were announced, Arbery's father, Marcus Arbery Sr., was seen crying and hugging supporters outside the courtroom.

"He didn't do nothing," the father said, "but run and dream."

Ben Crump, attorney for Arbery's father, spoke outside the courthouse, saying repeatedly, "The spirit of

Ahmaud defeated the lynch mob."

Arbery's mother, Wanda Cooper-Jones, thanked the crowd gathered for the verdict and said she did not think she would see this day.

"It's been a long fight. It's been a hard fight. But God is good," she said. Of her son, she said, "He will now rest in peace."

President Joe Biden said the guilty verdicts "reflect our justice system doing its job," but added, "That alone is not enough."

"Nothing can bring Mr. Arbery back to his family and to his community, but the verdict ensures that those who committed this horrible crime will be punished," Mr. Biden said in a statement.

"While the guilty verdicts reflect our justice system doing its job, that alone is not enough. Instead, we must re-



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Travis McMichael looks back at his mother and sister in the Glynn County Courthouse in Brunswick, Ga., after the jury convicted him Wednesday for the murder of Ahmaud Arbery.

commit ourselves to building a future of unity and shared strength, where no one fears violence because of the color of their skin," he continued. "My administra-

tion will continue to do the hard work to ensure that equal justice under law is not just a phrase emblazoned in stone above the Supreme Court, but a reality for all Americans."

The McMichaels grabbed guns and jumped in a pickup truck to pursue the 25-year-old after seeing him running outside the Georgia port city of Brunswick in February 2020. Bryan joined the pursuit in his own pickup and recorded cellphone video of Travis McMichael fatally shooting Arbery.

The father and son told police they suspected Arbery was a fleeing burglar. But the prosecution argued that the men provoked the fatal confrontation and that there was no evidence Arbery had committed crimes in the neighborhood.

"We commend the courage and bravery of this jury to say that what happened on Feb. 23, 2020, to Ahmaud Arbery — the hunting and killing of Ahmaud Arbery — it was not only morally wrong but legally wrong, and we are thankful for that," said Latonia Hines, Cobb County executive assistant district attorney.

Prosecutor Linda Dunikoski added: "The jury system works in this country, and when you present

the truth to people and they see it, they will do the right thing."

Travis McMichaels' attorneys said both he and his father feel that they did the right thing, and that they believed the video would help their case. But they also said the McMichaels regret that Arbery got killed.

"I can tell you honestly, these men are sorry for what happened to Ahmaud Arbery," attorney Jason Sheffield said. "They are sorry he's dead. They are sorry for the tragedy that happened because of the choices they made to go out there and try to stop him."

They planned to appeal. Bryan's attorney, Kevin Gough, said his team was "disappointed with the verdict, but we respect it." He planned to file new legal motions after Thanksgiving.

Superior Court Judge Timothy Walmsley did not immediately schedule a sentencing date, saying that he wanted to give both sides time to prepare.

Though prosecutors did not argue that racism motivated the killing, federal authorities have charged them with hate crimes, alleging that they chased and killed Arbery because he was Black. That case is scheduled to go to trial in February.

The disproportionately white jury received the case around midday Tuesday.

Soon after returning to court Wednesday morning, the jury sent a note to the judge asking to view two versions of the shooting video — the original and one that investigators enhanced to reduce shadows — three times apiece.

Jurors returned to the courtroom to see the videos and listen again the 911 call one of the defendants made from the bed of a pickup truck about 30 seconds before the shooting.

On the 911 call the jury reviewed, Greg McMichael tells an operator: "I'm out

here in Satilla Shores. There's a Black male running down the street."

He then starts shouting, apparently as Arbery is running toward the McMichaels' idling truck with Bryan's truck coming up behind him: "Stop right there! Damn it, stop! Travis!" Gunshots can be heard a few seconds later.

The graphic video death leaked online two months later, and the Georgia Bureau of Investigation took over the case, quickly arresting the three men. Each of them was charged with murder and other crimes.

Defense attorneys contended the McMichaels were attempting a legal citizen's arrest when they set off after Arbery, seeking to detain and question him as a suspected burglar after he was seen running from a nearby home under construction.

Travis McMichael testified that he shot Arbery in self-defense, saying the running man turned and attacked with his fists while running past the idling truck where Travis McMichael stood with his shotgun.

Prosecutors said there was no evidence Arbery had committed crimes in the defendants' neighborhood. He had enrolled at a technical college and was preparing to study to become an electrician like his uncles.

Shaun Seals, a 32-year-old lifelong Brunswick resident, rushed to the courthouse to join the crowd cheering the verdict.

"We just came out to witness history," said Mr. Seals, pushing his 10-month-old daughter in a stroller.

Mr. Seals, who is Black, called the convictions a victory not just for his community but for the nation.

"It's not going to heal most of the wounds" from a long history of inequality, he said. "But it's a start and shows people are trying."

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Trio guilty of killing Ahmaud Arbery: What now?

By Kate Brumback
Associated Press

EXPLAINER

ATLANTA — The killing was captured on video and shared around the world: Ahmaud Arbery running toward and then around an idling pickup truck before its driver blasted him at close range with a shotgun.

Soon after Travis McMichael fatally shot Arbery on Feb. 23, 2020, his father, Greg McMichael, told police how the pair had armed themselves, chased the young Black man and trapped him “like a rat.” Neighbor William “Roddie” Bryan told officers he joined the pursuit and helped cut off Arbery’s escape.

After a 13-day trial at the Glynn County courthouse in coastal Georgia, a disproportionately white jury found the three white men guilty of murder. Each man was also convicted on lesser charges.

On what charges was each man convicted?

A nine-count indictment charged all three men with one count of malice murder, four counts of felony murder, two counts of aggravated assault, one count of false imprisonment and one count of criminal attempt to commit a felony, in this case false imprisonment.

Travis McMichael was convicted of all nine charges. Greg McMichael was convicted of all charges except malice murder. Bryan was convicted of two counts of felony murder, one count of aggravated assault, one count of false imprisonment and one count of criminal attempt to commit a felony.

How much prison time are they facing?

Malice and felony murder convictions both carry a minimum penalty of life in prison. The judge decides whether that comes with or

without the possibility of parole. Even if the possibility of parole is granted, a person convicted of murder must serve 30 years before becoming eligible. Multiple murder convictions are merged for the purposes of sentencing.

Murder can also be punishable by death in Georgia if the killing meets certain criteria and the prosecutor chooses to seek the death penalty. Prosecutors in this case did not.

Each count of aggravated assault carries a prison term of at least one year but not more than 20 years. False imprisonment is punishable by a sentence of one to 10 years in prison.

When will they be sentenced?

That’s not clear yet. Superior Court Judge Timothy Walmsley will set a sentencing date.

Will there be appeals?

Appeals are almost certain in this case, said University of Georgia law professor emeritus Ron Carlson.

One likely basis for appeal could be the exclusion of certain evidence from the trial, he said. Defense attorneys had sought to introduce evidence of Arbery’s criminal record, records on his mental health and the fact that he was on probation. They also wanted to have a use-of-force expert testify. But the judge ruled against admitting any of that evidence.

“They’ll argue that relevant evidence helpful to the defense was excluded by the trial judge and that was an error,” Mr. Carlson said.

It’s also possible that appellate attorneys could find other grounds for appeal after scouring transcripts and jury instructions, and speaking with jurors.

Robert Rubin and Jason Sheffield, attorneys for Travis McMichael, said after the verdict that they plan to appeal. Mr. Sheffield said they had no second thoughts about trying the case in the community where Arbery was killed rather than seeking to move it elsewhere. But he said, “It could certainly become a part of the appeal.”

Are there federal charges pending?

Yes. The McMichaels and Bryan still face federal charges.

Months before the three stood trial on state murder charges, a federal grand jury in April indicted them on hate crimes charges. It’s an entirely separate case that’s not affected by the state trial’s outcome.

U.S. District Court Judge Lisa Godbey Wood has scheduled jury selection in the federal trial to start Feb. 7. All three men are charged with one count of interference with civil rights and attempted kidnapping. The McMichaels were also charged with using, carrying and brandishing a firearm during a crime of violence.

The federal indictment says the men targeted Arbery because he was Black.



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Greg McMichael takes his seat after Superior Court Judge Timothy Walmsley read his guilty verdict in Ahmaud Arbery’s killing Wednesday at the Glynn County Courthouse in Brunswick, Ga.

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Happy Thanksgiving from the Post-Gazette

Happy Thanksgiving. May you all have a calm, cozy gathering of many or few, depending on your desires. But beware.

Thanksgiving is a wonderful holiday, sure. It's all about family and counting our blessings and enjoying a lavish meal. But it can be a minefield if you don't properly prepare.

First, you must know your audience, whether you are the cook or the guest.

Let's start with the greeting. It should be friendly and warm. It should not include any comments on anyone's weight or hair or home décor or the behavior of children present. Mess this up and you might as well just go home (or take refuge in your kitchen).

Next there's football. Anyone in attendance should have been consulted in advance about their expectations. Will a tiny TV on the kitchen counter be sufficient? Should an entire room where a big screen dominates be cordoned off so non-fans keep out? These are not decisions to be made on the fly. And if Grandma really hates it when anyone talks during a game, maybe there's a bedroom where she can watch in private — because that may be just what she wants.

Now, about the meal. This is a traditional holiday, but how traditional? Must each appetizer and side dish be prepared just as Mom did for generations, or is some tweaking

permitted? And how much tweaking?

If guests are expecting a brined, glistening bird brimming with stuffing, they won't be happy if this year's main course is a pumpkin with a bread, sage and kale filling. Again expectations. Both dishes can be delicious as long as they fit the diners' preferences. If you're the cook trying to meet a mixed bag of dietary needs, make lots of different items so there's something for everyone. If you're a guest with sensitivities to everything that's likely to be on the table, ask in advance or just nibble around the edges of the offerings while smiling and chatting.

It is vital that cranberry jelly sliced along the can's ridges be provided, even if your own recipe with orange and pineapple and cinnamon is far superior. Again, tradition.

As a guest, remember that the cook has been preparing for days and really does want you to enjoy the meal. Please do, and don't mention it if you think she's having a little too much wine.

All of these potential landmines can be avoided by focusing on the big picture, and not the one on the TV. These people are your dearest friends and relatives. Make sure they know it and feel your warmest gratitude for their presence in your life.

Happy Thanksgiving.

'Comfort and Joy' shattered at parade

Once again, America is mourning the senseless deaths of innocents — this time the result of a mass killing in a city just west of Milwaukee. And this time, the weapon was a vehicle instead of a gun.

The tragedy at a holiday parade in downtown Waukesha left many stunned and asking why. It started as a joyous celebration with singing, dancing and marching bands. Where can Americans feel safe from harm if schools, churches, concerts, clubs and events like an annual parade can become what one Waukesha official called "a war zone" with six dead and more than 60 injured?

The suspect has a long criminal history, including two currently open cases in Milwaukee County. Yet he was out of jail and in the position to cause such carnage, even though there was no evidence that he knew anyone in the parade.

The holiday parade is a nearly 60-year tradition in the city. As the festive event began Sunday, a man driving a red SUV ran over barriers and sped through the parade route, mowing down parade participants and revelers along the way. Among the dead were four women and one man ranging in age from 52 to 81. An 8-year-old boy, Jackson Sparks, died Tuesday. The injured included toddlers to seniors.

Waukesha police reported that the five killed Sunday were Virginia Sorenson, 79, LeAnna Owen, 71, Tamara Durand, 52, Jane Kulich, 52, and Wilhelm Hospel, 81. The victims included members of the "Milwaukee Dancing Grannies," a senior dance group that loved performing in the parade.

Officials say the suspect being held in the case is Darrell Brooks Jr., 39. In one Milwaukee County case, filed Nov. 5, he is charged with resisting or obstructing an officer, recklessly endangering safety, disorderly conduct, bail jumping and battery. In

that case, according to The Associated Press, a woman told police that he deliberately ran her over with his vehicle.

In the second case, filed in July 2020, he's charged with reckless endangering and illegal possession of a firearm. And now he faces at least five charges of first-degree intentional homicide.

Police investigating the carnage reached the preliminary conclusion, based on the city's livestream cameras and cellphone video from spectators, that the suspect purposefully ran into the victims. Police believe he was fleeing from a "domestic disturbance" at another location before driving to the parade route.

One widely distributed video shows a young child dancing in the street as the SUV speeds by, barely missing her before hitting others.

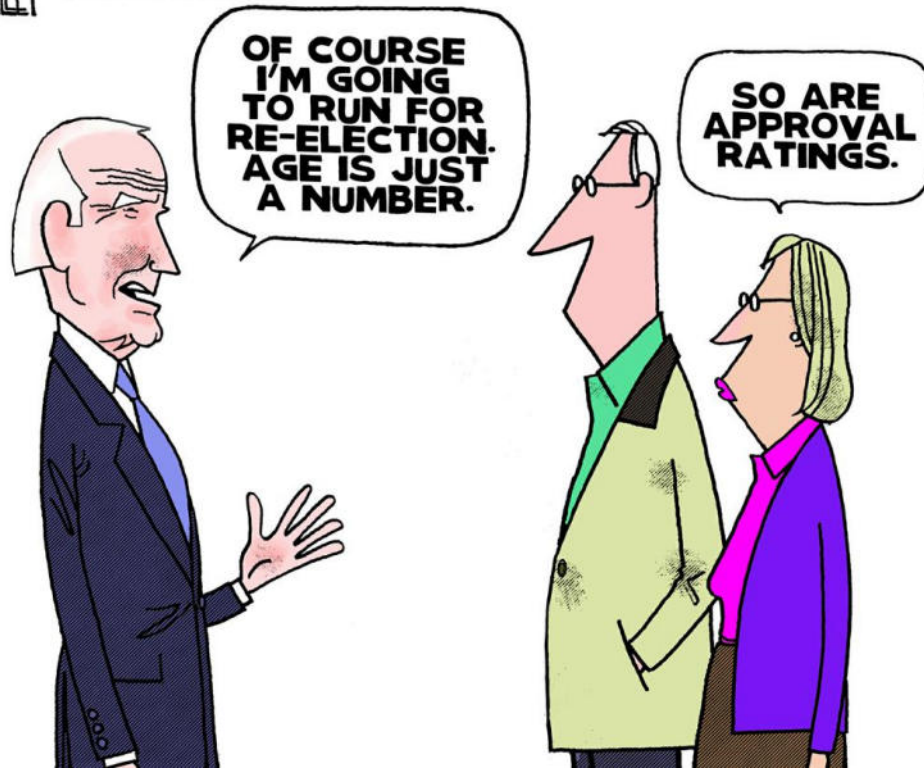
"There were pompoms and shoes and spilled hot chocolate everywhere. I had to go from one crumpled body to the other to find my daughter," Corey Montihio, a Waukesha school district board member, told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. "My wife and two daughters were almost hit. Please pray for everybody. Please pray."

The parade, held each year on the Sunday before Thanksgiving, is sponsored by the city's Chamber of Commerce. This year's theme was "Comfort and Joy," but that will not be what traumatized victims, participants and observers will remember about the horror of the day. And it will put other cities on edge as other holiday celebrations take place between now and the new year.

The victims in Waukesha will need prayers, yes, but also years of healing. That's too often the case in America, where lawlessness leaves too many people feeling unsafe — even at what Waukesha Mayor Shawn Reilly described as a "Norman Rockwell-type of Christmas parade."

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Andrea Felsted

Black Friday bargain hunters, prepare to be disappointed

The bargain bonanza that is Black Friday has begun. Only there are fewer special offers this year, and those that are being advertised aren't quite so eye-catching. You can blame the global supply chain meltdown for the dearth of doorbusters.

Even when toys and TVs start flowing through trade arteries again, retailers should maintain a more disciplined approach to discounting. This won't be easy, but stores stand to gain a lot if they bin the bargains in Black Fridays to come.

This year, many Americans are still flush with lockdown savings, while wage gains are also boosting household spending power. Combine that with missing out on holiday festivities in 2020, and that's made for buoyant consumer conditions — call it revenge Christmas if you like.

Given the higher costs that retailers are facing, from spiraling freight rates to air-shipping goods from Asia, they had little choice but to cut down on promotions this year in order to protect profit margins. In any case, why risk running out of stock when you don't even need to stimulate demand? Walmart Inc. pointed to lower markdowns during the crucial back-to-school and Halloween seasons. Victoria's Secret & Co., T.J. Maxx owner TJX Cos Inc. and Macy's Inc. also had to clear less stock. Adidas AG said it was selling more sneakers at full price this year compared with in 2020.

Meanwhile, retailers such as Target Corp. and Amazon.com Inc. started their offers in October to capitalize on early consumer demand and having enough supply. That may have contributed to U.S. retail sales rising by the most in seven months in October.

But that early holiday spending may take some heat out of the traditional late November frenzy.

Stacey Widlitz, of SW Retail Advisors, who tracks promotions on both sides of the Atlantic, says that across the U.S., deals are similar to or lower than in 2020, when they had already been reined in due to COVID. There are some categories where special offers are heating up — such as beauty and toys — but some items are already in short supply.



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Shoppers browse the aisles during a Black Friday sale at a Target store.

In the e-commerce market, meanwhile, Adobe found that discounts were weaker in electronics, sporting goods and electrical appliances. They were similar in TVs and furniture, while prices were actually rising in DIY products, compared with reductions last year.

Even though signs suggest supply-chain problems have peaked, the scars of stock shortages along with rising inflation mean consumers now expect to pay more for what they want. This creates an opportunity for retailers to reset their profitability, by keeping bargains at 2021 levels, or even lower, in future years.

There are challenges to this strategy. For starters, the pent-up demand that characterized 2021 is likely to fade. Splashing out on everything from new cushions to coats, as well as meals out and travel, is taking its toll on those accumulated pandemic savings.

The proportion of Americans who plan to travel over the Thanksgiving holiday has more than doubled compared with 2020, according to Destination Analysts, and is even ahead of 2019 levels. Meanwhile, 2022 will lack the extra impetus from those stimulus payments.

At the same time, inflation is eating into household spending power. If Americans are having to pay more for the things they need, such as food and fuel, there will be less left over for the things they want. Add in the prospect of higher borrowing costs, and it's no

wonder that U.S. consumer sentiment has dropped to a 10-year low.

For retailers, this all makes judging demand into 2022 and beyond perilous. While it's fair to say next year's holiday season likely won't be as strong, the outlook from here is about as clear as mud.

One of the reasons that discounts are so scarce now is because the items currently in shops were ordered earlier in the year, amid uncertainty about COVID-19 cases and before the true extent of consumer strength emerged. Companies shouldn't be lulled into a false sense of security by the current strength in spending, and order in bigger volumes for next year's holiday season.

At the same time, chains must strike the right balance between protecting profits and making stores fun. Unlike in Europe, where there is no reason for Black Friday to exist, the shopping holiday is an American tradition. Many customers still expect some razzamatazz, and that means doorbusters.

But everything in moderation.

This year's extraordinary combination of soaring demand and constrained supply has given stores a golden ticket to end the vicious retail cycle of over-ordering and then deep-discounting to clear unwanted stock. They'd be wise to use it.

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Perspectives

David Von Drehle

No bones about it: The roast turkey was bequeathed to us by Satan

Let's talk turkey. The time is here again when millions of Americans anguish over a nearly impossible culinary task, in hopes of producing (by any objective measure) an insipid result.

I speak of roasting an entire turkey. This yearly project dates back many centuries, to an individual named Satan, who specializes in devising infernal tortures.

Roasting a turkey involves placing an irregular form — meaty lobes, bony protrusions, fatty deposits, empty cavities — into a heated box with the mad dream of bringing all the parts to perfection simultaneously. Success is rarely attained outside the confines of a Norman Rockwell painting.

Sure, everyone praises the turkey, provided that the breast is not desiccated and the thigh is not bloody. They've noticed the cook laboring for hours, muttering and looking worried. It's good manners to praise the turkey, like praising a child's piano recital. But can you think of another dish for which "moist" is a superlative?

Rather than admit the hellishness of whole turkey, we indulge in a masochistic search for the "best" way to roast the bird. Soak it in salt water. No: Rub it with dry salt. Fill the inside with breadcrumb stuffing. No: Fill the inside with citrus fruit. No: Leave the inside empty. Massage it with butter. No: Smear it with mayonnaise. No: Coat it with olive oil. Cook it breast down. No: Flip it over halfway through. Apply ice packs before cooking. Cover it with foil. No: Leave it uncovered.

Start at low heat, then go to high heat. Start at high heat, then go to low heat. Start at high heat and keep it there. Cook it overnight at super-low heat. Put it in a heat-resistant plastic bag. Never, ever use a bag.

Or maybe the secret to perfect turkey involves a hair dryer.

Where everything is true, nothing is true. There is no "best" way to roast a turkey, any more than there is a "best" way to clean the gutters or check the smoke



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alarm batteries.

Thanksgiving turkey is just another annual ordeal. No matter what preparation or temperature you choose, after a few hours all paths end at the same ho-hum. By the time you carve and serve it, it's lukewarm to boot— just the way bacteria like it.

I'm not saying roast turkey tastes bad. I am saying it's nearly flavorless. Turkey without gravy is like a cone without ice cream. Like pizza crust without sauce and toppings. The best that can be said of Thanksgiving turkey is that it sits there modestly on the plate while the mashed potatoes and gooey green beans work their magic.

Nor am I condemning all turkey. A turkey breast cooked by itself — smoked or properly seasoned — and sliced paper thin can be the heart of a wonderful sandwich. Indeed, the turkey sandwich at Ellwood and Bonnie Ziegler's Star Market in Denver, circa 1981, was a masterpiece worthy of Escoffier. I

taste-tested it personally about 500 times. A statue should be raised in honor of that sandwich.

But look past the deli to the menus of the world's great restaurants. You see lots of chicken, because roast chicken has a succulence that translates beautifully into almost every cuisine. A lot of roast duck, too, because the rich flavor of a well-cooked duck is divine.

Other than one day a year, you will find approximately zero roast turkey entrees in fine restaurants. Turkey is relegated to retro diners, or worse: frozen inside cardboard boxes at the grocery store, entombed in industrial gravy.

Louisianans, known for ebullient cuisine, tackle the turkey problem with characteristic exuberance.

Instead of filling their birds with lemons or breadcrumbs, they remove the bones and jam a duck inside the turkey, then squeeze a chicken inside the duck, then fill the chicken with a savory mixture

involving sausage, or crawfish, or whatever goodness is at hand. They call this "turducken" and serve it in slices that are 75% heaven and 25% turkey — a far more favorable ratio than the traditional Thanksgiving roast.

Others submerge their turkeys in boiling oil, a vaguely medieval solution that only sometimes ends in explosions and maimings.

Cooks of the world, unite! You have nothing to lose but your basting brushes and meat thermometers.

Now if you'll excuse me, I have to run to the store for our Thanksgiving turkey. Yes, I'm a hypocrite. Though I dread groping its insides for the little bag of organs, wrestling it into and out of the pan, and carving leftovers that no one will eat, it's the ritual that matters. Labor, suffering and humiliation are sacrificial tokens of love.

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J. Mark Powell

Thanksgiving, America's Original Beer Bash

A holiday question persists year after year, probably stretching all the way back to the first Thanksgiving feast in 1621. "What are we going to do with all the uneaten turkey?"

(For a full range of post-Thanksgiving turkey menu options, turn to Ralphie's gastronomical rant at the end of "A Christmas Story.")

The Pilgrims, on the other hand, could have asked a different question after that first celebration exactly 400 years ago: "What are we going to do with all the empty kegs?"

Because the Pilgrims drank beer with their big meal. Lots and lots of beer, in fact.

It's one tradition that somehow didn't get passed down over the years. Which is why nobody ever says while gathered around Aunt Margaret's elegantly appointed Thanksgiving table, "Pass the Pabst Blue Ribbon, will you?"

But trust me, beer was there in 1621.

In fact, beer was the reason the Pilgrims set foot in Massachusetts in the first place.

After two months at sea, the travelers were facing several pressing problems. First, despite having originally set out for the Virginia Colony, they were way off course. The trip had lasted much longer than expected. But worst of all, they were running low on beer. Dangerously low.

Each person was issued roughly one gallon of suds every day. And although the journey was a one-way trip for the Pilgrims, Captain Christopher Jones and the Mayflower's crew would have to recross the Atlantic to get home, and he worried there wouldn't be enough to last.

William Bradford was growing anxious about the dwindling beer supply. That was why the group ultimately decided to drop anchor and set foot on Cape Cod. You know the story from there.

Let's face it: Though they are key players in tale of America's founding, Pilgrims weren't exactly party animals. "Fun" is a word rarely associated with them. Then why did they drink so much of a beverage far more likely to be consumed at a frat party or biker rally than at a Baptist convention?

Because beer was how they stayed hydrated. The water carried onboard the Mayflower quickly grew brackish and turned into a health hazard.

The brewing process killed dangerous organisms and made the water in beer safe to drink. Even when the Pilgrims finally came ashore in Massachusetts, they had to be very careful with the water they found there. Remember, there were no water departments back then to purify drinking water. Brewing it was their safest bet.

In fact, there's a theory of human history that the discovery of distilled spirits — heavy on calories, light on dangerous microorganisms — was key to the development of modern society. Forget Homo Sapien. We should be honoring Homer Simpson.

And make no mistake—the Pilgrims weren't popping open bottles of O'Doul's non-alcoholic beer. The brewskis they downed (even the kids) contained 6% alcohol. It was the real McCoy.

As Puritanism spread throughout New England and safe water sources were discovered, beer consumption gradually fell out of favor.

Since early preachers associated it with sin, it wouldn't do to perpetuate its legacy during the annual fall feast. Beer was quietly erased from the Thanksgiving menu.

Quite a few other items that were served in 1621 aren't consumed at today's Thanksgiving dinner as well. Not many Americans stuff themselves with venison, cabbage, peas, wild onions or boiled cornmeal.

All were likely served that first time along with grapes, gooseberries and plums.

We also know the very first Thanksgiving lasted three days. The ample beer supply explains that.

Holy Cow! History is written by novelist, former TV journalist and diehard history buff J. Mark Powell.

Brian Chappatta

Why a 'dangerous man' was a safe Fed pick for Biden

President Joe Biden, dogged by weakening public approval ratings and coming off a hard-fought battle to pass his new infrastructure law, didn't have to make his life more complicated with his pick to lead the Federal Reserve.

That's precisely why he nominated current Fed Chair Jerome Powell to serve another term while tapping Fed Governor Lael Brainard to succeed Richard Clarida as vice chair.

Choosing the path of continuity and compromise was always going to be the safest and easiest route for Mr. Biden. Sure, Sen. Elizabeth Warren, of Massachusetts, called Mr. Powell a "dangerous man" and opposed offering the Republican another term. But he has won praise on both sides of the aisle for how he handled the economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen reportedly favored Mr. Powell as well. There's every reason to expect he will win overwhelming bipartisan confirmation.

Contrast that with Ms. Brainard, who was the other top contender for the job. Ms. Brainard, a Democrat, has a background both personally and professionally that veers into the political arena. She was President Bill Clinton's deputy national economic adviser and for part of Barack Obama's presidency was the undersecretary for international affairs at the Treasury Department. Her husband, Kurt Campbell, joined the Biden administration this year as deputy assistant to the president and coordinator for Indo-Pacific affairs on the National Security Council.

In this hyperpartisan environment, these ties would have undoubtedly caused a wide swath of



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Jerome Powell, chairman of the Federal Reserve.

Republicans to instantly oppose her nomination for the top spot. Ms. Brainard probably could have advanced on a party-line vote, depending on whether she could win over Sen. Joe Manchin, of West Virginia. But is it really worth it for the White House to expend that political capital?

In truth, Mr. Powell and Ms. Brainard are virtually identical when it comes to monetary policy. Mr. Powell has fully embraced his inner dove, committing to keep interest rates near zero until the U.S. economy reaches "maximum employment," even if it spurs a bout of elevated inflation along the way. This isn't far off from Ms. Brainard's vision of how the central bank should function at the effective lower bound of interest rates, which she articulated in an important speech in November 2019. Either nominee would likely face questions from Republicans about how to tame inflation after the sharpest increase in consumer prices in three decades, but Mr. Powell can more likely assuage any concerns after years of going through congressional testimony

and leading the Fed during a period of tightening policy.

The primary area where the two diverge is bank supervision. In December 2020, the Fed concluded that banks were in a strong enough position to resume buying back shares after restricting cash distributions in the wake of the pandemic. Ms. Brainard was the only Fed official to vote against the decision. "Prudence would call for more modest payouts to preserve lending to households and borrowers during an exceptionally challenging winter," she said in her dissent, seemingly speaking straight to Ms. Warren and other progressives within the Democratic Party.

Mr. Biden could have picked Ms. Brainard as vice chair for supervision, where she could more directly influence banking regulation. But as vice chair, she will still have an important voice on such matters while also ascending into one of the three positions (along with chair and president of the New York Fed) that are widely considered to be the most influential on monetary policy. The White House said it plans

to announce more nominations for open seats beginning in early December.

Another upside of picking Mr. Powell is that it starts to rebuild the Fed's perceived independence after President Donald Trump badgered Mr. Powell for years. Ms. Yellen reportedly stressed the importance of continuity and avoiding the politicization of the leadership role. It shows that the recent trading scandal to hit the central bank, which caused two regional Fed presidents to leave their posts, wasn't a politically motivated push to get the Republican out of the top job.

Last — but perhaps most important — Mr. Powell is the less-risky pick when it comes to potential financial market volatility. It took time for traders to come to understand Mr. Powell and for him to learn how to best communicate to markets. At this point, he has finetuned his messaging enough that he's unlikely to create a meltdown himself. By contrast, in October 2018, what appeared to be a throwaway line that "we're a long way from neutral, probably" ended up starting a stock-market skid. With someone new, there's the risk that markets will be more skittish — something that Mr. Biden can ill afford with his popularity teetering.

Mr. Biden had two paths: One was the safe pick, the other was a big political gamble for a relatively modest reward. He wisely chose the former, even if it took an agonizingly long time to reach the decision. Mr. Powell's reconfirmation process should go about as smoothly as anything the Biden administration has done in its first year.

Brian Chappatta is a Bloomberg Opinion columnist covering debt markets.

Today

44
29
Cloudy with a couple of showers this afternoon.
Winds SSW at 7-14 mph.

A.M. RUSH 39
LUNCH 43
RUSH 43

Tomorrow

34
23
Cloudy and breezy with snow showers. Winds WNW at 8-16 mph.

Saturday

39
27
Clouds giving way to some sun. Winds WSW at 4-8 mph.

Sunday

38
26
Cloudy and cold with snow possible. Winds N at 6-12 mph.

Monday

38
24
Times of sun and clouds. Winds WSW at 6-12 mph.

Weather outlook

Cloudy today with a couple of showers in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation 70%. Cloudy with a little rain this evening followed by rain and snow showers late with little or no accumulation. Chance of precipitation 90%. A thick cloud cover and breezy tomorrow with a couple of snow showers. Chance of precipitation 45%. Saturday: clouds giving way to some sun.



Nation Cities

	Today		Tomorrow	
	Hi/Lo	W	Hi/Lo	W
Albany	45/36	c	41/28	r
Albuquerque	50/30	s	54/33	s
Allentown	52/39	c	43/29	pc
Anchorage	14/4	sf	4/-1	pc
Atlanta	65/40	pc	52/33	s
Atlantic City	55/47	pc	48/34	r
Baltimore	57/41	pc	48/29	pc
Birmingham	65/36	pc	51/30	c
Boise	47/32	pc	46/33	c
Boston	54/40	pc	46/31	r
Buffalo	48/32	c	35/26	sf
Charleston, S.C.	66/49	s	61/34	pc
Charleston, W.Va.	51/32	r	40/23	pc
Charlotte	63/44	pc	55/27	s
Chicago	42/21	c	34/28	pc
Cincinnati	46/26	r	37/26	pc
Cleveland	46/30	r	34/25	sf
Columbus	47/29	r	35/23	pc
Dallas	58/35	c	58/44	pc
Dayton	47/27	r	35/24	pc
Denver	55/32	pc	65/36	s
Des Moines	33/20	s	47/34	pc
Detroit	47/27	r	35/23	pc
Erie	46/33	r	37/30	sn
Fairbanks	-7/-12	sf	-9/-17	sf
Grand Rapids	45/26	sh	34/23	pc
Greensboro	61/42	pc	50/29	s
Hartford	52/36	pc	44/28	r
Harrisburg	55/41	c	43/31	pc
Honolulu	85/71	s	83/69	s
Houston	69/46	r	60/42	pc
Indianapolis	47/23	r	37/28	pc
Jackson, Miss.	69/38	r	55/30	s
Kansas City	41/25	s	56/37	s
Las Vegas	62/41	s	65/47	s
Los Angeles	78/52	s	80/55	s
Louisville	50/29	r	41/30	pc
Memphis	58/30	r	50/34	s
Miami	77/65	pc	78/62	s
Milwaukee	41/20	c	34/26	pc
Minneapolis	27/16	s	37/25	pc
Myrtle Beach	61/49	pc	60/32	sh
Nashville	53/29	r	45/28	pc
New Orleans	74/53	pc	60/46	pc
New York City	53/43	c	47/33	pc
Norfolk	60/45	s	54/32	pc
Oklahoma City	50/27	pc	62/38	s
Omaha	37/25	s	56/36	s
Orlando	75/57	pc	75/52	pc
Philadelphia	55/43	pc	48/30	pc
Phoenix	76/55	s	77/53	s
Portland, Maine	50/35	pc	44/28	r
Portland, Ore.	54/48	c	54/49	r
Providence	55/39	pc	46/27	r
Richmond	61/46	pc	51/28	pc
Sacramento	61/40	s	64/38	pc
St. Louis	43/24	r	48/36	pc
Salt Lake City	44/27	pc	50/32	pc
San Diego	78/52	s	80/52	s
San Francisco	63/48	s	63/50	pc
San Juan	83/75	t	84/75	t
Seattle	50/46	r	52/44	c
Spokane	41/36	c	44/37	c
Syracuse	45/37	c	38/28	sf
Tampa	77/60	pc	77/53	s
Toledo	49/28	r	39/24	pc
Tucson	66/52	s	73/47	c
Washington, D.C.	57/43	pc	47/31	pc
Wheeling	45/29	sh	35/26	sf
Wilmington, Del.	55/41	pc	47/29	pc

Yesterday's Record

Readings from the Pittsburgh Int'l. Airport through 5 p.m. Nov 24, 2021

TEMPERATURE

High	45
Normal high	48
Year ago	42
Record high	69 (1931)
Low	21
Normal low	32
Year ago	28
Record low	11 (1950)

DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL

Yesterday	-6.7
Month to date	-2.1
Year to date	+0.9

HUMIDITY

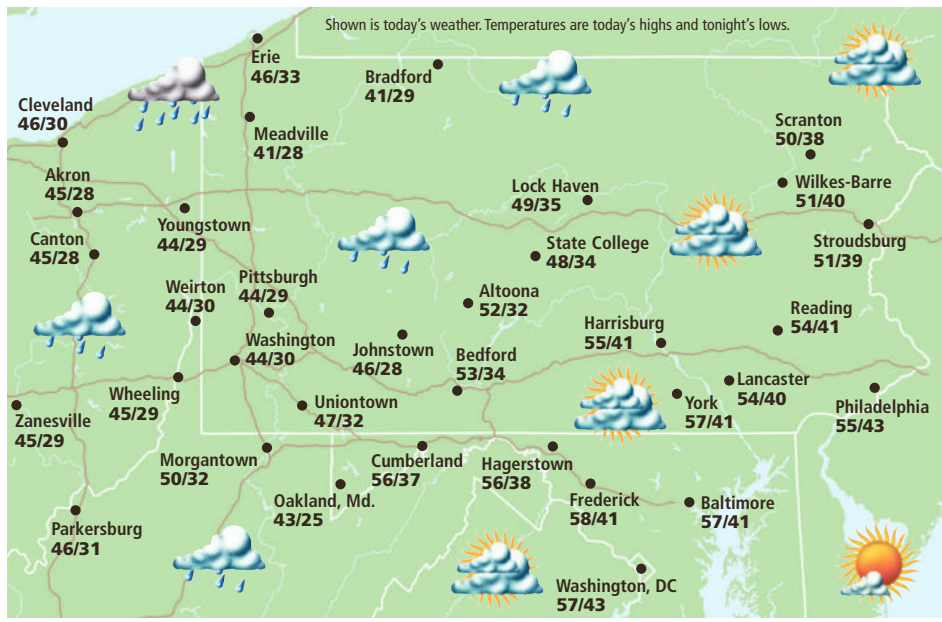
High	77 (at 4 a.m.)
Low	38 (at 1 p.m.)

PRECIPITATION (inches)

24 hours ending 5 p.m. yest.	0.00
Month to date	0.67
Normal month to date	2.28
Departure from normal	-1.61
Year to date	36.87
Normal year to date	36.19
Departure from normal	+0.68

BAROMETER

Yesterday's high	30.34
Yesterday's low	30.24

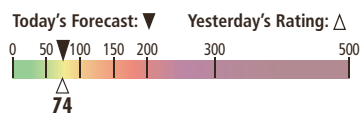


Skywatch today

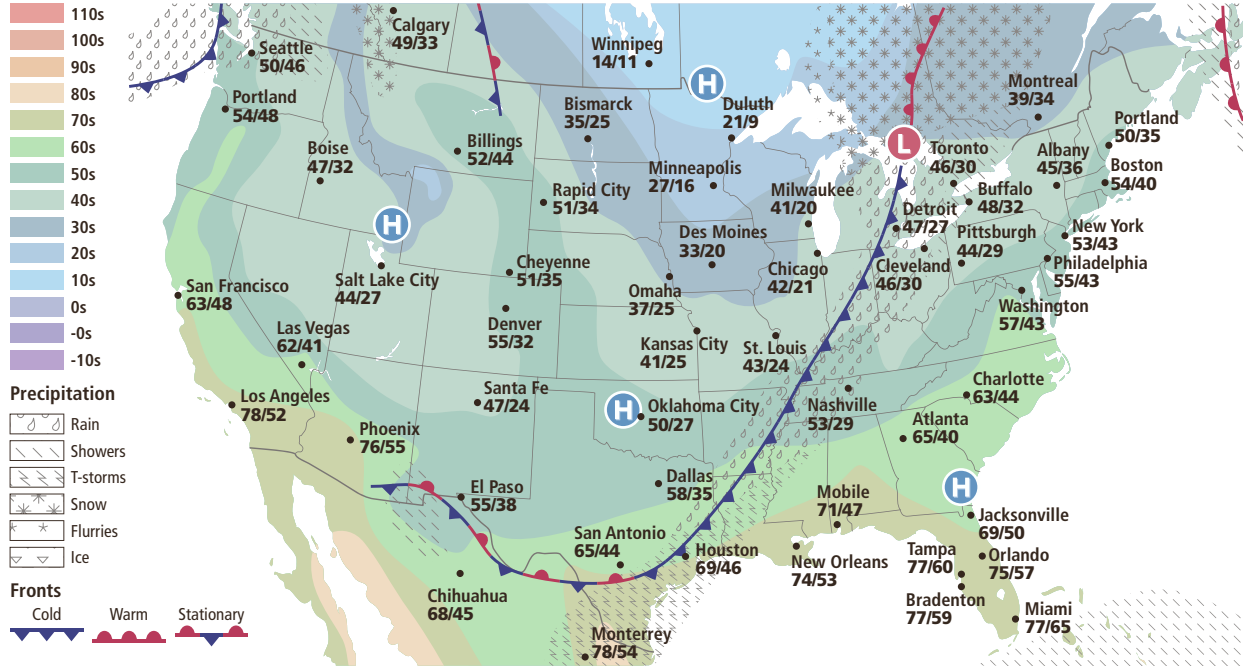
Sunrise 7:19 a.m.
Sunset 4:57 p.m.
Moonrise 10:14 p.m.
Moonset 12:28 p.m.

Air Quality

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



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



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River Stages

Location	Stage
ALLEGHENY	
Franklin, Pa.	6.60 F
Parker, Pa.	5.60 F
Sharpsburg, Pa.	11.70 S
MONONGAHELA	
Gray's Landing, Pa.	10.30 F
CHEAT	
Parsons, W.Va.	3.30 F
WEST FORK	
Clarksburg, W.Va.	2.08 F
YOUGHIOGHENY	
Sutersville, Pa.	3.80 F
BEAVER	
Beaver Falls, Pa.	5.50 R
OHIO	
Pittsburgh, Pa.	17.10 F
Dashields Dam	15.00 F
Montgomery Dam, Pa.	13.30 S
Pike Is. Lock and Dam, W.Va.	13.60 R

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

Moon Phases



World Cities

City	Today		Tomorrow	
	Hi/Lo	W	Hi/Lo	W
Athens	59/48	c	65/58	r
Auckland	70/58	c	72/59	pc
Baghdad	74/52	pc	76/52	s
Beijing	52/26	pc	51/27	pc
Berlin	41/34	c	40/31	pc
Bermuda	67/66	c	73/67	c
Bogota	64/49	r	66/47	r
Buenos Aires	72/64	r	81/67	s
Cairo	78/62	s	78/61	s
Copenhagen	45/38	r	42/38	pc
Dublin	43/37	c	46/36	sh
Frankfurt	39/34	c	38/33	c
Hong Kong	74/66	s	77/66	s
Jerusalem	67/51	pc	67/52	s
Johannesburg	66/50	c	70/53	t
Kinshasa	85/73	t	90/75	t
London	44/33	pc	48/34	r
Madrid	49/33	c	50/34	c
Manila	89/80	sh	90/79	c
Mexico City	71/52	t	69/47	pc
Montreal	39/34	pc	39/25	sn
Moscow	36/31	c	35/34	c
Nairobi	82/61	pc	79/62	pc
Nassau	79/69	pc	80/69	pc
New Delhi	79/58	pc	79/56	pc
Oslo	37/23	c	30/24	pc
Paris	44/36	c	44/36	sh
Rio de Janeiro	80/70	pc	86/72	pc
Rome	60/51	r	61/53	r
Seoul	49/25	s	46/23	s
Singapore	87/76	sh	85/75	sh
Sydney	74/65	t	66/62	sh
Tokyo	63/48	s	61/46	s
Toronto	46/30	r	33/22	c
Vancouver	47/45	r	50/42	pc
Vienna	42/32	c	34/28	sn
Warsaw	41/32	pc	38/33	c

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

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Gainey names transition team members

By Hallie Lauer
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Pittsburgh Mayor-elect Ed Gainey on Wednesday announced the transition team members that will assist him as he prepares to take office in January.

The team will help Mr. Gainey decide staffing for his administration, form committees to develop policy recommendations and solicit public feedback.

Angel Gober, One Pennsylvania's Western Pennsylvania director, will chair the transition team, and Silas Russell, the vice president and political director of SEIU Healthcare Pennsylvania, will serve as co-chair.

Ms. Gober began her work in community organizing 19 years ago. She and her daughter were living in public housing, and Ms. Gober joined the Northside Coalitions for Fair Housing, a tenants union that was fighting against mass eviction in public housing.

Additionally, she has worked on campaigns to help community schools, make early childhood education more affordable and end suspensions for kids in school.

Notably, Ms. Gober's work assisted in passing Pittsburgh's Prevailing Wage for Service Workers and Clean Water laws.

A news release from the office of the mayor-elect said Ms. Gober and Mr. Russell will

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Doctor gets probation for Greensburg lab kickbacks

By Torsten Ove
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Another doctor who ripped off Medicare in a criminal kickback scheme in cahoots with a convicted Greensburg lab owner was sentenced Tuesday to probation, including two years of home detention, and ordered to pay more than half a million dollars in restitution.

John Baird, 55, a pain doctor in Louisville, Ky., had pleaded guilty in 2018 to conspiracy to defraud the United States in receiving kickbacks from William Hughes, owner of Universal Oral Fluid Labs.

U.S. District Judge Kim Gibson, presiding in Johnstown, Pa., gave Baird five years of probation and ordered him to pay \$567,609 to Medicare.

Baird was one of several doctors in Pennsylvania, Florida and Indiana who received kickbacks from Hughes for referring patients to his lab.

U.S. District Judge David Cercone in July sentenced Hughes, 74, to two months in prison plus a year of home

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'Twas the Night Before Thanksgiving



Pam Panchak/Post-Gazette

The pace picks up for Thanksgiving shopping at the Penn Mac cheese counter in the Strip District on Wednesday, with customers preparing for the holiday.

Official: County's COVID-19 cases are 'not expected to improve soon'

By Hallie Lauer
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

As the holiday season begins, nearly 900 new cases of COVID-19 were reported for Allegheny County Wednesday, and a health official said the "disappointing data are not expected to improve soon."

Allegheny County's cases are on the rise again. Two weeks ago, the county was averaging between 350 and 400 new cases per day.

As of Wednesday, the new average was between 600 and 650, according to Dr. LuAnn Brink, the county Health Department's chief epidemiologist. She also noted that reinfections count for about 1% of the county's new cases.

With holiday parties planned, health officials are concerned that cases will keep rising.

"This is the time of year when people head inside and gather with others, and that, as we know, is the exact type of environment that fosters the spread of this virus," Dr. Brink said. "Sadly, with winter and the holidays approaching, disappointing data are not expected to improve soon."

Wednesday's 892 new cases come

Daily COVID-19 cases, deaths, vaccinations

Positive COVID-19 cases and deaths and number of people vaccinated reported for southwestern Pennsylvania counties, as of Nov. 24:

CASES, DEATHS, PEOPLE VACCINATED IN THE REGION

COUNTY	CASES		DEATHS		VACCINATED	
	TOTAL	NEW	TOTAL	NEW	PARTIAL	FULL
Allegheny	146,794	892	2,439	8	110,684	747,717
Armstrong	10,155	54	224	0	3,518	35,019
Beaver	25,234	166	519	6	10,813	80,680
Butler	28,231	167	543	0	12,128	105,921
Fayette	20,118	107	452	1	7,859	63,595
Greene	5,550	35	65	0	1,809	15,064
Washington	29,182	201	421	1	15,075	115,171
Westmoreland	50,547	349	967	5	22,053	181,499

Sources: Allegheny County and Pa. departments of health

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just as the Health Department is warning residents to take precautions at their holiday functions, such as wearing a mask or keeping the number of guests low.

If hosting a holiday party, officials recommend keeping doors and windows open to increase circulation.

Most of all though, they rec-

ommend getting vaccinated.

"This will be a very difficult winter for the unvaccinated," county Executive Rich Fitzgerald said during Wednesday's COVID-19 briefing. "As these case counts go up we want to make sure that the unvaccinated get their vaccines and get protected."

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Franklin Regional bans COVID-19 vaccine clinics at school buildings

By Andrew Goldstein
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The Franklin Regional school board this week prohibited the district from using any of its buildings to host COVID-19 vaccination clinics for students or the community.

The board voted 7-2 on Monday to ban the clinics, which dozens of other school districts in the area have hosted since vaccines first became available in the spring.

Board member Scott Weinman introduced the resolution to bar the clinics after several entities contacted the district to use its facilities for vaccination sites. He said that schools should leave vaccinations up to parents, who, if they want, could get their children inoculated at other locations.

Some board members, however, disagreed with the ban.

William Yant said he believed some misinformation had been

swirling in the community that indicated the vaccine clinics would be mandatory. He said that was not true.

"I think we're sending the wrong message," Mr. Yant said.

Mr. Weinman, though, said the resolution was not about being anti-vaccine, but rather about being pro-choice.

"I'm not saying that I don't

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Proposed Peters budget calls for hike in tax rate

By Deana Carpenter

Ahead of a December vote on the 2022 Peters Township operating budget, council on Monday held a public hearing on the matter.

The proposed 2022 budget includes a tax increase of 0.078 mills, which would bring the millage rate to 1.7 mills, or about \$170 per every \$100,000 of assessed property value. The 2021 millage rate is 1.622 mills.

Township manager Paul Lauer explained the increase is intended to "partially offset increased debt service costs associated with the 2019 bond issue."

The budget includes about \$39 million in expenditures, but Mr. Lauer said that number includes building both a new fire station and the proposed aquatic center in 2022. The revenue budget is estimated at \$22.1 million.

"That difference is largely these large capital projects being funded by borrowed funds," Mr. Lauer said. He added, "It is my belief that it doesn't make sense to do both of these large projects, the fire station and the aquatic center in the same year."

Mr. Lauer said the budget has been put together in a way that it has some flexibility to allow council, if it chooses, to move ahead with both projects.

"But it's going to be my recommendation that, depending upon the availability of grant funding, that we move ahead with one or the other project," Mr. Lauer said.

The township has proposed building an aquatic center at the new Rolling Hills Park. Also proposed is a new fire substation at 435 Bebout Road to serve

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Pittsburgh police officer suspended following DUI crash with WPXI reporter

By Mick Stinelli
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette



WPXI-TV reporter Amy Hudak

A Pittsburgh police officer has been suspended without pay after he allegedly fled an off-duty car crash while under influence and injured a local television news reporter, according to court documents.

Officer Tariq Jamal-Francis, 40, rear-ended a vehicle driven by WPXI reporter Amy Hudak while driving in Plum with his teen son, according to court documents.

In addition to driving under the influence of alcohol, Officer Jamal-Francis was charged last week with endangering the welfare of children, recklessly endangering another person and traffic violations.

A police spokesperson

the scene at approximately 2:48 p.m. She told them that Officer Jamal-Francis drove away after hitting her vehicle, adding that he drove up an embankment on the opposing lane's shoulder before taking off.

A quarter-mile from the scene, Officer Jamal-Francis pulled into a parking lot and was met by two responding officers who observed his 17-year-old son in the car, the complaint says. He told them he was involved in an accident, and said neither he or his son had any injuries.

Officer Jamal-Francis answered "yes" when officers asked if he had been drinking, but refused to undergo a field sobriety test, the complaint says. Officers told him he may have had internal injuries from the

accident and took him to a hospital, where he consented to a DUI blood test.

"Defendant kept saying that he did it and should not have put himself in that position and should have had his son get a ride to practice," the complaint reads.

Ms. Hudak was also taken to the hospital following the incident, and told the Post-Gazette Wednesday she had a cervical sprain in her neck and a concussion. She returned to work on Nov. 18, but has been on "light duty" while recovering from her injuries.

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COVID-19 case counts on rise again in county

VIRUS, FROM B-1

Dr. Brink and Mr. Fitzgerald recommended following guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for masking, which state that anyone in a county with substantial or high community spread should wear a mask when indoors at a public place or in large gatherings.

All of Pennsylvania's 67 counties have high community spread, according to the CDC.

"As we head into the holidays please remember to be thoughtful and thankful and if you are considering getting a vaccine or booster, please don't delay this decision further," Dr. Brink said. "We need to take the fuel off the fire that is this COVID outbreak."

For the month of October and so far in November, about 38% of the county's cases were among vaccinated individuals, Dr. Brink said.

On Wednesday the state reported, based on data from the CDC, that 68.8% of adult Pennsylvanians were fully vaccinated.

In Tuesday's report, that number was 73.7%.

The discrepancy comes from the CDC as they "begin to rectify their data to match Pennsylvania COVID-19 vaccine data," the state Department of Health said.

The Health Department "updates and refines" its data to remove duplicate vaccine records and to make sure dose classification — whether it is a person's first, second or third dose — is correct.

The CDC has begun that process, and the Health Department expects the updates to be finished by the end of the year.

"This is not a practice specific to Pennsylvania, and the CDC is going through a similar process with other states across the country," said Health Department spokeswoman Maggi Barton. "This thorough review of Pennsylvania's vaccine data will ultimately lead to improved COVID-19 vaccination data quality."

About 137,000 pediatric vaccines have been given to

children between the ages of 5 and 11 since its approval earlier this month.

About 20% of Allegheny County's population of children between the ages of 5 and 11 have received their first dose, Dr. Brink said.

"This is a good start, but we can do better," she said.

In Allegheny County alone, nearly 185,000 booster doses have been administered since mid-August.

Allegheny County reported eight new deaths on Wednesday, seven of which came from an import from the state's death registration system. All eight of the deaths occurred in November.

So far in November there have been 67 COVID-19 related deaths in the county.

One of the eight deceased was between the ages of 25 and 49, one was between 50 and 64 years old, and the other six were 65 or older, the county Health Department said.

Since the pandemic began in March 2020, 2,439 people have died in Allegheny County as a result of the virus and a total of 146,794 cases have been recorded.

Across the state, 7,569 new cases were reported on Wednesday, bringing the state's total to more than 1.7 million cases.

The state's percent positivity for the week of Nov. 12 to Nov. 18 remained at 11.7%. In the week leading up to Thanksgiving 2020, the percent positivity was 11.1%, according to data from the Health Department.

In the past 24 hours 98 new COVID-19-related deaths were added to the state death registry.

A total of 33,101 people in Pennsylvania have died of COVID-19 since the pandemic began.

A year ago at Thanksgiving, the state averaged 6,508 additional cases, 3,292 hospitalizations and 85 deaths per day.

Fast forward one year later, and the seven-day averages are strikingly similar: 6,349 additional cases, 3,175 hospitalizations and 66.9 deaths per day.

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Man critical, 2 others injured after shooting in Jefferson Hills bar

Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Three men, including one in critical condition, were taken to the hospital after a shooting early Wednesday at Rum Monkey's Pizza and Pub in Jefferson Hills.

Allegheny County police said they were called just after 1:30 a.m. to the bar and restaurant on State Street, where officers found that a 33-year-old man had been shot in the back.

Additionally, a 23-year-old man and a 25-year-old man were both hurt by bullet fragments.

All three were taken to

the hospital. The man who was shot in the back was in critical but stable condition, police said, while the two men injured by bullet fragments were treated for their injuries and released.

County and Jefferson Hills police investigated and determined that the three men got into a fight at the bar. One of the men was armed, police said, and fired the shots that injured all three.

No one has been charged in the incident, but county police said they will refer the case to the district attorney's office for potential charges once detectives finish their investigation.

Board bans schools from hosting clinics

CLINICS, FROM B-1

support vaccinations," Mr. Weinman said. "I'm saying that it does not belong in the schools for children to get vaccinations without their parents."

"And that will not happen," Mr. Yant replied.

Another board member, Paul Scheinert, said that while he does not believe vaccinations should be mandatory, they are the best weapon for fighting COVID-19.

"Those who wish to receive the vaccinations should be able to get one at Franklin Regional just like many other schools around Western Pennsylvania have been doing and have been doing so quite successfully," Mr. Scheinert said.

But board member Debra Wohlin, who noted she has a master's degree in public health, said she does not believe that access to health care was a problem in the communities that Franklin Regional serves — Murrysville, Delmont and Export.

"I don't see what the difference is between taking your

child to Rite-Aid and taking your child to Franklin Regional," Ms. Wohlin said. "We're a school, we're not a medical facility. We don't provide other vaccines, we don't provide other medical treatments with the exception of our trainers for our athletes."

The state Department of Health in August enacted an order directing vaccine providers to support COVID-19 vaccination clinics at schools or a location agreed upon by a school and a provider.

Similarly to Mrs. Wohlin, board member Gregg Neavin said he did not see a need for the district to host vaccine clinics because of the abundance of medical facilities in the area.

"If the Franklin Regional School District ... were in an area that ready access to vaccinations wasn't ubiquitous, then I would say that we really had a responsibility," Mr. Neavin said.

Mr. Weinman, Mr. Neavin, Ms. Wohlin, Mark Kozlosky, Edward Mittereder, Jane Tower and Herbert Yingling voted in favor of the resolution; Mr. Scheinert and Mr. Yant voted against it.

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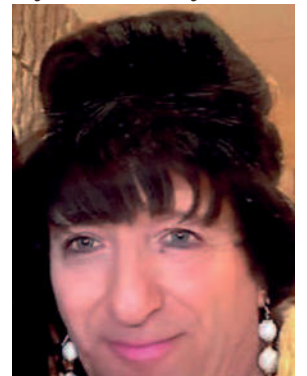
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My Huckleberry Friend



Yes it is surely you
My only love in heaven
And I tell you that I'm missing you
A million times to seven

And I'm trying not to cry
Cause it's not what you want to see
But it's so very hard to do
Without you here with me

You always called me kitten
And I called you my honey sweet
And I'll treasure those words forever
Till again the day we meet

Until then I'll try to go on
Until the Lord decides my end
But for now I'll say goodbye
To My Huckleberry Friend

P.S. This poem is written for anyone who has lost a loved one...

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Allie Stevens and Jeff Szczypinski celebrated their wedding on October 16, 2021 at the Franklin Park Conservatory in Columbus, Ohio. The ceremony and reception were in the John F Wolfe Palm House. Reverend Cindy Riggs officiated at the marriage ceremony.

Honor attendants were Maddie Stevens, sister of the bride and Ed Szczypinski, brother of the groom.

Allie is the daughter of Midge and Craig Stevens of Girard, Ohio. The October 16 wedding date was also a celebration of their 40th wedding anniversary.

Jeff is the son of Andrea and Ed Szczypinski of Shaler Township, PA.

Allie is a 2011 graduate of Girard High School and a 2016 graduate of the Ohio State University with a BS in Health and Rehabilitation Sciences. Allie also received her Masters of Public Health in 2020 from the Ohio State University. She is currently a Health Services Policy Analyst at the Ohio Dept of Health.

Jeff is a 2008 graduate of Shaler Area High School and a 2012 graduate of the Ohio State University with a BS in Business Administration from the Fisher School of Business. Jeff also earned his Masters of Business Administration from Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois. He is a Vice President at Citizens Capital Markets in Columbus, Ohio.

The Newlyweds are planning a honeymoon trip to Costa Rica. They are residing in Columbus, Ohio.



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Wednesday's Cash 5
3-15-21-30-33

Wednesday's Match 6
12-16-26-30-35-46

Wednesday's Treasure Hunt
3-12-16-22-30

Wednesday's Pick 5
7-4-6-3-5 (day);
5-5-1-8-3 (night)

Wednesday's Pick 4
8-7-8-6 (day); 5-2-0-3 (night)

Wednesday's Pick 3
8-4-5 (day); 2-0-8 (night)

Wednesday's Pick 2
2-8 (day); 0-6 (night)

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2 (day); 0 (night)

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Saturday's **POWERBALL** jackpot amount is unavailable.

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Register of Wills and Clerk of the Orphans' Court, Division of the Common Pleas Court.
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DINNER IS SERVED Mattie Collins-Wood, left, Kathy Fitzgerald, right, and Jamal Woodson, all of SLAAM Cares, as well as other volunteers, serve Thanksgiving dinner to senior residents Wednesday at the Avenue Apartments in Braddock. SLAAM Cares teamed with the Braddock Free Store to serve about 70 meals at the apartment building.

Mayor-elect names his transition team

TEAM, FROM B-1

lead efforts to recruit and convene the advisory committees that will analyze issues facing the city and create policy recommendations for the Gainey administration.

Mr. Russell grew up in rural Western Pennsylvania and in 2009, adopted Pittsburgh as his home while he was organizing to pass the Affordable Care Act.

"I feel pretty challenged in a good way ... because I know the mayor-elect is asking this team to help his administration start on a really strong footing with ideas on how to address a lot of challenges that a lot of the people are facing in the city," Mr. Russell said.

A "labor leader, activist, organizer, ally and political professional," Mr. Russell was recently named as one of the 100 most influential labor leaders in the state by City and State PA, a news outlet dedicated to covering Pennsylvania politics.

In 2010 he began working with SEIU Healthcare Pennsylvania, where he is now the vice president and political director.

In this role, Mr. Russell said the focus is on bringing voices together, identifying the city's biggest

barriers and finding "creative solutions" to those problems.

More information about the committees, which are expected to begin their work in January and publish reports in the spring, will be released in December, according to the mayor-elect's office.

Mr. Gainey also said Jake Pawlak, who served as senior advisor to the mayor-elect's campaign, will be his transition director. Mr. Pawlak will manage the day-to-day operations of the transition office and will lead staff planning efforts for the administration.

"Obviously I'm extremely honored to have taken on this role with Mayor-elect Gainey's transition," Mr. Pawlak said. "It's been an honor and a pleasure to be part of his campaign team this far. I'm really excited to roll up my sleeves and help the administration."

A life-long Pittsburgher, Mr. Pawlak has previously held positions with the Urban Redevelopment Authority and Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority.

There, he was responsible for communication between the authorities and various city departments including the mayor's office, as well as other



Alexandra Wimley/Post-Gazette

Mayor-elect Ed Gainey launched a website, gaineytransition.com, where the public can learn more about the mayor-elect and his team.

government agencies.

Mr. Pawlak said that his previous work in state and local government would be "beneficial" to the transition team.

Lisa Frank, who served as campaign chair for Mr. Gainey and is the executive vice president of strategic campaigns for SEIU Healthcare Pennsylvania, will be the transition advisor. In that role, Ms. Frank will advise Mr. Gainey on policy matters and organize strategic partnerships during the transition period.

She currently is working

on grassroots electoral and policy efforts to bring reform to the criminal justice system, and previously led the field team that worked against Pennsylvania's voter ID law.

Ms. Frank also was appointed by Gov. Tom Wolf to the Pennsylvania Health Care Cost Containment Council, which focuses on addressing escalating health care costs and increased access to health care, and to the Health Policy Board within the state's Department of Health.

In addition, Mr. Gainey announced that he launched a transition website, gaineytransition.com, where members of the public can learn more about the mayor-elect and his team, as well as contact the transition team with comments, suggestions and questions.

Mr. Gainey also said that contrary to past practice, he would not ask all city employees placed in politically appointed positions under the Peduto administration to resign. The transition team has instead sent a letter to all relevant employees advising them to contact the team if they are interested in remaining with the city.

Andrew Goldstein contributed. Hallie Lauer: hlauer@post-gazette.com

Doctor receives probation

DOCTOR, FROM B-1

detention and ordered him to pay \$1.6 million in restitution to Medicaid. Hughes also forfeited more than \$700,000 in seized assets.

Baird entered into a deal in 2012 to refer his patients' lab tests to Hughes in exchange for money. He and Hughes tried to hide what they were doing by calling it a "Joint Venture Agreement." Medicare paid for the testing.

Baird made \$300,000 a year as a doctor, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Eric Olshan, but wanted more. Hughes ended up paying him \$560,000 in kickbacks.

"The defendant engaged in a criminal conspiracy for over a year and walked away with enormous kickbacks for doing nothing other than making referrals," Mr. Olshan said.

What's more, Mr. Olshan said, soliciting kickbacks "puts profits over patient care and drives up health care costs, all at the expense of the fair administration of health care law in the United States."

Sentencing guideline range was 37 to 46 months behind bars. But Baird's lawyer, Steven Romines, asked for probation, saying his client cooperated in the investigation, was involved with Hughes for a year and isn't likely to commit crimes in the future. He said Baird's problems started in 2012 when the Kentucky medical board suspended his prescription-writing abilities. His income suffered, and he also had marital and health issues, Mr. Romines said.

While Baird did accept kickbacks, his lawyer said, none of his patients were affected.

Hughes had pleaded guilty in connection to a deal with another criminal Kentucky doctor.

From 2011 to 2013, his lab entered into a kickback scheme with Varanise Booker, a Louisville psychiatrist. Hughes had also faced a prison range under the sentencing guidelines, and his lawyer argued for probation. In that case, Judge Cercone did not impose a term within the guidelines but did give Hughes two months in prison, saying white-collar criminals shouldn't be allowed to just pay fines and restitution and get home detention so they can sit in their big houses and "watch reruns of 'Gunsmoke.'"

"Without some sting of a sentence, the message is, 'Crime does pay,'" he said.

Booker, 66, pleaded guilty in October to health care fraud and is awaiting sentencing.

Several other doctors were ensnared in the scheme. In 2017, Judge Gibson gave John Johnson, a pain doctor in Hollidaysburg, seven years in federal prison for accepting kickbacks and income tax evasion.

Others paid to settle civil claims under a deal with the Justice Department. Robert Fetchero, a Jeannette osteopath, paid \$200,000. Sridhar Pinnamaneni, an orthopedic surgeon in Windermere, Fla., paid \$370,000. And Thelma Green-Mack, a psychiatrist in Indianapolis, paid \$130,000.

Peters eyes tax increase

PETERS, FROM B-1

the southeastern portion of the township.

The 2022 budget also includes appropriations for staffing the proposed fire station with volunteer firefighters as well as two career firefighters.

If council moves forward with the aquatic center, construction could begin in early 2022 and it could be opened by Memorial Day 2023.

Mr. Lauer said the township is seeking "significant grant funding" for the project and should know by the end of the year whether those grants are awarded.

Also included in the proposed budget are appropri-

ations for two additional part-time employees in the public works department, in part to help with the maintenance of the new Rolling Hills Park, which is about 90 acres in size.

A new position of an additional assistant township manager is also in the proposed budget, which would mean the township would have a manager and two assistant managers.

"This position is being created to increase the township's capacity to address human relations issues as well as project management," Mr. Lauer said.

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News Obituaries

A. BARBARA COSTANTINI COYNE | Dec. 5, 1929 - Nov. 9, 2021

Accomplished grief counselor, advocate for older people

By Janice Crompton
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

"You don't have to like it ... but you do have to live it."

Not just words to live by from bereavement counselor A. Barbara Coyne — they were also the title of her 2010 book.

Her sympathy and talent for helping people grapple with what is perhaps "the most profound of human emotions" — as Ms. Coyne said in her book — changed lives, said Patrick Lanigan, funeral director and owner of the Patrick T. Lanigan Funeral Home and Crematory.

"Dr. Coyne was an accomplished grief counselor, educator and author who facilitated the grief support group of our funeral home for over 30 years," he said. "Over her career she helped thousands of people with sound advice, blunt evaluations, keen listening and profound respect for each individual she counseled."

Ms. Coyne, of Highland Park, also a nurse educator and retired associate dean at Duquesne University School of Nursing, died Nov. 9 of suspected heart failure. She was 91.

The youngest of five siblings in a first-generation Italian family, Ms. Coyne,



A. Barbara Coyne

née Costantini, grew up in Dubois, Clearfield County.

She came to Pittsburgh to study nursing at St. Francis Hospital School of Nursing, but soon found herself restless and yearning for more knowledge.

"She was a lifelong learner," said her best friend Kathleen Sullivan, a retired professor of nursing at La Roche University. "She had a brass plaque that said, 'I am still learning,' written by Emily Dickinson. She looked at it every day, until the day she died."

Ms. Coyne furthered her education, earning a bachelor's degree in nursing from the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing. She received a graduate degree from Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at Case Western University and a doctorate degree from Pitt-

Even later in life, she continued to audit college courses that she found interesting.

She went on to teach nursing at several universities, including Rutgers, Loyola, Carlow and La Roche, where she also served as division chair.

"She was a true teacher," Ms. Sullivan said. "She always said she wanted to die with a piece of chalk in her hands."

A longtime advocate for older people and specialist in aging, Ms. Coyne in 1988 took over as director of the new Community Center for Gerontology at Braddock Hospital, which she and the late Sen. John Heinz III worked together to open.

"She always had an iron in the fire," Ms. Sullivan recalled.

Around the same time, Ms. Coyne opened a private practice, The Dwelling Place, and began facilitating grief support groups in the community — a fairly new concept in the 1980s.

"She was doing a grief seminar at Braddock Hospital in 1985 and it was very unusual — I'd never seen anything like this and I don't think a lot of people were focusing on grieving at that time," Mr. Lanigan recalled. "My uncle had recently lost

his wife, and he was having a rough time with the process of grieving. He was a crusty old Irishman, but he agreed to go."

After the session, his uncle was a changed man, Mr. Lanigan said.

"She really impacted him in a positive way," he said. "I thought, 'If she can do that for my uncle, she can impact a lot of people.' So, we did a community seminar in a church basement and almost 200 people came! We were shocked. She helped so many people and gave them hope. She had a way of being gentle — but firm — to let them know that they have to go through this, there's no way around it. She was certainly ahead of her time."

When it comes to the process of grieving, there are no quick fixes, Ms. Coyne said in a 2004 Pittsburgh Post-Gazette interview.

"I try to teach that grief is not something you cure," she said. "You learn to live with the many changes that happen to you when someone you are connected with dies."

"That's part of a nurse's role in terms of caring for people at the end of their life," Ms. Sullivan said. "It was something she was always interested in and

intrigued by and something that we had to do better: helping people to grieve and deal with loss. Everybody's grief is different."

For the next 30-plus years, Ms. Coyne facilitated support groups throughout the Pittsburgh area every week. Those who needed more support stayed behind to speak to her personally or saw her at her private practice.

Some came to the groups for a week or two, some a little longer.

But no one stayed longer than Jerry and Sally Fitzgibbon, who lost their adult son unexpectedly in 2010.

"We went to her faithfully for 10 years, because it was so comforting," said Mr. Fitzgibbon, of North Versailles. "She helped us slowly to process the loss and to grieve. She was adamant about the idea that grief is not an illness, not a sickness or a mental condition. ... I believe this was her life's calling."

At the end of each group session, Ms. Coyne recited a mantra that she repeated in her book, Mr. Fitzgibbon said.

"Listening to her saying it slowly and emphasizing points — it put a lot of things in perspective. I looked forward to it every month. I needed to hear it," he said.

Perhaps it's appropriate to end her obituary with Ms. Coyne's own words:

"You have the right to be alive. Those who have died are where they must be. It was their time to die, but not yours."

"With all your rights come responsibilities."

"The responsibility for your right to be alive is that you live your life, totally, in wholeness and fullness, reaching for moments of joy, even in the midst of your sadness."

"It is in living your life in wholeness, fullness, and with joy, that you honor those who have died, and that you pay tribute to the Creator who gave you your right to be alive."

Ms. Coyne is survived by her brother Mufaldo "Muffin" Costantini.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Gerald Coyne, and her siblings Mary, Armelina and Tony Costantini.

Her funeral was private, as she requested.

Memorial donations may be made to the Humane Animal Rescue of Pittsburgh, 6926 Hamilton Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15208 or <https://humaneanimalrescue.org>.

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News Obituaries

SLIDE HAMPTON | April 21, 1932 - Nov. 18, 2021

Jeannette native who was jazz trombonist, composer and arranger

Post-Gazette news services

Legendary jazz trombonist and bandleader Slide Hampton walked onstage at the Manchester Craftsmen's Guild in Pittsburgh's Chateau neighborhood on the night of Dec. 3, 1993, and shared a bit of advice with the music fans in attendance.

"Hang onto your hats," he smiled.

With that, the 13-piece JazzMasters big band was off on a high-flying mission — complete with thrills and chills but nary a spill — to reimagine the music of Dizzy Gillespie.

It was only one of the many nights Mr. Hampton, a native of Jeannette, brought his wildly imaginative riffs, interludes and shout choruses, along with his deft handling of quirky rhythms and occasional dissonance, to Pittsburgh over the years.

A virtuoso jazz trombonist and a Grammy Award

-winning composer and musical arranger, Mr. Hampton died Nov. 18 at his home in Orange, N.J. He was 89.

Mr. Hampton spent his entire life in music, beginning as a singer and dancer with a family band that included his parents and most of his 11 brothers and sisters after they moved to Indianapolis. He began playing the trombone at age 12.

Even though he was right-handed, he played the trombone left-handed because the first trombone he received as a child was configured that way. His sisters gave him the nickname of Slide.

"I was hearing music every day from the time that I was born," he said in a 2007 interview with the National Endowment for the Arts, "so I knew right away that my life would be in music."

The Hampton family band traveled throughout the Midwest and appeared at New York's Carnegie Hall, Apollo

Theater and Savoy Ballroom in the 1940s. Inspired by the bebop generation of jazz musicians, including trumpeter Gillespie and trombonist J.J. Johnson, who was also from Indianapolis, Mr. Hampton embarked on an independent musical career in his late teens.

Although he began playing the trombone begrudgingly — "I only did it because the band needed a trombone, and I was the youngest," he said — Mr. Hampton was soon praised for his mellow tone and for his dexterity on the unwieldy instrument, which requires the use of a long metal slide to change notes.

"It has to use the beauty of its sound to make a point," he told The New York Times in 1982. "Playing a trombone makes you realize that you're going to have to depend on other people."

Musicians recognized Mr. Hampton's abilities as a trombonist, composer and

arranger, and he worked for many notable bandleaders in the 1950s and early 1960s, including Lionel Hampton (no relation), Maynard Ferguson, Art Blakey, Max Roach and Gillespie. He also began to lead his own groups in clubs and recording studios.

In 1968, after touring Europe as a member of Woody Herman's band, Mr. Hampton decided to stay. He lived in Paris for several years, working with European and expatriate American musicians and absorbing other styles of music, including Brazilian bossa nova and the classics.

"There is no way I'm going to tell you I don't have a lot to learn from classical music," he told the Houston Chronicle in 1992. "I listen to all the classical composers, from Bach and Beethoven to Stravinsky and Bartok. I'm looking 'inside' the music, to the musical and spiritual aspects."

Mr. Hampton returned to

the United States in 1977 with a renewed sense of purpose. He organized groups that emphasized the rich, brassy sound of the trombone, with as many as 14 trombones playing at a time. He developed a flair for performing and arranging Brazilian music.

He rejoined Gillespie's band, serving as musical director, garnered critical acclaim for his own recordings and became widely lauded as one of the foremost trombonists of his time. Jazz critic Gary Giddins, writing in the Village Voice in 1990, called Mr. Hampton "perhaps the most underrated bebop virtuoso soloist alive."

He practiced the trombone four to five hours a day, all the while continuing to write original compositions and musical arrangements.

In an interview with the Post-Gazette before that 1993 show, he said his goal was to interpret the music of his predecessors, not repeat it.

"I think the thing that's important as far as the music that came before is to have an influence from that music that's obvious in what you do," he said. "But just an influence. Not a copy. Their purpose in making the music was so that it would influence people after them to do something of their own."

He found that influence listening to the big bands.

Big bands produce "a very high level of energy," he said. "You feel it physically. You actually feel it. It's not just a matter of listening to it. And that's actually what we want to achieve with this ensemble."

His wife of more than 50 years, the former Althea Gardner, died in 2006. A son, Gregory Hampton, died in 2019. Survivors include three children, Lamont Hampton of Nashville, Locksley Hampton of Wilmington, N.C., and Jacquelyn Hampton of Atlanta; five grandchildren; and numerous great-grandchildren.

LATEST DEATHS

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CLASSIFIED OBITUARIES

BACHNER, Dorothy M. Zimmer

BRYANT, Saundria I., Pittsburgh
BUBASH, Nick
BUCK, Donald Paul, West Mifflin
CERCONE, Dorothy C. Connor, Murrysville, formerly Shadyside
COMFRY, Marian S., Murrysville
COOK, Sister Mary Eileen (Mary Immaculate)
DEVINNEY, Mary E. "Babe" Gryniwicz, Lawrenceville
DONATO, Morgan Roy Jr., Boynton Beach, Fla., formerly Pittsburgh
FLEISCHNER, Hans G., Sanibel, Fla.

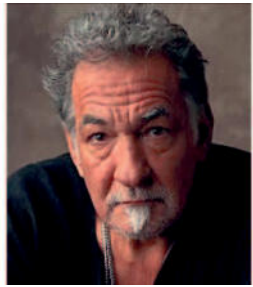
GENSER, Bernadette, Zelienople, formerly Ross
GILLENBERGER, Giovanna M. "Joan," McCandless, formerly Shaler
GROSS, Donald P., Carrick
HADSELL, Dorothea "Dottie" Grace Beck
HARRIS, Daniel Allen, Zephyrhills, Fla., formerly Monroeville
HAWTHORN, Nancy Jean, Weirton, W.Va., formerly Pittsburgh
HILL, George Andrew
HOWELL, Darlene M. Handyside, Hampton

KASTELIC, Margaret Santucci Meyers "Margie," formerly Oakmont and Verona
KLINGENSMITH, Marc K., Irwin
LARKIN, Richard "Moon," Cookeville, Tenn., formerly Pittsburgh
LEMANSKI, Alexander John, Pittsburgh
MARTUCCI, Lynn Antoinette, Pittsburgh
MONDA, Frances Nigrelli, Brighton Heights
O'BRIEN, Ellen P., Pittsburgh
PANCARI, Mary Jo Drogowski,

formerly Carnegie
PANUCCI, Barbara L., Stowe
RANALLI, Anthony "Skip," Kennedy
REISZ, Walter Jack
RICCI, Frank "Sonny," Oakmont
ROSENBERGER, Michael James "Mick," Penn Township, formerly East McKeesport
SANTUCCI, Ida
SCHOPPE-KIMMERLE, Brandon A., Castle Shannon
SHANAHAN, Walter L. Jr.
SMITH, Margaret Ann Benedict
SYBO, Dolores Ligman,

Glenshaw
TAYLOR, Cora Lee, Wilkinsburg
THEISEN, William John
TRIPOLI, William Charles
VOEGHTLY, Kevin W., Pittsburgh, formerly Johnstown
WARSAWSKI, Eva
WHALEN, Richard P.
WHEAT, William E. "Bill," Monroeville
WILLIG, Edward M., Jefferson Hills
WISE, Kenneth Jr., Glenshaw
WOLBERT, Ann E. Evrard, Crafton, formerly Morningside
WUNDERLICH, Fred, Brentwood

NICK BUBASH



At too young of an age and after a brief illness, Nicholas Robert Bubash passed peacefully on November 17, 2021, surrounded by his family and friends. Nick is survived by his beautiful, talented, and loving daughters, Isabella and Georgia Bubash, whom he carried in his heart; his beloved sisters, Mary Kruse (Gary Kruse), Stefany (Tep) Giner (Stan Giner) and Alice Slapikas (Tony Slapikas) as

well as his nieces and nephew, Allison Kruse, Nick and Laura Slapikas and many other cousins, nieces and nephews. Nick is also survived by his longtime companion Vicke Adamson, and his wife, the Honorable Cathleen Cawood Bubash, with whom he remained a friend and partner in parenting. Predeceasing Nick were his parents George and Amelia (Millie) Bubash and his first wife, Helen Lynch, with whom he had remained friends. Born September 7, 1949, in Pittsburgh, Nick grew up in State College, Pa. He lived and worked in Pittsburgh as a pioneering tattoo artist, fine artist, and sculptor. Nick attended the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts in Philadelphia in the 80's, graduating with the highest honors and multiple awards, including the Scheidt Traveling Grant, which allowed him to study abroad. He chose India as his destiny, being most interested, very specifically, in 9th - 12th century Indian sculpture. He was a talented and widely collected fine artist who, amongst other accolades, was collected by the Library of Congress, and the Carnegie Museum of Pittsburgh. Nick enjoyed a solo museum exhibition of his work entitled *The Patron Saint of White Guys that Went Tribal and Other Works* at the Warhol Museum. In 2016, Nick received the prestigious NYC 2016 Acker award for Tattoo Art. Nick was also legend in the world of tattooing, having his start in the Lower East Side of NYC. He authored his proudest work, a tribute to his mentor, teacher and friend, Thom DeVita entitled *Thom DeVita: DeVita Unauthorized*, followed by his narration of *Thom DeVita 'Tattoo Age'* on the Vice Channel. Nick's artist statement says it all. "My father is Croatian, probably Turkish, my mother is Sicilian, a descendant of Sephardics, my family is Irish, my brother is Italian and Spanish, and my sisters married a Pole, a German, and a Hungarian (one each.) My neighbors are African and Icelandic, my dog is a Maltese, my cats are from Siam, and I am reincarnated from India. My food is Algerian with bread from France, nuts from Brazil, tea from China and coffee from Kenya, my watch and cheese are Swiss, and my caviar is Russian. My car is Japanese, my shoes Bolivian, my shirt Pakistani, my carpets are Persian, my dishes and radio are from Mexico. My silverware and language are English. The children's toys are from Taiwan, my didgeridoo is Aboriginal. I am extremist by nature, my religion is fundamentalist by choice and my rabbi is Baptist. I wear the skin of a Maori and my art is at least, in part, if not completely, a result of the criss cross of the above." Nick Bubash. Nick's life will be celebrated on November 27, 2021, from 1pm - 5pm, at **JOHN A. FREYVOGEL SONS, INC.**, 4900 Centre Avenue at Devonshire Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213 (freyvogelfuneralhome.com). A gathering to remember Nick will be immediately afterwards from 5:30 pm - 8 pm at G's on Liberty, 5104 Liberty Avenue, Pgh., PA 15224. All are welcome. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Arts Ed Collaborative.

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DOROTHY M. (ZIMMER) BACHNER



Surrounded by her loving family, Dorothy M. (Zimmer) Bachner passed away peacefully on Monday, November 22, 2021.

She was the daughter of the late Peter and Mary (Hirsch) Zimmer. Dorothy was married for 50 years to her loving, late husband Ambrose Bachner. Preceding her in death were her brother, Paul Zimmer and cherished sisters, Ruth Kowalski (the late Carl) and Anna Mae Pferdehirt (Harry "Bud"). Also waiting for her in Heaven were three grandchildren, James, Ambrose and Gabriella Banze. Dorothy is survived by her three daughters, Carol (Bob) Meador, Susan (Rich) Muse and Nancy (Jim) Banze and grandchildren, Brian (Susan) Meador, Michael (Yilka) Meador, Amy (Aaron) Eisey, Erin (Brian) Fallon, Lauren (Russ) Cready, Meghan (Joseph) Smith, Alyssa and Jacob Banze and eleven great-grandchildren. She will also be dearly missed by several much-loved nieces, nephews and cousins who cared for and doted on her especially in her last few years. Dorothy was a wonderful hostess who loved to bake and cook. To those that knew her, she was famous for her potato salad, stuffing and baked goodies. She was also devoted to her church and was a member of The Women's Guild/Christian Mothers at St. Wendelin Church (now known as part of Blessed Trinity Parish). Her friends will remember her as a kind, thoughtful and giving person as well as a skilled card player. Friends will be received at the **JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 412-881-4100, 4201 Brownsville Road, Brentwood 15227 on Friday, November 26, 2021 from 2-8 p.m. Funeral prayer on Saturday morning at 9:45. Mass of Christian Burial in Blessed Trinity Parish, St. Albert the Great Church at 10:30 a.m. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made in Dorothy's name to St. Paul of the Cross Monastery, 148 Monastery Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15203. Please send condolences to: www.johnfslater.com

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SAUNDRIA I. BRYANT



Age 75, of Pittsburgh. Peacefully passed November 17, 2021. Beloved mother to Brenda Sweetney, Monica Bryant, and the late Raymond (Bubba) Bryant. Also survived by a host of family and friends. Family and friends received Wednesday, 9:30 am to 12 pm at the **COSTON FUNERAL HOMES, INC.**, 427 Lincoln Ave. 15206, where funeral service will begin at 12 pm.

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DOROTHY C. CONNOR CERCONE



Dorothy C. Connor Cercone, 98, of Murrysville, PA (for the last 10 years), formerly of Shadyside, passed away on Saturday, November 13, 2021, at her home. She was born on Thursday, July 12, 1923, in Pittsburgh, PA, the daughter of the late John and Catherine Deeds Connor. Dorothy enjoyed walking around the Highland Park Reservoir, was a member of the Teamster's Woman's Auxiliary and loved to dance; as many times as four times a week. She was married to her late husband for 40 years, Rick A. Cercone. Dorothy met Donald Vitous and they danced and cared for each other for many years. She is survived by her children, Joan Marie Chiea of Delmont, Kenneth Cercone of Murrysville and Kim May and her husband, Jim, of Murrysville, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Rick A. Cercone in 1984, her sons, Ricky and Scotty Cercone, her sisters, Ruth Davis and Evelyn Hamilton, her son-in-law, John Chiea, her daughter-in-law, Shirley Cercone and her dance partner and friend, Donald Vitous. Send condolences to kimcmay820@icloud.com. Funeral arrangements were private and entrusted to the **KELLY L. CORRIDONI FUNERAL HOME LTD.**, 1916 Moore Ave., North Apollo, PA 15673.

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MARIAN S. COMFRY

Marian S. Comfry, 93 of Murrysville, passed away peacefully on Friday, November 19, 2021. She was born July 31, 1928 in North Braddock, PA, daughter of the late Henry and Emma Seitz Smith. In addition to her parents, Marian was preceded in death by a sister, Edith Legin; and a son-in-law, George Full, Jr. Marian was a longtime member of Denmark Manor United Church of Christ, where she served on various committees. She volunteered for Meals on Wheels. She was a past Worthy Matron of The Order of the Eastern Star, and past secretary of the Daughters of the Nile. Marian was also a member of the Murrysville Garden Club. She is survived by three children, Lynn Full of Murrysville, Lee Ann Comfry Stewart (Jack) of Columbia, MD, and Craig (Kari) Comfry of Enfield, CT; two grandchildren, Amber Comfry and Jeremy Comfry; and a nephew, Joel (Janice) Legin. She is also survived by two great-nieces. Visitation Sunday, November 28, 2021 from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at **HART FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, Murrysville. A Committal Service will be held on Monday in the Chapel/ Mausoleum at 11 a.m. in Twin Valley Memorial Park, Delmont. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Children at https://lovetotheresume.org in Marian's name. www.hartfuneralhomeinc.com

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SISTER MARY EILEEN (MARY IMMACULATE) COOK, CSJ

Sister Mary Eileen (Mary Immaculate) Cook, CSJ, 91, died Friday, November 19, 2021, in the 73rd year of her religious life as a Sister of St. Joseph. The daughter of Clarence and Mary Griffin Cook, she entered the Congregation from St. Raphael parish in Pittsburgh. Sister Mary Eileen served 17 years as an elementary teacher in Pittsburgh and Greensburg diocesan schools and as principal at St. Mary (1966-72) in Freeport and St. James (1983-93) in Sewickley. Sister Mary Eileen also served as Director of Religious Education at Sacred Heart-St. Peter in Tarentum, staff member of Crosspoint Communications, and Administrator of Friendship House in Sewickley. In the 1990s, she served in the Development Offices of the Congregation, Villa St. Joseph and Quigley High School. After retiring to the Motherhouse in 1999, Sister Mary Eileen became a member of the pastoral care team and friends recall how she helped to organize a dinner for Sisters over age 90. Kind and thoughtful, Sister Mary Eileen valued the relationships she had nurtured over the years, often reaching out quietly and compassionately to individuals facing chronic illness or tragedy. At St. James, she was known as an efficient and collaborative principal who loved the students, engaged staff, and established enduring connections with parents and parishioners, some of whom generously supported the establishment of Girls Hope of Pittsburgh and Villa St. Joseph. The former music director at St. James dedicated the 2011 TriCounty Choir Institute's Teen Chorale production of a Passion play, "Why Must He Die?" to Sister Mary Eileen, who inspired her to write the play years earlier for student performers at the parish to help their peers better understand the Passion of Christ. Predeceased by four brothers and a sister, Sister Mary Eileen is survived by another sister, Diane (Rocco) Conti of Sewickley, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, Associates and the Sisters of St. Joseph. The Sisters are grateful to the staff of Supportive Living in the Motherhouse and the staff at Concordia at Villa St. Joseph long-term and personal care facilities for their care of Sister Mary Eileen. Friends will be received Monday, November 29, from 1 p.m. to the close of the Prayer Vigil, which begins at 6 p.m., and Tuesday, November 30, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered Tuesday, November 30, at 3 p.m. in the Motherhouse Chapel. All visitors who enter the Motherhouse are required to show proof of vaccination and must wear masks. Donations in the name of Sister Mary Eileen may be sent to the Sisters of St. Joseph Memorial Fund, Development Office, 1020 State St., Baden, PA 15005.

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MARY E. "BABE" (GRYNIWICZ) DEVINNEY

Age 90, of Lawrenceville, on Tuesday, November 23, 2021. Beloved wife of the late George W. "Pud" Devinney; loving mother of Daniel (Mary Alice) Devinney, Jeffrey (Amy) Devinney, Diane (the late John) Hammill and her friend, Mark Haughey and the late George (surviving wife June) Devinney; also survived by 11 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren; sister of the late Harriet (John "Red") Quinlan, Harry Jenkins, Ernie Jenkins and George Jenkins; also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Family and friends are welcomed at the **WALTER J. ZALEWSKI FUNERAL HOME**, 216 44th Street, Lawrenceville, on Friday, November 26, 2021 from 1-8 p.m. Funeral Mass at Our Lady of the Angels Parish, St. Augustine Church on Saturday, November 27, 2021 at 9:30 a.m.

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Age 89, of West Mifflin, died Tuesday, November 23, 2021. Born in Gallitzin, PA one of fifteen children of John and Lucy (Litzinger) Buck. Foreman for US Steel at the Irwin Works. An active member of Holy Spirit Catholic Church in West Mifflin, longtime choir member. Husband of the late Lois (Murray) Buck; father of Thomas (Darlene) Buck, Daniel (Lynn) Buck and Diane (Bill) Finn; four grandchildren, Steven Buck, Heather (Robert) McQuain, Megan (Randy) Knight and Maura (Denny) Evans; four great-grandchildren, Charlotte, Elise, Sophia and Rowan; surviving brother, Gerald (Bonnie) Buck of Altoona. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Friends received Friday, 3 - 7 pm

STEPHEN D. SLATER FUNERAL HOME, 1701 Route 51, Jefferson Hills 15025 (412-384-0350). Mass of Christian Burial 12 Noon on Saturday, in Triumph of the Holy Cross Parish, Holy Spirit Church, 2603 Old Elizabeth Rd., West Mifflin 15122. EVERYONE PLEASE MEET AT THE CHURCH. If desired, family suggests donating to Alzheimer's Research. For more information and condolences visit www.stephendslater.com. Everyone who knew Don, always knew he was willing to lend a helping hand.

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MORGAN ROY DONATO, JR.



Morgan Roy Donato, Jr., a veteran of World War II and longtime resident of Pittsburgh, PA, passed away peacefully on November 10, 2021, while surrounded by family at his home in Boynton Beach, FL. Morgan was born August 9, 1925, to Morgiano "George" and Adeline (Donatelli) DiDonato and attended Peabody High School before enlisting in the U.S. Army at the age of 17 in January, 1943. As a private, in

the 39th Infantry Regiment, Morgan saw significant action in Europe including storming Utah Beach on June 10, 1944, and fighting in the Battle of the Bulge. The U.S. Army recognized Morgan by awarding him more than 20 medals including the Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts for his honorable service and injuries sustained during the Battle of Hürtgen Forest in Germany. Morgan didn't speak much about his time in the Army, but he did proudly march in parades with other veterans, took part in a WWII Honor Flight to Washington D.C. in 2014 and was active in the American Legion and VFW. After returning from Europe, Morgan worked as a butcher, attended technical school and eventually became a partner in National Television, the family business that provided computer and electronics repairs to the residents of East Liberty for more than 30 years. Morgan served as a dedicated elder and deacon of Ascension Lutheran Church in Pittsburgh and Trinity Lutheran Church after moving to Panama City Beach, FL. Morgan and his most caring and compassionate wife of seven years, Wilma (Coralde) most recently lived happily together in Boynton Beach, FL. Morgan was an exceptional golfer and artist who dedicated countless hours crafting ceramics, and building intricate train displays and dollhouses for his grandchildren and various charitable fundraisers. Morgan was preceded in death by his parents and siblings; brother of Raymond and (Olga) Donato of FL, Arthur and (Olga) Donato of Pittsburgh, Evelyn Goralzick of Pittsburgh and Dolores and (Anthony) Grande of MD. Devoted father of Sherry Ann and (the late Stanley) Schalcosky of Pittsburgh, Morgan Donato, III and (Barbara Boas) of Pittsburgh, the late Mark Donato and (Judith Risch) of Pittsburgh, Catherine and (Mark) Buchner of Pittsburgh, Lindy and (Robert) Harvey of FL, Wendy Donato Ake of FL, Lisa and (Timothy) Oshesky of AK, Ryan White and (Samantha Lau) of CA, Liezel Atienza Macias and Ryan Atienza both of PH; loving grandfather of John, Amy, Erica, Harrison, Cayla, Christopher, Lia, Michael, Amanda, Christian, Caroline, Madison, Tyler, Lauren, Alex, Jacob, Zachary, Lily, Erin and Emma; and proud great-grandfather of Anthony, Chael, Julian, Parker, Peyton, Baylee, Tyler, Lydia, Natalie, Cayden and Hunter. Former husband of the late Fyrn Hanford, Linda Johnson and Nanci Tiepel. His family has organized a memorial service to honor Morgan's life, which will be held at **GLICK FUNERAL HOME**, 3600 M Federal Hwy., Boca Raton, FL 33431 on Friday, November 26, 2021. Friends received at 10:00 am with service beginning at 12:00 pm. Followed by a formal military procession and service, which will be held at the **SOUTH FLORIDA NATIONAL CEMETARY**, 6501 FL-7, Lake Worth, FL 33449 at 2:00 pm. Both services will also be available for viewing via: <http://meet.google.com/gnv-pygn-rzb>

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Veterans of Foreign Wars: <http://www.vfw.org>
Team Rubicon: <http://teamrubiconusa.org>
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GIOVANNA M. "JOAN" GILLENBERGER



Age 85, of McCandless formerly Shaler Twp., on Nov. 24, 2021. Wife of Edward J. Gillenberger. Loving mother of Linda Szramowski (Larry), Ed III (Peggy), Kenneth (Alice), Mark (Terrie), and the late Jeffrey L. Gillenberger Sr. Grandmother of Susan, Chris, Jeffrey, Kristen, Matthew, Alyssa, and Scott. Great-grandmother of Calvin, Preston, Julia, Jameson, and Jordyn. Daughter of the late Aldofo and Alvera Francesconi. Sister of Rita Contosta and the late Georgina Nardi. Visitation Fri. 9:00-12:30 PM at **NEELY FUNERAL HOME**, 2208 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw, PA 15116. Funeral Mass Fri. 1:00 PM at St. Matthews Parish, St. Bonaventure Church. Please visit us at: neelyfuneralhome.com
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NANCY JEAN HAWTHORN

Nancy Jean Hawthorn, formerly of Pittsburgh, PA, passed away on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, at The Wyngate in Weirton, WV. Nancy was 88 years old. Born September 28, 1933, in Pittsburgh, PA, Nancy was one of three children of the late Paul "Bud" and Alice (Dressler) Waterman. Nancy was a dedicated mother and homemaker. Nancy was Lutheran by faith, and in her spare time, she enjoyed reading. Also preceding Nancy in death were her husband, Jesse Hawthorn, and a brother, John Waterman. Nancy leaves behind her daughters, Rachel (Richard) Bennett of Weirton, WV and Allison (Joseph) Dominick of Munhall, PA, sister, Diane Field, and three grandchildren, Katherine Elizabeth Bennett, Alexander Joseph Dominick, and Miranda Dominick. Friends may visit with Nancy's family on Saturday, November 27, 2021, from 2 until time of the 3 pm memorial service at the **GRECO-HERTNICK FUNERAL HOME**, 3219 Main Street, Weirton. Pastor Larry Barkley will officiate. Share tributes and memories with Nancy's family at www.grecoherntnick.com. (304)748-3219.

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DONALD P. GROSS

Age 66, suddenly on Monday, November 22, 2021, of Carrick. Loving partner of Sandra Getner and her children, Stacy (Ed) Mundy and Matthew (Renee) Getner. Brother of Dorothy "Dottie" Gross and Barbara McCall. Also survived by nieces and nephews. Visitations at the **BORON FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 1719 Brownsville Road on Friday from 1 PM until his Services at 7 PM. www.BoronFuneralHome.com
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DOROTHEA "DOTTIE" GRACE (BECK) HADSELL

On Tuesday, November 23, 2021, age 89, passed away peacefully at her home in Asbury Heights. Beloved by her daughters, Heather Perinis (George), Tamara Rosen (Jim), Jamie Young (the late "OB"), Kerry Ott (Douglas), and the late Sandra Beck McGrew; and her grandchildren, Beck McGrew (Evy), Georgia Ott, Nick Ott, Andy Ott and many friends. Dottie loved God and life. Her joy was her family and especially her grandchildren. She was good natured and blessed with a sense of humor. She loved her dogs, her books and her travel adventures. She enjoyed fun times and playing games with friends and had a determined and competitive spirit. Visitation Saturday, November 27, 2021 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the **DAVID J. HENNEY FUNERAL HOME**, 6364 Library Road (RT. 88), Library, followed by a Prayer Service at 1:00 p.m. A Memorial Service will be held at Asbury Heights on Tuesday, November 30 at 2:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to SHIM (South Hills Interfaith Movement) or the Asbury Foundation (gifts will benefit the benevolent care fund).

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MARGARET SANTUCCI MEYERS KASTELIC "MARGE"



Age 99, passed away peacefully on November 23, 2021 at Norbert Personal Care Home in Pittsburgh. She was born on June 29, 1922 in Oakmont and was a long time resident of Oakmont and Verona. After graduating from Oakmont High School in 1940, she and her sister, Rose were employed at Scaife Company as government inspectors while their three brothers were fighting in WWII. She was preceded in death by her parents, Igino and Teresa (Orsini) Santucci, loving husband, Sylvester (Red) Kastelic, brothers, Dominic (Mary), Itallo (Oats) (Genevieve), James (Barbara) sister, Rose (Edward) Borzyn, nephew, Eugene Santucci and great-nephew, Bryan Borzyn. Marge is survived by her only daughter, Sandra Meyers (Robert) Gagorik and many nieces and nephews. Marge was a member of the Ladies of Charity at St. Joseph Church, the Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary of Verona and the Roccacinquemiglia Society of Pittsburgh. She enjoyed playing bingo, dancing and traveling to Italy. Friends and relatives will be received on Friday, November 26, 2021 from 2-7 p.m. at the **BURKET-TRUBY FUNERAL HOME CREMATION & ALTERNATIVE SERVICES, INC.**, 421 Allegheny Ave., Oakmont. Please wear a mask in the funeral home. Mass of Christian Burial Saturday, November 27, 2021, 11 a.m. Holy Family Parish (St. Joseph) Catholic Church. Interment will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

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MARC K. KLINGENSMITH

Marc K. Klingensmith, 65 of Irwin, on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021 in Excelsa Health Westmoreland Hospital, Greensburg. Born Feb. 28, 1956, in Greensburg, a son of the late James C. and Frances W. (Cackowski) Klingensmith. He was employed as a carpenter foreman for Carpenter Construction, Inc. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church in Irwin. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Wanda Leigh Klingensmith and Marcia Klingensmith Molinick. Surviving is a sister, Beverley DiCicco and her husband, Nicola, of Pittsburgh; and a brother, James Bruce Klingensmith and his wife, Shari, of San Jose, CA; and several nieces and nephews. His family would like to extend their gratitude to the offices of Dr. Christopher Rihm, Dr. Rachelle Johns, and Dr. Hyoung Kim for their compassionate care of Marc over the past few years. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated Friday, Nov. 26th at 10 a.m. in Immaculate Conception Church in Irwin. Interment will follow in Immaculate Conception Cemetery, North Huntingdon. Please note, masks are required. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Westmoreland Food Bank, 100 Devonshire Drive, Delmont, PA 15626 or the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 1501 Reedsdale Street, Suite 3003, Pittsburgh, PA 15233. Entrusted with the arrangements is **OTT FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 805 Pennsylvania Avenue, Irwin. To send online condolences, please visit www.ottfuneralhome.com.

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RICHARD (MOON) LARKIN



Richard Joseph Larkin, age 95, of Cookeville, and formerly of Pittsburgh, PA, passed away Saturday, November 13, 2021, at his home surrounded by family members. Services and inurnment will be planned for a later date in Arlington National Cemetery. A celebration day is planned also in Pittsburgh for friends and relatives. Richard was born January 7, 1926, in Pittsburgh, PA to the late William and Lena Noulet Larkin. He was one of ten children born to this family of love and laughter. He was a US Navy WWII veteran having served on the USS Quincy. They were at D-Day, Tokyo Bay and they brought FDR to Yalta. On the way back, FDR hosted the King of Saudi Arabia on board, establishing a diplomatic relationship that exists to this day. After his military service, Richard came back to Pittsburgh and began a 35 year career with Pepsi. He retired as public relations director. Richard was also a talented pantomime entertainer and comedian working all around the Pittsburgh area for 30 plus years. (Why does a watermelon have seeds) ...it couldn't spit! His parents helped start The Royal Outing Club in 1903 where family and friends still gather today for weekends of fun and fellowship. Moon as everyone called him was the longest living member. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Patricia Hutter Larkin; son, Bob (Julie) Sotis of Cookeville; daughter, Debbie Steffler of Atlanta, GA; three special nephews, Bobby Bingham, Billy (Judy) Larkin and John Larkin; four grandchildren, many other nephews and nieces and four great grandchildren. He was Pap to all of us... **HOOPER HUDDLESTON AND HORNER FUNERAL HOME** is in charge of arrangements. (931)526-6111 Share your thoughts and memories at www.hhfunerals.com.

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HANS G. FLEISCHNER



Passed away peacefully on Friday, November 19th surrounded by several family members in Sanibel, Florida. Born in Vienna, Austria on July 25, 1927, he lived an extremely full life and was always ready with a smile and a story. His family left Vienna in 1938 and Hans attended Downside School in Stratton-on-the-Fosse, United Kingdom. Upon completion of school, he immigrated to the United States, joining his family who had already moved, enrolling at Harvard University, graduating in 1949.

Following service in the U.S. Army, Hans became a naturalized citizen in 1954; he received an MBA from Columbia University and moved to Pittsburgh in 1956 to work for United States Steel. He delighted in keeping the same phone number for over six decades. Following early retirement in 1983, Hans kept himself busy by volunteering at St. Edmund's Academy, serving as its first Director of Development. An avid skier, he spent over seven decades on the slopes, always happy to be in the mountains and fortunate to meet his wife Leslie in the Pittsburgh Ski Club.

Splitting time between Pittsburgh and Sanibel, FL. Hans loved travelling, the performing arts, watching sports and always trying to find a spot in the sun! Over a long life, Hans visited all 50 states, 7 continents, and nearly 100 countries. He attended hundreds of symphony, opera, and ballet performances, in addition to Penguins games. Hans loved a good story and had many to share with friends, family, and a wide range of acquaintances.

He is survived by his wife of over 50 years, Leslie; as well as two sons, Christopher (Dawn) and David (Julia); and four grandchildren, Kay, Andrew, Margaret, and Caroline. Preceded in death by his parents, Konrad and Gabriele; sister, Eva; and cousin, Susie. He is also survived by his cousin, Liz Rosenman and her family.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to The Neighborhood Academy, 709 North Aiken Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15206 (www.theneighborhoodacademy.org). Please note Hans Fleischner on any donations. A Memorial Service will be held at a still to be determined date.

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BERNADETTE GENSER



Bernadette Genser, age 94, of Zelenople, formerly of Ross Township, passed away on Friday, November 19, 2021. Under the care of Passavant Retirement Community since 2014, she fought a long and courageous battle with dementia.

Born May 18, 1927 in the Spring Hill area of Pittsburgh, she was the daughter of the late Frank Urschler and Catherine Newman Urschler.

Bernadette was a member of St. Athanasius Catholic Church in West View. As a caregiver to everyone, she will be dearly missed and fondly remembered by her family and friends.

She leaves behind to cherish her memory her three children, Kathleen (Robert) McLaughlin of Cranberry Twp., Michael Genser of Slippery Rock, and Faith Genser of Zelenople; and her two grandchildren, Cory (Anna) and Chelsie McLaughlin.

In addition to her parents, Bernadette was preceded in death by her husband, Frank A. Genser, who passed away August 8, 2006; and her brother, Melvin Urschler, also a resident of Passavant and a daily presence in her life until his death December 27, 2020.

Visitation will be held from 10 A.M. to 12 P.M. on Wednesday, November 24, 2021, at **BOYLAN FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 324 E. Grandview Ave., Zelenople, PA 16063. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12:30 P.M. on Wednesday at St. Gregory Catholic Church, 2 W. Beaver St., Zelenople, PA 16063. She will be laid to rest beside her husband at St. Mary's Cemetery (Reserve Twp.), 4000 Mt. Troy Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15214. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Fl. 17, Chicago, IL 60601 or please visit alz.org to donate online. Expressions of sympathy may be shared with the family at www.boylanfuneralservices.com.

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DANIEL ALLEN HARRIS



Formerly of Monroeville, and since October 2020 of Zephyrhills, FL, died on Tuesday, November 23, 2021 due to Covid-19 complications. Beloved husband of Elizabeth M. (Skendrovic) Harris for 27 years. Loving and proud father of Meghan (William) Blakeman and Stephen Harris all of Florida. Son of the late Richard "Butch" Harris and the late Judith (Nicholls) Harris who died on October 3,

2021. Brother of Dawn (Louis) Brady of NJ and Richard (Army) Harris of Springdale. Uncle of Caitlin, Emily, Joseph and Matthew Harris; Zachary and Noah Kimball and Keegan Oliver. Great-uncle of Brooklyn Harris and the late Ryan "Bubby" Harris. Dan was a 1988 graduate of Woodland Hills High School. For 34 years he was employed with UPMC, most recently as a supervisor with Medcall of UPMC. Dan enjoyed the beach, all things Disney and sipping Jack Daniels. However, his favorite time was any time he could spend with his family. Friends are welcome on Friday from 4-7pm and Saturday from 2-7 pm at **PATRICK T. LANIGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, INC.**, Turtle Creek / Monroeville Chapel, 1111 Monroeville Ave., Turtle Creek, 412-823-9350 where a Funeral Service will take place on Saturday at 7pm.

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GEORGE ANDREW HILL



Born in Marion, Ohio, August 25, 1943, to the late Ralph E. Hill, Sr. and Ida Loree Walker-Hill. George was the fourth of seven children. After an unexpected illness George departed this life on November 21, 2021. He was preceded in death by both his parents and oldest brother, Ralph E. Hill, Jr. In California, George was employed as a Laborer and for a number of years he was a Union Steward.

Longshoreman/Teamster. George is survived by his five siblings: Shirley Weathington, Naples, FL; Juanita Hill, Sacramento, CA; Earl Hill, Verona, PA; Marilyn (Joseph) Sutton, Naples, FL; and Deborah (Vernon) Carter, Yakima, WA. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and a host of cousins and friends. In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to the American Heart Association, PO Box 840692, Dallas, TX 75284 or the American Cancer Society, PO Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123. Friends received in **WILLIAM F. GROSS FUNERAL HOME, LTD.**, 11735 Frankstown Rd. (at Rodi Rd.), Penn Hills, Monday, November 29, 2021 from 12 p.m. until the time of the memorial service at 1 p.m.

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DARLENE M. (HANDYSIDE) HOWELL



On November 12, 2021, Darlene M. (Handyside) Howell, of Hampton Township, died peacefully at home with her family by her side following a brief battle with pancreatic cancer at the age of 61. She was a dedicated administrative assistant for Hampton Township School District for 21 years. She enjoyed spending time with her family, working on her house, and traveling. She is survived

by her husband of 33 years, Donald J. Howell, of Hampton; daughter, Lacy (Jeremy) Cooper of Pittsburgh; son, Luke Howell of Hampton; grandchildren, Virginia and Jude Cooper of Pittsburgh; parents, George "Red" and Agnes "Honey" Handyside of Hampton; siblings, Donald (Joann) Handyside of Williamsburg, VA, Diane (Terry) Selby of Mineral, VA, David Handyside of Hampton, Debbie (the late Jack) Waugaman, of McCandless Township and Doug (Carmen) Handyside of Fredericksburg, VA. A private celebration of life gathering will be held in her honor. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made online in Darlene's name to Pancreatic Cancer Action Network. Arrangements made by the **BOCK FUNERAL HOME, LTD.**, Glenshaw.

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ALEXANDER JOHN LEMANSKI



Age 73, of Pittsburgh, was born in Fairmont, W.Va., passed away Tuesday, November 23, 2021. Beloved son of Albina Dorothy (Kanos) Lemanski and the late Alexander John Lemanski, Sr; loving father of Alice (Trevor) Watkins and Amy (Justin Busch) Lemanski; brother of Suzanne (Mark) Babich; dear grandfather of Hannah, Natalie, Austin, and Bentley; uncle of Julianne Muszynski and Staci (Josh)

Freidhof. Mr Lemanski was a graduate of the Rochester Institute of Technology (N.T.I.D.), was a retired System Tech for over 40 years with Westinghouse and later Emerson, an active member of Pgh. Association of the Deaf, and an avid collector of trains, but he most enjoyed the times that he spent with all of his family. Visitation and Services will be held privately by his family. In lieu of flowers donations suggested to the Pgh. Assoc. of the Deaf Senior Citizens (PADSC) 1854 Forbes Ave, Pgh, PA, 15219. **WILLIAM SLATER II FUNERAL SERVICE**, Scott Twp, entrusted with the Lemanski family arrangements.

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LYNN ANTOINETTE MARTUCCI



It is with great sadness that the Martucci family announces that Lynn Antoinette Martucci, 29, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania has passed away at home on Tuesday, November 23, 2021. Lynn was born to James R. and the late Kathleen Martucci on January 30, 1992. An avid hiker, dedicated volunteer and educator, Lynn's bright smile, compassionate nature, and unique perspective will be greatly missed. After graduating from Hampton High School in 2010, Lynn earned a Bachelor of Arts from Carlow University. Lynn is also survived by her sisters, Kathryn and Anne (Nicholas Plate) and aunt, Patricia Martucci. Visitation will be held at **NEELY FUNERAL HOME**, 2208 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw on Friday, November 26 from 4 to 7pm and Funeral Mass at Saints Martha and Mary Parish, St. Catherine of Sweden on Saturday, November 27 at 9:30 am. EVERYONE PLEASE MEET AT CHURCH

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FRANCES (NIGRELLI) MONDA



Age 97, of Brighton Heights, passed away peacefully on November 21, 2021. Born October 10, 1924, daughter of the late Salvatore and Theresa (Vancheri) Nigrelli. Beloved wife of the late Dr. Samuel S. Monda; loving mother of Dr. Constance (David) Rohm and Dr. Thomas (Kathleen) Monda.; dear grandmother of Adam (Elizabeth Ailes) and Bryan (Sharon Standefer) Rohm, Thomas (Emily) Monda and Samantha (Jonathan) Miller; great-grandmother to Owen, Annie, Luke and Austin. Adoring sister to the late Katherine Alioto of Pittsburgh and to her late brothers, Jack and Joseph Nigrelli.

Frances was a beautiful hard working, loving, wife, mother, grandmother, aunt, and generous friend to so many. She was a graduate of Allegheny High School, manager at Western Union, dental receptionist and matriarch of the family. A believer in higher education, she encouraged all to pursue their dreams. A fantastic cook, she lived life with grace and dignity and will be sorely missed. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Saturday, 10 a.m. in Sts. John and Paul Catholic Church, 2586 Wexford Bayne Rd., Sewickley, PA 15143. Interment will follow at Christ Our Redeemer Cemetery. Arrangements by **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME, INC.**

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ELLEN P. O'BRIEN

Age 69, of Pittsburgh, on Tuesday, November 16, 2021. Beloved daughter of the late Harry J. and Margaret (Laxton) O'Brien. Wife of Scott John. Sister of Eileen F. Padgett of WV, Patrick J. (Cheryl) O'Brien, Mary Ann "Mimi" O'Brien, Margaret E. (Ed) Powell, Kathryn M. (Cliff) O'Brien, Deborah L. Miller, Kevin M. O'Brien and the late Gertrude A. O'Brien, Harry J. O'Brien and Michael G. O'Brien. Survived also by many nieces and nephews. Family will receive visitors 3-7PM Sunday, November 28, 2021 at **O'BRIEN'S**, 3724 California at Cooper Aves., N.S. Funeral Mass Monday, 10AM in Christ Our Savior Parish - St. Cyril of Alexandria Church. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the WPCI Patient Care Fund c/o AHN Office of Fund Development, 4818 Liberty Ave., Pgh., PA 15224 or the Humane Animal Rescue, 1101 Western Ave., Pgh., PA 15233.

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MARY JO (DROGOWSKI) PANCARI



On Tuesday, November 23, 2021 formerly of Carnegie. Beloved wife of 40 years of Ronald Pancari. Stepmother of Kimberly Ann MacNeil and the late Ronald Steven Pancari. Step-grandmother of Owen James MacNeil. Sister of Kathleen (late Frank) Pockl, Joan (Frank) Steiminger, and Francine (Tom) Steiner. Also survived by nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Arrangements have been entrusted to the

SZAFRANSKI-EBERLEIN FUNERAL HOME, INC., where family and friends are received on Friday from 2-8 p.m. at 101 Third St., Carnegie. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Raphael the Archangel Parish, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church on Saturday at 1 p.m. Burial to follow in Mt. Olivet Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the ALS Association-Western PA Chapter, 416 Lincoln Ave., Millvale, PA 15209.

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BARBARA L. PANUCCI



Age 89, of Stowe Twp., passed away peacefully on Tuesday, November 23, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Joseph A. Panucci, Sr. Dear mother of Joseph A. Panucci, Jr., Garry L. (Karen) Panucci and Robert L. (Diane) Panucci. Also survived by seven grandchildren, three great-grandchildren. Sister-in-law of Dolores Panucci, along with many nieces and nephews. Family and Friends are welcome for visitation on

Sunday, November 28, 2021, 4:00 until 8:00 pm at the Kennedy Township location of the **ANTHONY M. MUSMANNO FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 941 McCoy Road McKees Rocks, PA 15136. A blessing service will be celebrated on Monday morning at 10:00 am in the Musmanno Chapel. Interment will follow at resurrection cemetery.

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WALTER JACK REISZ



On Sunday, November 21, 2021. Beloved husband of the late Rachel (Match) Reisz. Beloved father of Cheryl (Thomas) Lawless, Neal (Joy) Reisz, Adam (Lorie Long) Reisz and Joel (Michelle) Reisz. Son of the late Joseph and Helen Reisz. Grandfather of Jessica Jacobsmeyer, Samantha Smith and Hillary O'Dell, Justin Reisz, Erica Alvarez, Emily, Seth and Olivia Reisz. Great-Grandfather of eight. Also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, and Florida companion, Roslyn Neiderfer. Predeceased by brothers, Harold (surviving spouse Dolores) and Melvin "Marty" (surviving Lana Rolnik). Walter served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War; worked for more than 30 years at PNC Bank as an Operations Officer, and worked at Ralph Schugar Chapel during his retirement years. He resided in Florida for the past eight years. Services at **RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC.**, 5509 Centre Avenue, Shadyside on Friday at 11 AM. Visitation one hour prior to service (10 - 11 AM). Interment New Light Cemetery. Contributions may be made to New Light Congregation, 5915 Beacon Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15217 or Century Village Temple Beth Shalom, 19140 Lyons Road, Boca Raton, FL 33434.

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ANTHONY "SKIP" RANALLI



Age 83, of Kennedy Township, passed away on Friday morning, November 19, 2021 after a brief illness. He was born in McKees Rocks, PA on April 4, 1938. Son of the late Frank and Lena (Violante) Ranalli. He leaves his devoted wife of 62 years, Catherine Ranalli; and his two children, Anthony Ranalli and Gina (Ranalli) Jones and her husband, Matt Jones, of Oakdale, PA. Loving grandfather of Lisa (Jones)



Feola and her husband, Tony Feola, of Pittsburgh, PA, Christine (Jones) Nida and her husband, Adam Nida, of Pittsburgh, PA, and Matthew Jones and his wife, Stacy (Hollkamp) Jones, of Beaver, PA. Great-grandfather of Austin Nida, Luke and Liam Feola and Jacob Jones. He also leaves his brothers, Pasquale (Pat) and Andrew Ranalli; sisters, Rae (Ranalli) Altmeyer and Eleanor (Ranalli) Kletz; and sisters-in-law, Betty and Mary Ranalli. He was preceded in death by his sister, Julie (Ranalli) Matarazzo, and brothers-in-law, John Kletz and Jimmy Matarazzo. Skip received a citation from the United States Naval Forces for his heroic achievements in the performance of his duties while serving on board the USS IRWIN on 16 - 17 March 1956. Without thought of personal safety, displaying unselfish and untiring efforts, he leaped on board the launch in an endeavor to rescue KANE in the face of severest storm conditions. Skip worked at J&L Steel. He also worked at Kennedy Township's road department and volunteered with his good friend Mel Weinstein for over 30 years delivering food to families in need for holidays. He always took time out of his life to service those in need, never denied the opportunity to help whenever and wherever he was needed. Family and friends are welcome to attend a Funeral Service on Tuesday, November 30, 2021 at 11:30 am in the **ANTHONY M. MUSMANNO FUNERAL HOME CHAPEL**, 941 McCoy Road, McKees Rocks (Kennedy Twp.), PA 15136. Burial with Military Honors will follow at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies.

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FRANK "SONNY" RICCI



Age 93, lifelong resident of Oakmont, passed away November 21, 2021. Born April 3, 1928 to the late Herman and Margaret Ricci. Beloved husband of the late Ellen Lee (Nonamaker) Ricci; second love of his life Amy Brenen. Father of the late Diane Hulton (Keith), Michelle Szitas of Oakmont, Candi DeVita (Tony) of Hanover. Adored grandfather of four, beloved great-grandfather of five, brother of the late Elizabeth Mosakowski, Cora Brown, Margaret DiFeo and Lillian Adams. He is survived by many beloved nieces, nephews and friends.



Frank joined the United States Navy at the age of 17 to serve his country in Japan. He retired from St. Joe Paper Company where he worked as a Printer Operator. Frank loved spending time with his family, horse racing, traveling and dancing.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial donation to the UPMC Family Hospice, Inpatient Unit, Canterbury Place.

Friends received in **WILLIAM F. GROSS FUNERAL HOME, LTD.**, 11735 Frankstown Rd. (at Rodi Rd.), Penn Hills, Friday, November 26, 2021 from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m.

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MICHAEL JAMES "MICK" ROSENBYAGER



Michael James "Mick" Rosenbayger, 66, of Penn Township, formerly of East McKeesport, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family whom he loved dearly, Monday, November 22, 2021. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Mariann (Schleifer) Rosenbayger; his children, Chase, and wife, Lauren, Rosenbayger of North Huntingdon and Brandon Rosenbayger of Irwin; stepdaughter, Kristen Ann

(Matt) Gaia and their family; and grandchildren, Chase, Jr., Myles, and Trey. He was born May 4, 1955, in Braddock, a son of Catherine L. "Kitty" (McNeill) Rosenbayger of East McKeesport and the late William "Rosy" Rosenbayger. He is also survived by brothers and sisters, Randy (Lori) Rosenbayger, Gery (Lynne) Rosenbayger, Lynn (Bill) Brown, Connie Rosenbayger, Kathleen (David) Heckenstaller, and Diane (Tom) Santucci; father-in-law, Charles Schleifer; brothers and sisters-in-law, Charles Schleifer, Donna (Bob) Ferrainolo, Gary (Kathleen) Schleifer, and Carole (Chet) Simile; also numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, extended families, and friends. In addition to his father he was preceded in death by his mother-in-law, Millie Schleifer and nephews, Sean Brown and Zack Starrett. Mick was a member of St. Robert Bellarmine Church in East McKeesport. Mick and Mare loved to travel, taking family trips to the beach, Lake Winnepesaukee and recently to Deep Creek Lake. One of his greatest joys was being "Pap-Pap" to his three adoring grandsons; giving wagon rides, attending sporting events, Fridays at Ma's, and vacation trips. Mick was an avid golfer with a lack of patience on the course where it wasn't uncommon to see him slamming his club to the ground or be heard calling out certain obscenities. Though, it was that inevitable near-perfect shot that kept his love for the game intact. He, along with his loving wife, was a lifelong music and sports fan who enjoyed live music and sporting events. "Bub" was a hardworking man who for over 30 years worked as a project manager for System One, working throughout US Steel facilities and power plants. Family and friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. Sunday at the **FORGIE-SNYDER FUNERAL HOME**, 1032 Broadway St., East McKeesport, 412-823-8083. A Mass of Catholic Burial will be celebrated at 10 A.M. Monday at Mary Mother of God Parish, St. Robert Bellarmine Church. Interment will follow. Face coverings are required when attending the visitation and funeral Mass. For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Cancer is a terrible disease that desperately needs a cure. There is not enough appreciation for the many doctors and nurses who are tasked with the difficult job of trying to care for their patient and family. Even more appreciation for spouses, like Michael's, who so selflessly went above and beyond to make sure that he was well taken care of until the very end..

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IDA SANTUCCI



On Saturday, November 20, 2021. Wife of the late Victor Santucci; beloved mother of Dr. Francesco (Amelia) Santucci and Caterina Santucci; grandmother of Vittorio A., Christopher G., and Daniella A. Santucci; sister of Amerigo (Domenica) DelSignore, Mario (Gabiella) DelSignore, Maria (Carlo) DeNicola and Vittoria (the late Vincenzo) Volpe and the late John (surviving spouse Lois) DelSignore, and Agata

DelSignore; also many nieces and nephews. Friends received Wednesday 4-8 p.m. at the **WINTER FUNERAL HOME**, 4730 Friendship Ave. Funeral Mass of Christian Burial on Friday at St. Maria Goretti Parish, Immaculate Conception Church 10:30 a.m. Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation. Family requests masks be worn during visitation.

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BRANDON A. SCHOPPE-KIMMERLE



Age 30, of Castle Shannon formerly Ingram unexpectedly on Sunday, November 21, 2021. Beloved son of Richard Kimmerle and Shannon Schoppe. Father of Gabriel and Ava Kimmerle. Grandson of Evelyn and the late Richard Kimmerle, and of Kerry and Wendy Schoppe. Brother of Alicia (Jeremy) Flick and Heather and Jennifer Kimmerle. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Brandon was an active Army



veteran during the Persian Gulf and Afghanistan wars. He loved his children and family and will be missed by all who knew him. As per Brandon's request, there will be NO VIEWING. Family and friends are invited to the funeral service 11 a.m. Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at **SCHEPNER-McDERMOTT FUNERAL HOME**, 165 Noble Ave., Crafton, followed by burial in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies with Military Honors. www.schepnermcdermott.com

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WALTER L. SHANAHAN, JR.



Walter L. Shanahan, Jr. died on November 19, 2021 at the age of 92. He was born in Pittsburgh in 1928, son of Walter L. Shanahan and Colette Phelan. He was married for 56 glorious years to Ann Byrnes Shanahan, who died in 2012.

Their union brought six wonderful daughters, Susan (Sam) Davis, Carol (Greg) Dale, Linda, Colette (Bill) Fike, Maureen and Sarah. He is also survived by his

grandchildren, Graham and Claire Davis; and sisters, Denny McCarthy (John) and Connie Donnelly (the late Frank). He was also "Uncle Ace" to many nieces and nephews.

Walter attended Shadyside Academy and graduated from Valley Forge Military Academy. He attended the University of Pittsburgh until entering his family business, Shanahan Transfer and Storage Co. His career was interrupted when he was inducted into the Army during the Korean War. Upon discharge, he returned to work in the family business until he sold the company in 1975. During this era, Walter was elected as President and Chairman of the Board of Mayflower Warehousemen's Association, a trade association of Mayflower agents.

Walter worked for Bekins Van Lines as the Branch Manager in Falls Church, VA, from which he was recruited by Mayflower Transit, Inc. to be Vice President of the Eastern Zone. Soon after, he was promoted to Vice President, Agency Development and Sales. His family relocated to corporate headquarters in Carmel, IN.

He was a patriot, a writer of witty postcards, an ardent fan of thoroughbred racing, a true gentleman and a wonderful dad. He was an honest man, who always left things better than he found them. Friends will be received on Friday, November 26 from 3-6 p.m. at **JOHN A. FREYVOGEL SONS, INC.** (freyvogelfuneralhome.com), 4900 Centre Avenue at Devonshire Street. Funeral Saturday, November 27. Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. St. Mary Magdalene Parish, St. Bede Church, 509 S. Dallas Avenue. If you would like to make a donation in his memory, Walter's favorite charity was Little Sisters of the Poor, 2345 W. 86th St., Indianapolis, IN 46260.

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MARGARET ANN (BENEDICT) SMITH

1930 - 2021

A cherished mother and grandmother, Margaret enjoyed crafting, gardening, baking and a good polka. Her house was known to anyone who drove past because it was the one with the bay windows always decorated for the holidays. She was proud of her sons and her grandchildren and would talk about them to anyone who would listen. Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, Michael Richard Smith; her parents, John Steven and Theonilla Rose (Melcher) Benedict; and brother, David John Benedict. She will be dearly missed by her sons, Richard and Robert (Fran) Smith; her granddaughters, Devin (Mike) McKay and Jill Smith; her favorite grandchild, her grandson, Alex Smith; and many friends and extended family members. Friends and family will be received at **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME**, 806 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229, on Friday, November 26, 2021, from 10 am - Noon, followed by a blessing service. Interment at Christ Our Redeemer to immediately follow.

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DOLORES LIGMAN SYBO



Dolores Ligman Sybo, age 91, of Glenshaw, passed away peacefully at home on Monday, November 22, 2021. Born May 15, 1930, in Pittsburgh, she was the devoted and loving wife of the late Albert Sybo who fell in love with her on a blind date. She is survived by her four children, Pamela, Christopher (Jennifer), Jeffrey (Kim) Sybo, and Cynthia (David) Pierre; seven grandchildren, Alexandra,

Ryan (Randi), Emily (Jared), Zachary (Natalie), Alysea, Stefane, and Samantha, and one great-grandchild, Teagan. Family and friends will be received on Friday from 3 to 7 PM at the **BOCK FUNERAL HOME, LTD.**, 1500 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw. A Funeral Mass will be celebrated in St. Matthew Parish, St. Bonaventure Church, on Saturday at 10 AM. She was a business partner with Albert and their sons for many ventures, most notably, the current Trio Trucking, Inc. Dolores deeply loved her family, was an amazing mother, wife, and role model. She shared her deep faith in Jesus with many people. She would bring a smile to anyone who had the privilege of meeting sweet Dee. She will be deeply missed.

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CORA LEE TAYLOR

Cora Lee Taylor, 93, of Wilkinsburg, PA, went home to be with her Savior, the Lord Jesus, on November 13, 2021. She was born in Pittsburgh, PA, to the late William and Anna Lee Davis on September 8, 1928. She is the wife of the late Fred Taylor, and the beloved mother of Milton W. Saunders. She graduated from Fifth Ave. High school. She worked as a practical nurse. After retirement, she worked as a school crossing guard for many years for Wilkinsburg Boro., which she enjoyed very much. She was a faithful member of Maranatha Bible Baptist Church for many years. Cora leaves behind many dear friends and she will be greatly missed. Family and friends received Friday, November 26 10am to 12pm at the **COSTON FUNERAL HOMES, INC.**, 427 Lincoln Ave., 15206, where Funeral Service will follow at 12pm. Interment will be held at Homewood Cemetery.

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WILLIAM JOHN THEISEN, ESQ.



Age 39, died in a bicycle/vehicle accident in Pittsburgh on Saturday, November 20, 2021. He was born in State College, PA on November 2, 1982. He was the son of Babs and Chris Rajrecki of McKean, PA and Jack and Cheryl Theisen of Brookville, PA.

Will was a unique individual that always marched to the beat of his own drum. After graduating from McDowell

High School in Erie, PA he ventured off to Southern California where he lived for 14 years, mostly in Venice Beach. After successful careers in the cycling industry, and as a journalist for LA Times, OC Register and other publications, he came to a turning point in his life when he realized he wanted to pursue a career in law. After completing his undergrad in Journalism at Cal State Long Beach, he returned to Pennsylvania where he earned his law degree from the University of Pittsburgh. He was a practicing attorney with Worgul, Sarna and Ness.

Will had many mixed interests that included, but were not limited to, volunteering as an English tutor for Literacy Pittsburgh, cycling (both road and mountain), listening to and having appreciation for nearly any music genre you could think of, attending concerts (metal, if given a preference), and retaining any number of facts that might be presented as a question on Jeopardy. Will was, simply put, an inherently good person to everyone he crossed paths with. He was never short of a kind word, always rooting for the underdog and making an effort to give a voice to anyone he shared a room with. It was of utmost importance to Will that whatever the group was doing as a collective, it was enjoyed by all. His motto was, "Life is a journey, enjoy the ride".

Will was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lynn Theisen, Jack Shriver, and Frank Rajrecki.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Jessie (Sinatra) Theisen of Pittsburgh; her parents, Jack and Nina Sinatra of Sanford, NC; grandparents, Barbara Shriver of Brookville, Dave and Molly Stickley of Scottsdale PA, and Rita Rajrecki of McKean. He is additionally survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces, nephews, friends, and his best 4-legged pup (named Trouble) to cherish his memory.

Family and friends are invited to call at the **GLUNT FUNERAL HOME and CREMATORY, INC.**, 210 Erie St., Edinboro on Saturday, November 27, 2021 from 9 to 11 a.m., followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Literacy Pittsburgh <https://www.literacypittsburgh.org/monthly-donation/>, the Erie Playhouse <https://www.erieplayhouse.org/donate/> or a charity of one's choice. To send condolences, please visit gluntfuneralhome.com

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WILLIAM CHARLES TRIPOLI



Retired Pittsburgh police officer, Master Patrolman, badge number 3353, William Charles Tripoli passed away Saturday, November 20, 2021, in his home where he retired in the Allegheny Mountains. He was 65 years old.

William was born on August 18, 1956 in Brighton Heights, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. As a youth, William played baseball, football, and played guitar in a church folk band. During his years playing baseball, he proudly hit a championship game-winning homerun. He graduated from Oliver High School in Pittsburgh.

His law enforcement career, of over three decades, began upon earning an associate's degree in Criminal Justice from Community College of Allegheny County. His initial position was an armed guard for an armored truck company. William then earned an Act 120 by completing the Allegheny County Police Academy (North Park). His career advanced when recruited by the National Security Agency, where he graduated from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center located in Glynco, Georgia, Police Training Class # 8PT-707. From there, he was assigned to Fort Meade, Maryland. William returned home to Pennsylvania where he was employed as a Federal Security Officer at Westinghouse-Bettis in West Mifflin, Pennsylvania. On April 20, 1993 his 21 year career with the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police began after completing his third police academy training. On June 18, 2014, William retired with recognition of his service to the city of Pittsburgh.

On May 21, 1983 William married Rita Ann Ference at St. Joseph Roman Catholic Church in Clairton, Pennsylvania. They met while he was working the armored trucks delivering money to the bank where Rita was a teller. They were blessed with a son, William John Tripoli, on April 9, 1984.

During his retirement years, William enjoyed many hobbies ranging from traveling, recreational target shooting, and singing karaoke. His travels included attending two National FOP Conventions, in Mobile, Alabama and Nashville, Tennessee. His love of music lead him to singing karaoke at Alan Jackson's Good Time Bar in Tennessee and Toby Keith's I Love This Bar and Grill in New Orleans. While singing karaoke, he had the opportunity to meet and sing with a former member of The Vogues.

One of his proudest moments was traveling to Kansas where he attended his son's graduation from Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center, class of 236, knowing that his son followed in the footsteps of his law enforcement legacy. Some of his fondest memories were being able to do ride-a-longs with his son.

He is survived by his wife, Rita; son, William (Cassandra); siblings, Victoria Tripoli Donnelly (Ronald) and MaryAnne Tripoli Miller (Gary); nieces and nephews, Carole Jean Donnelly (Scott), Ronald A. Donnelly (Monika), Bradley W. Donnelly (Annie), and Gary Miller.

William was preceded in death by his father, William S. Tripoli; mother, Adeline (Martrano) Tripoli; and sister, Antoinette Tripoli.

Visitation: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 3:00-7:00 pm. at **THOMAS P. KUNSAK FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 3552 California Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212. F.O.P. SERVICE AT 7:30 P.M. AFTER VISITING. Mass of Burial: Wednesday, December 1, 2021, 10:00 am at St. Cyril of Alexandria, 3854 Brighton Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15212. Final resting place: Following Mass, St. Clare of Assisi Cemetery, Worthington Ave., Clairton, PA 15025. In lieu of flowers, donations may be given to Concerns of Police Survivors (C.O.P.S.) at concernsofpolicesurvivors.org. www.kunsaafh.com

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KEVIN W. VOEGHTLY



Age 58, of Pittsburgh, formerly of Johnstown, died October 14, 2021, at UPMC Mercy Hospital, Pittsburgh, after a one month battle against COVID-19. Born October 3, 1963, in Johnstown the son of Charles "Skip" and Julia (Gresh) Voeghtly. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survived by sons, Keaton and Tony. Also survived by his three siblings. Kevin was a 1981 graduate of Greater

Johnstown High School. He worked in Insurance, Network Marketing, and Transportation Services. Kevin loved music and guitar playing, and had a passion for hunting and fishing. Private interment will be held at the convenience of the family at Grandview Cemetery Mausoleum. The family is being served by the **FRANCIS G. OZOG FUNERAL HOME, INC.** In lieu of donations in memory of Kevin, PLEASE GET VACCINATED. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.fgozofuneralhome.com

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EVA WARSZAWSKI

On Tuesday, November 23, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Abraham "Abie" Warszwski. Beloved mother of Barbara J. (John) Miller, Melinda E. (Troy) Mitchell and Julie I. (Michael Wilson) Warszwski. Sister of Jack (late Marilyn) Rubin, Duffy Rubin, Martin (Margaret) Rubin, Lenny (late Marie) Rubin, Allan (Janie) Rubin, Esther (Bill) McCallum, Ethel (late Andy) Matsko, Beverly Rubin, late Beryl (surviving spouse, Bob) Jones, Freida (surviving spouse, Jerry) Gross, Marlene (late Frank) Gaito and Manny Rubin. Grandma of Ryan S. (Stephanie Elias) Miller, Allison C. Miller and Troy E. Mitchell, Jr. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Services at **RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC.**, 5509 Centre Avenue, Shadyside on Friday at 1 PM. Visitation one hour prior to services, (12 Noon - 1 PM). Interment New Light Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 444 Liberty Avenue, #1300, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 or Alzheimer's Association, Greater PA, 2835 E. Carson Street, Suite 200, Pittsburgh, PA 15203 or a charity of the donor's choice. www.schugar.com

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RICHARD P. WHALEN



Richard P. Whalen, passed away on Monday, November 22, 2021. The greatest man we have ever known peacefully made his journey to Heaven after a valiant battle with esophageal cancer. A lifelong resident of Scott Township, Rick was born on January 24, 1950, a son of the late Jefferson A. and Norma (Allen) Whalen. He graduated from Chartiers Valley High School in 1967 and joined the Air National

Guard. He was a member of the Operating Engineers Local 95 for 50 years until his retirement in 2015. He and his brothers were co-owners of KJ services for 44 years and served many people throughout the community. On October 18, 1974, he married the love of his life, Kathy. Together they raised their three girls. He was the most devoted father coaching his girls every summer at Scott Township Athletic Association. He was involved in every aspect of their lives (the original "girl dad"). The greatest joys in his life were his eight grandchildren. He and Kathy were part of their grandkids daily lives. He was their biggest cheerleader at all their activities. He made it a point to have a special relationship with each one of them. He enjoyed spending summer vacations with Kathy and their kids at Bethany Beach. After his retirement, Rick and Kathy discovered their love of cruising and enjoyed traveling together. Rick loved his family above all else. His deep faith in God gives his family comfort knowing they will see him again someday. Rick is survived by wife and partner in life for 47 years of Kathy (Bummer) Whalen. Cherished father of Michelle and Michael Opferman, Katie and Ed Wesolowski, and Holly and Shawn Kosanovich. Best friend and devoted grandfather to the lights of his life Jacob Richard, Kailey Elizabeth, and Brian Robert Opferman, Patricia Ann, Edward Richard, and Frances Joan Wesolowski, and Mek Kathleen and Michael Richard Kosanovich; faithful brother of George and Chris Whalen, Denise and Ron Kanai, and the late Jeff and Pam Whalen; devoted son in law of Kathleen (and the late Herb) Bummer; loving brother-in-law of Karen and Dave Benko; favorite uncle of Jeff Whalen, Kellie Laurenzi, Jason Whalen, Nicole Uhrin, Ron Kanai, Stacie Vaughan, Kristyn Siwiec, Justin Huber and their spouses; also survived by many great-nieces and nephews and many friends. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Gallagher Hospice, 1370 Washington Pike, Bridgeville, PA 15017 or St. Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Pl., Memphis, TN 38105. Family and Friends welcome Friday 2-8 pm **WILLIAM SLATER II FUNERAL SERVICE** (412-563-2800) 1650 Greentree Rd., Scott Twp. 15220. Funeral mass in Our Lady of Grace Church, St. Michael the Archangel Parish, Saturday 11:30 am. Burial private to the family.

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WILLIAM E. "BILL" WHEAT



Age 91, of Monroeville, Pennsylvania, passed away on November 20, 2021, following a brief illness. The son of farmers, he was born in Garden City, Kansas. He attended Medicine Lodge High School where he met the love of his life and wife of 69 years, Patricia "Jo" Wheat. Bill served in the Air Force as an aircraft mechanic and graduated from Kansas State University with a degree in mechanical engineering. He

retired from Westinghouse, Nuclear Division, in 1991. Bill enjoyed traveling, telling a good story, and spending time with family and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Fern Wheat; brother, Jack Wheat; sister, Marilyn Brown; and his beloved wife, Patricia "Jo" Wheat. He is survived by his daughters, Teresa (Jay) Wright and Shelly (Alan) Gilbertson; five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and siblings, Glenda Tennyson and Leon Wheat. Friends will be received on Sunday, November 28, 2021, from 2-5 p.m. at the **GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE**, 4335 Northern Pike (412-372-2100). Funeral Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, November 29, 2021 at Cross Roads Presbyterian Church, 2310 Haymaker Road, Monroeville. Interment following at Plum Creek Cemetery. Services can be viewed virtually at www.crossroadspresbyterian.com (click- our church- then memorial, in drop down menu). In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Cross Roads Presbyterian Church Food Pantry. For more information, please visit www.corlfuneralchapel.com.

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KENNETH WISE, JR.



Kenneth Wise, Jr., 65, of Glenshaw, passed away unexpectedly and peacefully at home on Tuesday, November 23, 2021. He will join his father, Kenneth, Sr. and brother, Larry. Beloved husband for 41 years to Irene (Bittner) Wise. Loving father of Tamara Ellis (Ramone), Ken Wise, III (Melanie Crawford), and Anna Weisberg (Dylan). Son of Dorothy Wise. Son-in-law of the late Clarence and Anna Bittner. Brother of Donna Stokes (Tom) and Dan Wise (Sherrrie). Brother-in-law of John Bittner (Jeanne), Lois Krieg (Ron), Ginny Penezic (Paul), Tom Bittner (Charise), Pat Gandy (preceded in death by husband, James) and the late Mary Ann Simpson (surviving husband, Jack), Clarence Bittner (surviving wife, Judy), Sue and Bill Duncan. Proud Pappy of

Lemae, Lawsyn, Louden, Lily, Olivia, and Peyton. Funny uncle of many nieces and nephews, and a dear cousin and friend of many. Ken was a one-of-a-kind guy who will be remembered for his infectious laugh, huge heart, and willingness to lend a helping hand. If you listen closely, you may hear his whistle and motorcycle engine as he rides off into his final sunset. Visitation Sat. 5-8 PM and Sun. 12-3 and 5-7 PM at **NEELY FUNERAL HOME**, 2208 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw. Mass of Christian Burial Mon. 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, St. Mary of the Assumption Church 2510 Middle Road, Glenshaw. EVERYONE PLEASE MEET AT CHURCH. In lieu of flowers, memorials suggested to a charity of one's choice. Please visit us at www.neelyfuneralhome.com

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EDWARD M. WILLIG



Surrounded by his loving family, Edward M. Willig, of Jefferson Hills, passed away on Sunday, November 21, 2021. Beloved husband of 55 years to Elizabeth (Putaro) Willig; devoted father of David (Deila) Willig and Laura (Ken) Miller; grandfather of Caroline, Rachel, Olivia, Ian, Julia and A.J.; brother of Charles (the late Genevieve) Willig. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Ed was a man of great faith and a longtime member of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church. He loved his family, and his grandchildren were his greatest joy. Ed was happiest on the golf course with his golf buddies and was affectionately known as "the social director." No one was a stranger; he was a friend to everyone. Friends will be received at the **JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 412-881-4100, 4201 Brownsville Road, Brentwood 15227, on Friday, November 26, 2021, from 2-8 pm. Funeral prayer on Saturday morning at 9:15 am. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church at 10:00 am. Please send condolences to www.johnfslater.com

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ANN E. (EVRARD) WOLBERT



Age 67, born in Stuttgart, Germany on November 19, 1953, during which time her late parents Warren (U.S. Army) and wife Susan (Wise) Evrard traveled with the military. After military service moving home to Morningside, then finally Crafton where they resided until passing. Beloved mother of Donald, Jr. (Bridgette Deichler) Wolbert. Cherished grandmother of Rucker and Garret; sister of Joseph,

Steve, John, Robert, Carol and the late Mary Sue Evrard; also survived by many nieces and nephews; friend and former wife of Donald Wolbert Sr. After graduating C.C.A.C. Ann was a former Radiation Technologist in Nuclear Medicine. As per Ann's requests there was NO VIEWING. Family and friends are invited to the Mass of Christian Burial, 10:00 am Saturday, November 27, 2021, in St. Philip Catholic Church, Crafton. (EVERYONE PLEASE MEET AT CHURCH), Arrangements by **SCHEPNER-MCDERMOTT FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, Crafton, 412-921-3661. Ann always enjoyed spending her spare time at the Crafton Library always assisting where needed. If desired the family would like Memorial Contributions made to the Crafton Library in Ann's name. 140 Bradford Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15205. www.schepnermcdermottfh.com

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FRED WUNDERLICH



On November 22, 2021, of Brentwood. Ex-husband of Wendy Willkomm; father of Clint (Tracey) Wunderlich; grandfather of Eric Wunderlich; godfather of Derek McMonagle; son of the late Donald and Thelma Wunderlich. During his two years in the United States Marine Corps, Fred proudly served in Vietnam. He had previous longstanding relationships with Monica McMonagle and Suzie Zerick. Friends will be received at the **JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 412-881-4100, 4201 Brownsville Road, Brentwood 15227 on Saturday, November 27, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. until the time of his military honors at 1:00 p.m. If desired, family suggests contributions to the VFW, 3801 Saw Mill Run Boulevard, Brentwood, PA 15227. Please send condolences to www.johnfslater.com

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Love, Julie

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Joe Starkey

Franklin won big game vs. Penn State

Something almost as rare as last week's near-total lunar eclipse happened Tuesday at Penn State:

James Franklin won a big game. The matchup pitted Franklin and his recently hired, highfalutin agent, Jimmy Sexton, against the powers that be at Penn State. They kicked off nine weeks ago, and unlike the horrific nine-overtime loss to Illinois, this one was never close.

Franklin-Sexton ran up the score on a 10-year, \$85 million deal (really a six-year extension on the contract Franklin signed two years ago). I'm guessing the lure of a potentially transformative 2022 recruiting class — headlined by perhaps the best quarterback prospect in the country — played a pivotal role in the powers that be acquiescing to the Franklin-Sexton demands.

And there were many. Basically, Franklin, who already was the highest-paid coach in the Big Ten Conference, will receive a significant raise, the promise of major program upgrades and the freedom to leave practically without penalty beginning in 2024.

Oh, and if he is fired without cause, the university would owe him the world.

I won't bore you with all the numbers. Just know that if Franklin were to leave in, say, 2024, he would owe the university a mere \$2 million, whereas if Penn State were to fire him that year, it would owe him \$56 million.

That sounds about right for the final score of this game: 56-2.

Now you know why Franklin, who might never be in such demand again, hired a super agent. Sexton might be the most powerful man in college football. His clients include one Nick Saban.

The whole thing is ridiculous, of course, but what isn't ridiculous when it comes to the money thrown around in college football?

I always refer to a quote from long-time Princeton basketball coach Pete Carril, who was asked why he

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A FAMILY'S THANKSGIVING

The Promise of Tomorrow



Alex Mowrey/Pitt Athletics

One woman's selfless act of giving altered the course of not only this holiday season for one young boy and his family, but likely that of countless holidays to come.

STORY BY JOHNNY MCGONIGAL
PITTSBURGH POST-GAZETTE

Mary Beth George, a strength and conditioning coach for Pitt volleyball, gymnastics and softball, was running errands when she received a call from her co-worker, Molly Trott, last month. At first, George didn't believe what she was hearing.

How would Danny like a new kidney for Christmas?

George's 4-year-old son, Daniel, suffers from stage four chronic kidney disease (CKD). George and her husband, Bobby, had searched for a living donor match since May. And when their hopes were answered with a phone call from a colleague,

PICTURED
Molly Trott and Daniel George, the 4-year-old boy who will receive a kidney from her next month.

George's initial response was one of disbelief.

"I told her, 'This is real,'" Trott, a Pitt athletic trainer, said with a wide smile. "It was a moment I'll never forget. She kept asking me, 'Are you serious?' And I said, 'Yes.'"

Trott will donate a kidney to Daniel on Dec. 7. The surgeries will be performed at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, just a few weeks shy of Daniel's fifth birthday.

"It is remarkable," George said of Trott's decision to donate. "We don't have the words to express our gratitude and our appreciation for what she's doing for our family."

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Entities stay hot in victory

Big second period fuels 4th win in row

By Matt Vensel
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The Penguins, suddenly the hottest team in the NHL, had much to be thankful for at the end of this year's annual Thanksgiving Eve game at PPG Paints Arena.

Bryan Rust scored for the first time since the opener. Zach Aston-Reese finally got his first goal. Tristan Jarry served up another scrumptious start. Their power play clicked Wednesday. And eight Penguins showed up on the scoresheet.

Oh, and the 4-1 victory over Vancouver was the Penguins' fourth win in a row.

"I think Coach was happy with the way we played tonight," Aston-Reese said.

Yup. After the win, Mike Sullivan canceled the team's previously scheduled practice for Thanksgiving.

The Penguins dominated the first period, firing 16 shots on goal. On an early power play, Sidney Crosby was left alone with the puck in front

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Steelers

Offense is trending in right direction

Big 4th quarter vs. Chargers shows it

By Ray Fittipaldo
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The Steelers lost a football game Sunday night in Los Angeles, but they might have found something that can spark their offense over the final seven games of the season.

Down by 17 points in the fourth quarter, the Steelers scored 27 points in the final period, their highest point total in a fourth quarter in seven years. For a unit that scored only one touchdown in three of the first nine games, it was a promising development.

"We finally were able to put some points on the board," quarterback Ben Roethlisberger said Wednesday

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Players want to be remembered for finish



Next
Game: No. 20 Pitt (9-2, 6-1 ACC) at Syracuse (5-6, 2-5).
When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday.
TV: ACC Network.

Panthers seniors hope to add title to legacy

By Johnny McGonigal
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Back in August, when the summer sun beamed down on Pitt's South Side facility and the Panthers wrapped another training camp practice, Tre Tipton held court. The seventh-year senior and second

-oldest player on the team made it clear then and there what the expectations were for Pitt in his final year.

"We all believe we can go out there and win a championship," Tipton said on Aug. 24. "For the seniors, it's the last go-around. How do you want to be remembered? Nobody remembers the 5-7 team. Nobody remembers 7-6 or 8-5. The only way you're going to be remembered is how you leave your legacy."

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THANKSGIVING TRADITION

For the 41st year, the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette salutes the top 22 high school football players in the WPIAL and the City League — a team that has come to be known as the Fab 22.
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Pitt seniors want to finish job with a title

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Eleven games later, Pitt's seniors are poised to do that. The Panthers travel to Syracuse this weekend, a game that can secure Pitt's first 10-win regular season since 1981. After that, Pitt heads to the ACC championship game to face either Wake Forest, N.C. State or Clemson after capturing the Coastal division crown last weekend.

Last Saturday was punctuated by Jordan Addison's 62-yard touchdown, earning a 48-38 win over Virginia. But the pregame festivities revolved around the likes of Tipton, Johnny Petrishen, Cal Adomitis and, of course, Kenny Pickett.

Pitt's elder statesmen were honored on Senior Day by running out of the tunnel to hug and take photos with family. And they left the North Shore with the lasting memory of a division title — and the desire for more.

"It felt good, but I didn't

come here just to win the Coastal. You know what I'm saying?" Tipton said Wednesday. "The job's not done. So we look forward to going into the next couple of weeks and finishing it out."

That feeling is shared throughout the program. From true freshmen Rodney Hammond and Gavin Bartholomew to Tipton and Petrishen — 25-year-old contributors who have been through season-ending injuries and years of hardship — the Panthers are looking at what lies ahead, not dwelling on what's been accomplished already.

That mood is dictated by the seniors. It's dictated by Pickett, whose players-only meeting after the Western Michigan loss helped refocus a team that got punched in the mouth. It's dictated by Adomitis, Pitt's longtime long-snapper and captain who guided the team out for warmups for the last time at Heinz last Saturday. It's dictated by



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— Tre Tipton

Tipton, whose perseverance has emanated for years throughout Pitt's facility.

On Tuesday, Tipton was named this year's recipient for the Disney Spirit Award, given to the most inspiring figure in college football. Tipton has overcome bouts of depression, serious knee injuries and, this year, the loss of his mother, Kim. All the while, Tipton has been a beacon of optimism within the team.

"His wisdom, he means a lot," Addison said of Tipton's presence in the wide receiver room. "For me, he just motivates me to do anything. All the things he's been through over time and he just keeps

going, he just shows me how to face adversity."

Next year, Pitt won't have Tipton in the locker room. It won't have Petrishen, Adomitis, Pickett or any of the following "super seniors": Taysir Mack, Melquise Stovall, Lucas Krull, Keldrick Wilson, Keyshon Camp, Phil Campbell and Chase Pine. All 12 used the NCAA's COVID-19 eligibility waiver this season and will be out of eligibility.

They might be without 11 other seniors, too — seniors who could take advantage of the NCAA's COVID-19 eligibility waiver and return for the 2022 season. That is, if they want to and if Pitt's coaching

staff wants them back. Unlike this season, college football's 85-scholarship limit will be reinstated next season, making those conversations and decisions harder for coaches as they work their roster size.

In addition to the "super seniors," nine of Pitt's 11 seniors with eligibility left walked on Senior Day: receiver Shocky Jacques-Louis; tight end Grant Carrigan; offensive linemen Gabe Houy, Carter Warren and Marcus Minor; defensive end Deslin Alexandre; linebacker Cam Bright; cornerback Damarri Mathis; and punter Kirk Christodoulou.

Starting center Owen Drexel and reserve running back Todd Sibley were the two players who didn't walk, indicating that they'll be back for the 2022 season. Alexandre said on Wednesday, days after logging two sacks against Virginia in front of his family, that his future will be decided after the bowl game.

What Alexandre and his

peers are worried about now is Syracuse. Then the Panthers have the ACC championship and a possible New Year's Six bowl game to close out the program's best season in at least a decade.

At this point, the same seniors who believed an ACC title was possible back in August want everything they can get. And that mindset has been embraced by the rest of the program.

"The goal at the end of the day, whether you're a senior, junior, freshman or sophomore, is to go out here and win an ACC championship," Tipton said. "But to go out on the right note as a senior, it would mean a lot. To know that these guys are fighting for that, are fighting for us to go out with a big bang, man. I cannot wait for every opportunity we get to go out and play."

Johnny McGonigal: jmcgonigal@post-gazette.com and [Twitter @jmcgonigal9](https://twitter.com/jmcgonigal9)

Steelers are trending in right direction

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morning. "There are some encouraging things to be found from that game. Unfortunately, you don't win. I think we would take the win and a crappy offense over a great offense and not win. But there are some things we can grow on."

One of the more significant developments was the success the Steelers had in the second half when they were forced to go to the no-huddle offense. They scored those 27 points in a little more than an eight-minute span in the final quarter.

"We did a no-huddle-type thing, I guess," Roethlisberger said. "For the line to be able to do that for the first time and for me to tell them protections and for them to do it, I think we were able to move the ball."

"And when you can answer scores, I think that's such an underrated deal in the NFL. When you can answer a touchdown or a score, I think that's huge. We did that a few times."

In the third and fourth quarter, the Steelers ran 11 plays out of the no-huddle. Those 11 plays gained 96 yards, which represented almost one-third of their total yards in the game.

Roethlisberger was 9 for 10 when the Steelers did not huddle, and his only incomplete pass came on the final drive after he was sacked for an 11-yard loss.

"You're able to pick the tempo up and dictate what the defense is doing a little bit or keep them more plain," he said. "So I think that was good. The communication was good. Things went pretty well there."

The Steelers did score three times on short fields. Miles Killebrew blocked a punt to set up one touchdown, and Cam Sutton's interception set up another. And when the defense stopped the Chargers on downs on their 34 with less

than four minutes left, it set the up go-ahead field goal.

The Steelers were down by 11 in the first half and 17 entering the fourth quarter, but Roethlisberger said one of the keys to the comeback was sticking with the game plan and not panicking when the deficit grew.

"I know at one point we were down two scores, and we kind of said we don't need to press," Roethlisberger said. "You can get caught in that trap sometimes: 'Man, we have to go, we have to go.' But it was early enough that we all said, 'There is no reason to stress and press too much right now, and we can find a way to score.' You can run the ball and stuff. That was big for us."

"We didn't just abandon our offense right away. We went to some different run options and stuff, but for the most part, we just stuck with what we wanted to do."

Next up is a Bengals defense that held the Steelers to 10 points in September, their lowest scoring output of the season. But because the offense struggled early during the 1-3 start, its standing in most of the league's offensive categories are below average.

The Steelers are 27th in the league in rushing, 22nd in total offense, 20th in scoring and 14th in passing. If indeed the fourth-quarter showing against the Chargers is one to grow on for the offense, the Steelers are going to need some repeat performances to get back into playoff position.

"In the AFC, it is kind of crazy right now," Roethlisberger said. "It's always been about when you get hot, when you turn it on. You can sit there and say we won four or five in a row and we lost a game. But just because you lost a game doesn't mean that you're still not trending in the right direction. I still think this team is trending in the right direction."

A GOOD SIGN

T.J. Watt, who missed the game in Los Angeles with a hip injury, warms up Wednesday before practice at the UPMC Rooney Sports Complex.



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GERRY DULAC'S THANKSGIVING DAY FORECAST
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Dak Prescott and the Dallas Cowboys offense average 36 points a game at home.

Chicago Bears (3-7) at Detroit Lions (0-9-1), 12:30 p.m. ... This is the 184th meeting between the franchises, the longest-running annual series in NFL history. It is certainly one of the least anticipated. It would be a cheap attempt at lame humor to suggest a game between two turkeys is an appropriate way to begin Thanksgiving. So we will digress and point out the winless Lions have scored 52 points in the past five games and the Bears are winless in their past five games. The Lions are due. **Prediction:** Lions, 11-10

Las Vegas Raiders (5-5) at Dallas Cowboys (7-3), 4:30 p.m. ... It has been eight years since the Raiders last played in Dallas, which, under the NFL equal-opportunity scheduling format, is the usual passage of time. Vegas, which had scored at least 31 points in four of its first seven games, has scored just 43 points in its past three. The Cowboys are 4-1 and average 36 points at home. **Prediction:** Cowboys, 36-23

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Buffalo Bills (6-4) at New Orleans Saints (5-5), 8:20 p.m. ... Apparently order has been restored in the AFC East, where the Patriots are back where they had been for 11 of the previous 12 seasons — in the lead. And that's because the Bills, the defending division champions, are playing more like the 2018 Bills than the 2020 edition. Last week, they not only lost for the third time in five games, but they were embarrassed at home by the Colts. Their only victories in that stretch were against the Dolphins and Jets. They need a restart. **Prediction:** Bills, 20-17

Ravens QB Jackson says he is healthy, will play Sunday

The Associated Press

Quarterback Lamar Jackson said Wednesday he's feeling better and fully expects to play Sunday night for the Baltimore Ravens against Cleveland.

Jackson missed practice Wednesday and Thursday last week, then seemed OK when he practiced Friday and said he was feeling better.

But he was added to the injury report Saturday and wasn't able to play in the game.

Now Jackson said he thinks he's back to normal.

Last week, Jackson said his illness might have been a cold, but that was before he took another turn for the worse and missed the game.

NFL notebook

Vikings

Defensive end Everson Griffen emerged from his home without incident and received care for his mental health after he called 911 fearing an intruder and spent most of Wednesday refusing to leave while law enforcement and team representatives tried to diffuse the situation.

Giants

Pro Football Hall of Famer Michael Strahan is looking forward to seeing his No. 92 jersey retired Sunday by the New York Giants, and wondering why it took so long. The never-shy Strahan took a

swipe at the team's ownership for lateness of his jersey retirement on a Zoom call arranged by the Giants.

Packers

Aaron Rodgers said his toe injury is a fracture and added that he doesn't expect the situation to cause him to miss any games. The reigning MVP said the injury occurred while working out at home during his quarantine after testing positive for COVID-19.

Browns

Cleveland could have two key offensive players back for an AFC North showdown against Baltimore as running back Kareem Hunt (calf) and starting right tackle Jack Conklin (dis-

located elbow) were designated for return from injured reserve.

Titans

Tennessee placed backup quarterback Logan Woodside on the reserve/COVID-19 list, its second player put on that list in three days. Linebacker Joe Jones went on the list Monday.

Elsewhere

Anywhere representing St. Louis and the NFL reached an agreement on a \$790 million settlement of the city's lawsuit over the Rams' relocation to Los Angeles in 2016. The settlement does not include a provision for St. Louis to be awarded an expansion franchise.

Colleges

Kidney gives hope for young family

DONOR, FROM C-1

The procedures are now just a couple weeks away. But the reality that Daniel needed a kidney transplant was understood years ago.

Doctors discovered an abnormality when George was pregnant with Daniel during her 20-week ultrasound. After further appointments, George found out her son had swollen kidneys due to a buildup of urine. They knew then that his kidneys would develop differently. George was monitored every week until Daniel was born on Dec. 26, 2016.

Hours after being born, Daniel was taken to the newborn intensive care unit at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. Two days after being born, Daniel underwent surgery to remove the posterior urethral valves causing the buildup. But enough damage was done to his kidneys that he was diagnosed with CKD.

Daniel avoided dialysis in his infancy. George and her husband have managed his CKD the last few years through diet, medicine and blood work. But in the summer of 2020, they were informed that Daniel's kidney function was lessening.

Fast forward to March, when the George family started its donor campaign through the Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA). Kate McCartney, Pitt volleyball's athletic trainer and one of George's closest friends, was asked to run the "Daniel Strong" effort via COTA. McCartney organized fundraising events and shared infor-



Alex Mowrey/Pitt Athletics
Mary Beth George holds her son, Daniel, at a recent Pitt volleyball game. The mother and son are flanked by Pitt stars Kayla Lund, left, and Chinaza Ndee.

"When she told us she was a match, she's family now."

— **Mary Beth George**, on Molly Trott

mation on how to be a living donor.

Trott signed up in July, got a call back in August and scheduled two days of testing, six to eight hours per day, for October. She went to UPMC Montefiore for kidney studies, CT scans, X-rays and blood work. And after the "longest few days ever," Trott heard from the transplant specialists.

"They called me and said, 'All of your testing was great, and you're a match. Would you like to proceed with the donation?'" Trott recalled. "There were some moments of awkward silence where I had to process this, and my nurse manager was sitting on the other line waiting for my response. And I just said, 'Wow.'"

Trott accepted. Then, she called George to let her know.

Days later, at Pitt's Nov. 5 volleyball match against Syracuse, Trott saw George and Daniel in-person for the first time since finding out she was a match. They hugged, took pictures and cherished a moment Daniel's family had looked forward to for so long.

Unfortunately, this isn't the last time Daniel will need a transplant. George said the average donated kidney lasts 12 to 15 years, while some last 20 to 25 and others last only 2 or 3. She's confident in the doctors at UPMC and their transplant reputation. But she also has the peace of mind knowing the money raised through "Daniel Strong" will stay with him and support him throughout his life.

"Something like this makes you believe in humanity again," McCartney said. The family's fundraising campaign, as of Tuesday night, was up to \$58,823 of its

\$75,000 goal. "Everyone's been incredibly generous. People have been reaching out from the woodwork saying they want to buy Daniel a Christmas gift. There are just so many good people in the world."

And one of those people, by George's estimation, is Trott.

Trott said she isn't nervous for the Dec. 7 procedure. If anything, she's approaching it with a "good kind of anxious" — eager to see Daniel live with a new kidney.

"When she told us she was a match, she's family now," George said of Trott. "We've been waiting for this for so long. And to finally have someone and have someone we're close to, and that I do see on a daily basis, being able to give us this gift is something I can't even begin to formulate words to say thank you."

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Penn State bets big on Franklin

STARKEY, FROM C-1

never sought a bigger job. He basically said that once you join the rat race, you're a rat.

So welcome to the rat race, where everybody's looking for that magical solution — the coach who will permanently solve all of life's problems. And he better solve 'em fast.

Michigan State reportedly is offering coach Mel Tucker \$95 million over 10 years. This is his first good season (we won't mention the 56-7 loss to Ohio State). Dan Mullen will make \$12 million to not coach Florida through 2027. In fact, over the past decade, FBS schools paid more than \$500 million in dead money to fired coaches.

It's all part of the reason I can't blame Penn State for capitulating here, even though Franklin has fallen on hard times since the beginning of last season. He is 8-9 in his past 17 Big Ten games, compared to 28-8 over the previous four.

This is a coach who, for all his failures, has three 11-win seasons and a Big Ten title on his resume. He owns a top-10 winning percentage (.726) since 2016 and, with an expanded playoff, would have qualified multiple times.

More important, he remains a master recruiter. That's the key here. If Franklin were losing games and his salesman's touch, there wouldn't be much of a discussion. You play hardball. Maybe you let him walk.

But if you're Penn State, do you really want to scrap a top-five recruiting class, say goodbye to premier quarterback prospect Drew Allar and launch a non-guaranteed coaching search

because the terms of a buy-out clause weren't satisfactory? Or because Franklin demanded wide-ranging program upgrades?

Do you really want to start over on account of a bad season or two?

I suppose it depends on the slice of time by which you judge him. The past 13 months, or the six years prior? Penn State doubling down here isn't unlike the Steelers extending Bill Cowher in 2001.

Like Franklin, Cowher had a good overall record but was struggling at the time (22-26 over the previous three years) and had mostly failed to win his biggest games.

You don't want to become Florida, which soon will have its fourth "magical solution" in eight years. Look at Michigan. It easily could have moved on from Jim Harbaugh to look for the next potential savior. But he does have four 10-win seasons in six full years and is 10-1 this season.

Harbaugh also has an Ohio State problem. Who doesn't? Tucker and Franklin can relate. They're all stuck in the same division.

If the slide continues, if the 2022 class and those after it fall short, Penn State can easily move on. Franklin's buy-out would hardly bankrupt the university.

Of course, he could choose to move on long before the school ever does.

These are the bets you make in the middle of a rat race.

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NBA roundup

Suns' win streak sweeps past Cavaliers

Phoenix's 14-game run kicked off with victory Oct. 30 vs. Cleveland

The Associated Press

Devin Booker scored 35 points and Chris Paul had 12 assists and made four free throws in the final 8.8 seconds, as the visiting Phoenix Suns extended their winning streak to 14 games by holding off the Cleveland Cavaliers, 120-115.

Phoenix's run started with a win against Cleveland on Oct. 30, coming after a 1-3 opening to the season for the defending Western Conference champions. The Suns have been perfect since and improved the NBA's best road record to 7-1.

It wasn't easy. The young Cavaliers gave the Suns everything they could handle, and if not for Paul, a couple calls that could have gone either way and Cleveland's Ricky Rubio missing three free throws in the final seconds, the streak might have ended.

The win was also the 100th with the Suns for coach Monty Williams, who is in his third season with the club.

Jarrett Allen had 25 points and 11 rebounds, and Cedi Osman added 23 points for Cleveland, which dropped its fifth in a row. Darius Garland scored 19 before fouling out late.

Other games

Hornets 106, Magic 99: Terry Rozier scored 27 points and Kelly Oubre Jr. came off the bench with 21 points and six rebounds to help Charlotte overcome poor shooting in a victory against host Orlando.

Lakers 124, Pacers 116: Los Angeles outscored host Indianapolis 12-4 in overtime to secure the win. LeBron James scored 39 points in his return from a one-game suspension.

Nets 123, Celtics 101: Visiting Brooklyn had

balanced scoring with Patty Mills scoring 23, Kevin Durant adding 21 and James Harden chipping 20 in the win against host Boston.

Rockets 118, Bulls 113: Danuel House Jr. had 18 points as host Houston ended its losing streak at 15 by beating Chicago.

Hawks 124, Spurs 106: Trae Young scored 31 points as visiting Atlanta beat San Antonio for its sixth consecutive victory.

Jazz 110, Thunder 104: Donovan Mitchell scored six consecutive points in the final minute and visiting Utah held off Oklahoma.

Pelicans 127, Wizards 102: Brandon Ingram scored 24 points as host New Orleans beat Washington.

Timberwolves 113, Heat 101: Anthony Edwards had 33 points and led Minnesota's 3-point barrage in the second half, as the host Timberwolves beat Miami.

Raptors 126, Grizzlies 113: Gary Trent Jr. scored 17 of his 26 points in the fourth quarter as visiting Toronto rallied to beat Memphis.



Minnesota's Jaden McDaniels falls over Miami's Dewayne Dedmon in the first half Wednesday night in Minneapolis.

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New Orleans at Utah, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

CHARLOTTE 106, ORLANDO 99

CHARLOTTE (106)

Bridges 5-16 0-0 11, Hayward 0-6 1-2 1, Plumlee 2-3 3-3 7, Ball 7-17 4-4 22, Rozier 11-22 2-4 27, Martin 3-4 1-1 8, McDaniels 3-5 1-2 7, Washington 0-2 0-0 0, Oubre Jr. 7-17 4-5 21, Richards 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 39-93 16-21 106.

ORLANDO (99)

Carter Jr. 6-9 1-1 14, F.Wagner 7-12 0-0 16, Bamba 7-15 0-0 18, Harris 5-13 0-0 13, Suggs 6-14 5-7 17, Okeke 1-7 0-0 2, M.Wagner 4-8 2-13, Hampton 0-7 0-0 0, Mulder 2-8 0-0 6. Totals 38-93 8-10 99. Charlotte 24 28 30 24 106 Orlando 28 21 28 22 99 3-Point Goals—Charlotte 12-41 (Ball 4-9, Oubre Jr. 3-8, Rozier 3-11, Bridges 1-6, Hayward 0-4), Orlando 15-42 (Bamba 4-7, M.Wagner 3-6, Harris 3-8, F.Wagner 2-2, Mulder 2-7, Carter Jr. 1-4, Hampton 0-2, Suggs 0-5). Fouled Out—Charlotte None, Orlando 1 (Suggs). Rebounds—Charlotte 49 (Bridges 9), Orlando 51 (Bamba 12). Assists—Charlotte 26 (Bridges, Martin 6), Orlando 23 (Hampton, Suggs 6). Total Fouls—Charlotte 16, Orlando 19. A—16,114 (18,846)

PHOENIX 120, CLEVELAND 115

PHOENIX (120)

Bridges 5-8 0-11, Crowder 1-6 5-5 7, Ayton 8-12 0-0 16, Booker 14-21 5-6 35, Paul 4-8 7-8 17, Johnson 4-9 3-4 14, McGee 6-9 1-2 13, Payne 3-11 1-2 7, Shamet 0-2 0-1 0. Totals 45-86 22-28 120.

CLEVELAND (115)

Markkanen 5-13 2-2 14, Wade 0-2 0-0 0, Allen 9-10 7-9 25, Garland 8-19 3-5 19, Okoro 2-8 0-1 5, Love 5-9 2-2 14, Osman 9-15 0-0 23, Rubio 5-20 3-6 15, Valentine 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 43-97 17-25 115. Phoenix 36 25 26 33 120 Cleveland 33 20 29 115 3-Point Goals—Phoenix 8-22 (Johnson 3-5, Booker 2-3, Paul 2-3, Bridges 1-2, Shamet 0-2, Crowder 0-3, Payne 0-4), Cleveland 12-39 (Osman 5-7, Love 2-5, Markkanen 2-7, Rubio 2-8, Okoro 1-4, Wade 0-2, Garland 0-6). Fouled Out—Phoenix None, Cleveland 1 (Garland). Rebounds—Phoenix 46 (McGee 12), Cleveland 44 (Allen, Markkanen 11). Assists—Phoenix 26 (Paul 12), Cleveland 22 (Garland 7). Total Fouls—Phoenix 23, Cleveland 23. A—18,055 (19,432)

L.A. LAKERS 124, INDIANA 116

L.A. LAKERS 124

Horton-Tucker 3-10 2-2 8, James 13-29 8-9 39, Jordan 2-5 0-0 4, Bradley 0-1 0-0 0, Westbrook 5-15 9-11 20, Anthony 4-13 4-5 14, Howard 4-4 0-0 8, Ellington 5-7 0-0 14, Monk 6-11 2-2 17. Totals 42-95 25-29 124.

INDIANA 116

Holiday 5-15 2-3 16, Sabonis 5-9 4-4 14, Turner 4-10 3-3 12, Brogdon 9-21 5-6 28, LeVert 5-13 0-0 10, Craig 2-6 3-4 7, Duarte 7-18 0-2 17, Martin 1-4 0-0 2, McConnell 4-8 2-2 10. Totals 42-104 19-24 116. 3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 15-37 (James 5-12, Ellington 4-6, Monk 3-6, Anthony 2-7, Westbrook 1-3, Horton-Tucker 0-2), Indiana 13-46 (Brogdon 5-10, Holiday 4-12, Duarte 3-10, Turner 1-6, LeVert 0-3, Martin 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 52 (Jordan 11), Indiana 52 (Sabonis 12). Assists—L.A. Lakers 20 (James 6), Indiana 25 (McConnell 8). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers

21, Indiana 25. A—15,572 (20,000)

BROOKLYN 123, BOSTON 104

BROOKLYN 123

Bembry 4-5 1-2 9, Durant 8-16 5-6 21, Aldridge 7-13 3-4 17, Harden 4-13 8-9 20, Mills 8-12 0-0 23, Edwards 0-0 0-0 0, Johnson 3-5 1-2 7, Millsap 1-5 0-0 3, Sharpe 2-3 0-1 4, C.Thomas 4-11 5-6 13, Carter 2-0 0-6. Totals 43-85 23-30 123.

BOSTON 104

Tatum 4-16 6-8 15, Williams 3-8 0-0 8, Horford 3-8 1-1 8, J.Brown 5-15 3-3 13, Smart 6-14 5-5 20, Hernangomez 1-1 1-1 3, Nesmith 2-4 0-0 5, Parker 1-3 2-4, Fernando 0-0 0-0 0, Kanter 2-3 3-7, Langford 3-7 0-0 8, Pritchard 1-2 1-1 3, Schroder 3-10 3-4 10. Totals 34-91 25-28 104. Brooklyn 29 33 35 26 123 Boston 22 27 27 28 104 3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 14-35 (Mills 7-10, Harden 4-9, Carter 2-2, Millsap 1-3, Durant 0-4, C.Thomas 0-6), Boston 11-48 (Smart 3-8, Langford 2-3, Williams 2-7, Nesmith 1-3, Horford 1-4, Schroder 1-5, Tatum 1-9, J.Brown 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Brooklyn 50 (Bembry 10), Boston 45 (Tatum 8). Assists—Brooklyn 29 (Harden 11), Boston 25 (Smart 8). Total Fouls—Brooklyn 23, Boston 24. A—19,156 (18,624)

UTAH 110, OKLAHOMA CITY 104

UTAH 110

Bogdanovic 6-12 5-6 19, O'Neale 2-9 0-0 5, Gobert 5-7 5-6 15, Conley 6-12 2-2 18, Mitchell 6-16 0-0 13, Gay 5-8 2-2 15, Ingles 1-6 0-0 3, Paschall 0-2 0-0 0, Whiteside 1-2 0-0 2, Clark 0-2 3-4 20, Forrest 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-86 17-20 110.

OKLAHOMA CITY 104

Bazley 3-7 1-2 8, Wiggins 0-1 1-2 1, Robinson-Earl 5-10 0-0 13, Dort 8-19 6-8 27, Giddey 8-15 0-0 19, Favors 0-4 1-2 1, Pokusevski 2-4 0-0 4, Muscala 2-5 0-0 5, Williams 6-6 0-2 12, Jerome 2-8 2-2 8, Maledon 1-3 4-4 6. Totals 37-82 15-22 104.

3-Point Goals—Utah 15-47 (Conley 4-10, Gay 3-4, Clarkson 3-7, Bogdanovic 2-7, O'Neale 1-5, Ingles 1-6, Mitchell 1-7), Oklahoma City 15-36 (Dort 5-12, Giddey 3-4, Robinson-Earl 3-4, Jerome 2-6, Bazley 1-3, Favors 0-2, Maledon 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Utah 43 (Gobert 17), Oklahoma City 43 (Robinson-Earl 10). Assists—Utah 19 (Clarkson, Mitchell 5), Oklahoma City 21 (Giddey 8). Total Fouls—Utah 15, Oklahoma City 18. A—14,081 (18,203)

TORONTO 126, MEMPHIS 115

TORONTO 126

Barnes 8-14 0-0 17, Siakam 5-12 6-8 17, Achiuwa 7-11 0-0 17, Trent Jr. 8-17 6-6 26, VanVleet 9-14 2-2 23, Barton 2-3 0-0 4, Boucher 2-4 1-1 5, Mykhailiuk 3-7 0-0 8, Watanabe 0-3 3-4 3, Flynn 3-4 0-0 6. Totals 47-89 18-21 126.

MEMPHIS 113

Brooks 6-16 6-8 22, Jackson Jr. 6-8 2-2 16, Adams 1-3 0-0 2, Bane 7-11 2-2 20, Morant 8-18 7-10 23, Williams 1-5 1-2 3, Anderson 5-8 0-0 11, Clarke 7-8 2-2 16, Jones 0-3 0-0 0, Konchar 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 42-82 20-26 115.

3-Point Goals—Toronto 14-30 (Trent Jr. 4-7, Achiuwa 3-3, VanVleet 3-7, Mykhailiuk 2-4, Barnes 1-3, Siakam 1-3), Memphis 9-29 (Bane 4-6, Jackson Jr. 2-4, Brooks 2-9, Anderson 1-2, Jones 0-2, Williams 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 34 (Barnes 9), Memphis 40 (Clarke 8). Assists—Toronto 25

(VanVleet 7), Memphis 25 (Morant 9). Total Fouls—Toronto 20, Memphis 20. A—15,409 (18,119)

HOUSTON 118, CHICAGO 113

CHICAGO 113

DeRozan 6-19 5-5 17, LaVine 11-22 3-5 28, Vucevic 6-16 0-0 14, Ball 7-11 0-0 19, Jav.Green 4-6 0-0 9, Jones Jr. 0-2 0-0 0, Bradley 0-1 0-0 0, Caruso 6-10 0-0 15, Dosunmu 3-4 2-2 8, White 1-5 0-0 3. Totals 44-96 10-12 113.

HOUSTON 118

Gordon 4-9 1-1 10, Tate 4-10 0-0 8, Wood 6-14 2-2 16, Jai.Green 4-5 2-2 11, Porter Jr. 5-13 2-4 14, Martin Jr. 2-5 1-2 5, House Jr. 6-7 2-2 18, Sengun 4-7 3-5 13, Augustin 0-1 0-0 0, Brooks 3-7 2-2 11, Mathews 4-6 2-2 12. Totals 42-84 17-22 118.

3-Point Goals—Chicago 15-35 (Ball 5-7, Caruso 3-5, LaVine 3-9, Vucevic 2-5, White 1-4, DeRozan 0-4), Houston 17-36 (House Jr. 4-4, Brooks 3-6, Sengun 2-3, Wood 2-3, Mathews 2-4, Porter Jr. 2-4, Jai.Green 1-2, Gordon 1-3, Martin Jr. 0-2, Tate 0-4). Fouled Out—Chicago 1 (Vucevic), Houston None. Rebounds—Chicago 41 (Vucevic 14), Houston 45 (Wood 10). Assists—Chicago 26 (DeRozan 7), Houston 27 (Porter Jr. 9). Total Fouls—Chicago 22, Houston 16. A—16,074 (18,500)

NEW ORLEANS 127, WASHINGTON 102

WASHINGTON 102

Caldwell-Pope 2-5 3-4 9, Kuzma 2-4 3-3 7, Gafford 4-6 0-0 8, Beal 11-20 1-3 23, Dinwiddie 2-8 6-8 11, Avdija 1-5 0-0 3, Bertans 1-10 0-0 3, Gill 3-4 0-0 8, Kispert 1-4 1-2 3, Harrell 4-8 2-8 10, Holiday 2-4 0-0 4, Neto 3-6 7-8 13. Totals 36-84 23-36 102.

NEW ORLEANS 127

Ingram 9-15 7-8 26, Jones 2-3 0-0 4, Valanciunas 7-18 6-21, Graham 4-11 2-2 12, Hart 5-8 5-5 16, Marshall 2-7 0-0 5, Murphy III 3-3 0-0 8, Temple 1-3 1-2 4, Hernangomez 4-8 4-6 13, Alexander-Walker 5-11 0-0 12, Alvarado 0-0 0-0 0, Lewis Jr. 1-5 0-0 2, Satoransky 1-4 2-3 4. Totals 44-96 27-32 127.

3-Point Goals—Washington 7-31 (Gill 2-2, Caldwell-Pope 2-5, Avdija 1-2, Dinwiddie 1-5, Bertans 1-9, Kispert 0-2, Beal 0-4), New Orleans 12-29 (Alexander-Walker 2-2, Murphy III 2-2, Graham 2-6, Hart 1-2, Ingram 1-3, Marshall 1-3, Temple 1-3, Valanciunas 1-4, Lewis Jr. 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 45 (Harrell 9), New Orleans 52 (Valanciunas 11). Assists—Washington 23 (Dinwiddie 9), New Orleans 33 (Alexander-Walker, Satoransky 5). Total Fouls—Washington 23, New Orleans 26. A—14,659 (16,867)

UTAH 110, OKLAHOMA CITY 104

UTAH 110

Bogdanovic 6-12 5-6 19, O'Neale 2-9 0-0 5, Gobert 5-7 5-6 15, Conley 6-12 2-2 18, Mitchell 6-16 0-0 13, Gay 5-8 2-2 15, Ingles 1-6 0-0 3, Paschall 0-2 0-0 0, Whiteside 1-2 0-0 2, Clark 0-2 3-4 20, Forrest 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 39-86 17-20 110.

OKLAHOMA CITY 104

Bazley 3-7 1-2 8, Wiggins 0-1 1-2 1, Robinson-Earl 5-10 0-0 13, Dort 8-19 6-8 27, Giddey 8-15 0-0 19, Favors 0-4 1-2 1, Pokusevski 2-4 0-0 4, Muscala 2-5 0-0 5, Williams 6-6 0-2 12, Jerome 2-8 2-2 8, Maledon 1-3 4-4 6. Totals 37-82 15-22 104.

3-Point Goals—Utah 15-47 (Conley 4-10,

Clarkson 3-7, Bogdanovic 2-7, O'Neale 1-5, Ingles 1-6, Mitchell 1-7), Oklahoma City 15-36 (Dort 5-12, Giddey 3-4, Robinson-Earl 3-4, Jerome 2-6, Bazley 1-3, Favors 0-2, Maledon 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Utah 43 (Gobert 17), Oklahoma City 43 (Robinson-Earl 10). Assists—Utah 19 (Clarkson, Mitchell 5), Oklahoma City 21 (Giddey 8). Total Fouls—Utah 15, Oklahoma City 18. A—14,081 (18,203)

ATLANTA 124, SAN ANTONIO 106

ATLANTA 124

Huerter 3-7 2-2 10, J.Collins 5-11 5-5 15, Capela 5-10 1-2 11, Bogdanovic 7-12 0-0 18, Tr.Young 14-22 1-2 31, Gallinari 1-4 8-10, Hill 0-1 0-0 0, Bol 0-0 0-0 0, Nnaji 3-6 0-0 8, Dozier 1-3 0-0 2, Campazzo 2-4 2-3 8, Howard 1-3 0-0 2, Rivers 3-6 0-0 8. Totals 45-88 22-24 124.

SAN ANTONIO 106

Bates-Diop 1-5 0-0 2, K.Johnson 6-13 1-2 15, Poeltl 6-12 3-4 15, Murray 9-20 0-0 22, White 3-12 0-0 7, Th.Young 3-4 0-0 6, Eubanks 2-5 0-0 4, Landale 1-2 0-0 2, Forbes 9-12 2-2 23, Jones 0-2 2-2 2, Vassell 1-6 0-0 3, Walker IV 2-7 0-0 5. Totals 43-100 8-10 106.

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 12-26 (Bogdanovic 4-6, Reddish 2-2, Williams 2-3, Huerter 2-5, Tr.Young 2-6, Gallinari 0-2), San Antonio 12-33 (Murray 4-7, Forbes 3-5, K.Johnson 2-4, Vassell 1-4, Walker IV 1-4, White 1-6). Fouled Out—Atlanta 26 (Tr.Young 11), San Antonio 27 (Murray 11). Total Fouls—Atlanta 11, San Antonio 16. A—13,161 (18,581)

TUESDAY

N.Y. KNICKS 106, L.A. LAKERS 100

L.A. LAKERS 100

Davis 7-17 5-11 20, Horton-Tucker 0-8 0-0 0, Jordan 3-6 0-0 6, Bradley 5-11 2-2 15, Westbrook 10-18 8-9 31, Anthony 3-14 4-5 12, Howard 0-0 0-0 0, Ellington 1-3 1-1 4, Monk 5-14 1-2 12. Totals 34-91 21-30 100.

NEW YORK 106

Barrett 4-8 1-2 12, Randle 7-17 5-8 20, Noel 2-7 0-0 4, Fournier 8-14 4-4 26, Walker 2-6 2-2 6, Toppin 6-11 0-0 12, Burks 4-10 3-12, Grimes 0-0 0-0 0, Quickley 4-9 2-2 14. Totals 37-82 17-21 106.

L.A. Lakers 20 31 30 19 100 New York 36 27 20 23 106 3-Point Goals—L.A. Lakers 11-36 (Westbrook 3-6, Bradley 3-8, Anthony 2-8, Davis 1-2, Ellington 1-3, Monk 1-7, Horton-Tucker 0-2), New York 15-34 (Fournier 6-9, Quickley 4-8, Barrett 3-5, Burks 1-3, Randle 1-5, Toppin 0-2, Walker 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—L.A. Lakers 50 (Westbrook 13), New York 52 (Randle 16). Assists—L.A. Lakers 23 (Westbrook 10), New York 23 (Randle, Walker 5). Total Fouls—L.A. Lakers 17, New York 23. A—19,812 (19,812)

MIAMI 100, DETROIT 92

MIAMI 100

Butler 4-13 7-9 15, Tucker 0-1 0-0 0, Adebayo 6-10 3-6 15, Lowry 4-10 6-6 15, Robinson 4-8 0-0 11, Martin 2-5 1-2 6, Dedmon 3-4 0-0 6, Herro 12-21 3-4 31, Vincent 0-4 1-2 1. Totals 35-76 21-29 100.

DETROIT 92

Bey 6-16 0-0 15, Grant 6-17 8-9 21, Garza 3-5 0-0 7, Cunningham 2-10 1-1 6, Joseph 4-7 1-9, J.Jackson 2-6 0-0 5, Lyles 2-2 2-3, Diallo 5-7 0-0 10, F.Jackson 5-12 0-0 13, Lee 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-84 12-14 92.

3-Point Goals—Miami 20 26 21 33 100

25 28 23 16 92 3-Point Goals—Miami 9-29 (Herro 4-8, Robinson 3-6, Martin 1-3, Lowry 1-6, Vincent 0-4), Detroit 10-38 (F.Jackson 3-9, Bey 3-10, J.Jackson 1-3, Grant 1-5, Cunningham 1-7, Joseph 0-2). Fouled Out—Miami None, Detroit 1 (F.Jackson). Rebounds—Miami 51 (Adebayo, Butler 9), Detroit 35 (Lyles 9). Assists—Miami 22 (Lowry 8), Detroit 22 (Joseph 9). Total Fouls—Miami 19, Detroit 23. A—13,123 (20,491)

PORTLAND 119, DENVER 100

DENVER 100

Gordon 5-9 1-1 11, Je.Green 9-16 3-3 24, Ja.Green 3-9 2-2 9, Barton 4-10 0-0 11, Morris 7-11 0-0 16, Cancar 0-0 1-2 1, Cornelle 0-1 0-0 0, Bol 0-0 0-0 0, Nnaji 3-6 0-0 8, Dozier 1-3 0-0 2, Campazzo 2-4 2-3 8, Howard 1-3 0-0 2, Rivers 3-6 0-0 8. Totals 38-78 9-11 100.

PORTLAND 119

Covington 3-6 2-29, Powell 5-10 4-6 15, Nurkic 2-6 2-2 6, Lillard 9-13 2-2 25, McCollum 13-19 1-3 32, Brown III 1-1 0-0 2, Nance Jr. 1-4 0-2, Zeller 0-3 1-2 1, Elleby 0-0 0-0 0, Little 5-9 2-3 13, McLemore 0-0 0-0 0, Simmons 6-12 0-0 14, Smith Jr. 0-1 0-0 0, Snell 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 45-88 14-20 119.

Sidelined to standout.



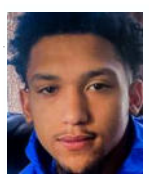
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DEVIN WHITLOCK

Belle Vernon
QB-DB • 5-8 • 170 • Sr.

The scoop: Arguably the WPIAL's most electrifying player, this two-time Fabulous 22 pick has Belle Vernon one win away from claiming its first WPIAL title since 1995. Has rushed for 1,189 yards on 109 carries (10.9 yards per carry) and 23 touchdowns, passed for 1,023 yards and nine touchdowns, and has returned three punts for scores.

College talk: Holds offers from Youngstown State, Duquesne, The Citadel and a few Division II schools. Pitt and West Virginia have offered preferred walk-on spots.

Most memorable moment this season? By far the first TJ game. Just running down the field and scoring a touchdown, and seeing there were just four seconds left. It was the best feeling in the world to beat our rival.

Anyone in the world you could invite to Thanksgiving dinner? Lamar Jackson.

Thanksgiving food you must have? Ham.

Career, if not an athlete or coach? Some type of trainer, or I want to go to college for business.

Favorite person to follow on Twitter? Gang Green (@BVA_GangGreen). It's Belle Vernon's fan page.

TV show or series you would recommend? "The Good Doctor."

Best player you've played against? Cade Yacamelli from Penn-Trafford is a great player.



CADE YACAMELLI

Penn-Trafford
RB-DB • 6-0 • 205 • Sr.

The scoop: Versatile star leads team in rushing (1,498 yards, 10.4 yards per carry), receiving (14 catches) and touchdowns (22), and has helped the Warriors reach the WPIAL final for the fourth time. His touchdown total is third most in a season in school history. Also has 28 tackles, a sack and an interception.

College talk: Committed to Wisconsin, where he could play running back, slot receiver or safety. Also had offers from Army, Navy and Air Force.

Most memorable moment this season? When the student section rushed the field (after the semifinal win). **Anyone in the world you could invite to Thanksgiving dinner?** Julian Edelman. When I was young, he was kind of like my idol.

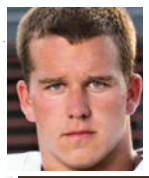
Thanksgiving food you must have? This may sound a little weird, but green beans with butter. I love green beans.

Career, if not an athlete or coach? Something with business.

Favorite person to follow on Twitter? Cover Three Athletics (@Cover3_ATH).

TV show or series you would recommend? "The Office." Hands down, it's the best show.

Best player you've played against? Miguel Jackson from Pine-Richland. He was unbelievable. His pass rush, he made it very hard on us.



BEN BLADEL

Moon
TE-DE • 6-0 • 230 • Sr.

The scoop: An all-around force, Bladel has led Moon to the WPIAL final for the first time in 23 years. A four-year starter has produced 15 sacks, 25 TE/LS and five forced fumbles. Offensively, he's rushed for 201 yards, is second on the team with 18 receptions, has scored four touchdowns, and has even passed for two touchdowns. He's blocked 15 kicks in his career (nine punts, four extra points, two field goals) and has 47.5 career sacks.

College talk: Holds Division II offers from Edinboro, West Liberty and Wheeling.

Most memorable moment this season? It's just us working together as a group, and anyone doing their part.

Anyone in the world you could invite to Thanksgiving dinner? Probably T.J. Watt. That's my dude. And people say I look like him.

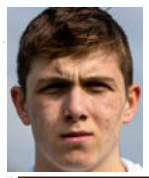
Career, if not an athlete or coach? Some sort of engineer.

Thanksgiving food you must have? Stuffing.

Favorite person to follow on Twitter? (Author and retired Navy SEAL) Jocko Willink (@jockowillink).

TV show or series you would recommend? "The Blacklist."

Best player you've played against? (Pine-Richland's) Andrew Kristofic when I was a freshman. He absolutely destroyed me.



CADIN OLSEN

Armstrong
QB • 6-5 • 205 • Sr.

The scoop: WPIAL's leading passer as a sophomore, but became one of the best dual-threat QBs this season. Had 3,336 yards offense. Completed 189-290 for 2,501 yards and 28 TDs. Ran for 835 yards on 150 carries and 18 TDs. In two seasons, has thrown for 4,536 yards and 51 TDs.

College talk: Visited Yale last weekend. Made visits this fall to Wisconsin, Toledo, Penn State.

Most memorable moment this season? I don't think I have one. I think you just take in all you can on every Friday night. You get a special feeling on Friday nights that you can't get in any other sport.

Anyone in the world you could invite to Thanksgiving dinner? This might be a strange one, but I have to say Marcus Mariota.

Thanksgiving food you must have? Stuffing and gravy.

Career, if not an athlete or coach? Right now, I'm leaning toward being a doctor.

Favorite person to follow on Twitter? WPIAL Sportsmen (@wpialsportsnews).

TV show or series you would recommend? "QB1: Beyond the Lights" on Netflix.

Best player you've played against? Benny Haselein, a receiver from Hampton.



SEAN FITZSIMMONS

Central Valley
OT-DT • 6-3 • 280 • Sr.

The scoop: A four-year starter who is one of the best defensive linemen in the state. He has been Mr. TFL, as he enters the WPIAL Class 3A championship with 99 career tackles for loss, including 37 sacks. This season, despite being double-teamed, has 100 tackles (43 solo) and 15 sacks. Team has a 24-game winning streak.

College talk: Made a verbal commitment to Pitt in the spring. Also had offers from Syracuse, Duke and Wake Forest. Recruited to play defense.

Most memorable moment this season? Hopefully this coming weekend or in a couple weeks at states.

Anyone in the world you could invite to Thanksgiving dinner? Conor McGregor. He's always talking nonsense and would be fun.

Thanksgiving food you must have? Definitely turkey, but also my mom's sweet potato casserole.

Career, if not an athlete or coach? A sports commentator or actor.

Favorite person to follow on Twitter? Probably Conor McGregor (@TheNotoriousMMA).

TV show or series you would recommend? "Squid Game."

Best player you've played against? Logan Danielson of Thomas Jefferson when I was a sophomore.



PATRICK BODY

Gateway
WR-DB • 6-2 • 175 • Sr.

The scoop: Explosive wide receiver with a knack for big plays caught 43 passes for 882 yards and scored seven touchdowns. Equally impactful on defense as a shutdown cornerback. For his career, caught 85 passes for 1,613 yards and 15 touchdowns.

College talk: Committed to Cincinnati to play defensive back. Chose the Bearcats over offers from Pitt, West Virginia and others.

Most memorable moment this season? I would have to say beating Woodland Hills was pretty memorable this year.

Anyone in the world you could invite to Thanksgiving dinner? Got to be my grandma.

Thanksgiving food you must have? Mac and cheese. My uncle Eddie makes it.

Career, if not an athlete or coach? I would probably be something like a sports analyst or something with stocks.

Favorite person to follow on Twitter? I'll go with Lil Durk (@lildurk).

TV show or series you would recommend? I'll go with "All American" [on Netflix].

Best player you've played against? Sophomore year, when I had to guard Jayden Ballard at Massillon [Ohio]. He's an Ohio State wide receiver.



LANDON ALEXANDER

Central Valley
RB-DB • 6-0 • 190 • Sr.

The scoop: All he does is produce and win. Has rushed for 1,730 yards (10.4 yards per carry) and 28 touchdowns while leading the defending WPIAL and PIAA Class 3A champions to 24 consecutive wins and to the WPIAL final for the third year in a row. For his career, has rushed for 3,493 yards and 50 touchdowns.

College talk: Has an offer from UMass. West Virginia and Toledo are among those showing interest.

Most memorable moment this season? The "Pit Game." Aliquippa and Central Valley at The Pit. It's just a special field. Lots of legends played on that field. And it just happened to be my birthday.

Anyone in the world you could invite to Thanksgiving dinner? NBA YoungBoy. That's my favorite rapper.

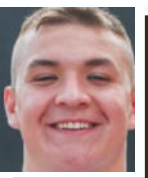
Thanksgiving food you must have? I've got to have cornbread. And sweet potato pie.

Career, if not an athlete or coach? Either sales, marine biology, archaeology or physical therapy.

Favorite person to follow on Twitter? SportsCenter (@SportsCenter).

TV show or series you would recommend? I have two. "On My Block" and "Pretty Little Liars."

Best player you've played against? Zuriah Fisher of Aliquippa.



NICK BRYAN

Thomas Jefferson
OT-DT • 6-3 • 275 • Sr.

The scoop: A two-way starter for two seasons. Best position was offensive tackle and was one of the main reasons Thomas Jefferson had a strong running game the past two seasons.

College talk: Has made a verbal commitment to Kent State. Other two finalists were Marshall and Massachusetts. Was recruited to play offensive line.

Most memorable moment this season? In the locker room before we played Gateway in our first game. It was so electric. Even though we lost a lot of seniors, we wanted to show we were still a formidable team.

Anyone in the world you could invite to Thanksgiving dinner? Definitely my great grandmother. She lives in Andalusia, Ala., and I'd love to have her up here for dinner.

Thanksgiving food you must have? There's a couple, rolls, mashed potatoes and green beans.

Career, if not an athlete or coach? An elementary school teacher.

Favorite person to follow on Twitter? Just anyone with Kent State stuff.

TV show or series you would recommend? "Last Chance U."

Best player you've played against? Colin Lyons from McKeesport last year. He was a mauler.



► Devin Whitlock

A THANKSGIVING TRADITION SINCE 1980

If history is any indication, at least one of the players on this year's Fabulous 22 all-star team will probably make the NFL. The very first Fabulous 22 team was selected 41 years ago. From 1980 through 2016, there has been at least one future NFL player on every Fab 22 team except one (1997). Among the NFL players this season who were former Fab 22 picks are Penn Hills' Aaron Donald (three-time NFL Defensive Player of the Year), and Central Valley's Jordan Whitehead and Woodland Hills' Rob Gronkowski (both members of the Super Bowl champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers last year). Overall, nine former Fabulous 22 members have been first-round picks in the NFL and 12 were Pro Bowl selections. Many other former Fabulous 22 players had highly-successful college careers.



DONOVAN HINISH

Central Catholic
DT • 6-2 • 295 • Sr.

The scoop: One of the WPIAL's most dominant interior defensive linemen. Rivals.com ranks him the No. 42 defensive tackle in the country. Three-year starter.

College talk: Hinish made a verbal commitment in the summer to Notre Dame. Had offers from Pitt, Virginia Tech and Western Michigan, among others. His older brother, Kurt, is a starting DLineman at Notre Dame.

Most memorable moment this season? I'd say in pre-season camp we would play these team games and my team always won, of course.

Anyone in the world you could invite to Thanksgiving dinner? Mike Tyson. He's an interesting guy.

Thanksgiving food you must have? What are those things with marshmallows on top? Candy yams? We had them in the cafeteria the other day and now they're my favorite Thanksgiving food.

Career, if not an athlete or coach? A fireman.

Favorite person to follow on Twitter? Conor McGregor (@TheNotoriousMMA). He's always talking smack and that's hilarious.

TV show or series you would recommend? "Attack on Titan."

Best player you've played against? Rahmir Stewart from Imhopte.



BOBBIE BOYD

McKeesport
RB-DB • 5-8 • 175 • Jr.

The scoop: Boyd's breakout season helped McKeesport reach the WPIAL Class 4A semifinals. Ran for 1,545 yards on 171 carries (9 yards per carry) and scored 16 touchdowns, and was also named defensive player of the year in the talent-heavy Big Eight Conference.

College talk: Has an offer from Division II Bluefield State.

Most memorable moment this season? Scoring my first touchdown. I played last year, but I didn't score. When I scored the first time ... it's a moment I'll never forget.

Anyone in the world you could invite to Thanksgiving dinner? Probably Tom Brady. I'd just like to talk to him. He was originally a sixth-round pick and now he's the greatest. I'd just like to get some advice from him.

Thanksgiving food you must have? Turkey.

Career, if not an athlete or coach? Business management and real estate.

Favorite person to follow on Twitter? LeBron James (@KingJames).

TV show or series you would recommend? "Money Heist."

Best player you've played against? I've played against a lot of great athletes, but the best ever was probably (Belle Vernon's) Devin Whitlock. He's just different.



TA'MERE ROBINSON

Brashear
WR-LB-DB • 6-2 • 225 • Jr.

The scoop: Considered the No. 1 recruit in the state in the Class of 2023, Robinson fought through injuries to have a strong junior season. Showed his versatility by playing quarterback, wide receiver, linebacker and safety. Was also Brashear's punter. In six games, made 40 tackles to go along with a sack and interception. Suffered a torn ACL in his team's final regular season game.

College talk: Plans on announcing his top 10 schools on Thanksgiving. Holds many Power Five offers, among them Pitt, Penn State, Ohio State and Notre Dame.

Most memorable moment this season? Playing my last high school game. That was my best memory. Last time playing at Cupples Stadium, it was pretty big.

Anyone in the world you could invite to Thanksgiving dinner? T.J. Watt.

Thanksgiving food you must have? Baked mac and cheese. Always gotta have that.

Career, if not an athlete or coach? I'd probably say a chef. I like to cook a lot.

Favorite person to follow on Twitter? I don't have a favorite follow on Twitter. I guess I could say T.J. Watt (@TJWatt). I haven't been on Twitter since a couple months ago.

TV show or series you would recommend? "Prison Break."

Best player you've played against? Last year, (Westinghouse's) Darius Bruce.



TYREESE FEARBY

Perry
WR-DE • 6-5 • 230 • Sr.

The scoop: Considered a four-star prospect by most recruiting sites, Fearby is rated by Rivals as one of the top-15 prospects in the state. Likely projects as a defensive end at the next level.

College talk: Originally verbally committed to Penn State, then reversed course and announced his commitment to Kentucky in September. Chose the Wildcats over Pitt and Auburn as his other finalists.

Most memorable moment this season? Playing my last high school game. That was my best memory. Last time playing at Cupples Stadium, it was pretty big.

Anyone in the world you could invite to Thanksgiving dinner? T.J. Watt.

Thanksgiving food you must have? Baked mac and cheese. Always gotta have that.

Career, if not an athlete or coach? I'd probably say a chef. I like to cook a lot.

Favorite person to follow on Twitter? I don't have a favorite follow on Twitter. I guess I could say T.J. Watt (@TJWatt). I haven't been on Twitter since a couple months ago.

TV show or series you would recommend? "The Flash." It's on Netflix.

Best player you've played against? [Brashear junior] Ta'Mere Robinson.



► Rodney Gallagher



NUHAY BURT

Steel Valley
RB-DB • 6-0 • 175 • Sr.

The scoop: Led the WPIAL in rushing and scoring during the regular season with 1,812 yards and 31 touchdowns. Had multiple games with at least 275 yards rushing and five touchdowns. Powered Steel Valley to an undefeated regular season and No. 1 seed for the WPIAL playoffs.

College talk: Currently undecided on where he will play in college. Holds scholarship offers from Duquesne, Buffalo and Eastern Illinois, among others.

Most memorable moment this season? Winning our [conference] and making it this far [to the WPIAL semifinals].

Anyone in the world you could invite to Thanksgiving dinner? I'd have to go with Kobe. Definitely Kobe.

Thanksgiving food you must have? Macaroni, greens and ham.

Career, if not an athlete or coach? I would probably say an athletic trainer or something like that. Something around sports.

Favorite person to follow on Twitter? I would probably say my coaches. They keep me updated on a lot of stuff.

TV show or series you would recommend? "Outer Banks" [on Netflix].

Best player you've played against? Definitely Sky Moore [from Shady Side Academy]. I was a freshman when we played against him.



RODNEY GALLAGHER

Laurel Highlands
QB-DB • 6-0 • 175 • Jr.

The scoop: Led Laurel Highlands to WPIAL playoffs and first post-season win in school history. Finished 104 of 179 throwing for 1,365 yards and 12 TDs. Rushed for 1,130 yards on 169 attempts and scored 20 TDs. One of best two-sport athletes in WPIAL in recent history. Two-time member of Post-Gazette Fabulous 5 in basketball.

College talk: Has scholarship offers from major colleges in both football and basketball. Pitt, Penn State and West Virginia have offered for both sports. Has more offers for football.

Most memorable moment this season? The game-winning drive against Beaver [in WPIAL playoffs].

Anyone in the world you could invite to Thanksgiving dinner? Dontae Johnson of the Steelers.

Thanksgiving food you must have? My grandma's macaroni and cheese.

Career, if not an athlete or coach? I'd like to have my own business.

Favorite person to follow on Twitter? Either [Post-Gazette's] Mike White (@mwhiteburgh) or Brad Everett (@BREAL412).

TV show or series you'd recommend? "Shameless."

Best player you've played against? Belle Vernon's Devin Whitlock.



ELI HEIDENREICH

Mt. Lebanon
WR-DB • 6-0 • 180 • Sr.

The scoop: Two-way standout for team that won its first WPIAL title in 21 years. Big-play receiver who also played some wildcat quarterback and returned kicks. Has scored 20 TDs that have averaged 39.4 yards. Has 40 receptions for 906 yards and has rushed for 380 yards on 42 attempts. Also top-notch defensive back.

College talk: Has made verbal commitment to Naval Academy.

Most memorable moment this season? Definitely the WPIAL championship. It was like a relief, knowing all the hard work finally paid off.

Anyone in the world you could invite to Thanksgiving dinner? Troy Polamalu. He's a Pittsburgh legend and a fantastic human being. I try to be like him a little.

Thanksgiving food you must have? I'm a big stuffing guy. My dad makes it. He's a good cook.

Career, if not an athlete or coach? Just serving in the U.S. Navy or becoming a Marine.

Favorite person to follow on Twitter? WPIAL Sportsmen (@wpialsportsnews).

TV show or series you would recommend? I'm a huge fan of "The Office."

Best player you've played against? That's pretty easy. Gateway's Derrick Davis my sophomore year.



QUINTON MARTIN

Belle Vernon
RB-DB • 6-3 • 195 • Soph.

The scoop: Ranked as one of the top 100 sophomores in the country, Martin is the only 10th grader to make the team. Has made a big impact for the WPIAL Class 4A finalist Leopards, rushing for 902 yards on 80 carries (11.3 yards a carry) and 12 touchdowns. Also has 10 catches for 164 yards and two touchdowns and has returned two kicks for scores. Defensively, has two interceptions.

College talk: Pitt offered in November of his freshman year, and he has since picked up offers from Penn State, West Virginia, Virginia Tech, Maryland and Rutgers.

Most memorable moment this season? When we played McKeesport. We blew them out and they're a very hard team to beat

Hockey

Penguins report

Wednesday's game

Vancouver 0 0 1-1
Penguins 0 3 1-4

First period—None. Penalties—Dickinson, VAN (Tripping), 3:25; Horvat, VAN (Slashing), 11:36; Burroughs, VAN (Roughing), 13:59; Zucker, PIT (Roughing), 13:59; Burroughs, VAN (Hooking), 19:51.

Second period—1, Penguins, Rust 2 (Guentzel, Letang), 0:49 (pp). 2, Penguins, Rodrigues 7, 7:29. 3, Penguins, Aston-Reese 1 (Blueger, McGinn), 15:20. Penalties—Lammikko, VAN (High Sticking), 12:32.

Third period—4, Vancouver, Horvat 6 (Schenn), 14:52. 5, Penguins, McGinn 5 (Blueger, Pettersson), 19:00 (en). Penalties—Dumoulin, PIT (Boarding), 2:35.

Shots on goal—Vancouver 9-16-12-37. Penguins 16-15-6-37.

Power-play opportunities—Vancouver 0 of 1; Penguins 1 of 4.

Goalies—Vancouver, Demko 6-9-1 (36 shots-33 saves). Penguins, Jarry 9-4-3 (37-36).

A—17,590 (18,387). **T**—2:24. **Referees**—Brandon Blandina, Furman South. **Linesmen**—Steve Barton, Michel Cormier.

Three stars

- Evan Rodrigues**, Penguins C
1 goal, 3 shots, 13:24 TOI
- Brock McGinn**, Penguins LW
1 goal, 1 assist, plus-2
- Tristan Jarry**, Penguins G
36 saves, .973 save %

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time	TV
11/26	Islanders	7:30	ATT
11/27	Canadiens	7	ATT
11/29	Flames	9	ATT
12/1	Oilers	10	TNT
12/4	Canucks	10	ATT
12/6	Kraken	10	ATT
12/10	Capitals	7	ESPN+
12/11	Ducks	7	ATT
12/14	Canadiens	7	ATT

Penguins notebook

Rodrigues line shows balance

Chemistry, roles have improved

By Mke DeFabo
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The revolving door on the Penguins roster finally has stopped spinning.

Aside from Evgeni Malkin (right knee), the Penguins have an entirely healthy roster of players. That newfound health has allowed the Penguins to ice the same lineup for the fifth consecutive game on Wednesday against the Vancouver Canucks. The consistency and continuity is something this Penguin team seldom gets to enjoy.

“Everybody has the same expectation, whoever’s in the lineup,” forward Brock McGinn said. “But having that consistent [lineup], I think everybody is really finding their chemistry and their roles with their linemates. We’re doing a good job right now at just tightening up our defense the last couple of games, and that’s leading to some of our offensive chances. When we limit their chances, it helps us out a lot.”

If the Penguins were to make a change, the one area to look would be the Evan Rodrigues line. Technically listed as a third line, that new trio features wingers Dominik Simon and Danton Heinen.

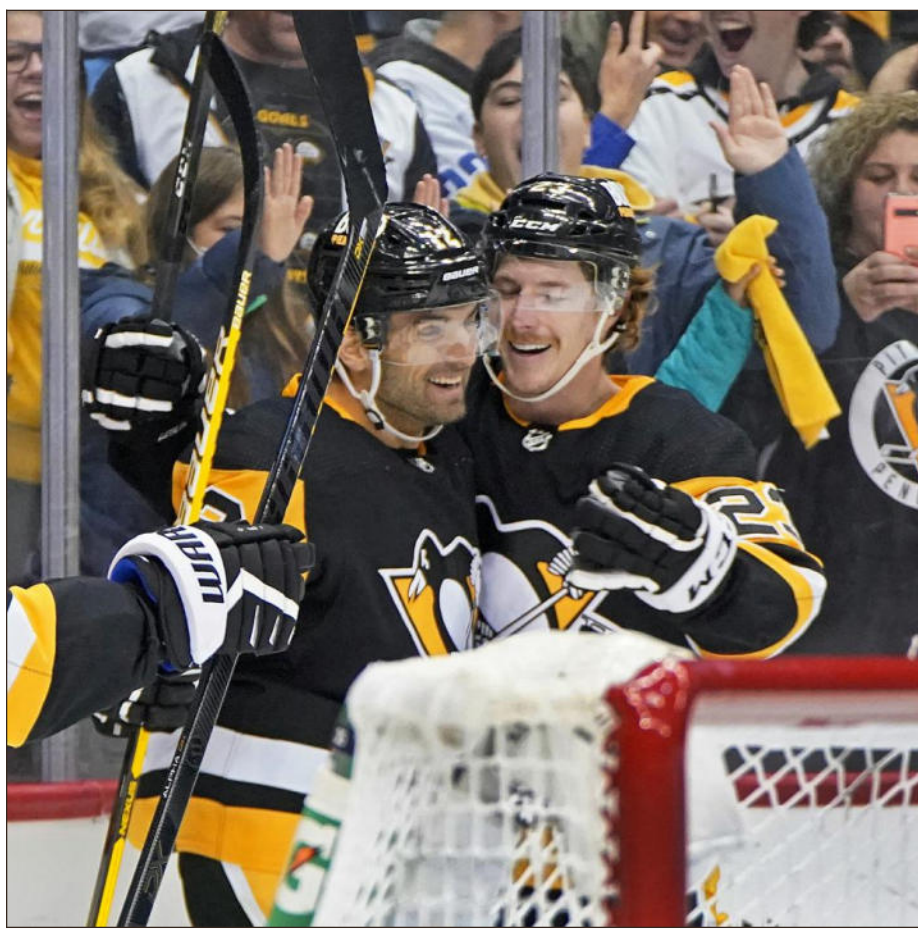
Earlier this year, Brian Boyle centered one line that was more of a defensively focused group. But the current construction features considerably more scoring punch.

Consider that just a few days ago, Rodrigues and Heinen were two of the Penguins’ most productive players. Even still, Heinen entered Wednesday second on the team with six goals. Rodrigues likewise had six goals of his own and was second on the team with 13 points. And then there’s Simon, whom Sullivan has often noted helps create scoring chances for his linemates because of tight-area playmaking and puck-possession skills.

“They’ve been really good,” Sullivan said. “They give us a little bit more balance, offensively, and they’re conscientious defensively.”

According to Natural Stat Trick, that line has clicked. In 30:30 of total ice time together, that trio has produced a staggering 86% of the expected goals, 80% of the scoring chances and 71% of the high-danger chances. In the more traditional stats, they’ve tallied one goal together and have not allowed any.

Additionally, all three of those players have shown their versatility. Both



Gene J. Puskar/Associated Press

NO. 1 ... AT LAST Zach Aston-Reese, left, scored his first goal of the season Wednesday night. It gave the Penguins a 2-0 lead in what would become a 4-1 win against Vancouver. He celebrates with Brock McGinn.

wingers can play both sides and Rodrigues can play all three forward positions. While Rodrigues won’t ever reveal which of the three forward spots he prefers, a smart call for someone trying to stay in the lineup, Sullivan seems to like him in the middle.

“We’ve really liked him at the center-ice position this year,” Sullivan said. “That’s one of the reasons we chose to leave him there right now. We think that line, as it’s constructed, offensively is a threat. All three of those guys have good instincts.”

No return date set

Sullivan said the team has a “ballpark” for when Malkin could return but declined to provide a specific

date. “I’m always reluctant to put a date out there,” he said. “Because then what happens is, if we don’t meet that date, everybody speculates. It’s not productive, from my standpoint.”

When the season began, Ron Hextall said that Malkin would miss at least the first two months of the season. So even though Malkin has been seen skating individually before practices, any return is still likely weeks away.

In the dot

One of the final steps before Sidney Crosby returned from his wrist injury was to begin taking faceoffs. So, one wonders if that’s the reason Jeff Carter seems to be taking

more draws on the power play.

Maybe that’s not completely true. Sullivan said the players themselves are the ones who decide who takes a particular draw.

“We have two center-ice men, a right-handed shot and a left-handed shot on our power play, and they’re both capable of winning [the face off],” Sullivan said.

It could be something to watch as Crosby gets healthier.

Carter is the by far the better faceoff man this season. He’s won 55.55% to Crosby’s 42.4%. But in their careers? Crosby has won 52.7% to Carter’s 50.8%.

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Hockey

Penguins stay hot in win vs. Canucks

GAME, FROM C-1

for so long he could have stuffed two turkeys, but he couldn't beat Thatcher Demko. They also had six chances off the rush, per Sportlogiq. Even Brian Dumoulin barged in alone.

The game remained scoreless after the first period, largely due to Demko. But the Penguins beat him early in the second then poured it on in that period.

The power play came up empty on its first two opportunities. But with a Canuck in the box and a clean sheet of ice, the Penguins scored 49 seconds into the second period. Beautiful puck movement set up Rust's one-time blast.

That was Rust's first goal since the Oct. 12 season opener down in Tampa.

"Thanks to you guys [in the media] for not bringing it up before tonight," joked Rust, referring to a Penguins superstition that whenever the reporters start asking a player about his scoring slump, it will come to an end in short order.

Rust added: "If you couldn't tell by my celebration, it was a big of a relief."

Seven days earlier, Rust predicted that the top line would soon get it going with Crosby getting up to speed. He would be right. Jake Guentzel extended his scoring streak to five games, though that ended Wednesday. Crosby got one in Montreal. And Rust now has four points in four games

The hot hand

Numbers for Tristan Jarry in the Penguins four-game winning streak:

Category	No.
W-L record	4-0
Goals allowed	2
Goals against average	0.50
Save percentage	.983

since that conversation.

"We're trending in the right direction," the winger said. "We're working as a unit out there. We're staying close. And we're getting our opportunities."

Evan Rodrigues sniped Demko from a tough angle to make it 2-0. Then with 4:40 left in the second period, Aston-Reese finished off a 3-on-1 rush for his first goal in his 17 games played this season. Brock McGinn put it on a platter for him.

"It felt really good. It kind of seemed like nobody really wanted the puck. The guys were joking about it. But Ginner made a nice play," he said of the tic-tac-toe play, then adding, "I think going back to college, I've had Demko's number."

Despite winning the second, 3-0, the Penguins did have some slippage defensively in the period. Fortunately, Jarry maintained his spectacular level of play.

When it was still 2-0, Brock Boeser streaked down the right wing. Jarry, who grew up just outside Vancouver, swatted his shot away with

his glove.

"When he plays like that, he gives us a chance to kind of feed off it when he makes a big save like that," John Marino said. "He's been playing unbelievable."

Jarry also stuffed J.T. Miller, the Coraopolis resident, on an early breakaway and kept out Oliver Ekman-Larsson's tap-in try midway through the third. Bo Horvat, with a heck of an effort, spoiled his latest shutout bid with 5:08 left.

Jarry was just picking up where he had left off in Canada. In his past four starts, he has two shutouts and an eye-popping .983 save percentage.

"[He has] a ton of confidence," Rust said. "You can see him back there challenging shots or reading plays. I think his rebound control has been phenomenal."

The Penguins were back at PPG Paints Arena after an undefeated three-game visit to Canada. They outscored those opponents, 11-1. They were perfect on the penalty kill. And their power play started gaining momentum. And the Penguins felt they played with urgency through all three victories.

They continued that Wednesday.

"I thought our effort was good. We came out with a lot of energy," Sullivan said. "As a coaching staff, we were a little concerned about this one after a tough travel day coming back [Monday into Tuesday] and just a quick turnaround."



Gene J. Puskar/Associated Press

Tristan Jarry makes a save against Vancouver's Tanner Pearson Wednesday night at PPG Paints Arena, one of 36 he made in a 4-1 win.

NHL roundup

Four quick goals lift Bruins to win

The Associated Press

The Boston Bruins scored four first-period goals less than six minutes apart and handed the Buffalo Sabres their fourth consecutive loss, 5-1, Wednesday at KeyBank Center in Buffalo, N.Y. Patrice Bergeron, David Pastrnak and Charlie Coyle each had a goal and an assist, and Nick Foligno had two assists for the Bruins.

Other games

Panthers 2, Flyers 1: Aaron Ekblad scored 2:39 into overtime and Florida won its

record-tying 11th consecutive home game to start the season by topping Philadelphia.

Capitals 6, Canadiens 3: Evgeny Kuznetsov scored his seventh goal and added an assist, Alex Ovechkin had three assists in a game for the first time in nearly four years, and host Washington crushed Montreal.

Red Wings 4, Blues 2: Adam Erne scored the go-ahead goal early in the third period, streaking rookie Lucas Raymond got his eighth of the season and host Detroit defeated St. Louis Blues.

Wild 3, Devils 2: Kevin Fiala scored the lone goal in a shootout, Cam Talbot made 42 saves and visitiniv Minnesota beat New Jersey after arriving late to the arena because of traffic.

Rangers 4, Islanders 1: Chris Kreider and Kevin Rooney each scored twice, and the Rangers beat the Islanders in the battle of New York.

Blue Jackets 3, Jets 0: Elvis Merzlikins made 36 saves for his seventh career shutout and host Columbus handed Winnipeg its fourth consecutive defeat.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
Florida	19	14	2	1	2	73	48	31
Toronto	20	13	6	1	0	51	45	27
Tampa Bay	18	11	4	2	1	59	52	25
Detroit	21	9	9	3	0	58	69	21
Boston	16	10	6	0	0	51	44	20
Buffalo	19	7	10	2	0	54	66	16
Montreal	21	5	14	2	0	47	76	12
Ottawa	16	4	11	1	0	41	59	9

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

Carolina	17	14	2	1	0	57	34	29
Washington	20	12	3	5	0	70	47	29
NY Rangers	19	12	4	3	0	55	52	27
Columbus	17	11	6	0	0	60	51	22
Pittsburgh	19	9	6	1	3	58	53	22
Philadelphia	18	8	6	2	2	44	50	20
New Jersey	16	8	5	1	2	48	49	19
NY Islanders	16	5	9	1	1	32	51	12

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
Minnesota	18	11	6	0	1	64	59	23
St. Louis	19	10	7	1	1	63	53	22
Winnipeg	19	9	6	2	2	55	51	22
Nashville	19	10	8	1	0	52	55	21
Colorado	15	9	5	1	0	61	49	19
Dallas	17	8	7	1	1	47	52	18
Chicago	19	6	11	2	0	42	63	14
Arizona	19	4	13	0	2	34	69	10

PACIFIC DIVISION

Calgary	20	12	3	5	0	68	38	29
Edmonton	18	13	5	0	0	69	54	26
Vegas	20	12	8	0	0	64	61	24
Anaheim	19	10	6	2	1	63	51	23
San Jose	18	9	8	0	1	46	51	19
Los Angeles	18	8	7	3	0	47	46	19
Vancouver	20	6	12	1	1	47	66	14
Seattle	18	5	12	1	0	52	68	11

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Wednesday's results

Boston 5 Buffalo 1
Minnesota at New Jersey
Washington 6 Montreal 3
Florida 2 Philadelphia 1 (OT)
Pittsburgh 4 Vancouver 1
Columbus 3 Winnipeg 0
N.Y. Rangers 4 N.Y. Islanders 1
Detroit 4 St. Louis 2
Vegas 5 Nashville 2
Anaheim at Colorado
Carolina at Seattle
Edmonton at Arizona
Toronto at Los Angeles
Ottawa at San Jose

Tuesday's results

Tampa Bay 4 Philadelphia 0
Dallas 4 Edmonton 1
Calgary 5 Chicago 2

Thursday's games

No games scheduled
Friday's games
N.Y. Rangers at Boston, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Philadelphia, 3:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Chicago, 3:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Anaheim, 4 p.m.
Florida at Washington, 5 p.m.
New Jersey at Nashville, 6 p.m.
Montreal at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Colorado at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Saturday's games

Seattle at Florida, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Vegas, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Ottawa at Los Angeles, 7 p.m.
Columbus at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Arizona, 8 p.m.
Nashville at Colorado, 9 p.m.
Winnipeg at Calgary, 10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

BOSTON 5, BUFFALO 1

First Period
1. Buffalo, Okposo 5 (Asplund) 10:56.
2. Boston, Bergeron 7 (Pastrnak, Marchand) 13:29.
3. Boston, Coyle 6 (Foligno) 14:20.
4. Boston, Pastrnak 6 (McAvoy, Bergeron) 16:59 (pp).
5. Boston, Reilly 2 (Foligno, Zboril) 19:00.

Penalties — Zboril Bos (cross-checking) 2:25; Dahlin Buf (hooking) 15:30.

Second Period

No Scoring.
Penalties — Foligno Bos, Miller Buf (fighting) 1:42; Forbort Bos (tripping) 9:22.

Third Period

6. Boston, Hall 5 (Smith, Coyle) 15:26 (pp).
Penalties — Girgensons Buf (game misconduct) 13:46; Girgensons Buf (boarding major, served by Ruotsalainen) 13:46.

Shots on goal by

Boston 22 7 18-47
Buffalo 8 14 3-25
Goal — Boston: Swayman (W, 6-3-0).
Buffalo: Dell (L, 0-4-0), Tokarski (25 shots, 24 saves).

Power plays (goals-chances) — Boston: 2-3; Buffalo: 0-1.

Referees — Peter MacDougall, Kevin Pollock. **Linesmen** — James Tobias, Dan Kelly.

Attendance — 9,416 at Buffalo

PITTSBURGH 4, VANCOUVER 1

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Dickinson Vcr (tripping) 3:25; Horvat Vcr (slashing) 11:36; Burroughs Vcr, Zucker Pgh (roughing) 13:59; Burroughs Vcr (hooking) 19:51.
Second Period
1. Pittsburgh, Rust 2 (Letang, Guentzel) 0:49 (pp).
2. Pittsburgh, Rodrigues 7 (unassisted) 7:29.
3. Pittsburgh, Aston-Reese 1 (McGinn, Blueger) 15:20.
Penalties — Lammikko Vcr (high-sticking) 12:32.

Third Period

4. Vancouver, Horvat 6 (Schemm) 14:52.
5. Pittsburgh, McGinn 5 (Blueger, Pettersson) 19:00 (en).
Penalties — Dumoulin Pgh (boarding) 2:35.
Shots on goal by
Vancouver 9 16 12-37
Pittsburgh 16 15 6-37
Goal — Vancouver: Demko (L, 6-9-1).
Pittsburgh: Jarry (W, 9-4-3).
Power plays (goals-chances) — Vancouver: 0-1; Pittsburgh: 1-4.
Referees — Brandon Blandina, Furman South. **Linesmen** — Steve Barton, Michel Cormier.

COLUMBUS 3, WINNIPEG 0

First Period
1. Columbus, Hofmann 2 (Domi) 15:09.
Penalties — Merzlikins Clb (tripping) 4:43; Dillon Wpg (hooking) 12:22.
Second Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — Kuraly Clb (delay of game) 9:37.

Third Period

2. Columbus, Werenski 5 (Voracek, Boqvist) 6:49 (pp).
3. Columbus, Peeke 1 (Gavrikov, Texier) 16:27 (en).
Penalties — Domi Clb (double roughing, served by Chinakhov) 2:20; Svechnikov Wpg (slashing) 2:20; Ril, Nash Wpg (cross-checking) 6:06; Domi Clb (rough-

ing) 9:26; Morrissey Wpg (slashing) 16:27.

Shots on goal by

Winnipeg 15 8 13-36
Columbus 13 10 9-32

Goal — Winnipeg: Hellebuyck (L, 6-4-4).
Columbus: Merzlikins (W, 8-3-0).

Power plays (goals-chances) — Winnipeg: 0-4; Columbus: 1-3.

Referees — Justin StPierre, Marc Joannette. **Linesmen** — CJ Murray, Jesse Marquis.

Attendance — 15,733 at Columbus

FLORIDA 2, PHILADELPHIA 1 (OT)

First Period
1. Philadelphia, Farabee 5 (Konecny, Provorov) 7:33.
Penalties — Ekblad Fla (roughing) 11:16.

Second Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — Vatrano Fla (unsportsmanlike conduct) 10:26.

Third Period

2. Florida, Bennett 7 (Duclair, Ekblad) 3:59 (pp).
Penalties — Seeler Pha (slashing) 3:35; Couturier Pha, Ekblad Fla (roughing) 7:09; Provorov Pha (cross-checking) 16:31.

Overtime
3. Florida, Ekblad 6 (Huberdeau, Bennett) 2:39.

Penalties — None.

Shots on goal by
Philadelphia 14 9 10 0-33
Florida 16 10 12 7-45

Goal — Philadelphia: Jones (L, 3-2-1).
Florida: Bobrovsky (W, 9-0-2).

Power plays (goals-chances) — Philadelphia: 0-2; Florida: 1-2.

Referees — Mitch Dunning, TJ Luxmore. **Linesmen** — Brad Kovachik, Jonny Murray.

Attendance — 15,545 at Florida.

WASHINGTON 6, MONTREAL 3

First Period
1. Washington, Dowd 2 (Orlov, Jensen) 3:34.
2. Washington, Carlson 4 (Kuznetsov, Ovechkin) 9:43 (pp).
3. Washington, Sgarbossa 1 (unassisted) 14:31.

4. Montreal, Evans 4 (Lehkonen) 18:46.

Penalties — Orlov Wash (delay of game) 1:18; Petry Mtl (tripping) 8:35.

Second Period

5. Washington, Kuznetsov 7 (Carlson, Ovechkin) 9:05.

6. Montreal, Caufield 1 (Drouin, Suzuki) 18:54.

Penalties — Hathaway Wash (roughing) 6:24.

Third Period

7. Washington, Wilson 7 (Ovechkin, McMichael) 1:49.
8. Washington, Orlov 3 (Dowd) 5:57.
9. Montreal, Lehkonen 2 (Gallagher, Evans) 17:34.

Penalties — Carlson Wash (hooking) 14:25.

Shots on goal by

Montreal 5 10 13-28
Washington 16 10 8-34
Goal — Montreal: Allen (L, 4-9-1).
Washington: Samsonov (W, 7-0-1).

Power plays (goals-chances) — Montreal: 0-3; Washington: 1-1.

Referees — Jon McIsaac, Kelly Sutherland. **Linesmen** — Scott Cherrey, Kyle Flemington.

Attendance — 18,573 at Washington

NY RANGERS 4, NY ISLANDERS 1

First Period — No Scoring.

Penalties — Palmieri NYI (slashing) 1:23; Goodrow NYR (high-sticking) 3:57;

Fox NYR (hooking) 15:05; Barzal NYI (hooking) 16:12.

Second Period

1. NY Rangers, Kreider 14 (Strome, Fox) 0:29 (pp).
2. NY Rangers, Rooney 4 (Goodrow, Reaves) 14:28.

Penalties — Barzal NYI (hooking) 0:06; Strome NYR (tripping) 2:28; Chytil NYR (tripping) 5:30; Pageau NYI (high-sticking) 11:44; Strome NYR (interference) 17:39.

Third Period

3. NY Islanders, Andreoff 1 (Koivu, Aho) 3:52.
4. NY Rangers, Rooney 5 (Reaves, Nemeth) 4:12.

5. NY Rangers, Kreider 15 (Zibanejad, Kakko) 11:02.

Penalties — Fox NYR (roughing) 13:37; Lafreniere NYR, Pageau NYI (fighting) 18:09; Wahlstrom NYI (roughing) 19:46; Hunt NYR, Wahlstrom NYI (slashing) 19:46.

Shots on goal by

New York 8 7 6 - 21
New York 8 8 5 - 21

Goal — NY Rangers: Shesterkin (W, 10-3-2). NY Islanders: Varlamov (L, 0-4-0).

Power plays (goals-chances) — New York: 1-5; New York: 0-6.

Referees — Eric Furlatt, Michael Markovic. **Linesmen** — Julien Fournier, Trent Knorr.

Attendance — 17,255 at NY Islanders.

DETROIT 4, ST. LOUIS 2

First Period
1. St. Louis, Buchnevich 5 (Kyro, Saad) 10:11 (pp).
2. Detroit, Raymond 8 (Bertuzzi, Larkin) 13:48.

Penalties — Rasmussen Det (slashing) 8:55.

Second Period

3. Detroit, Larkin 10 (Fabbri, Leddy) 7:45.
Penalties — None.

Third Period

Sports

Morning briefing

Pirates have deal with power source Tsutsugo

From local and wire dispatches

It was the move Pirates fans have been clamoring for since the 2021 regular season ended, with those who follow the team wanting general manager Ben Cherington to bring back Yoshi Tsutsugo and return one of the team's few sources of legitimate power.

Cherington appears to have made it happen, and at an appropriate time with everyone celebrating Thanksgiving on Thursday.

According to sources, the Pirates have an agreement in place with Tsutsugo for one year, \$4 million pending a physical, which is a little more complicated because Tsutsugo is currently back home in Japan.

Tsutsugo, 29, hit .268 this past season and had an .883 OPS in 43 games after he was released by the Dodgers and signed with the Pirates in August. The left-handed hitter had eight home runs and collected 25 RBIs in just 127 at-bats.

More baseball

Owner Steve Cohen criticized pitcher Steven Matz for reaching an agreement with the St. Louis Cardinals rather than New York. "I've never seen such unprofessional behavior exhibited by a player's agent. I guess words and promises don't matter," Cohen wrote on Twitter. Matz and the Cardinals agreed to a \$44 million, four-year contract.

Free agent pitcher Wade Davis, a three-time All-Star, is retiring after 13 major league seasons at age 36.



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Steven Matz is not Steve Cohen's favorite player this week.

Davis was 63-55 with a 3.94 ERA and 141 saves in 161 chances over 88 starts and 469 relief appearances for Tampa Bay (2009-12), Kansas City (2013-16, 2021), the Chicago Cubs (2017) and Colorado (2018-20).

Volleyball

A comeback bid fell short for the No. 3 Pitt volleyball team (26-3, 15-3 ACC) Wednesday as the Panthers dropped a 3-1 decision to unbeaten No. 1 Louisville (27-0, 17-0) at Fitzgerald Field House. With the win, the Cardinals claimed the outright 2021 ACC title and snapped an eight-match win streak for Pitt. Pitt fell to 0-5 all time against No. 1-ranked opponents.

College football

Sonny Cumbie will remain on Texas Tech's staff as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach under new coach Joey McGuire after finishing this season as interim head coach for the

Today on TV & Radio

Men's College Basketball

- Battle 4 Atlantis semifinals, noon, TV: ESPN
- ESPN Events Invitational quarterfinals: Miami vs. Dayton, noon, TV: ESPN2
- ESPN Events Invitational quarterfinals: Kansas vs. North Texas, 2:30 p.m., TV: ESPN
- Battle 4 Atlantis consolation, 2:30 p.m., TV: ESPN2
- Battle 4 Atlantis semifinals, 5 p.m., TV: ESPN
- ESPN Events Invitational quarterfinals: Iona vs. Alabama, 5 p.m., TV: ESPN2
- Las Vegas Invitational semifinals: UAB vs. New Mexico, 7 p.m., TV: FS1
- Bahamas Championship: Maryland vs. Richmond, 7 p.m., TV: CBSSN
- Battle 4 Atlantis consolation, 7:30 p.m., TV: ESPN2
- ESPN Events Invitational quarterfinals: Drake vs. Belmont, 7:30 p.m., TV: ESPN
- Wooden Legacy semifinals: Saint Joseph's vs. USC, 9:30 p.m., TV: ESPN2
- Las Vegas Invitational semifinals: San Francisco vs. Towson, 9:30 p.m., TV: FS1
- Bahamas Championship: Louisville vs. Mississippi State, 9:30 p.m., TV: CBSSN
- Wooden Legacy semifinals: San Diego State vs. Georgetown, midnight, TV: ESPN2

College Football

- Fresno State at San Jose State, 3:30 p.m., TV: FS1
- Ole Miss at Mississippi State, 7:30 p.m., TV: ESPN

Golf

- European Tour Joburg Open, 5 a.m., TV: Golf Channel
- Ladies European Tour Andalucia Costa Del Sol Open de Espana, 2:30 p.m., TV: Golf Channel
- Asian Tour Blue Canyon Phuket Championship, 1 a.m. (Fri.), TV: Golf Channel

NFL

- Bears at Lions, 12:30 p.m., TV: WPGH
- Raiders at Cowboys, 4:30 p.m., TV: KDKA
- Bills at Saints, 8:20 p.m., TV: WPXI

Soccer

- MLS Western Conference semifinals: Portland at Colorado, 4:30 p.m., TV: WPGH

Tennis

- World Team Tennis, 2 p.m., TV: Tennis Channel

bowl-bound Red Raiders.

Liberty and head coach Hugh Freeze have agreed to a contract extension that will keep him with the Flames through 2028. Freeze will be paid an average of more than \$4 million a year over the life of the contract.

Soccer

Pedro Goncalves made the most of defensive blunders to score twice as Sporting Lisbon beat 10-man Borussia Dortmund, 3-1, in Lisbon, Portugal, to qualify for the Champions League knockout stage.

PRO BASKETBALL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Brooklyn	13	5	.722	—
New York	10	8	.556	3
Boston	10	8	.556	3
Philadelphia	10	8	.556	3
Toronto	8	10	.444	5

SOUTHEAST DIVISION				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	12	6	.667	—
Washington	11	6	.647	1/2
Charlotte	12	8	.600	1
Atlanta	9	9	.500	3
Orlando	4	15	.211	8 1/2

CENTRAL DIVISION				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	12	6	.667	—
Milwaukee	10	8	.556	2
Cleveland	9	9	.500	3
Indiana	8	11	.421	4 1/2
Detroit	4	13	.235	7 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST DIVISION				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	10	7	.588	—
Memphis	9	8	.529	1
San Antonio	4	12	.250	5 1/2
New Orleans	3	16	.158	8
Houston	1	16	.059	9

NORTHWEST DIVISION				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Utah	11	6	.647	—
Portland	10	8	.556	1 1/2
Denver	9	9	.500	2 1/2
Minnesota	8	9	.471	3
Oklahoma City	6	11	.353	5

PACIFIC DIVISION				
	W	L	PCT	GB
Golden State	15	2	.882	—
Phoenix	14	3	.824	1
L.A. Clippers	10	8	.556	5 1/2
L.A. Lakers	9	10	.474	7
Sacramento	6	12	.333	9 1/2

Iowa St. 82 No. 25 Xavier 70
Thursday's Games

No. 4 Kansas vs. North Texas at HP Field House, Orlando, Fla., 2:30 p.m.
No. 6 Baylor vs. TBD at Imperial Arena, Paradise Island, The Bahamas, TBD
No. 10 Alabama vs. Iona at HP Field House, Orlando, Fla., 5 p.m.
No. 19 Auburn vs. TBD at Imperial Arena, Paradise Island, The Bahamas, TBD
No. 22 UConn vs. TBD at Imperial Arena, Paradise Island, The Bahamas, TBD
No. 24 Southern Cal vs. Saint Joseph's at Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, Calif., 9:30 p.m.

AP TOP 25 WOMEN'S BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Tuesday's Games
No. 10 Louisville 72, Cal Poly 32
No. 21 Ohio St. 110, Bellarmine 58

Wednesday's Games
No games scheduled.

Thursday's Games
No. 2 Maryland vs. No. 5 NC State at Baha Mar Convention Center, Nassau, Bahamas, 11 a.m.

No. 4 Indiana vs. No. 7 Stanford at Baha Mar Convention Center, Nassau, Bahamas, 1:30 p.m.
No. 6 Baylor vs. Fordham at Hard Rock Hotel Riviera Maya, Cancun, Mexico, 11 a.m.
No. 9 Arizona vs. Vanderbilt at Sports and Fitness Center, St. Thomas, U.S., Virgin Islands, 3:15 p.m.
No. 17 Florida St. vs. BYU at McArthur Center, St. Petersburg, Fla., 7 p.m.
No. 22 West Virginia vs. Purdue at McArthur Center, St. Petersburg, Fla., 5 p.m.
No. 23 Texas A&M vs. Pittsburgh at Sports and Fitness Center, St. Thomas, U.S., Virgin Islands, 8 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL PLAYOFF TOP 25 SCHEDULE

Thursday's Games
No. 8. Mississippi at Mississippi St., 7:30 p.m.

Friday's Games
No. 4. Cincinnati at East Carolina, 3:30 p.m.

No. 16. Utah vs. Colorado, 4 p.m.

No. 17. Iowa at Nebraska, 1:30 p.m.

No. 22. San Diego St. vs. Boise St., Noon

No. 24. NC State vs. North Carolina, 7 p.m.

No. 25. Arkansas vs. Missouri, 3:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games

No. 1. Georgia at Georgia Tech, Noon

No. 2. Ohio St. at No. 6 Michigan, Noon

No. 3. Alabama at Auburn, 3:30 p.m.

No. 5. Notre Dame at Stanford, 8 p.m.

No. 7. Oklahoma St. vs. No. 10 Oklahoma, 7:30 p.m.

No. 9. Baylor vs. Texas Tech, Noon

No. 11. Oregon vs. Oregon St., 3:30 p.m.

No. 12. Michigan St. vs. Penn St., 3:30 p.m.

No. 13. BYU at Southern Cal, 10:30 p.m.

No. 14. Texas A&M at LSU, 7 p.m.

No. 15. UTSA at North Texas, 2 p.m.

No. 18. Wisconsin, at Minnesota, 4 p.m.

No. 19. Houston at UConn, Noon

No. 20. Pittsburgh at Syracuse, 7:30 p.m.

No. 21. Wake Forest at Boston College, Noon

No. 22. Louisiana-Lafayette vs. Louisiana-Monroe, 4 p.m.

PRO SOCCER

MLS PLAYOFFS

Conference Quarterfinals (seedings in parentheses)

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Bye: New England (1)

Tuesday's Game
Nashville (3) 3, Orlando (6) 1

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Bye: Colorado (1)

Tuesday's Game
Seattle (2) 0, Real Salt Lake (7) 0, Real Salt Lake advanced 6-5 on penalty kicks

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Sunday, Nov. 28
Nashville (3) vs. Philadelphia (7), 3 or 5:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Tuesday, Nov. 30
New England (1) vs. New York City FC, 7:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Thursday, Nov. 25
Colorado (1)vs. Portland, 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 28
Sporting Kansas City (3) vs. Real Salt Lake

USL CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFFS

Sunday, Nov. 28
USL CHAMPIONSHIP
Orange County at Tampa Bay, 8:30 p.m.

UEFA CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

GROUP STAGE
Wednesday's Games

Besiktas 1, Ajax Amsterdam 2
Internazionale 2, Shakhtar Donetsk 0
Atletico Madrid 0, AC Milan 1
Club Brugge 0, RB Leipzig 5
Liverpool 2, FC Porto 0
Manchester City 2, Paris Saint-Germain 1
Sheriff Tiraspol 0, Real Madrid 3
Sporting CP 3, Borussia Dortmund 1

UEFA EUROPA LEAGUE

GROUP STAGE
Wednesday's Games

Spartak Moscow 2, Napoli 1

Thursday's Games
Bayer Leverkusen vs. Celtic, 12:45 p.m.
Dinamo Zagreb vs. Racing Genk, 12:45 p.m.
FC Midtjylland vs. Braga, 12:45 p.m.
Galatasaray vs. Marseille, 12:45 p.m.
Lokomotiv Moscow vs. Lazio, 12:45 p.m.
Rapid Vienna vs. West Ham United, 12:45 p.m.
Real Betis vs. Ferencvaros, 12:45 p.m.
Red Star Belgrade vs. Ludogorets Razgrad, 12:45 p.m.

AS Monaco vs. Real Sociedad, 3 p.m.
Brøndby vs. Lyon, 3 p.m.
Eintracht Frankfurt vs. Antwerp, 3 p.m.
Leicester City vs. Legia Warsaw, 3 p.m.
Olympiakos vs. Fenerbahce, 3 p.m.
PSV Eindhoven vs. SK Sturm Graz, 3 p.m.
Rangers vs. Sparta Prague, 3 p.m.

CONCACAF LEAGUE

SEMIFINAL
First Leg
Tuesday's Games

Guastatoya 0, Comunicaciones 1

Wednesday's Games
Forge FC vs. CD Motagua

PRO FOOTBALL

NFL AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
New England	7	4	0	.636	300	177
Buffalo	6	4	0	.600	295	176
Miami	4	7	0	.364	201	269
N.Y. Jets	2	8	0	.200	178	320

NORTH

	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Baltimore	7	3	0	.700	247	230
Cincinnati	6	4	0	.600	268	216
Pittsburgh	5	4	1	.550	214	226
Cleveland	6	5	0	.545	244	251

SOUTH

	W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Tennessee	8	3	0	.727	291	254
Indianapolis	6	5	0	.545	309	245
Houston	2	8	0	.200	150	271
Jacksonville	2	8	0	.200	159	262

WESTERN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	7	3	0	.700	293	214
Philadelphia	5	6	0	.455	297	260
Washington	4	6	0	.400	212	267
N.Y. Giants	3	6	0	.333	179	216

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	8	3	0	.727	247	214
Minnesota	5	5	0	.500	255	242
Chicago	3	7	0	.300	163	240
Detroit	0	9	1	.050	160	273

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	6	3	0	.667	279	212
New Orleans	5	5	0	.500	251	218
Carolina	5	6	0	.455	226	220
Atlanta	4	6	0	.400	178	288

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	9	2	0	.818	310	202
L.A. Rams	7	3	0	.700	271	227
San Francisco	5	5	0	.500	246	222
Seattle	3	7	0	.300	194	209

WEEK 12

Byes: Kansas City, Arizona

Thursday, Nov. 25
Chicago at Detroit, 12:30 p.m.

Las Vegas at Dallas, 4:30 p.m.
Buffalo at New Orleans, 8:20 p.m.

Sunday, Nov. 28
Atlanta at Jacksonville, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Miami, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Houston, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants, 1 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Tennessee at New England, 1 p.m.
L.A. Chargers at Denver, 4:05 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Green Bay, 4:25 p.m.
Minnesota at San Francisco, 4:25 p.m.
Cleveland at Baltimore, 8:20 p.m.

Monday, Nov. 29
Seattle at Washington, 8:15 p.m.

PRO HOCKEY

NHL EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Florida	18	13	2				

College Basketball

VANDERBILT 68, PITT 52

Commodores add to agony

Panthers fall to SEC opponent

By Craig Meyer
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A Vanderbilt men's basketball program that has mostly provided pain to Pitt whenever their paths crossed, gifting it the cursed likes of Barry Goheen or Kevin Stallings, gave the Panthers just a little more sorrow Wednesday night.

A late push from the Commodores, paired with what was an anemic Pitt offense for much of the game, delivered Vanderbilt a 68-52 victory at Petersen Events Center, sending the Panthers to 2-3 on the season.

It was the first meeting between the programs since 1988, when Goheen hit a buzzer-beating 3-pointer to send a second-round NCAA tournament game into overtime, when the Commodores upset the No. 2-seeded Panthers, 80-74, and abruptly ended one of the best seasons in program history.

A Pitt team that entered the night ranked 217th of 358 Division I teams in offensive efficiency by KenPom.com — the next-closest ACC team, Boston College, was at 140 — continued to languish in obvious and maddening ways. The Panthers shot just 36% from the field, 13.3% from 3-point range and scored just 52 points on 60 possessions. The struggles went beyond the numbers. Pitt looked stale and uninspired, executing an offense defined more by players standing than making quick cuts and decisive passes.

Femi Odukale led all Panthers players with 14 points. After making just 12 of his 27 free throws in his team's first

four games, severely hampering his impact as an offensive player and Pitt's primary ball-handler, Odukale made all seven of his attempts Wednesday from the charity stripe. Freshman Nate Santos added 11 points, though he made just five of his 14 shots.

As Pitt continued to languish offensively, its opponent caught fire at an opportune time. The Commodores made eight of their final nine shots after starting the game just 17 of 43. During that time, they increased their lead from one to the final margin of 16. Trey Thomas led Vanderbilt with 14 points while preseason Southeastern Conference player of the year Scotty Pippen Jr., the son of the NBA legend, pitched in 12, along with five assists and five rebounds.

Pitt got out to an early lead, taking advantage of a sluggish Vanderbilt offense that missed 13 of its first 17 shots and went 6:50 without a point, a time in which the Panthers turned a tie game into a nine-point advantage.

Whether it was the law of averages or a group of players finding its form, the Commodores' shots started to fall and, rather quickly, they worked their way back in the game. The nine-point lead Pitt spent almost seven minutes building was erased in just 2:20, with Vanderbilt connecting on the open shots it was previously missing. After misfiring on its first seven 3-pointers, it connected on three of its next four to tie the game at 20.

After carrying a one-point lead into halftime, the Commodores pulled further ahead in the opening minutes of the second half, going up by



Keith Srakocic/Associated Press
Vanderbilt's Jordan Wright, middle, gets a shot off between Pitt defenders Femi Odukale, right, and William Jeffress Wednesday night at Petersen Events Center.

seven, 38-31, after a layup from Pippen with 13:24 to play. The Panthers, like their opponent earlier in the night, worked their way back, getting within one, 41-40, after a pair of Odukale free throws with 9:17 remaining.

That surge, however, only lasted so long. Eight unanswered points from Vanderbilt in fewer than two minutes, punctuated by a banked in mid-range jumper from forward Quentin Millora-Brown, gave it a 10-point advantage with fewer than six minutes to play. That spurt gave the Commodores not only their largest lead of the night to that point, but effectively sealed the win.

Despite getting off to a 3-1 start this season, a slate that didn't feature an opponent ranked higher than 100th nationally by KenPom, the Commodores have been playing

without two of their key off-season additions, both of them transfers — center Liam Robbins, a 7-footer who averaged 11.7 points and 2.7 blocks per game at Minnesota last season, and guard Rodney Chatman, who averaged 7.9 points per game last season at Dayton.

Entering its third season under coach Jerry Stackhouse, and coming off a 9-16 record last season, Vanderbilt was picked to finish 13th in the 14-team SEC in the league's preseason poll.

What appeared to be a beatable opponent eventually showed it was anything but, sending Pitt into Thanksgiving with at least one fewer thing for which to be thankful.

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Roundup

Connecticut tops Auburn

Huskies win shootout in Bahamas

The Associated Press

Tyler Polley scored a career-high 24 points and hit the go-ahead 3-pointer with 2:58 left in the second overtime to help No. 22-ranked Connecticut beat No. 19 Auburn, 115-109, Wednesday in the first round of the Battle 4 Atlantis tournament in Paradise Island, Bahamas.

Adama Sanogo finished with a career-best 30 points for the Huskies (5-0), who blew a 15-point lead in regulation and squandered a lead late in the first overtime in a wild game. But Sanogo and Polley didn't let the Huskies stumble in the second overtime, scoring 14 points as Connecticut finally pushed ahead for good.

K.D. Johnson and top freshman Jabari Smith had their own huge performances for the Tigers (4-1). Johnson scored 23 of his career-high 27 points after halftime, including driving baskets in the final seconds of regulation and the first overtime to extend the game.

Smith, meanwhile, had 19 of his 22 after halftime, including the 3-pointer from in front of the Auburn bench with 2:39 left to erase the last of a 65-50 deficit near the 11-minute mark.

Other Top 25 men

Houston 78, Oregon 49: Fabian White Jr. scored 15 points, Marcus Sasser added 14 and No. 12 Houston overpowered Oregon in the Maui Invitational third-place game in Las Vegas. The Cougars (5-1) smothered the Ducks with

defensive pressure and pushed them around inside to lead by 34 early in the second half. Eric Williams Jr. had 13 points to lead the Ducks (3-3), whose only win in the Maui Invitational was against Division II Chaminade.

Wisconsin 61, St. Mary's 55: Johnny Davis scored 20 points, Tyler Wahl added 18 and a key block, and Wisconsin outlasted Saint Mary's to win the Maui Invitational.

Seton Hall 62, California 59: Jared Rhoden scored 21 points as No. 21 Seton Hall beat California in the third-place game at the Fort Myers Tip-Off in Florida. Kadary Richmond had 12 points, while Alexis Yetna and Tyrese Samuel each scored 10 for Seton Hall (4-1). Andre Kelly had 23 points and 11 rebounds, and Grant Anticevich scored 15 points for California (2-4).

Michigan 65, Tarleton State 54: Eli Brooks scored 15 points and No. 20 Michigan overcame a sloppy performance to beat visiting Tarleton State. Moussa Diabate and Caleb Houston scored 14 points apiece for Michigan (4-2), which committed 20 turnovers. Hunter Dickinson added nine points and 10 rebounds. Montre Gipson led Tarleton State (1-5) with 17 points and Tahj Small added 12.

District women

Robert Morris 69, Morehead State 45: Freshmen Phoenix Gedeon had a career-high 12 points as the Colonials (2-3) defeated visiting Morehead State (1-3).

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Notice of Revocable Trust Pursuant to 20 Pa.C.S. 7755(c)
NOTICE is hereby given of the administration of the MARY K. MCHUGH REVOCABLE TRUST dated November 3, 1998, and amended June, 2016. MARY K. MCHUGH, grantor of the trust, of Mt. Lebanon, County of Allegheny, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, died on September 1, 2021. All persons having claims against Mary K. McHugh are requested to make known the same to the trustee named below. All persons indebted to Mary K. McHugh are requested to make payment without delay to the trustee named below. Sharon M. Abraham Trustee, 944 Academy Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15243.

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CASTELLI, Rita B., deceased, of Penn Hills, PA. No. 022107972 of 2019. Armand D. Castelli, Jr., Extr., 959 Twin Leaf Court, Bethel Park, PA 15102 or to Robert Goldman, Esq., 300 Mt. Lebanon Blvd., Ste. 212, Pittsburgh, PA 15234.

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OFFICIAL NOTICE
BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW
Notice is hereby given that the Town Council of the Borough of West View will consider adoption of Ordinance #1520 confirming the Budget Revenues and Expenditures for 2022 at the Regular meeting to be held Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 6PM at the Municipal Building in Council Chambers at 441 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229.

MARKET PULSE	DOW JONES 35,804.38 (-9.42) ↘	S&P 500 4,701.46 (+10.76) ↗	NASDAQ 15,845.23 (+70.09) ↗	CRUDE OIL \$78.39 (-\$0.11) ↘	NATURAL GAS \$5.09 (+\$0.02) ↗	GASOLINE PRICES \$3.556 (+\$0.001) ↗
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Weekly jobless claims plunge

Lowest level in more than a half-century

By Taylor Telford and Aaron Gregg
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The number of Americans filing initial unemployment claims fell to 199,000 — the lowest level since November 1969 — the Labor Department reported Wednesday.

Claims were down more than 71,000 for the week that ended Saturday, compared with the week before. This marks the eighth straight week of declines and a pivotal shift, with claims now down well below pre-pandemic levels. In 2019, average weekly jobless claims hovered around 220,000.

Seasonal adjustments around the Thanksgiving holiday contributed significantly to the bigger-than-expected drop Wednesday. Unadjusted, claims actually ticked up by more than 18,000 to nearly 259,000.

The four-week average of claims, which smooths out weekly ups and downs, also dropped — by 21,000 to just over 252,000, the lowest since mid-March 2020, when the pandemic slammed the economy.

Since topping 900,000 in early January, the applications have fallen steadily toward and now fallen below their pre-pandemic level of around 220,000 a week. Claims for jobless aid are a proxy for layoffs.

Overall, 2 million Americans were collecting traditional unemployment checks the week that ended Nov. 13, down

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Alexandra Wimley/Post-Gazette

People walk by the Pittsburgh Marriott City Center, Downtown, on Wednesday. Pennsylvania's attorney general announced a settlement with Marriott International under which the hotel chain agreed to include any mandatory "resort fees" in advertised room rates nationwide so consumers can better compare prices of a hotel stay.

Marriott to unmask 'resort fees' in deal with state attorney general

By Patricia Sabatini
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

In what's being hailed as a win for consumers nationwide, Pennsylvania's attorney general announced a settlement with Marriott International under which the hotel chain agreed to include any mandatory "resort fees" in advertised room rates nationwide so consumers can better compare prices of a hotel stay.

Resort fees — which have become increasingly widespread over the past 20 years — have been bashed by consumer advocates as a sneaky way for hotels to raise prices.

The fees — which are tacked

on to the room rate and can run as much as \$40 or more per night — ostensibly cover amenities such as Wi-Fi, local phone calls, beach chairs, and access to pools and fitness facilities.

The rub is that guests are required to pay the fees whether they use the services or not.

Attorney General Josh Shapiro's investigation focused on "drip pricing." Under the method, fees are gradually disclosed to consumers as they go through the booking process. Customers often don't learn the total price until the last page in the process — or sometimes until they check in.

Mr. Shapiro argued that the

pricing model is deceptive and a violation of Pennsylvania's consumer protection law. As part of the settlement, Marriott denied any wrongdoing.

"Hotels shouldn't be able to slap hidden fees on top of your bill at the last minute, and thanks to this settlement we're putting the hotel industry on notice to put an end to this deceptive practice," Mr. Shapiro said in a statement last week.

Under the agreement, Marriott committed to prominently disclose the total price of a hotel stay — including room rate and all other mandatory fees — on the first page of its booking website as part of the total room rate.

The company has nine months to implement the changes.

"With costs going up and more seniors and families traveling for the holidays, consumers should be aware of these surprise fees when booking," Mr. Shapiro said. "Marriott has stepped up to commit itself to fix this practice, and we expect more hotel chains to follow suit."

Travelers United, an advocacy group that is suing MGM resorts for similar practices, called the settlement the first real win in the more than decade-long battle to get hotels to be more transparent about resort fees — also

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Getting better at Fortnite?

Pittsburgh startup buys rival video game coaching company

By Patricia Sabatini
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Pittsburgh-based startup Metafy — which offers online coaching and lessons for video gamers — said it acquired rival GamersRdy for an undisclosed amount.

GamersRdy, launched in 2018 in Birmingham, England, has a roster of about 100 coaches and some 20,000 active users seeking to get better at playing games such as "Rocket League," "Fortnite," "Valorant" and "Counter-Strike," Metafy said.

GamersRdy owner Alex

Gilmore will become product manager at Metafy.

"Metafy has a lock on the best 'Super Smash Bros.' coaching in the world and we'll be able to say the same for 'Rocket League' by bringing GamersRdy's talent into the fold," Metafy CEO Josh Fabian said in a statement.

Metafy was founded by Mr. Fabian and Thomas McNiven in August 2020. The platform, which has roughly 12,000 users, allows coaches to create their own schedules and set their own rates.

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Pam Panchak/Post-Gazette

Josh Fabian, of Blairsville, Indiana County, and Thomas McNiven started Metafy, a game-coaching business in Pittsburgh, in 2020.

UPMC operating income doubles amid recovery

By Kris B. Mamula
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Operating income at Pittsburgh-based health system UPMC more than doubled during the first nine months of 2021 over the same period last year, with increases also reported in operating revenue and operating margin during the period.

Total revenue from core services rose to \$18.3 billion for the nine months ending Sept. 30, up 8.2% from \$16.9 billion reported for the same period a year ago, as the health care system continued its recovery from the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Operating income was \$798 million, up from \$397 million in

2020, the health system reported. UPMC's operating margin hit 3.7% after income tax and interest expense for the most recent nine months, up from 1.5% last year.

The health system, which operates 40 hospitals and employs more than 92,000 people, reported spending \$552 million on capital expenditures in every region served by the system through Sept. 30, while hospital medical-surgical admissions and observation cases rose 5% compared to a year ago.

UPMC's Insurance Services Division, which includes UPMC Health Plan, grew to 4.1 million

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Business briefs

Kraft Heinz issues recall on powdered beverages

Kraft Heinz voluntarily recalled select powdered beverage products in the U.S. because they could contain small pieces of metal or glass. The recall involves select Country Time Lemonade, Tang, Arizona Tea and Kool-Aid powdered beverages with "best by" dates between May 10, 2023, and Nov. 1, 2023. Consumers can contact Kraft Heinz from 9 a.m.-6 p.m., Monday-Friday at 1-855-713-9237 to find out if the product they purchased is part of the recall and to receive reimbursement. The company is advising consumers not to use the recalled products.

Trump's solar tariffs needed to protect industry: agency

A U.S. trade agency has determined that tariffs on imported solar equipment, imposed by Donald Trump in 2018, are still necessary. The U.S. International Trade Commission is expected to issue a recommendation by Dec. 8 on whether President Joe Biden should extend the duties, after voting Wednesday that imported solar products remain a threat to U.S. manufacturers. Mr. Biden is expected to make a final decision before the four-year tariff is scheduled to expire in February.

JPMorgan Chase CEO apologizes for remark

JPMorgan Chase Chief Executive



JPMorgan Chase Chief Executive Officer Jamie Dimon said he should never speak disrespectfully about another country.

Officer Jamie Dimon said he regrets making a quip that his bank is likely to outlast China's Communist Party. Mr. Dimon made the remarks Tuesday during a talk at the Boston College Chief Executives Club, where he discussed his company's com-

mitment to China in wide-ranging comments. A JPMorgan spokesman said Mr. Dimon strongly supports a constructive and detailed economic dialogue with China, and JPMorgan is committed to the country. The CEO recognizes he should never speak disrespectfully about another country, the spokesman said.

New-home sales increase as prices climb to record high

Sales of new U.S. homes edged up in October, reflecting stabilizing demand even as builders face supply-chain disruptions and buyers grapple with rising prices. Purchases of new single-family homes increased 0.4% to a 745,000 annualized pace following a downwardly revised 742,000 in September, government data showed. The report, produced by the

U.S. Census Bureau and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, showed the median sales price of a new home jumped 18% from a year earlier to a record \$407,700.

U.S. sues to block Dreyfus deal to sell Imperial Sugar

U.S. antitrust officials sued to block Louis Dreyfus Co.'s deal to sell its Imperial Sugar unit to closely held U.S. Sugar. The Justice Department said the tie-up would leave 75% of refined sugar sales across the Southeast in the hands of just two mega-producers, leading to higher prices. The lawsuit is the latest in a string of cases by the Justice Department to stop mergers amid a push by the Biden administration to toughen antitrust enforcement. *From staff and wire reports*

Stocks edge higher after choppy day before the holiday

By Damian J. Troise and Alex Veiga
Associated Press

Wall Street capped another wobbly day of trading Wednesday with an uneven finish for the major stock indexes ahead of the Thanksgiving holiday in the U.S.

The S&P 500 rose 0.2% after wavering between small gains and losses most of the morning. The benchmark index regained its footing in the final hour of trading.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average slipped less than 0.1% after having been down 0.6% in the early going. The Nasdaq rose 0.4%, getting a lift from a late-afternoon rally in technology stocks.

The Federal Reserve released the minutes from its October policy meeting, which showed that Fed officials discussed how they "would not hesitate" to take appropriate actions to address inflation pressures that posed risks to the economy.

The minutes also revealed Fed officials maintained that the spike in inflation seen this year was still likely to be transitory while acknowledging that the rise in prices had been greater than expected. The minutes covered a meeting in which the Fed voted to take the first steps to roll back the massive support it has provided to the economy struggling to recover from a global pandemic.

Supply chain problems and pressure from inflation have been key concerns for a wide range of industries. Many companies have warned that they are having trouble meeting demand and are dealing with higher costs for raw materials. Those higher costs are being passed on to consumers, who have been paying more for everything from food and other staples to a wide range of retail items.

"You've got an environment where the persistence of supply chain issues is starting to wear on people," said Eric Freedman, chief investment of

ficer at U.S. Bank Wealth Management.

The S&P 500 rose 10.76 points to 4,701.46. The index set an all-time high last Thursday. The Dow slipped 9.42 points to 35,804.38, and the Nasdaq gained 70.09 points to 15,845.23.

Small company stocks also rose. The Russell 2000 index added 3.60 points, or 0.2%, to 2,331.46.

Slightly more stocks in the S&P 500 index fell than rose. Gains in technology, real estate and energy stocks outweighed a slide in banks, materials companies and elsewhere in the market.

Investors kept an eye on the latest batch of quarterly report cards. Computer maker HP rose 10.10% for the biggest gain in the S&P 500 after reporting solid financial results. Autodesk slumped 15.5% after the design software company warned investors the pace of its recovery is being impacted by supply chain problems and pressure from inflation.

A mix of retailers that rely on direct consumer spending also turned choppy. Online crafts marketplace Etsy rose 6.2%. Gap nosedived 24.1% after the clothing chain said supply problems crimped its third-quarter earnings and revenue. Department store operator Nordstrom plunged 29% after reporting weak third-quarter earnings.

Energy stocks made gains as crude oil prices remained relatively stable and natural gas prices rose. Devon Energy rose 3.8%.

Bond yields were mixed. The yield on the 10-year Treasury slipped to 1.64% from 1.67% late Tuesday. That weighed down banks, which rely on higher yields to charge more lucrative interest on loans. JPMorgan Chase fell 0.8%.

The latest update on consumer spending showed an October rebound with a 1.3% rise, according to the Commerce Department. That's slightly more than double the gain in September.



Jeffrey Dean/Bloomberg

Grounds crew members load cargo Oct. 11 into an Amazon Prime Air aircraft at the company's Air Hub at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport in Hebron, Ky.

Amazon's \$4 billion holiday fix: Half-empty trucks, \$3K bonuses

By Matt Day and Spencer Soper
Bloomberg

Most cargo ships pulling into the port of Everett, Wash., brim with cement and lumber. So when the Olive Bay docked in early November, it was clear this was no ordinary shipment.

Below decks was rolled steel bound for Vancouver, British Columbia, and piled on top were 181 containers emblazoned with the Amazon logo. Some were empty and immediately used to shuffle inventory between the company's warehouses.

The rest, according to customs data, were stuffed with laptop sleeves, fire pits, Radio Flyer wagons, Peppa Pig puppets, artificial Christmas trees and dozens of other items shipped in directly from China-products Amazon.com Inc. needs to keep shoppers happy during a holiday season when many retailers are scrambling to keep their shelves full.

By chartering the Olive Bay and dispatching it to a relatively sleepy port a few miles north of hometown Seattle, Amazon did an end run around the shipping snarls that have stranded holiday inventory in Los Angeles

and other ports. Besides Everett, the company has also docked at the Port of Houston.

Such extreme measures have given Amazon executives confidence they'll have adequate inventory to meet yet another record-breaking holiday shopping season, when Adobe projects U.S. consumers will spend \$207 billion online, up 10% from last year. Many retailers have exhorted consumers to shop early. Amazon's unflinching message: Bring it on!

In addition to chartering ships like the Olive Bay, Amazon hired 150,000 U.S. seasonal workers to help pick, pack and ship items, boosting pay and offering signing bonuses of up to \$3,000. It's dispatching half-full trucks to get packages to customers on time.

The logistical effort's projected \$4 billion cost threatens to wipe out the company's profit during its most important three months of the year. But for Amazon, which burnished its reputation serving as a lifeline during the COVID-19 outbreak, the holiday season is an opportunity to extend its advantage over rivals.

If the company succeeds

in meeting its promises to customers this year, that will be thanks to Amazon-chartered ships taking products from factories in Asia, Amazon Air cargo jets crisscrossing the U.S., Amazon-branded vans departing from hundreds of local delivery depots, and the hundreds of thousands of employees and contractors at each step along the way.

"There are structural advantages you have in redundancy if you're Amazon," says Jason Murray, a former Amazonian who led teams working on logistics software. "Amazon has its own transportation network, it has access to all the carriers. Multiple ships, multiple factories."

This logistical prowess hasn't been lost on the merchants who sell products on Amazon's sprawling marketplace. For years, they resisted using the company's global shipping service because doing so means sharing information about pricing and suppliers, data they fear the company could use to compete with them.

But container shortages in the leadup to the holiday season persuaded many of them to overcome their qualms and entrust their

cargos to the world's largest online retailer.

"Amazon had space on ships and I couldn't say no to anyone," says David Knopfler, whose Brooklyn-based Lights.com sells home décor and lighting fixtures. "If Kim Jong Un had a container, I might take it, too. I can't be idealistic."

Mr. Knopfler says Amazon's prices were "phenomenal." \$4,000 to ship a container from China compared with the \$12,000 demanded by other freight forwarders. Amazon also simplifies the process since it oversees the shipment from China to its U.S. warehouses. Other services have lots of intermediaries where cargo swaps hands, presenting opportunities for miscommunication and delays.

"It's a one-stop-shop from Asia to Amazon," says Walter Gonzalez, CEO of Miami-based GOJA, which sells various products on Amazon including Magic Fiber cleaner for glasses. "It reduces the gray areas where the shipping process might fail." Mr. Gonzalez says his company, which has been using Amazon's global logistics service, has about 95% of the inventory it needs to meet holiday demand.

UPMC revenue up 8.2%

UPMC, FROM D-1

members for the nine months ending Sept. 30, up by 4% in the last year.

Capital expenditures during the nine months included work on the UPMC Mercy Pavilion, which is under construction on the campus of UPMC Mercy Hospital, Uptown. The nine-story, 410,000-square-foot building will house the UPMC Vision Institute and UPMC Rehabilitation Institute and occupancy is

anticipated by April 2023.

The UPMC Vision Institute will cement the system's Western Pennsylvania lead in eye care and create a hub for UPMC's 13 eye care centers. UPMC has 51 ophthalmologists and other eye specialists on staff, far more than another hospital in the region, with plans to expand the staff further.

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New jobless claims drop to lowest level since 1969

JOBLESS, FROM D-1

slightly from the week before.

"Overall, expect continued volatility in the headline figures, but the trend remains very slowly lower," Contingent Macro Advisors wrote in a research note.

The new numbers are a stark contrast with this time last year, when around 700,000 claims were filed. It's also a reflection of a tight labor market that has com-

panies scrambling to retain and expand their workforces, and the number stands out in an economic landscape racked by the highest inflation in decades and a protracted supply chain crisis.

"It is fair to say we didn't see that coming," Mark Hamrick, senior economic analyst at Bankrate, said Wednesday in comments emailed to The Washington Post. "Getting new claims below the 200,000 level for the first time since the pandemic began is truly significant, portraying further improvement."

President Joe Biden on Wednesday touted the report as an example of the "historic economic progress" being made by his administration. But the Labor Department did not expound on the forces behind the steep drop, and the

employment picture is still thorny: Unemployment is still higher than it was before the pandemic, resignations are soaring and employers are struggling to retain workers.

"We have more work to do before our economy is back to normal, including addressing price increases that hurt Americans' pocketbooks and undermine gains in wages and disposable income," Mr. Biden said in a statement.

The Labor Department's monthly jobs report, which will be released next week, is expected to shed more light on the complex dynamics of the labor market. While jobless claims have ticked lower in recent weeks, a record 4.4 million Americans, or roughly 3% of the labor force, quit their jobs in September, according to data from the Bureau of

Labor Statistics.

Hiring strengthened in October, with the nation adding 531,000 jobs, and the unemployment rate dropped from 4.8% to 4.6%. Although the rate remains a far cry from the 3.5% recorded in February 2020, it represents a significant improvement over the course of 2021. In January, the unemployment rate stood at 6.3%.

The surprisingly steep drop in jobless claims had little effect on Wall Street. Investors were more focused on disappointing earnings reports from retailers, which are struggling with supply chain issues, inflation and staffing. The three major U.S. indexes were all down slightly in morning trading Wednesday.

The Associated Press contributed.



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Marriott to disclose fees in deal with AG

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called "destination" or "amenity fees" — and other mandatory fees.

"When travelers look at the Marriott International Inc. website, they can find room rates that include all mandatory fees. Consumers will finally have room rates that are honest," Travelers United wrote in a blog post.

Mr. Shapiro commended Marriott for being the first major hotel company to formally commit to disclosing resort fees as part of the

initial advertised price. That practice should be considered the industry standard going forward, he said.

Mr. Shapiro's office wouldn't comment on whether other lawsuits or investigations were in the works against other hotels.

"We encourage other chains to step up and provide this same transparency for consumers," a spokeswoman wrote in an email.

In a statement, Marriott International said it has "long been committed to making sure that any

resort/destination fees charged by hotels in the U.S. are separately and clearly stated. Our agreement with the state of Pennsylvania further enhances the way resort/destination fees are fully disclosed on our U.S. channels.

"We will be working over the next several months to update the room rate display in accordance with that agreement."

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A simple tool has delivered health insurance to thousands

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Maryland and Massachusetts, soon to be followed by other states, now allow taxpayers to begin the sign-up for health care coverage on their tax returns, aiming to draw many residents into low- or no-cost plans they may not know they qualify for.

The effort is intended to gather in many of the last Americans — more than 28 million of them — still without health insurance, despite the gains achieved by the 2010 Affordable Care Act.

A quarter of those people are eligible for Medicaid, the public health plan for low-income Americans, according to an analysis of the uninsured by the Kaiser Family Foundation. And more than a third could get federal tax subsidies to help them pay for at least part of the premiums for private plans.

“As surprising as it may seem, there are many people out there who don’t know there are insurance options for them,” said Michele Eberle, executive director of the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange, a state agency that helps enroll residents. “People are just surviving out there. They don’t know what’s available to them.”

Republican Gov. Larry Hogan signed Maryland’s first-of-its-kind measure into law in 2019. For the past two years, Maryland income tax forms have included a box that taxpayers can check to indicate they do not have health insurance. With the taxpayer’s permission, the state comptroller submits the household’s income and family size data to the state’s health insurance exchange for possible enrollment in Medicaid or subsidized private insurance.

The Massachusetts legislature adopted a similar measure this year, which will be implemented next year.

Other states are following suit.

Colorado and New Jersey have passed legislation, both with strong bipartisan support, to implement their own easy enrollment plans via tax returns. Colorado Democratic Gov. Jared Polis signed the bill into law. In New Jersey, Democratic Gov. Phil Murphy has said he strongly supports the measure, but asked for some small technical changes, which the legislature is likely to adopt next month.

The idea also is gaining steam, either legislatively or administratively, in New Mexico, Pennsylvania and Virginia.

Meanwhile, in Congress, U.S. Sen. Chris Van Hollen, D-Md., introduced a bill last month that would put a similar check-off box on federal tax returns.

Mr. Van Hollen cited the success in Maryland, which has enrolled nearly 7,000 residents over the past two years, according to the Maryland Health Benefit Exchange. The state’s uninsured rate was 6% in 2019, the last year for which statistics are available. Nationally, according to last year’s census, the percentage of those without health insurance is 8.6%.

President Joe Biden’s Build Back Better bill before Congress would increase federal subsidies for health insurance and make millions more people eligible for Medicaid. Proponents say a check-off box on federal tax returns would alert many of those taxpayers of their options and usher them into health insurance plans.

In 2020, the first year of Maryland’s Easy Enrollment program, 60,645 Maryland taxpayers checked the box indicating they didn’t have health insurance. The state determined that 53,146 were eligible for either Medicaid or a federal tax credit. Of those, 4,015 people, or 7.6%, ultimately enrolled in

a health plan.

This year, 29,020 individuals checked the box, 27,223 were found eligible and 2,962, or 10.8% of those deemed eligible, enrolled.

“We’re pleased with that 10%,” said Ms. Eberle. “Although it sounds low, it’s 10% more than we would have gotten otherwise.”

Most of the other taxpayers didn’t respond to the state’s outreach. Nevertheless, Ms. Eberle said the information collected from the tax returns could help her office to better target its marketing and education campaigns.

Of those who enrolled in health care plans through their Maryland tax return, Ms. Eberle said nearly a quarter identified as Black and 20% as Latino. More than 40% were ages 18 to 34, a group notorious for low rates of insurance.

Nearly three-quarters of the new enrollees joined Medicaid. The rest enrolled in commercial plans, and about 95% of them qualified for federal tax credits, Ms. Eberle said.

Kentucky found another way to piggyback on a government agency’s functions to help boost health insurance enrollment.

Last year, as thousands of people were laid off in the first months of the pandemic, Kentucky’s Medicaid agency followed up with those who applied for unemployment benefits to enroll them in health plans. Eric Friedlander, secretary of the Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services, said in an interview that outreach contributed to a 130,000-person bump in the state’s Medicaid rolls during the pandemic.

Mr. Friedlander called Maryland’s Easy Enrollment “a great model” that he hopes Kentucky also will eventually adopt. And Ms. Eberle said Maryland is looking into leveraging unemployment benefit applications for health insurance enrollment as well.

Get ready to discuss NFTs, Dogecoin at the Thanksgiving table

By Vildana Hajric
Bloomberg

This Thanksgiving, crypto hedge fund manager David Tawil is bracing for a much more lively conversation about his line of work.

Bitcoin usually comes up amid the clink and clatter of cutlery and plates. But after this year’s surge in interest about all things crypto, anything from NFTs and DeFi to Dogecoin and Ether could be up for discussion.

Not only did Bitcoin and Ether, the two largest cryptocurrencies, see a jump in popularity, but also the soaring value of meme coins and non-fungible tokens has made the notoriously volatile asset class a must-own item for many retail and institutional investors alike.

“Excitement is what excitement is,” Mr. Tawil, president of ProChain Capital in New York, said. “Certainly what’s newsworthy and makes headlines is top of mind, and I think people get excited with big percentage moves. They want to see if they can make 1,000% on something.”

So families across the country are gearing up for table talk centered around turkey, cranberry sauce and Shiba Inu. This was the year Wall Street institutions started to embrace crypto in earnest; companies like Venmo allowed it on their platforms; and longtime curmudgeons caved and bought in.

“It should be at the point where people don’t want to talk about it anymore because they’re tired of talking about it,” Jerry Braakman, chief investment officer of First American Trust in Santa Ana, Calif., said by phone. “And it’s still going to be a topic.”

“The nieces and nephews are talking about it; the aunts and uncles are trying to figure out what it’s about,” he said. “Everybody has an interest.”

To be sure, Bitcoin has been a dinner-table mainstay since its big bang in 2017. Darker years made those conversations harder. In 2018, for instance, Bitcoin dropped roughly 75%, making believers want to avoid the topic altogether. But crypto fans say they are feeling more confident in a red-hot market. Bitcoin and Ether have gained about 100% and 500%, respectively, this year. The global crypto market cap even rose to about \$3 trillion at one point before falling in a mid-November swoon.

This Thanksgiving, Steve Chiavarone is visiting family in Red Bluff, Calif., a town north of Sacramento. The portfolio manager doesn’t yet know the entirety of the guest list or what food will be served. But he knows one thing for certain: Crypto is going to come up — probably after the Brussels sprouts, but before the pecan pie.

“It speaks to the fact that there are a lot of people who have dabbled in or are curious about it,” said the head of multi-asset solutions at Federated Hermes. “I know that every time prices are higher — and they’re quite high — there’s more interest in it.”

With the rise of retail investing after lockdowns during the pandemic, more and more people have started investing in crypto. At the beginning of the year, a survey from New York Digital Investment Group found that 44 million Americans — or 22% of the adult population — own Bitcoin. However, that number is likely higher now.

Rampant championing from celebrities and glitzy television ads about the industry have helped propel ownership to new heights. The total number of unique wallets used to store cryptocurrencies created on Blockchain is hovering around 80 million, up from 58 million at this point last year. Major sports teams are accepting

crypto sponsorships, and a growing number of arenas are carrying crypto-firm logos.

“Everyone’s going to be talking about crypto — what else is there to talk about? Are you going to talk about movies? Are you going to talk about sports? Are you going to talk about the weather?” Meltem Demirors, chief strategy officer at digital-asset firm CoinShares, said by phone. Crypto is “part of the zeitgeist, it’s part of the culture, and it’s definitely a big part of the financial system at this point.”

Crypto platforms have certainly been booming. Coinbase, which made its public trading debut in July, has more than 73 million verified users, making it the largest crypto exchange in the U.S. In the year through September, it saw nearly 13 million U.S. app downloads, according to analytics provider App Annie. Meanwhile, Crypto saw more than 7 million downloads, and Binance.US notched 3.5 million.

ProChain’s Mr. Tawil, who’s been involved in crypto since 2015, has been surprised by how many friends, family members and acquaintances have approached him about digital assets. Recently, he says, the inquiries have veered into the eccentric. “What they own can run a much wider gamut than even those things I’m comfortable talking about — cryptocurrencies I’ve never heard of that trade for 0.000001,” he said.

The user-base is vast. Alex Potter, 16, is a high schooler in New York City who’s recently gotten into crypto. He started a club that hosts panels with crypto professionals, and he broadcasts podcast-style interview sessions on his website.

“People like to talk about it,” he said in a phone interview of crypto. “I can definitely see it coming up [over Thanksgiving] and us having a long conversation about it.”

THURSDAY		MOVIES	SPORTS	KIDS	NEWS	TALK		
	8	8:30	9	9:30	10	10:30	11	11:30
2 KDKA	Young Sheldon	United States of America	Ghosts (9:01) (CC)	B Positive (CC)	Bull A client steals his own research. (CC)	News at Eleven (N)	Late Show-Colbert	
4 WTAE	The Magic Maker (N) (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	America's Funniest Home Videos (CC)	Action News 4 (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live!	
6 WJAC	Football	NFL Football (8:20) Buffalo Bills at New Orleans Saints. (N) (L) (CC)					News (N)	
7 WTRF	Sheldon	United-AI	Ghosts (9:01) (CC)	B Positive (CC)	Bull Cloak and Beaker.	7News at (N)	Late-Colbert	
8 WWCP	World Pet Games (N) (CC)				FOX 8 (N)	Alleghenies	Sheldon	Mom (11:35)
9 WTVQ	Football	NFL Football (8:20) Buffalo Bills at New Orleans Saints. (N) (L) (CC)					News (N)	
10 WTAJ	Sheldon	United-AI	Ghosts (9:01) (CC)	B Positive (CC)	Bull Cloak and Beaker.	News (N)	Late-Colbert	
11 WPXI	Football Night	NFL Football (8:20) Buffalo Bills at New Orleans Saints. (N) (L) (CC)					WPXI Tonight (N)	
13 WOED	NEBBY Meat Pittsburgh.	It's Pittsburgh.	Little Women on Masterpiece (CC)	Little Women on Masterpiece (CC)	Little Women on Masterpiece (CC)	Little Women on Masterpiece (CC)	Little Women on Masterpiece (CC)	
16 WJMP	Chicago P.D.	Equal Justice.	Chicago P.D.	Instinct.	Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D.	Chicago P.D.	
19 WPCW	Scooby-Do, Where Are You Now! (CC)		Funniest Animals	Funniest Animals	10 O'Clock News (N)	The Nightly Sports Call	2 Broke Girls (CC)	2 Broke Girls (CC)
21 WFJM	Football	NFL Football (8:20) Buffalo Bills at New Orleans Saints. (N) (L) (CC)					News (N)	
22 WPNT	Dateline	The murder of a young Florida woman.	Chicago P.D.	Don't Read the News. (CC)	Schitt's Creek	Schitt's Creek	The National Desk (N) (L)	
27 WKBN	Sheldon	United-AI	Ghosts (9:01) (CC)	B Positive (CC)	Bull Cloak and Beaker.	First News	Late-Colbert	
33 WYTV	The Magic Maker (N) (CC)	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	Funniest Home Videos	News (N)	J. Kimmel	
40 WPCB	Hope Today (CC)	RadiantTV (CC)	Hard Questions (CC)	Road Trip to Truth (CC)	TV One Life (CC)	Winning Edge	Bible Discovery (CC)	James Roberson
43 WUAB	Scooby-Do		Animals	Animals	News (N)	Sports Extra	Mod Fam	Mod Fam
53 WPGH	World Pet Games (N) (CC)	A competition showcasing skilled pets.			Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10 (N) (CC)	Seinfeld The Stand-In.	Seinfeld (CC)	
59 WEPA	Frasier	Frasier	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	Roseanne	The Nanny	The Nanny
PREMIUM CABLE								
HBO	Music Box (N) (CC)	DMX: Don't Try to Understand.	"In the Heights" (2021) *** Anthony Ramos, Melissa Barrera. A shop owner hopes, imagines and sings about a better life. (CC)					
HBO/2	"A Choice of Weapons: Inspired by Gordon Parks" (2021) Kareem Abdul-Jabbar.		"Jurassic Park" (1993) *** Sam Neill, Laura Dern, Jeff Goldblum. (CC)		"Lost World"			
HBO/FAM	His Dark Materials (7:57) The Idea of North. (CC)	His Dark Materials (8:56) The Spies. (CC)	His Dark Materials (9:54) Armour. (CC)	His Dark Materials (10:53) The Lost Boy. (CC)				
HBO/SIG.	"Let Him Go" (8:05) (2020) *** Diane Lane, Kevin Costner, Kayli Carter. (CC)		Curb Your Enthusiasm		We're Here (10:35) Kona, Hawaii. (CC)	"Dear Rider" (11:35) (2021)		
MAX	"Bill & Ted's Excellent Adventure" (1989) *** Keanu Reeves. (CC)		"Bill & Ted's Bogus Journey" (1991) ** Keanu Reeves. (CC)		"Bandits" (11:05) (2001) ** Bruce Willis.			
SHO	"Queenpins" (7) (2021) ** Kristen Bell.		"Django Unchained" (2012) *** Jamie Foxx, Christoph Waltz, Leonardo DiCaprio. An ex-slave and a German bounty hunter roam America's South. (CC)					
STARZ	"Legally Blonde" (7:22) (2001) ** (CC)		"Legally Blonde 2: Red, White & Blonde" (2003) ** Reese Witherspoon.		"Iron Man 3" (10:38) (2013) *** Robert Downey Jr., Gwyneth Paltrow. (CC)			
STARZ-E	Outlander (8:06) Claire and Jenny try to rescue Jamie.		Outlander (9:06) Jamie awaits his death sentence.		Outlander (10:04) Claire tries to save Jamie's soul.		Outlander (11:04) Claire and Jamie arrive in France.	
STZENC	"EiF" (2003) *** Will Ferrell, James Caan, Bob Newhart. (CC)		"EiF" (9:40) (2003) *** Will Ferrell. A man leaves Santa's workshop to search for his family. (CC)		"EiF" (11:20) (2003) (CC)			
STZ/ENCL	"Captain Phillips" (2013) Tom Hanks. (CC)		"Charlie Wilson's War" (8:16) (2007) *** Tom Hanks. (CC)		Rescue Me		Damages (11:07) I Knew Your Pig. (CC)	
STZ/ENCW	Lonesome Dove (7:17) Catie drive to Montana. (CC)		Lonesome Dove (8:53) On the Trail. Call and Gus confront an old enemy. (CC)		Lonesome Dove (10:25) The Plains. Gus reunites with an old flame. (CC)			
STZ/ENSU	"Driven" (7:04) (2018) Jason Sudeikis. (CC)		"Elysium" (2013) *** Matt Damon. In 2154 the wealthy live aboard a luxurious space station. (CC)		"District 9" (10:53) (2009) *** (CC)			
TMC	"Blithe Spirit" (7:15) (2020) Dan Stevens. (CC)		"Out of Sight" (1998) *** George Clooney. A U.S. marshal falls for an escaped con she must capture.		"Pixie" (11:05) (2020) Olivia Cooke, Alec Baldwin. (CC)			
BASIC, EXPANDED AND DIGITAL CABLE								
A&E	The First 48: Catching a Killer Mother of Two. (N)		The First 48 A Cleveland father shot in the back. (CC)		The First 48 (10:01) Bridge of Lies. (CC)		The First 48 (11:04) After Hours; The Cutting Edge. (CC)	
AMC	"National Lampoon's European Vacation" (7) (1985)		"National Lampoon's Vacation" (1983) ** Chevy Chase, Beverly D'Angelo, Christie Brinkley. (CC)		"Vegas Vacation" (1997) * Chevy Chase.			
ANIM	Alaska: The Last Frontier: The Frozen Edge A Kilcher Thanksgiving. (N)							
ATTSP	Alpha 8		Alpha 8		Alpha 8		Alpha 8	
BBC	"From Russia With Love"		"Goldfinger" (1964) **** Sean Connery, Gert Frobe. (CC)		From Russia			
BET	"Meet the Browns"		"Friday" (1995) *** Ice Cube, Chris Tucker, Nia Long. (CC)		Next Friday			
BRAVO	"Happy Gilmore" (1996) ** Adam Sandler, Christopher McDonald, Julie Bowen. (CC)		"Happy Gilmore" (1996) ** Adam Sandler, Christopher McDonald, Julie Bowen. (CC)					
CMT	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man
CNCC	Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)		Shark Tank (CC)	
CNN	Stanley Tucci: Searching for the Office		Stanley Tucci: Searching for the Office		Anthony Bourdain Parts		Anthony Bourdain Parts	
COM	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office
C-SPAN	Public Affairs Events (CC)		Politics and Public Policy Today (CC)					
DEST	Holmes Inspection Looks Are Deceiving. (CC)		Holmes Inspection A family needs more space. (CC)		Holmes Inspection Getting Hosed. (CC)		Holmes Inspection Moisture Madness. (CC)	
DFC	Cake Boss (CC)	Cake Boss (CC)	Cake Boss (CC)	Cake Boss (CC)	Cake Boss A cake delivery in a hot air balloon. (CC)		Cake Boss (CC)	Cake Boss (CC)
DIS	"Zombies" (6:50) (2018)		"Zombies 2" (8:35) (2020) Meg Donnelly, Milo Manheim, Trevor Tordjman. (CC)		Raven's Home (10:10)		To Be Announced	Miraculous: Ladybug (CC)
DSC	Homestead Rescue Marsh Madness. The Raney's save a Georgia homestead. (CC)		Homestead Rescue Marsh Madness. The Raney's save a Georgia homestead. (CC)		Homestead Rescue (10:02) Tropic Thunder. The Raney's help a family in Kauai. (CC)		Tropic Thunder. The Raney's help a family in Kauai. (CC)	
DSC/INV	Fatal Family Secrets (N) (CC)		The Co-Ed Killer: Mind of a Monster Part 1. (CC)		The Co-Ed Killer: Mind of a Monster Part 2. (CC)		The Co-Ed Killer: Mind of a Monster Part 3. (CC)	
E!	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam	Mod Fam
ESPN	College Football (7:30) Ole Miss at Mississippi State. (N) (L)				SportsCenter (N) (L) (CC)			
ESPN2	College Basketball		College Basketball: Wooden Legacy		Basketball			
ESPN-C	College Football From Nov. 30, 1991.				College Football From 12/2/89.			
EWTV	The World Over News. (N)	Saints (N)	Holy Rosary	Pro-Life (N)	Defend Life	Real	Women of	
FNC	Tucker Carlson Tonight (N)	Hannity (N) (L) (CC)	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Gutfeld! (N) (CC)				
FOOD	Christmas Cookie		Christmas Cookie (N)		Christmas Cookie		Christmas Cookie	
FREE FRM	"Home Alone" (6)		"Home Alone 2: Lost in New York" (1992) ** Macaulay Culkin. Kevin ends up in New York when he boards the wrong plane.		The 700 Club (CC)			
FS1	College Basketball		Hoops Extra		College Basketball San Francisco at Towson. (N) (CC)		Football	
FX	"Jurassic World: Fallen Kingdom" (7) (2018) ** Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard. (CC)		"Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle" (2017) *** Dwayne Johnson, Kevin Hart, Jack Black. (CC)					
FX	Family Guy (CC)	Family Guy (CC)	Family Guy (CC)	Family Guy (CC)	Cake (CC)	Cake (10:36) (CC)	Cake (11:12) Pound Cake: Shark Lords - 1. (CC)	
GOLF	DP World Tour Golf (5:30) Joburg Open, First Round. (CC)				Ladies Golf			
GSN	America	America	America	America	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud	Family Feud
HALL	"The Nine Kittens of Christmas" (2021) Premiere. (CC)				"A Christmas Together With You" (10:01) (2021)			
HGTV	Home Town (CC)		Home Town (CC)		Home Town (10:01)		Home Town (11:01) (CC)	
HIST	The Food That Built America The Kings of Burgers.		The Food That Built America (9:02) Chip Dynasties.		The Food That Built America (10:05) (CC)		The Food That Built America (11:05) Cookie Wars.	
IFC	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men	Two and a Half Men
LIFE	"My Christmas Inn" (2018) Tia Mowry-Hardritt. A woman from San Francisco inherits a cozy inn in Alaska.		"Santa's Boots" (10:03) (2018) Megan Hilty. Holy is put to work as Santa's elf at her family's store. (CC)					
MSNBC	Dateline Extra (N) (CC)		Dateline Extra The Motive.		Dateline Extra (CC)		Dateline Extra Evil Intent.	
MTV	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous	Ridiculous
NBCS	The National Dog Show (7)		The National Dog Show (Taped) (CC)		The National Dog Show			
NGEO	Life Below Zero (N) (CC)		Life Below Zero (N) (CC)		Life Below Zero (N) (CC)		Life Below Zero (11:15)	
NICK	The Loud House (CC)	The Loud House (CC)	"Ice Age" (2002) *** Voices of Ray Romano, Denis Leary. (CC)		Friends (CC)		Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)
NWSN	Dan Abrams Live (N) (CC)		NewsNation Prime (N)		Banfield (N) (CC)		On Balance	
OWN	Ultimate Thanksgiving Challenge		Ultimate Thanksgiving Challenge		Ultimate Thanksgiving Challenge		Ultimate Thanksgiving Challenge	
OXYGEN	Buried in the Backyard (N)		Homicide for the Holidays		Homicide for the Holidays		Dateline: Secrets	
PARMT	Yellowstone (8:04) (CC)		Yellowstone (CC)		"Bull Durham" (1988) *** Kevin Costner. (CC)			
PCNC	NightTalk		PCNC 9PM		PCNC		Forensic	Forensic
SC	Mysteries of the Abandoned (N) (CC)		Abandoned Relics of America. (CC)		Mysteries of the Abandoned America the Desolate. (N) (CC)			
SYFY	"Back to the Future" (7:30) (1985) *** Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd, Crispin Glover. (CC)		"Back to the Future Part II" (1989) *** Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd, Eric Thompson. (CC)					
TBS	"The Wizard of Oz" (7:45) (1939) **** Judy Garland, Frank Morgan, Ray Bolger. (CC)		The Big Bang Theory		The Big Bang Theory		The Last O.G. (CC)	Young Sheldon
TCM	"Houseboat" (1958) *** Cary Grant. An Italian symphony conductor's daughter becomes a maid. (CC)		"Cheaper by the Dozen" (1950) *** Clifton Webb. (CC)					
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life With bonus scenes, Bianca is all in. (N)		1000-Lb. Sisters (N)		Hoarding: Buried Alive			
TNT	"Justice League" (2017) ** Ben Affleck, Henry Cavill. Batman, Wonder Woman and other heroes unite to battle evil. (CC)				"Birds of Prey (and the Fantabulous Emancipation of One Harley Quinn)" (CC)			
TOON	Craig	Teen Titans	King of Hill	King of Hill	King of Hill	King of Hill	King of Hill	King of Hill
TRAV	Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Ca. (N)		Fright Club (N) (CC)		Paranormal Ca.	
TRUTV	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Tacoma (N)	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes	Inside Jokes
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King
USA	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows (N)	America's Big Deal Products for loved ones. (N)		Chrisley Knows Best	Chrisley Knows Thanksgiving (CC)	Chrisley Knows Best	
VH1	"Titanic" (1997) **** Leonardo DiCaprio. A woman falls for an artist aboard the ill-fated ship. (CC)							
WE	"Sister Act" (1992) ** Whoopi Goldberg, Maggie Smith. (CC)		"Sister Act 2: Back in the Habit" (10:20)					

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KINNEY, Ada D., deceased, of Wilkesburg, PA, No. 08345 of 2021, William C. Price, Jr., Esq., and Extr., c/o Price & Assoc., P.C., 2005 Noble St., Swissvale, PA 15218.

BRUNO, Albert A., deceased, of Penn Hills, PA, No. 08395 of 2021, Marlene Bocian, Extr., 6920 Verona St., Verona, PA 15147 or to Meg L. Burkardt, Esq., 647 Allegheny Ave., Ste. 100, Oakmont, PA 15139.

ZIDO, Albert J., deceased, of Verona, PA, No. 08059 of 2021, Brian J. Zido, Extr., 185 Penhurst Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15235 or to William C. Price, Jr., Esq., Price & Assoc., P.C., 2005 Noble St., Pittsburgh, PA 15218.

BALOG, Alexander K., a/k/a Alexander Kalman Balog, deceased, of McKeesport, PA, No. 08041 of 2021, Terry Witt, Adm., 821 Walnut St., McKeesport, PA 15132 or to Benjamin W. Urso, Esq., Zacharia Brown, P.C., 111 W. McMurray Rd., McMurray, PA 15317.

VIVO, Amy J., a/k/a Amy Douglas Vivo, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 07988 of 2021, Valerie Mazza, Adm., 104 Allison Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15238.

VOGEL, Adriana, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 01464 of 2019, Sherrin Kennedy, Adm., c/o Michael J. Henry, Esq., Gulf Tower, 707 Grant St., Ste. 2828, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

COUNCILL, Ann Dare, deceased, of Scott Twp., PA, No. 01784 of 2021, Carolyn Dare Council, Extr., 5615 Darlington Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15217 or to Carol Sikov Gross, Esq., CELA, Sikov & Love, PA, Grant Bldg., 310 Grant St., Ste. 1110, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

STAWOWCZYK, Annabelle, a/k/a Ann Stawowczyk, deceased, of Bethel Park, PA, No. 08026 of 2021, Edward J. Stawowczyk, Extr., 8806 Willowridge Ln., Annadale, VA 22003 or to Mary Margaret Isabella, Esq., The Manor, 4701 Baptist Rd., Ste. 206, Pittsburgh, PA 15227-1176.

FERENS, Anne M., deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 06861 of 2021, Wayne A. Ferens, Extr., c/o Frederick A. Sproull, Esq., Fort Pitt Commons Bldg., 445 Fort Pitt Blvd., Ste. LL500, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

MADDAMMA, Anthony F., deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 08222 of 2021, Richard L. Maddamma, Extr., 335 Airline Rd., South Dennis, MA 02660 or to Peter A. Smith, Esq., Smith & Smith Attorneys at Law, 5101 Bayard St., Pittsburgh, PA 15232.

RYAN, Barbara A., deceased, of Scott Twp., PA, No. 7125 of 2021, Kimberly R. Schamus, Extr., c/o Mark E. Casper, Jr., Esq., Jones, Gregg, Creehan & Gerace, LLP, 411 Seventh Avenue, Ste. 1200, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

SMWICKI, Barbara A., deceased, of Shaler Twp., PA, No. 08206 of 2021, Renee M. Heiningner, Extr., 208 Eastern Ave., Apt. #3, Pittsburgh, PA 15215 or to John P. Donovan, Esq., John P. Donovan & Assoc., LLC, 434 Allegheny River Blvd., Ste. 200, Oakmont, PA 15139.

SCHRAEDER, Barbara, deceased, of Whitehall, PA, No. 04135 of 2020, David Schraeder, Extr., c/o F. Christopher Spina, Esq., Spina Law Assoc., P.C., 1002 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

SHIRING, Carolyn, F. a/k/a Carolyn Shiring, deceased, of Bethel Park, PA, No. 04588 of 2021, James Corboy, Extr., 15 Caramel Park Rd., Bentleyville, PA 15314 or to Andrew G. Sykes, 615 Washington Rd., Ste. 304, Pittsburgh, PA 15228.

WILKINSON, Catherine, a/k/a Catherine I. Wilkinson, deceased, of Robinson Twp., PA, No. 08270 of 2021, Dennis J. Wilkinson, Extr., 106 Trailside Ct., Coraopolis, PA 15108 or to Dennis W. Trohaugh, Esq., 5305 Steubenville Pike, McKees Rocks, PA 15136.

COWELL, Charles E., a/k/a Charles Earl Cowell, a/k/a Charles Cowell, deceased, of Monroeville, PA, No. 08156 of 2021, Daniel J. Cowell, Extr., 859 Hickory Dr., North Huntingdon, PA 15642 or to John Eric Bumbaugh, Esq., Law Offices of Bumbaugh & Nicola, 10526 Hunt Trail Rd., Ste. 1, North Huntingdon, PA 15642.

GRUBE, Jr., Charles F., a/k/a Charles Francis Grube, Jr., deceased, of Mt. Lebanon, PA, No. 07812 of 2021, Richard Allen Grube, Extr., 730 13th St., Oakmont, PA 15139 or to Jeffrey J. Lochner, Esq., Lochner & Lochner, P.C., 4232 Brownsville Rd., Ste. 45, Pittsburgh, PA 15227.

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on September 22, 2021. All persons having claims against Christina L. Piscitelli are requested to make known the same to the Trustees or attorney named below. All persons indebted to Christina L. Piscitelli are requested to make payment without delay to the Trustees or attorney named below. Mark A. Piscitelli, Trustee, 400 Knollwood Dr., Valencia, PA 16059. Margaret J. Corson, Trustee, 1521 Mansion Pl., Pittsburgh, PA 15218. Patrick J. Felix, III, Esq., Patrick J. Felix III, LLC, 213 East Main St., Carnegie, PA 15106.

GILES, Connie M., a/k/a Connie Marlene Giles, deceased, of Monroeville, PA, No. 08203 of 2021, Dawn M. Adams, Extr., 5475 Wilkins Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15217 or to Laura Cohen, Esq., Family Legal Ctr., LLC, 4372 Old Millway Penn Hwy, Monroeville, PA 15146.

CUPKA, Daniel M., deceased, of Millvale, PA, No. 07215 of 2021, Edward Cupka, Adm., 1121 Aubrey Cir., Louisville, OH 44641 or to John R. Kardos, Jr., Esq., 710 Fifth Ave., Ste. 2400, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

BROWN, David C., a/k/a David Charles Brown, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 07528 of 2021, Doreen L. Brown, Adm., 1602 Waterford Rd., Walworth, NY 14568.

MACQUOWN, David K., deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 08089 of 2021, Anna MacQuown, Adm., c/o Thomas J. Dempsey, Jr., Esq., Jones, Gregg, Creehan & Gerace, LLP, 411 Seventh Avenue, Ste. 1200, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

NEVEL, Debora Ann, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 08214 of 2021, Thomas A. Secen, Adm., 620 Calvert Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15227 or to Gary J. Gushard, Esq., Tucker Arensberg, P.C., 1500 One PPG Pl., Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

KIRCHNER, Deborah Joann, a/k/a Deborah J. Kirchner, a/k/a Deborah J. Wolff, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 08565 of 2021, Zan Ivan Hodzic, Adm., 1100 Washington Ave., Ste. 209, Carnegie, PA 15106.

SWEET, Dennis J., a/k/a Dennis Jay Sweet, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 08262 of 2021, Kaeleigh Sweet, Adm., 1505 Lawn St., Canonsburg, PA 15317 or to Neal R. Cramer, Esq., Jubeliner, Pass & Intrieri, P.C., 219 Fort Pitt Blvd., Fl. 1, Pittsburgh, PA 15222-1576.

SHENOT, Dianne L., deceased, of Wexford, PA, No. 07885 of 2021, Heather A. Danley, Extr., c/o Elizabeth Warner Altman, P.O. Box 395, Oakmont, PA 15139.

GLUCK, Dolores K., deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 08108 of 2021, Richard Gluck, Co-Extr., Peter K. Gluck, Co-Extr., Andrew Gluck, Co-Extr. and Fredricka Gluck, Co-Extr., c/o Andrew L. Gessap, Esq., K&L Gates, LLP, K&L Gates Ctr., 210 Sixth Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15222-2312.

KALLAY, Dolores W., deceased, of Monroeville, PA, No. 06883 of 2021, Lance M. Lecocq, Extr., 504 S. Bernier Ave., Springfield, MO 65802 or to Mark T. Coulter, Esq., Coulter & May, P.C., Monroeville Ctr., 3824 Northern Pike, Ste. 801B, Monroeville, PA 15146.

BURDEN, Donald a/k/a Donald V. Burden, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 08294 of 2021, Marcia Hughes, Adm., c/o James M. Herb, Esq., 464 Perry Hwy., Pittsburgh, PA 15229.

NOTICE OF REVOCABLE TRUST PURSUANT TO 20 PA C.S. § 7755(c) NOTICE is hereby given of the administration of the Donatelli Family Trust dated February 4, 2005. Jean Donatelli, Grantor of the Trust, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, died on September 23, 2021. All persons having claims against Jean Donatelli are requested to make known the same to the Trustee or attorney named below. All persons indebted to Jean Donatelli are requested to make payment without delay to the Trustee or attorney named below. Paul Donatelli, Trustee, 4745 Friendship Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15224. Patrick J. Felix, III, Esq., Patrick J. Felix III, LLC, 213 East Main St., Carnegie, PA 15106.

DEPASQUALE, Donato, deceased, of Bethel Park, PA, No. 08343 of 2021, Maria C. Wright, Extr., 5017 Dolores Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15227 or to Daniel L. Goodyear, Esq., Sciuillo & Goodyear, P.C., 3809 Willow Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15234.

LJEWSKI, Donna L., deceased, of South Park, PA, No. 07819 of 2021, Matthew A. Ljowski, Extr., 2237 Lucina Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15210 or to Gregory W. Bevington, Esq., Bootay Bevington & Nichols, LLC, Grant Bldg., 310 Grant St., Ste. 1102, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

NOTICE OF REVOCABLE TRUST PURSUANT TO 20 PA C.S. § 7755(c) NOTICE is hereby given of the administration of the Christina L. Piscitelli Trust dated August 2, 2013. Christina L. Piscitelli, Grantor of the Trust, of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, died

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Winslow Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15229 or to Ronald F. Lawry, Esq., 8306 Ohio River Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15202.

FRANKS, Dorothy J., a/k/a Dorothy Joanne Franks, deceased, of Munhall, PA, No. 08399 of 2021, Darrell H. Franks, Extr., c/o William R. Pelger, Esq., 2108 West St., Munhall, PA 15120-2542.

MILLER, Douglas James, a/k/a Douglas J. Miller, deceased, of Jefferson Hills, PA, No. 08119 of 2021, Patricia L. Miller, Adm., 2340 Ridge Rd., Finleyville, PA 15332 or to Peter Andrew Smith, Esq., Smith & Smith, 5101 Bayard St., Pittsburgh, PA 15232.

BENTELER, Earl F., deceased, of McKeesport, PA, No. 05908 of 2021, Lisa A. Boczar, Extr., 13470 Lincoln Way, North Huntingdon, PA 15642 or to Colleen D. Bratkovich, Esq., Zacharia & Brown, P.C., 4500 Walnut St., McKeesport, PA 15132.

DALEY, Edward, a/k/a Edward R. Daley, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 07810 of 2021, Kenneth Boehm, Extr., 109 Peony Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15229 or to Frank D. DeBor, Esq., 1065 Brookline Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15226.

ASHLEY, Elbert, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 08166 of 2021, Corene Ashley, Adm., c/o Benjamin Scott Johns, Esq., Jones, Gregg, Creehan & Gerace, LLP, 411 Seventh Ave., Ste. 1200, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

HORVATH, Florence A., a/k/a Florence Horvath, deceased, of East McKeesport, PA, No. 08068 of 2021, Mary Ann Bargiel, Adm., 1434 Fawcett Ave., White Oak, PA 15131.

PLETCHER, Frances, deceased, of Shaler Twp., PA, No. 08227 of 2021, Rhonda J. Ciccone, Extr., c/o Pittsburgh Estate Law, P.C., 1501 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw, PA 15116.

DEWARDIS, Frank, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 07992 of 2021, Mark E. DeNardis, Ext., 504 August St., Pittsburgh, PA 15211 or to Vanda Raszewski, Esq., 121 N. Main St., Ste. 114, Greensburg, PA 15601.

EMBRY, Genesis L., a/k/a Genesis Embry, deceased, of McKees Rocks, PA, No. 08434 of 2021, Passion Brown, Adm., 19 Helen St., McKees Rocks, PA 15136 or to James P. Lopez, Esq., Koritos Mengine Killion & Hassen, Two Gateway Ctr., 603 Starwin St., Ste. 1228, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

KONTOS, George, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 03180 of 2021, Debra M. Presy, Extr., 2006 7th Ave. S.W., Largo, FL 33770 or to David M. Charles, 436 Boulevard of the Allies, Ste. 500, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

SLAGEL, Gloria, deceased, of Homestead, PA, No. 08216 of 2021, Raquel Marie Larson, Extr., 4417 Whitebus St., Homestead, PA 15120 or to Eric J. Randolph, Esq., Law Office of Eric J. Randolph, 1870A Homeville Rd., P.O. Box 335, West Mifflin, PA 15222.

PANTONE, Joseph G., a/k/a Joseph Gabriel Pantone, deceased, of Fox Chapel, PA, No. 07923 of 2021, Marilyn D. Pantone, Adm., 3 Woodliff Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15238 or to Anthony R. Sosso, Jr., Esq., 1310 Freepord Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15238.

TAUCHER, Kathleen A., a/k/a Kathleen Taucher, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 08257 of 2021, Robert S. Bootay, III, Extr., 6 Clairton Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15236 or to Louise R. Vuono, Esq., Rothman Gordon, P.C., 310 Grant St., 3rd Fl., Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

SGOURAKIS, Kathryn Louise Mountford a/k/a Kathryn M. Sgourakis, deceased, of Forest Hills, PA, No. 07990 of 2021, Michael S. Sgourakis, Extr., c/o Alexander T. McElroy, Esq., Lenington, Gratton & Associates LLP, 125 Technology Dr., Ste. 207, Canonsburg, PA 15317.

LASTAUCKAS, Kenneth P., deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 08237 of 2021, Nancy Lastauckas, Adm., 2748 Almona St., Pittsburgh, PA 15227 or to Alan I. Farber, Esq., Caste Village, 5301 Grove Rd., Ste. M-106, Pittsburgh, PA 15236.

PERONI, Herman N., deceased, of Imperial, PA, No. 08181 of 2021, Laurie L. Ferrence, Extr., c/o Steven Kocherzat, Esq., 763 Merchant St., Ambridge, PA 15003.

TRUST NOTICE Doris Claire Hess, deceased of North Versailles, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, died October 9, 2021. Prior to her death, she established the HESS LIVING TRUST, appointing her son, Wayne R. Hess, and daughter, Dorann M. Hoke, as Trustees. No personal representative has been appointed. Notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to the Hess Living Trust to make immediate payment and to those having claims against it to present them to: The Hess Living Trust, c/o Andrew G. Sykes, Esq., Sykes Elder Law, LLC, 615 Washington Rd., Ste. 304, Pittsburgh, PA 15228.

WEAVER, Howard H., deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 04954 of 2021, Halana K. Reedy, Adm., 7619 Hamilton Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15208 or to Colleen D. Bratkovich, Esq., Zacharia Brown, P.C., 4500 Walnut St., McKeesport, PA 15132.

TURTON, James L., a/k/a James Loye Turton, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 06274 of 2021, Deborah Lynn O'Ren, Adm., 30 Windsor St., Washington, PA 15301 or to James P. Lopez, Esq., Kontos Mengine Killion & Hassen, Two Gateway Ctr., 603 Starwin St., Ste. 1228, Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

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Monroeville, PA 15146. McCONNELL, Janet A., deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 07397 of 2021, John Gerard McConnell, Extr., c/o Tracy L. Zimler, Esq., Zimler Law Firm, LLC, 3244 Washington Rd., Ste. 210, McMurray, PA 15317.

Du PILKA, Janet P., deceased, of Oakdale, PA, No. 08456 of 2021, Georgene Dodd, Extr., 3324 Kenmore Dr., Sarasota, FL, 34321 or to Sarah A. Scott, Esq., Sweat Law Offices, 375 Valley Brook Rd., Ste. 112, McMurray, PA 15317.

McCARTHY, Jeanne, deceased, of White Oak, PA, No. 08003 of 2021, Claire Strouse, Extr., 1223 Crestfield Dr., Williamsport, PA 17701 or to Linda C. Plum, Esq., 4617 Walnut St., McKeesport, PA 15132.

MARASHUK, Jeannette A., deceased, of Coraopolis, PA, No. 07259 of 2021, Nancy J. Urbano, Extr., c/o John L. Butya, Esq., 5580 Steubenville Pike, Rte. 60 - Robinson Twp., McKees Rocks, PA 15136.

ERLER, Jeannette Myers, deceased, of Scott Twp., PA, No. 08223 of 2021, Scott H. Duerring, Extr., Colonial Pl., 61191 US 31 South, South Bend, IN 46614 or to Thomas L. Stevenson, Esq., Thomas L. Stevenson & Assoc., 666 Washington Rd., Ste. 101, Pittsburgh, PA 15228.

MICHEL, Jerold N., deceased, of McKees Rocks, PA, No. 08411 of 2021, Ryan Albright, Extr., c/o Gianni Floro, 935 Beaver Grade Rd., Ste. 6, Moon Twp., PA 15108.

NOLAN, John F., deceased, of McCandless Twp., PA, No. 07023 of 2021, Sean M. Nolan, Adm., 102 Redbud Ct., Gibsonia, PA 15044 or to Charles F. Perego, Esq., McMonigle Vesely & Perego, P.C., 694 Lincoln Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15202.

EABORN, Jr., John T., a/k/a John T. Eaborn, deceased, of Bethel Park, PA, No. 08256 of 2021, Darlene Gratton, Extr., 5579 Glen Hill Dr., Bethel Park, PA 15102 or to Jonathan C. Voelker, Esq., Voelker Kaiyis & Morris, LLC, 310 Grant St., Ste. 1202, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

FALK, John W., a/k/a John William Falk, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 08209 of 2021, Ronald V. Falk, Extr., 65 Vilas Ct., Pittsburgh, PA 15223 or to Thomas G. Lawlor, Esq., Lawlor & Lawlor, P.C., 979 Perry Hwy., Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

QUAQUARUCCI, Joseph A., deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 07880 of 2021, John Quaquarucci, Extr., 305 Elizabeth St., North Versailles, PA 15137 or to Dennis R. Joyce, Esq., 200 Dinsmore Ave., Ste. 202, Pittsburgh, PA 15205.

PANTONE, Joseph G., a/k/a Joseph Gabriel Pantone, deceased, of Fox Chapel, PA, No. 07923 of 2021, Marilyn D. Pantone, Adm., 3 Woodliff Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15238 or to Anthony R. Sosso, Jr., Esq., 1310 Freepord Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15238.

TAUCHER, Kathleen A., a/k/a Kathleen Taucher, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 08257 of 2021, Robert S. Bootay, III, Extr., 6 Clairton Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15236 or to Louise R. Vuono, Esq., Rothman Gordon, P.C., 310 Grant St., 3rd Fl., Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

SGOURAKIS, Kathryn Louise Mountford a/k/a Kathryn M. Sgourakis, deceased, of Forest Hills, PA, No. 07990 of 2021, Michael S. Sgourakis, Extr., c/o Alexander T. McElroy, Esq., Lenington, Gratton & Associates LLP, 125 Technology Dr., Ste. 207, Canonsburg, PA 15317.

LASTAUCKAS, Kenneth P., deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 08237 of 2021, Nancy Lastauckas, Adm., 2748 Almona St., Pittsburgh, PA 15227 or to Alan I. Farber, Esq., Caste Village, 5301 Grove Rd., Ste. M-106, Pittsburgh, PA 15236.

DAVIS, Kevin S., a/k/a Ken Davis, deceased, of Monessen, PA, No. 65-21-2822 of 2021, Kevin S. Davis, Jr., Adm., 174 Schoonmaker Ave., Monessen, PA 15062 or to Nora Gieg Chatha, Esq., Tucker Arensberg, P.C., 1500 One PPG Pl., Pittsburgh, PA 15222.

SCHARP, Leah K., a/k/a Leah Kay Scharp, a/k/a Leah Kay Scharp, deceased, of Ross Twp., PA, No. 08127 of 2021, Ernest B. Scharp, Extr., 203 Oakmont Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15229 or to Heidi Rai Stewart, Esq., Houston Harbaugh, P.C., Three Gateway Ctr., 401 Liberty Ave., 22nd Fl., Pittsburgh, PA 15222-1005.

EAGAN, Leslie A., a/k/a Leslie A. Cohagan, a/k/a Leslie A. Woodell, a/k/a Leslie A. Kuntz, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 08322 of 2021, Charles A. Kuntz, Extr., 219 Hallock St., Pittsburgh, PA 15211 or to Kevin M. Hanley, Esq., 367 Indian Ridge Dr., Coraopolis, PA 15108.

POSTON, Lorie D., deceased, of Rilton, PA, No. 02-21-2980 of 2021, Lorie Edward Poston, Adm., 212 Hickory St., Rilton, PA 15678 or to Covelli & Piscione Law Offices, 357 Regis Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15236.

BARCZYKOWSKI, Lydia J., a/k/a Lydia June Fotheringham Barczykowski, deceased, of Tarentum, PA, No. 08037 of 2021, Danielle Sgambati, Extr., 509 Campbells Run Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15238 or to Gusti A.E. Sunseri & Assoc., P.C., 1290 Freepord Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15238.

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Ste. 200, Allison Park, PA 15101.

DUNCAN, Margaret A., deceased, of Kennedy Twp., PA, No. 08348 of 2021, Todd M. Duncan, Extr., c/o Todd T. Zwick, Esq., 500 Grant St., Ste. 2900, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

KREBS, Margaret H., a/k/a Margaret Harbaugh Krebs, a/k/a Margaret Vera Harbaugh, a/k/a Peggy Krebs, deceased, of Mt. Lebanon, PA, No. 03382 of 2021, Robert Lester Krebs, Adm., 1244 Stoltz Rd., Bethel Park, PA 15102 or to Betty A. Dillon, Esq., 1725 Washington Rd., Ste. 503, Pittsburgh, PA 15241.

WHITE, Margaret L., a/k/a Peggy White, deceased, of Bridgeville, PA, No. 07640 of 2021, Patricia A. McElhinny, Extr., 2701 Golf Course Dr., Washington, PA 15301.

LYNCH, Marian E., deceased, of Coulters, PA, No. 07295 of 2021, Cynthia Deluca, Extr., 492 Center Grange Rd., Monaca, PA 15056 or to Janice Patz, 10 Elm Lane, Leetsdale, PA 15056.

CLOUNER, Marianne T., deceased, of Ross Twp., PA, No. 07994 of 2021, Judith Ann Gorman, Co-Extr., 205 Katherine Dr., Cranberry Twp., PA 16066 and Lee Edward Clouner, Co-Extr., 152 Hampshire Dr., Cranberry Twp., PA 16066.

HAWK, Marlene J., deceased, of Castle Shannon, PA, No. 08141 of 2021, Lauren A. Hawk Barszcz, Extr., 374 Limestone Dr., Bethel Park, PA 15102 or to Howard S. Auld, Jr., Esq., Howard S. Auld & Assoc., 5018 William Flynn Hwy., Gibsonia, PA 15044.

WOOD, Mary Ann, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 08182 of 2021, Mark A. Shaughnessy, Extr., 100044 Irwin Cir., Bloomington, MN 55437 or to Daniel M. Flynn, Esq., Michael D. Flynn & Assoc., P.C., 2770 South Park Rd., Bethel Park, PA 15102.

WHEELER, Mary B., deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 08198 of 2021, Cynthia DeMeris, Co-Adm., and Mary Beth Carroll, Co-Adm., c/o Jeffrey A. Golvash, Esq., Golvash & Epstein, LLC, 9 Dewalt Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15227.

COREY, Mary C., a/k/a Mary Catherine Corey, deceased, of Ross Twp., PA, No. 08186 of 2021, Barbara L. Weigand, Extr., 608 Bluestone Dr., Allison Park, PA 15101 or to Jerome C. Schaub, Jr., Esq., 926 Brookline Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15226.

HOUGH, Mary Jane, deceased, of Elizabeth, PA, No. 08172 of 2021, Peter Hough, Jr., Adm., 373 Hawthorne Ct., Pittsburgh, PA 15237 or to Carl M. Hanchak of Hanchak & Pratt, LLC, 76 Old Clairton Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15236.

BROCK, Mary Louise, deceased, of Sewickley, PA, No. 07824 of 2021, PNC Bank National Assoc., Lisa L. Massi, Extr., c/o Tracy L. Zimler, Esq., Zimler Law Firm, LLC, 3244 Washington Rd., Ste. 210, McMurray, PA 15317.

HANDLER, Melinda S., deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 08087 of 2021, Richard S. Handler, Extr., 5802 Northumberland St., Pittsburgh, PA 15217 or to Shannon L. Crew, Esq., Houston Harbaugh, P.C., Three Gateway Ctr., 401 Liberty Ave., 22nd Fl., Pittsburgh, PA 15222-1005.

DONALDSON, Michael W., a/k/a Michael William Donaldson, deceased, of Plum, PA, No. 08187 of 2021, Norma A. Donaldson, Adm., 240 Center New Texas Rd., Plum, PA 15239 or to Molly M. Creanen, Esq., Creenan & Baczowski, P.C., 3907 Old William Penn Hwy., Ste. 304, Murrysville, PA 15668.

YOTHERS, Nancy, deceased, of Monroeville, PA, No. 08194 of 2021, Anthony J. Petrocelli, Extr., 103 Trotwood Dr., Monroeville, PA 15146 or to Scott P. Magnuson, Esq., 2651 Monroeville Blvd., Monroeville, PA 15146.

ORSATTI, Nora M. a/k/a Nora M. Orsatti, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 08529 of 2021, Ernest B. Orsatti, Adm., 9343 N. Florence Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237 or to Grace V. Orsatti, 1182 Windermere Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15218.

GEORGE, Olive May, deceased, of Monroeville, PA, No. 07326 of 2021, Ronald L. George, Ext., 205 Orange St., Monroeville, PA 15146 or to Vanda Raszewski, Esq., 121 N. Main St., Ste. 114, Greensburg, PA 15601.

SCIULLI, Oriente, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 08074 of 2021, Antonio Sciulli, Ext., c/o Brandon A. Fulcinitti, Esq., Jones, Gregg, Creehan & Gerace, LLP, 411 Seventh Ave., Ste. 1200, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

DICK, Patricia Ann, deceased, of Penn Hills, PA, No. 08247 of 2021, Julie Lynn Agosti, Extr., 308 Maple Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15239.

DZIKI, Patricia R., deceased, of Franklin Park, PA, No. 08190 of 2021, Jeffrey P. Dziki, Extr., 15 Charleston Sq., Sewickley, PA 15143 or to Betsy A. Zimmerman, Esq., Sinko Zimmerman, LLC, 310 Seven Fields Blvd., One Adams Pl., Ste. 200, Seven Fields, PA 16046.

Estate Notices

BODNAR, Jr., Raymond C., deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 08146 of 2021, Jennifer Lynn Westerman, Adm., 4434 Ellwood Rd., New Castle, PA 16101 or to Orlando R. Sodini, Esq., Sutter/Williams, LLC, 850 Ridge Ave., Ste. 300, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.

KOSMAL, Reed, a/k/a Reed P. Kosmal, deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA, No. 08319 of 2021, Jennifer L. Miceli, Extr., c/o Wendy Denton Heleen, Esq., Goehring, Rutter & Boehm, 2100 Georgetown Dr., Ste. 300, Sewickley, PA 1

Bids and Proposals

Pittsburgh (Toll)
 • Conference ID: 251 722 102#
 Electronic proposals must be both received, and time stamped by a representative of the Purchasing and Materials Management Department through Authority's EBusiness website at or before 2:00 p.m., prevailing time, December 21, 2021, at <http://ebusiness.portauthority.org>. Proposals received or time stamped by a Purchasing and Materials Management Department representative through Authority's EBusiness website after the advertised time for the submission of proposals shall be non-responsive and therefore ineligible for award. Each Proposer shall be solely responsible for assuring that its proposal is timely received and time stamped in accordance with the requirements herein.
 This Contract Services may be funded, in part, by and subject to certain requirements of the County of Allegheny and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). The proposal process and the performance of the requested services will be in accordance with guidelines and regulations of the FTA "Third Party Contracting Guidelines", FTA Circular 4220.1F, as amended, and all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations.
 Port Authority of Allegheny County, in compliance with 49 C.F.R., Part 26, as amended, implements positive affirmative action procedures to ensure that all Disadvantaged Business Enterprises ("DBEs") have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts and subcontracts financed, in whole or in part, with federal funds, if any, provided under or for the proposed Agreement. In this regard, all recipients or contractors shall take all necessary and reasonable steps in accordance with 49 C.F.R., Part 26, to ensure that DBEs have the maximum opportunity to compete for, and perform contracts and subcontracts, for the Contract Services.
 Port Authority of Allegheny County, in compliance with 74 Pa.C.S. § 303, as may be amended, also requires that certified Diverse Businesses, ("DBs") have the maximum opportunity to compete for, and perform contracts and subcontracts for, the Contract Services. In this regard, all Proposers, and the Contractor, shall make good faith efforts, in accordance with 74 Pa.C.S. § 303, to ensure that DBs have the maximum opportunity to compete for, and perform contracts and subcontracts for, the Contract Services.
 Further, proposers and the Contractor shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, age, disability, national origin, sex, sexual origin, gender identity or status as a parent in the award and performance of contracts or subcontracts for these Contract Services.
 Port Authority of Allegheny County reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.

Invitation for Bids (IFB) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that specifications and proposal forms for furnishing all labor and materials and professional consulting and/or construction services for the following project(s) entitled:
 • Castlegate Green - PHFA Project #TC2021-454
 may be obtained from **Sota Construction Services, Inc.** by contacting Chris Michaels at cmichaels@sotaconstruction.com or calling 412-766-4630 x 101 beginning November 24, 2021.

ALL BIDS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL 1:00 PM ON DECEMBER 16TH, 2021 at the offices of Sota Construction Services. Bids will be publicly opened at **1:00 PM ON DECEMBER 16TH, 2021** at the **Sota Construction Services, Inc. offices at 80 Union Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15202.**

Bids must be on standard proposal forms in the manner therein described in the bid documents and be enclosed in a sealed envelope, bearing the name and address of the bidder on the outside, addressed to the **Sota Construction Services, Inc.** and marked with the project name.
 *Compliance is required with the Davis-Bacon Act and other Federal Labor Standard Provisions; Title VI and other applicable provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; the Department of Labor Equal Opportunity Clause (41 CFR 60.1.4); Section 109 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974; Executive Order 11625 (Utilization of Minority Business Enterprise); Executive Order 12138 (Utilization of Female Business Enterprise); in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; the Allegheny County MBE/WBE Program enacted July, 1981, which sets forth goals of 13 percent Minority and 2 percent Female Business Enterprise; and the Allegheny County Ordinance #6867-12, setting forth goals of 5 percent Veteran-Owned Small Businesses.
 Further, notice is hereby given that this is a Section 3 Project under the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, (as amended) and must to the greatest extent feasible, utilize lower income residents for employment and training opportunities and Section 3 Business concerns and all contracts and subcontracts for this project shall conform to the "Section 3 Clause" as set forth in 24 CFR, Part 135.38. Moreover, compliance is required by the prime contractor and all sub-contractors with the Federal General Conditions included in

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the contract documents between ACED and the operating agency. These Federal General Conditions are to be incorporated by reference into all construction contracts between operating agency and contractor, contractor and subcontractor(s), and subcontractor(s) and lower tiered subcontractor(s)."
 If there are additional questions, please contact Chris Michaels, Director of Preconstruction, at Sota Construction Services, Inc.

OFFICIAL ADVERTISEMENT THE BOARD OF PUBLIC EDUCATION of the SCHOOL DISTRICT OF PITTSBURGH

Sealed proposals shall be deposited at the Administration Building, Bellefield Entrance Lobby, 341 South Bellefield Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15213, on November 30, 2021, until 2:00 P.M., local prevailing time for: Pittsburgh Whittier K-5 Play Area Upgrades General Prime Pittsburgh Brashear High School Finish Floor Replacements and Miscellaneous Work General Prime
 Project Manual and Drawings will be available for purchase on November 1, 2021, at Modern Reproductions (412-488-7700), 127 McKean Street, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15219 between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. The cost of the Project Manual Documents is non-refundable. Project details and dates are described in each project manual.

The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority Advertisement

Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2022 Priority Lead Service Line Replacement PWSA Project No. 2021-325-107-0
Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting
 Date: December 7, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., via Microsoft Teams Meeting
Vendor Questions Due
 Date: December 15, 2021 by 4:00 p.m.
Bid Due Date: December 22, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

PWSA is requesting bids for the verification and replacement, as necessary, of public-side and / or private-side lead service lines at about 200 locations within the PWSA water service area. Work also includes site restoration of disturbed areas. This project is being federally funded by EPA financial assistance dollars and therefore requires all contractors to demonstrate compliance with federal Executive Orders 11625, 12138, and 12432 and EPA Regulations at 40 CFR Part 33, through the detailed documentation of solicitation of Disadvantage Business Enterprises (DBEs). Contractors must demonstrate the Six Good Faith Efforts to identify and solicit DBE firms that are potential sources for any procurement action in the areas of project construction, equipment, services, and supplies by including state qualified small businesses, and minority and women owned business enterprises in the bidding process.

Further information regarding this IFB can be viewed and downloaded at: <https://pgh2o.bonfirehub.com/opportunities/55743>

The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority Advertisement

Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2022 Urgent Lead Service Line Replacement PWSA Project No. 2021-325-112-0
Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting
 Date: December 7, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., via Microsoft Teams Meeting
Vendor Questions Due
 Date: December 13, 2021 by 4:00 p.m.
Bid Due Date: December 20, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

PWSA is requesting bids for the verification and replacement (including on an Urgent basis), as necessary, of public-side and / or private-side lead service lines within the PWSA Water Service Area. Work also includes curb box adjustments and curb stop replacements and site restoration of disturbed areas. Further information regarding this IFB can be viewed and downloaded at: <https://pgh2o.bonfirehub.com/opportunities/55735>

The Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority Advertisement

Invitation for Bids (IFB) 2022 Neighborhood Lead Service Line Replacement PWSA Project No. 2021-325-109-0
Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting
 Date: December 7, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., via Microsoft Teams Meeting
Vendor Questions Due
 Date: December 14, 2021 by 4:00 p.m.
Bid Due Date: December 21, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

PWSA is requesting bids for the verification and replacement, as necessary, of public-side and / or private-side lead service lines at about 1,300 locations within City of Pittsburgh neighborhoods. Work also includes site restoration of disturbed areas.
 Further information regarding this IFB can be viewed and downloaded at: <https://pgh2o.bonfirehub.com/opportunities/55737>

Change of Name

IN the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania:
 No. GD 21-13944,
 In re petition of Nechama Dina Vogel for change of name to Bracha Nechama Vogel. To all persons interested: Notice is hereby given that an order of the Court authorized the filing of said petition and fixed the 28th day of December, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., as the time and

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the Motions Room, City-County Building, Pittsburgh, PA as the place for a hearing, when and where all persons may show cause, if any they have, why said name should not be changed as prayed for.
 Diana C Bruce Esq, 535 Smithfield Street, Suite 1300 Pittsburgh, PA 15222

IN the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania:
 No. GD 21-11804,
 In re petition of Scott Porter, Jr. for change of name to Chauntey Mo'Nique Porter. To all persons interested: Notice is hereby given that an order of the Court authorized the filing of said petition and fixed the 15th day of December, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., as the time and the Motions Room, City-County Building, Pittsburgh, PA as the place for a hearing, when and where all persons may show cause, if any they have, why said name should not be changed as prayed for.

Gregory D. Vose Reed Smith Centre 225 Fifth Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15222

IN the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania:
 No. GD 21-13305,
 In re petition of Jacynnn Ann Cosan for change of name to Jacynnn Cosan Wise. To all persons interested: Notice is hereby given that an order of the Court authorized the filing of said petition and fixed the 29th day of December, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., as the time and the Motions Room, City-County Building, Pittsburgh, PA as the place for a hearing, when and where all persons may show cause, if any they have, why said name should not be changed as prayed for.

IN the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania:
 No. GD 21-11805,
 In re petition of Robert Lee Noaker, Jr. for change of name to Priscylla Renee Von Noaker. To all persons interested: Notice is hereby given that an order of the Court authorized the filing of said petition and fixed the 15th day of December, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., as the time and the Motions Room, City-County Building, Pittsburgh, PA as the place for a hearing, when and where all persons may show cause, if any they have, why said name should not be changed as prayed for.

IN the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania:
 No. GD 21-13077,
 In re petition of Zhiping Lin for change of name to Sara Lin Latnette. To all persons interested: Notice is hereby given that an order of the Court authorized the filing of said petition and fixed the 20th day of December, 2021, at 9:30 a.m., as the time and the Motions Room, City-County Building, Pittsburgh, PA as the place for a hearing, when and where all persons may show cause, if any they have, why said name should not be changed as prayed for.

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Legal Notices

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell the contents of leased spaces to satisfy Extra Space's lien at the location indicated: 880 Saw Mill Run Blvd, Pittsburgh PA 15226 December 14, 2021, at 1:00 PM. 2136 Marco Quintanar, 2151 Otis Mitchell, 3214 Jamette Collins, 4001 Damell Bland, 4030 Calvin Miller, 4057 Shane Hummel, 4059 Krista Fedorczyk, 4064 Justina Jones, 4179 Brett Tielman-Fenelus, 4189 Chris Zimmerman. The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell the contents of leased spaces to satisfy Extra Space's lien at 2016 Lebanon Rd, West Mifflin, PA 15122 on December 14th, 2021 at 11:45am. A015 Steve Wright, B032 Vince Dalton, C111 Toddish transportation LLC, C415 Jayda Palmer, C429 Corey Keyes, C616 Lauren Zagorac, C719 Ciera Powe, D613 Kweilin Wofford. The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell the contents of leased spaces to satisfy Extra Space's lien at 700 East Carson Street, Pittsburgh PA 15203 December 14, 2021 at 12:15 PM. Abdul Janneh 2142, Ryan Marin 2206, Canraya Edmonds 3022, Alan Gasper 3101, Jalen Bryant 4075, Ashley Snyder 4184, Raymond D. Washington 4190. The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

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Borough Council of the Borough of Millvale, at a meeting to be held on December 14, 2021, at 6 pm in the Millvale Community Center located at 416 Lincoln Ave., Council will consider for adoption Resolution 2811 adopting the budget for the year 2022 and Resolution 2812 adopting a schedule of fees for the Borough of Millvale for the year 2022. Millvale Council will also consider adoption Ordinance 2807 fixing the real estate tax millage rate for 2022 at 9.5 mills. This action will result in a decrease in the 2021 real estate tax rate. The proposed 2022 budget is available for public inspection at www.millvalepa.com or by appointment at the Borough of Millvale Municipal Building (501 Lincoln Avenue, 15209). Business hours are 9 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday.

Official Notice - School Board Vacancy
 The East Allegheny School District Board Directors have a vacancy in Region 6. Any qualified electors of the District interested in being appointed to fill this position, effective December 6, 2021, for the unexpired portion of term, should submit a letter of interest to East Allegheny School District, 1150 Jacks Run Rd., N. Versailles, PA 15137. Attn: Toni Valicenti, Board Secretary, due by or before December 1, 2021, 4:00 p.m.

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NOTICE OF HEARING FOR THE SALE OF NEW EMERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BY THE WEST MIFFLIN AREA BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
 Notice is hereby given that a PUBLIC HEARING will be held on **December 16, 2021** at 11:45 a.m. in Room 703 of the City-County Building, 414 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County regarding the petition for private sale of the New Emerson Elementary School by the West Mifflin Area Board of School Directors pursuant to the Public School Code at 24 P.S. § 7-707. The real estate involved is situated at 1922 Pennsylvania Avenue, West Mifflin, Allegheny County (Lot/Block: 306-A-150) and known as the New Emerson Elementary School.

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Borough of Bradford Woods Public Notice

The Borough of Bradford Woods intends to adopt its 2022 Budget as summarized below at its 7 PM Business Meeting of December 13, 2021 in the meeting room of its Borough Office:
 Estimated Fund Balance, January 1, 2022: \$948,376
Revenues
 Taxes: \$854,674
 Permits, Fines and Fees: 7,700
 Intergovernmental Revenue: 59,765
 Grant Proceeds: 164,800
 Miscellaneous: 3,950
 Total Revenue: **\$1,091,889**
Expenditures
 Administration: \$168,870
 Total Tax Collection: 3,000
 Building: 20,300
 Library Contribution: 27,801
 Total Public Safety: 283,660
 Total Roads: 466,076
 Total Insurance: 19,500
 Total Other Expenses: 18,575
 Total Capital: 211,275
 Total Expenditures: **\$1,219,061**
 Total Ending Fund Balance: \$821,203
 The detailed budget is on the Borough's website (bradfordwoods.pa.gov) and available for inspection by appointment with bradfordwoods@zoominterne.net at the Borough Office (4908 Wexford Run, Road Bradford Woods, PA 15015)

Celco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless (Verizon Wireless) is proposing to modify existing antennas at a top height of 70 feet side-mounted to an existing 57-foot building at 1025 Beaver Avenue, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, 15223. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Project 6121009746 - MAB c/o EBI Consulting, 6876 Susquehanna Trail South, York, PA 17403. mbowman@ebiconsulting.com, or via telephone at (617) 909-9035.

Michael P. Leahy, Esq., 501 Grant Street, Suite 1010, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. NOTICE is hereby given that Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on the 5th day of May, 2021 with respect to a proposed nonprofit corporation, **Center for Grief, Bereavement & Adjustment Inc.** which has been incorporated under the Nonprofit Corporation Law of 1988. A brief Summary of the purpose or purposes for which said corporation is organized is: Grief services to include coaching, case management, counseling, clinical and community education and referral service.

OFFICIAL BOROUGH OF FRANKLIN PARK NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE that the Borough Council of the Borough of Franklin Park, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, has changed the start time of the Wednesday, December 1, 2021 work session to 6:00 p.m. prevailing local time at the Franklin Park Borough Building, 2344 West Ingomar Road.
 CATHY L. KRUMMERT
 BOROUGH SECRETARY

PUBLIC NOTICE ALLEGHENY COUNTY SANITARY AUTHORITY

The Professional Services Committee of the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority will hold a special meeting for general purposes on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 2:00 p.m. prevailing time, in the Trefz Board Room at its offices located at 3300 Preble Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15233. Official action on the Committee's recommendations will take place at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors at a later date. The public may view the meeting via livestream by visiting www.alcosan.org.

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John W. Ament, Esq., 3950 William Penn Hwy, Ste. 5, Murrysville, PA 15668. NOTICE is hereby given that Articles of Incorporation (were/will be) filed with the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, for a business corporation which (has been/will be) incorporated under the provisions of the Business Corporation Law of 1988. The name of the corporation is **Comma Girl II Inc.**

CITY OF PITTSBURGH DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING

City Council Hearing on the Engine Company 28, Historic Nomination Members of City Council have scheduled a Cablecast public hearing on the historic nomination of Engine Company 28 located at 700 Filbert Street. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 1:30 P.M. Please contact the City Clerk at (412)255-2138 with any questions.

OFFICIAL NOTICE PENN HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Public Voting Reorganization Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Penn Hills School District, scheduled for Wednesday, **December 1, 2021**, at 6:00 pm has been **cancelled**.

The meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, **December 6, 2021**, at 6:00 pm.

The location of the meeting will be in the Cafeteria of the Penn Hills Linton Middle School, 250 Aster Street, Pittsburgh PA 15235 where the public may attend.
 Janet M. Langford,
 Board Secretary

WOODLAND HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT ENACTMENT NOTICE UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT DEBT ACT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of School Directors of Woodland Hills School District, at a meeting held on November 17, 2021, adopted a Resolution titled and summarized as follows:
 AUTHORIZING THE INCURRING OF NONELECTORAL DEBT BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, FEDERALLY TAXABLE SERIES OF 2022 IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED SIXTY EIGHT MILLION DOLLARS (\$68,000,000); COVENANTING TO PAY, AND PLEDGING ALL AVAILABLE TAXING POWER OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT FOR THE PAYMENT OF, THE BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SINKING FUND AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A SINKING FUND DEPOSITORY; FIXING THE FORM, MAXIMUM INTEREST RATES, MATURITY DATES AND OTHER PROVISIONS FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING A FILING OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; RATIFYING AND DIRECTING CERTAIN ACTIONS OF OFFICERS; AND MAKING CERTAIN OTHER COVENANTS AND PROVISIONS IN RESPECT OF THE

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BONDS.
 The Resolution was not amended from its proposed form during final passage. The maximum interest rate on the Bonds, once issued, is 5.00%. The Bonds will be purchased by RBC Capital Markets LLC at a purchase price of not less than 95.00%, inclusive of net original issue discount/premium, if any, together with accrued interest to the date of delivery. The full text of the Resolution as proposed may be examined by any citizen between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM on regular school business days at the Woodland Hills School District, 531 Jones Avenue, North Braddock, PA 15104.

WOODLAND HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT Valerie Shaver Board Secretary (412) 731-1300

SHALER TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD

The Shaler Township Zoning Hearing Board will hold a public hearing on Thursday, December 9, 2021, at 7:30 PM in the Township Municipal Building, 300 Wetzel Road, Glenshaw, PA 15116. Case One is an appeal submitted by Pittsburgh Sign and Lighting for Planet Fitness requesting a 67.34 sq/ft sign variance from Section 225-59(A)(8) to construct a 167.34 sq/ft sign for property owned by Zamagias Properties at 880 Butler Street, Suite 1B, Pittsburgh, PA 15223, in the Township General Commercial District, Allegheny County Lot & Block 222-A-212. The applicant is also appealing the Zoning Officer's decision to deny the Signage Permit Application as stated in Chapter 225 Article 8. The Applicant disagrees with the Zoning Officer's interpretation of the Code.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice will serve as an official announcement of the **MEETING** of the Board of Trustees of the CITY OF PITTSBURGH COMPREHENSIVE MUNICIPAL PENSION TRUST FUND BOARD to be held remotely due to safety concerns related to the Coronavirus. Thursday, December 2, 2021 at 1:00 pm via conference call at the following number:
 Call-in Number: 1-646-558-8656
 Meeting ID: 889 6257 1480
 Passcode: 091612
 This meeting is open to the public to attend via telephone at the above number.
 Adam Hoffman
 Internal Auditor
 City of Pittsburgh
 Department of Finance
 412-255-8988

Request for Qualifications

The Allegheny County Department of Human Services recently issued a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Student Assistance Program Providers. Due Date: 3 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, January 21, 2022.
 For more details and submission information, visit: [www.allegheycounty.us/Human-Services/Resources/Doing-Business/Solicitations-\(RFQ/RFQ/RFI\).aspx](http://www.allegheycounty.us/Human-Services/Resources/Doing-Business/Solicitations-(RFQ/RFQ/RFI).aspx)
 Erin Dalton
 Director

NOTICE OF PUBLIC NEEDS HEARING FOR THE CDBG, HOME, ESG, AND HOPWA PROGRAMS CITY OF PITTSBURGH, PENNSYLVANIA

Notice is hereby given by the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, PA that it will hold two public needs hearings on **Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.** prevailing time. The public needs hearing will be held at the City-County Building, Room 646 (City Stats), at 414 Grant Street. Note that entrance to the building is on the Grant Street side of the City-County Building. This Notice and any additional updates will be posted at <https://pittsburghpa.gov/omb/omb-public-notices>. Please check our website at <https://pittsburghpa.gov/omb/cd> for more information. The purpose of the public needs hearings is to gather information for the City's Annual Action Plan for FY 2022, which the City must submit to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the four federal grant programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS (HOPWA). Additionally, the hearing will be used to solicit the views and comments of individuals and organizations concerning the housing, community and economic

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under the Abandoned and Blighted Property Conservatorship Act, 68 P.S. §1101-1111 to take possession of and rehabilitate or demolish the property located at 2327 Park Hill Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15221; Lot and Block No. 231 - R - 24. You are receiving this notice because Public Records reveal that you may be the Owner of the subject property or have an ownership interest. If you are the Owner or an Owner claiming a right to Title to the premises and want to be heard in this matter, you must file an Answer as required by the Court Order referenced above. If you do not file an Answer as required, the Court may proceed without you and you may lose your rights to the property. A Conservator may be appointed to take possession of the property, incur expenses that will be a lien against the property, and sell the property. You will still be responsible for your obligations as the Owner, including expenses incurred by the Conservator. Wayne B. Cobb II, PA ID# 209628 Attorney For Petitioner Cobb Counsel, LLC 204 Golf View Dr, #181 Monaca, PA 15061 724-252-2003 (Office) 1-866-416-2481 (Fax) wayne@cobbcounsel.com

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In the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Civil Division. IN RE: Raymond E. Przybilinski Jr., Docket CS - 21 - 000048. Notice of Filing of the Petition for the Appointment of a Conservator. TO: Raymond E. Przybilinski Jr., A Petition for the Appointment of a Conservator has been filed under the Abandoned and Blighted Property Conservatorship Act, 68 P.S. §1101-1111 to take possession of and rehabilitate or demolish the property located at 5605 Celadine Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15201; Lot and Block No. 120 - P - 17. You are receiving this notice because Public Records reveal that you may be the Owner of the subject property or have an ownership interest. If you are the Owner or an Owner claiming a right to Title to the premises and want to be heard in this matter, you must file an Answer as required by the Court Order referenced above. If you do not file an Answer as required, the Court may proceed without you and you may lose your rights to the property. A Conservator may be appointed to take possession of the property, incur expenses that will be a lien against the property, and sell the property. You will still be responsible for your obligations as the Owner, including expenses incurred by the Conservator. Wayne B. Cobb II, PA ID# 209628 Attorney For Petitioner Cobb Counsel, LLC 204 Golf View Dr, #181 Monaca, PA 15061 724-252-2003 (Office) 1-866-416-2481 (Fax) wayne@cobbcounsel.com

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD FOR PROPOSED REVISIONS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS ARTICLE I ("MERIT SYSTEM OR PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION") Allegheny County Board of Health

The Allegheny County Board of Health will receive public comments until 5:00 PM on December 27, 2021 on the following proposed revisions of Allegheny County Health Department Article I ("Merit System or Personnel Administration"). Article I ("Merit System or Personnel Administration") the purpose of which is to support the attraction, retention and advancement in the Allegheny County Health Department of persons on the basis of relative ability, assure equal employment opportunities and maintain an adequate system of personnel administration based on merit and fitness as well as protect employees from discrimination and arbitrary removal. The proposed revisions Article I: Merit System or Personnel Administration would add the following language under Section 112 Appeals: C. For any permanent employee of the Allegheny County Health Department, except the Director, who is demoted, transferred or removed, or separated because of curtailment of work or lack of funds, who is seeking their right to appeal in the manner prescribed by and pursuant to 28 Pa. Code § 13.61, the Board of Health prescribes the following manner for a public hearing for the conduct of such an appeal: 1. After receipt of an employee's written appeal, Allegheny County will retain the services of a neutral, third-party hearing officer to conduct the public hearing. 2. Following the hearing, the hearing officer shall submit findings of fact and conclusions of law to the Board of Health. 3. After receipt and consideration of the findings of fact and conclusions of law the Board of Health shall vote on the merits of the appeal. The proposed revised regulation is available on the Board of Health's page, https://alleghenycounty.us/health-department/Resources/About/Board-of-Health/Public-Meeting-

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Schedule.aspx. The Board of Health will accept written comments, beginning on November 26, 2021 and concluding at 5:00 PM on December 27, 2021, by email to PublicHealthComment@AlleghenyCounty.us or by mail to our administrative offices: Attn: Article I Merit System or Personnel Administration Allegheny County Health Department 542 Fourth Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Please call 412-578-7660 if you have any questions.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, CIVIL DIVISION No.: G.D. 21-013553 Plaintiff vs. HENRY A. BECK, WITH NOTICE TO HEIRS AND ASSIGNS & EDITH C. BECK, WITH NOTICE TO HEIRS AND ASSIGNS, Defendant(s). HENRY A. BECK, WITH NOTICE TO HEIRS AND ASSIGNS & EDITH C. BECK, WITH NOTICE TO HEIRS AND ASSIGNS: You are hereby notified that on November 3, 2021, Plaintiff, County of Allegheny, filed a Writ of Scire Facias Sur Tax Lien and Statement against you in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County Pennsylvania, docketed to Case No. G.D. 21-013553, wherein Plaintiff seeks to collect delinquent real estate taxes lawfully levied and assessed against that certain property situate within the Borough of Crafton, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, described as follows: Block and Lot 39-B-229, known as Crafton Boulevard, Pittsburgh, PA 15205.

NOTICE TO DEFEND You have been sued in court. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the above referenced Scire Facias Sur Tax Lien and Statement, you must take action within twenty (20) days from the date of this publication, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the court an Affidavit of Defense to the claims set forth against your property. You are warned that if you fail to do so, the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the court without further notice for any money claimed in the Writ of Scire Facias Sur Tax Claim and Statement or for any claim or relief requested by the plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you. YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW. THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO

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PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED FEE OR NO FEE. LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE The Allegheny County Bar Association 400 Koppers Building, 436 Seventh Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15219 (Telephone: 412-261-5555)

Official Notice Borough of North Braddock

The 2022 proposed budget of the Borough of North Braddock is available for public inspection for a ten day period beginning 12-1-21 in the Manager's office at the Municipal Bldg, 600 Anderson St., North Braddock, Pa. 15148, from 10:00 A. M. - 3:00 P.M. Borough of North Braddock

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA In re: ABARTA OIL & GAS CO., LLC, Debtor. Chapter 11 Case No. 21-22406-CMB **NOTICE OF SALE, BIDDING PROCEDURES, AUCTION, AND SALE HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the above-captioned debtor (the "Debtor") filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter 11 of Title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code") in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania (the "Bankruptcy Court") on November 7, 2021 (the "Petition Date").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, on the Petition Date, the Debtor filed a motion (the "Sale and Bidding Procedures Motion") with the Bankruptcy Court seeking entry of an order, among other things, granting the following relief in connection with the Debtor's proposed sale (the "Sale") of certain assets of the Debtor (the "Acquired Assets"): (a) approving the Bidding Procedures pursuant to which the Debtor will solicit and select the highest and otherwise best offer for the Sale; (b) scheduling and conducting an auction (the "Auction"), if necessary; (c) establishing procedures for the assumption and assignment of executory contracts and unexpired leases in connection with the Sale, including notice of proposed Cure Costs (the "Assumption and Assignment Procedures"); and (d) scheduling a hearing (the "Sale Hearing") to approve the Sale.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that, on November 19, 2021, the Bankruptcy Court entered an order (the "Bidding Procedures Order") approving, among other things, the Bidding Procedures, which establish the key dates and times related to the Sale and the

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Auction. All interested bidders should carefully read the Bidding Procedures Order and the Bidding Procedures in their entirety. **Contact Person for Parties Interested in Submitting a Bid**

The Bidding Procedures set forth the requirements for becoming a Qualified Bidder and submitting a Qualified Bid, and any party interested in making an offer to purchase the Acquired Assets must comply strictly with the Bidding Procedures. Only Qualified Bids will be considered by the Debtor, in accordance with the Bidding Procedures.

Any interested bidder should contact, as soon as possible: Copper Run Capital, LLC c/o Jason Stevens 1201 Dublin Road, Floor 3 Columbus, Ohio 43215 jstevens@copperruncap.com (614) 888-1786

Obtaining Additional Information

Copies of the Sale and Bidding Procedures Motion, the Bidding Procedures and the Bidding Procedures Order, as well as all related exhibits, including the Stalking Horse Agreement and all other documents filed with the Bankruptcy Court, are available on PACER or can be requested by e-mail to Campbell & Levine, LLC, Attn: Kathryn L. Harrison, Esq. at kharrison@camlev.com.

Important Dates and Deadlines

1. Bid Deadline. The deadline to submit a Qualified Bid is January 11, 2022 at 5:00 pm EST.

2. Auction. If the Debtor receives one or more Qualified Bids for the Acquired Assets, in addition to the Stalking Horse Bid, the Debtor will conduct the Auction, which shall take place at 10:00 a.m. EST on January 13, 2022, at the office of Campbell & Levine, LLC, 310 Grant Street, Suite 1700, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219, or virtually on a customary virtual video conference platform, or such other date, time and location as shall be timely communicated to all entities entitled to attend the Auction.

3. Auction Objection and Sale Objection Deadlines. The deadline to file an objection with the Bankruptcy Court to the Sale Order, the Stalking Horse Bidder, or the Sale with the Stalking Horse Bidder (collectively, the "Sale Objections") is December 22, 2021 at 5:00 pm EST (the "Sale Objection Deadline"). If the Auction is held, parties may object to the conduct of the Auction, the Successful Bidder, or the Sale with the Successful Bidder (other than the Stalking Horse Bidder) at or before the Sale Hearing, as defined below (the "Auction Objection Deadline").

4. Rights Notice Deadline. The deadline for any person or entity who asserts that any property or right (contractual or otherwise) cannot be

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transferred, sold, conveyed, assumed, and/or assigned free and clear of all liens, claims, encumbrances and other interests as provided in the Sale and sections 363 and/or 365 of the Bankruptcy Code on account of one or more alleged approval rights, consent rights, preferential purchase rights, rights of purchase, rights of first refusal, rights of first offer, tag-along rights, rights upon or related to any change in control, rights to restrict or change the Successful Bidder from becoming or continuing as the operator of the Acquired Assets for any reason, or similar rights (each of the foregoing an "Asserted Right") and such person or entity, an "Asserted Rights Holder") to file a notice of such Asserted Right with all supporting documentation (a "Rights Notice") with the Bankruptcy Court is December 22, 2021 at 5:00 pm EST (the "Rights Notice Deadline").

5. Sale Hearing. A hearing (the "Sale Hearing") to approve and authorize the Sale to the Successful Bidder will be held before the Court via the Zoom Video Conference Application on January 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. EST or such other date as determined by the Bankruptcy Court. To join the Zoom Hearing, please initiate by using the following link 15 minutes prior to the scheduled hearing time: https://www.zoomgov.com/j/16143800191, or alternatively, attend by using the following Meeting ID: 161 4380 0191. ALL HEARING PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUIRED TO REVIEW AND COMPLY WITH THE ZOOM PROCEDURES, which can be found at https://www.pawb.uscourts.gov/sites/default/files/pdfs/cmb-proc-videoohrg.pdf

Filing Objections

Sale Objections and Auction Objections, if any, must: (a) be in writing; (b) state, with specificity, the legal and factual bases thereof; (c) be filed with the Bankruptcy Court by no later than the Sale Objection Deadline or Auction Objection Deadline, as applicable; and (d) be served in accordance with the Local Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania.

CONSEQUENCES OF FAILING TO TIMELY ASSERT AN OBJECTION

Any party who fails to make a timely Sale Objection on or before the Sale Objection Deadline in accordance with the Bidding Procedures Order and this Notice shall be forever barred from asserting any Sale Objection, including with respect to the transfer of the Acquired Assets free and clear of all liens, claims, encumbrances, and other interests.

Any party who fails to make a timely Auction Objection on or before the Auction Objection Deadline in accordance with

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the Bidding Procedures Order and this Notice shall be forever barred from asserting any Auction Objection, including with respect to the transfer of the Acquired Assets free and clear of all liens, claims, encumbrances and other interests.

CONSEQUENCES OF FAILING TO TIMELY FILE A RIGHTS NOTICE

Any Asserted Rights Holder failing to timely file a Rights Notice shall be (a) forever barred from objecting to the transfer, sale, assumption, and/or assignment of the Debtor's right, title, and interest in, to and under the Acquired Assets and any Acquired Contracts free and clear of all liens, claims, encumbrances and other interests except as otherwise set forth in the definitive agreement of the Successful Bidder and from asserting any Asserted Rights with respect to the Debtor's transfer, sale, assumption, and/or assignment of the Debtor's right, title and interest in, to and under such properties, as set forth in the definitive agreement of the Successful Bidder and (b) deemed to consent to and approve of the transfer, sale, assumption, and/or assignment of the Debtor's right, title and interest in, to and under the properties, free and clear of all liens, claims, encumbrances, and other interests except as otherwise set forth in the definitive agreement of the Successful Bidder (regardless of whether such consent must be in writing).

SALE TO BE FREE AND CLEAR OF LIENS, CLAIMS, AND INTERESTS

Except as provided in the Stalking Horse Agreement, or another Successful Bidder's purchase agreement, all of the Debtor's right, title and interest in and to the Acquired Assets subject thereto shall be sold free and clear of any pledges, liens, security interests, encumbrances, claims, charges, options and interests thereon to the maximum extent permitted by section 363 of the Bankruptcy Code.

NO SUCCESSOR LIABILITY

The Sale will be free and clear of, among other things, any claim arising from any conduct of the Debtor prior to the closing of the Sale, whether known or unknown, whether due or to become due, whether accrued, absolute, contingent or otherwise, so long as such claim arises out of or relates to events occurring prior to the closing of the Sale. Accordingly, as a result of the Sale, the Successful Bidder will not be a successor to the Debtor by reason of any theory of law or equity, and the Successful Bidder will have no liability, except as expressly provided in the Successful Bidder's Asset Purchase Agreement, for any liens, claims, encumbrances and other interests against the Debtor or the Acquired Assets

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Check rates daily at www.rateseeker.com/rates

Institution	30 yr APR	30 yr Fixed	Product	Rate	Points	Fees	% Down	APR	Phone Number / Website	NMLS # / License #
<p>Westmoreland Federal Savings & Loan</p>	3.134%	Rate: 3.125	15 yr fixed	2.375	0.000	\$191	20%	2.391	724-539-9755	NMLS# 518302
		Points: 0.000	10 yr fixed	2.250	0.000	\$191	20%	2.274		
		Fees: \$191	15 yr jumbo	2.375	0.000	\$191	25%	2.380		
		% Down: 20%	3% DOWN WITH PMI. WE DO NOT SELL OUR LOANS! 10YR JUMBO 2.257% APR					www.wfsavings.com		
<p>Sky Financial Services Inc.</p>	2.790%	Rate: 2.750	15 yr fixed	2.000	0.000	\$450	20%	2.041	610-282-3000	NMLS# 141744
		Points: 0.000	10 yr fixed	2.000	0.000	\$25	20%	2.001		
		Fees: \$850	20 yr fixed	2.625	0.000	\$850	20%	2.681		
		% Down: 20%	Consistent Rate Leader. Great Rates. Quality Service.					www.skyfinancialloans.com		
<p>West View Savings Bank</p>	3.006%	Rate: 2.890	15 yr fixed	2.190	0.000	\$495	20%	2.392	724-935-7400	NMLS# 662375
		Points: 0.000	20 yr fixed	2.590	0.000	\$495	20%	2.751		
		Fees: \$495	15 yr jumbo	2.190	0.000	\$495	20%	2.268		
		% Down: 20%	30 yr jumbo	2.890	0.000	\$495	20%	2.938		

Rate Criteria: The rates and annual percentage rate (APR) are effective as of 11/22/21. All rates, fees and other information are subject to change without notice. RateSeeker, LLC. does not guarantee the accuracy of the information appearing above or the availability of rates and fees in this table. The institutions appearing in this table pay a fee to appear in this table. Annual percentage rates (APRs) are based on fully indexed rates for adjustable rate mortgages (ARMs). The APR on your specific loan may differ from the sample used. All rates are quoted on a minimum FICO score of 740. Conventional loans are based on loan amounts of \$165,000. Jumbo loans are based on loan amounts of \$510,401. Lock Days: 30-60. Points quoted include discount and/or origination. Payments do not include amounts for taxes and insurance. The APR may increase after consummation and may vary. FHA Mortgages include both UFMIP and MIP fees based on a loan amount of \$165,000 with 5% down payment. Points quoted include discount and/or origination. Fees reflect charges relative to the APR. If your down payment is less than 20% of the home's value, you will be subject to private mortgage insurance, or PMI. VA Mortgages include funding fees based on a loan amount of \$165,000 with 5% down payment. If your down payment is less than 20% of the home's value, you will be subject to private mortgage insurance, or PMI. "Call for Rates" means actual rates were not available at press time. To access the NMLS Consumer Access website, please visit www.nmlsconsumeraccess.org. To appear in this table, call 773-320-8492.

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under any theory of law, including successor liability theories.

Dated: November 19, 2021
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Borough of East McKeesport, Allegheny County Concise Financial Information

The concise financial information is derived from the audited financial statements of the Borough of East McKeesport as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020. For governmental activities, total assets and deferred outflows of resources were \$4,314,027; total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources of \$703,242 and total net position of \$3,610,785. Total revenues were \$2,132,758; total expenditures were \$2,110,839 and the change in total net position for the year ended December 31, 2020 was \$21,919. Full copies of the annual financial reporting information may be examined at the Borough's office.

Extra Space Storage will hold a public auction to sell the contents of leased spaces to satisfy Extra Space's lien at 3200 Park Manor Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15205 on December 12th, 2021 at 12:45 pm. 1002 Lucy Darr, 1157 Kevin Kumpfmiller, 3195 Brandon Gross, 7012 Diana Schmidt. The auction will be listed and advertised on www.storage-treasures.com. Purchases must be made with cash only and paid at the

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above referenced facility in order to complete the transaction. Extra Space Storage may refuse any bid and may rescind any purchase up until the winning bidder takes possession of the personal property.

East Allegheny School District will conduct a Special Board Meeting - Virtual, on December 2, 2021 at 6 p.m., details found www.eawildcats.net

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETINGS

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Public Education of the School District of Pittsburgh shall conduct the following public meetings during the month of December 2021. Please be advised that these meetings will not be held in the Administration Building, 341 S. Bellefield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. All meetings will be held virtually via livestream or hybrid until further notice. Details for public participation will be available on the Pittsburgh Public Schools website at www.pghschools.org

Budget Public Meeting
 December 6, 2021, 12:00 p.m.
 Board Reorganization
 December 6, 2021, 5:30 p.m.
 Committee Meeting
 December 7, 2021, 5:30 p.m.
 Budget Workshop
 December 8, 2021, 5:30 p.m.
 Agenda Review,
 December 15, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
 Public Hearing
 December 20, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
 Legislative Session,
 December 22, 2021, 6:00 p.m.
 Dr. Wayne Walters
 SECRETARY

Direct Care Physicians of Pittsburgh: Allison Park Fictitious Name

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of the Fictitious Name Act, 54 Pa.C.S. Section 301 et seq., that a certificate was filed in the office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on or about November 11, 2021 for the conduct of business under the

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name Direct Care Physicians of Pittsburgh: Allison Park, with its principal place of business at 4284 William Flinn Highway, STE 102, Allison Park, PA 15101. The name and address of the individual owning or interested in said business is: Family Matters Direct Primary Care, LLC, 4284 William Flinn Hwy, Suite 102 Allison Park, PA 15101. The name and address of the individual owning or interested in said business is: Kirsten Lin, 8162 Brittany Place, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT ENACTMENT NOTICE UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT DEBT ACT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of School Directors of South Fayette Township School District, at a meeting held on November 16, 2021, adopted a Resolution (No. 21-05) titled and summarized as follows:

AUTHORIZING THE INCURRING OF NONELECTORAL DEBT BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR NOTES (THE "OBLIGATIONS") IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED SIX MILLION SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$6,600,000); COVENANTING TO PAY, AND PLEDGING ALL AVAILABLE TAXING POWER OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT FOR THE PAYMENT OF, THE OBLIGATIONS; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SINKING FUND AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A SINKING FUND DEPOSITORY; FIXING THE FORM, MAXIMUM INTEREST RATES, MATURITY, REDEMPTION AND OTHER PROVISIONS FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE OBLIGATIONS; AUTHORIZING A FILING OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; RATIFYING

AND DIRECTING CERTAIN ACTIONS OF OFFICERS; AND MAKING CERTAIN OTHER COVENANTS AND PROVISIONS IN RESPECT OF THE OBLIGATIONS. The Resolution was not amended from its proposed form upon final passage. The maximum interest rate on the Obligations, once issued, is 5.50%. Pending an assignment of the Purchase Proposal to a registered broker-dealer or bank identified through a competitive bidding process, the Obligations were purchased by PFM Financial Advisors, LLC at a purchase price of not less than 95%, inclusive of net original issue discount, if any, together with accrued interest to the date of delivery. The full text of the Resolution as adopted may be examined by any citizen between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Administrative Offices of South Fayette Township School District, 3680 Old Oakdale Road, McDonald, PA 15057.

Cynthia Geisler
 Board Secretary

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BONDS; PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A SINKING FUND AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A SINKING FUND DEPOSITORY; FIXING THE FORM, MAXIMUM INTEREST RATES, MATURITY, REDEMPTION AND OTHER PROVISIONS FOR THE PAYMENT THEREOF; AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF A PROPOSAL FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE BONDS; AUTHORIZING A FILING OF REQUIRED DOCUMENTS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; RATIFYING AND DIRECTING CERTAIN ACTIONS OF OFFICERS; AND MAKING CERTAIN OTHER COVENANTS AND PROVISIONS IN RESPECT OF THE BONDS.

The Resolution was not amended from its proposed form upon final passage. The maximum interest rate on the Bonds, once issued, is 5.50%. Pending an assignment of the Purchase Proposal to a registered broker-dealer identified through a competitive bidding process, the Bonds were purchased by PFM Financial Advisors, LLC at a purchase price of not less than 95%, inclusive of net original issue discount, if any, together with accrued interest to the date of delivery. The full text of the Resolution as adopted may be examined by any citizen between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Administrative Offices of South Fayette Township School District, 3680 Old Oakdale Road, McDonald, PA 15057.

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 Board Secretary

SOUTH FAYETTE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT ENACTMENT NOTICE UNDER LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT DEBT ACT

Notice is hereby given that the Board of School Directors of South Fayette Township School District, at a meeting held on November 16, 2021, adopted a Resolution (No. 21-04) titled and summarized as follows:

AUTHORIZING THE INCURRING OF NONELECTORAL DEBT BY THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS, SERIES OF 2022 IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT-TO-EXCEED ELEVEN MILLION EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$11,800,000.00); COVENANTING TO PAY, AND PLEDGING ALL AVAILABLE TAXING POWER OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT UNIT FOR THE PAYMENT OF, THE

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Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust

Plaintiff vs. UNKNOWN SURVIVING HEIRS OF ROSALIE AUGUSTUS & LINDA J. HUGULEY KNOWN SURVIVING HEIR OF ROSALIE Augustus, Mortgage and Real Owner/Defendant

UNKNOWN SURVIVING HEIRS OF ROSALIE AUGUSTUS MORTGAGOR AND REAL OWNER, DEFENDANT whose last known address is 119 Urban Drive Verona, Pa 15147. THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR AND WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT OWED TO OUR CLIENT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM YOU WILL BE USED FOR THE PURPOSE OF COLLECTING THE DEBT.

You are hereby notified that Plaintiff Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, N.A. as Trustee for Mortgage Assets Management Series I Trust, has filed a Mortgage Foreclosure Complaint endorsed with a notice to defend against you in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, docketed to No. GD-21-007473 wherein Plaintiff seeks to foreclose on the mortgage secured on your property located, 119 Urban Drive Verona, PA 15147 whereupon your property will be sold by the Sheriff of Allegheny.

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You have been sued in court. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the following pages, you must take action within twenty (20) days after the Complaint and notice are served, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the court your defenses or objections to the claims set forth against you. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the Court without further notice for any money claim in the Complaint of for any other claim or relief

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS Allegheny COUNTY CIVIL ACTION - LAW ACTION OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE Term No. GD-21-007473 NOTICE OF ACTION IN MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE Bank of New York Mellon Trust

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requested by the Plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER OR CANNOT AFFORD ONE, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW. THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE THIS OFFICE WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER.

IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED FEE OR NO FEE.

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MORGANTOWN UTILITY BOARD Request for Qualifications for Professional Services

Morgantown Utility Board requests qualification submissions for professional services

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to perform a flood control study for the Morgantown area of Monongalia County, West Virginia. Prospective Consultants must register with Morgantown Utility Board by submitting a written Expression of Interest (EOI), which must be received by Morgantown Utility Board no later than 4:00 p.m. December 3, 2021. Morgantown Utility Board will issue a formal Request for Qualifications (RFQ) document to all prospective Consultants who submit an EOI expressing their wish to be considered. The required procedure includes submission of a Statement of Qualifications (SOQ), which must be received by Morgantown Utility Board no later than 4:00 p.m. January 7, 2022. Early submission of the EOI is strongly encouraged. The EOI may be sent as an email to the contact person below. EOI should be sent to: Morgantown Utility Board Attn: Rich Rogers P. O. Box 852 Morgantown, WV 26507-0852 email: rogers@umub.org Based upon the review of the SOQ of each respondent, firms may be invited for interviews with the selection committee. Said interviews shall be by invitation only. The evaluation of respondents and the selection of any Consultant so chosen will be conducted on the basis of demonstrated competence and qualification for the described professional services, in accordance with West Virginia Code Chapter 56. All federal equal opportunity and affirmative action requirements in regard to race, sex, religion, national origin, Handicap and Vietnam Veteran or Disabled Veteran status, as found in 41 CFR 60-1.4, 41 CFR 60-250.3 and 41 CFR 741.3, are herein incorporated by reference. Morgantown Utility Board reserves the right to reject any or all responses and to waive any informality in the evaluation and/or selection thereof.

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MORGANTOWN UTILITY BOARD
Morgantown, West Virginia

TOWNSHIP OF NORTH FAYETTE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Township of North Fayette Board of Supervisors and the Township of North Fayette Planning Commission shall hold a Special Joint Meeting on December 2, 2021, at 8:00 PM, at the Municipal Building, located at 400 N Branch Road, Oakdale, PA, 15071, to discuss strategic planning regarding residential land use within the Township.

NOTICE AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCES AND 2022 BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that Council for the Borough of Pitcairn intends to consider for enactment: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF PITCAIRN, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING AND LEVYING THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE WITHIN THE BOROUGH OF PITCAIRN FOR THE YEAR 2022.

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Notice is hereby given that Council for the Borough of Pitcairn, Pennsylvania, has completed its proposed 2022 Budget and same, as well as the proposed Ordinances, shall be available for inspection by the public in the offices of the Pitcairn Borough Building during regular business hours. Borough Council intends to consider action on the proposed Budget and the proposed Ordinances, at its monthly meeting on the 13th of December, 2022, at 6:00 o'clock PM. Council Chambers, 609 Broadway, Pitcairn, PA 15140.

OFFICIAL MUNICIPALITY OF BETHEL PARK

Bethel Park Municipal Council Approved The Following Ordinances At Its Regular Meeting On Monday, November 8, 2021, At 7:30 PM. In The Council Chambers Of The Municipal Building, 5100 West Library Avenue, Bethel Park.

An Ordinance Of The Municipality Of Bethel Park, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Vacating A Portion Of Barynn Road Which Intersects With Thornwood Drive And Setting The Effective Date Of The Vacation.

An Ordinance Of The Municipality Of Bethel Park, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Enacting The 2022 Municipal Budget.

An Ordinance Of The Municipality Of Bethel Park, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Fixing The Tax Rate For The Fiscal Year 2022.

An Ordinance Of The Municipality Of Bethel Park, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, Authorizing Agreements For The Borough's Acquisition Of Easements Over Private Lands Identified As Lot And Block 774-E-66, Lot And Block 774-F-14 And Lot And Block 774-F-12 Located Within The Municipality Of Bethel Park, For The Purpose Of Constructing, Repairing, Maintaining And Replacing The Municipality's Storm Sewer System, And Repealing Prior Ordinances Authorizing The Municipality To Initiate Condemnation Proceedings Against The Private Lands.

An Ordinance Authorizing The Acceptance Of The Donation Of Property At 3604 Valley Drive In The Municipality Of Bethel Park Identified As Parcel No. 0317-B-00102-0000-00.

A Full Copy Of These Ordinances May Be Examined Monday Through Friday Between 8:00 A.M. And 4:30 P.M. At The Bethel Park Municipal Building, 5100 West Library Avenue, Bethel Park, Pa 15102 By Calling (412) 831-6800.

/s/ Laurence Christian, Manager, Municipality of Bethel Park

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IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA CIVIL DIVISION

NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Plaintiff, v. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS OF CLARE CHRISTINE PETERSON A/K/A CLARE CHRISTINE PETERSON, DECEASED AND THE UNITED STATE OF AMERICA, Defendant(s).
NO. GD- 20-000758

NOTICE
Please be advised a Writ of Scire Facias Sur Tax Claim has been filed against the property located at Block & Lot 1348-R-806, more commonly known as 806 Forest Edge Court, Wexford, PA 15090 in Town of McCandless.

NOTICE
If you wish to defend, you must enter a written appearance personally or by attorney and file your defenses or objections in writing with the Court. You are warned that if you fail to do so the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you without further notice to the relief requested by the Plaintiff. You may lose the property or other rights important to you.

YOU SHOULD TAKE THIS PAPER TO YOUR LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU DO NOT HAVE A LAWYER, GO TO OR TELEPHONE THE OFFICE SET FORTH BELOW. THIS OFFICE CAN PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT HIRING A LAWYER. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD TO HIRE A LAWYER, THIS OFFICE MAY BE ABLE TO PROVIDE YOU WITH INFORMATION ABOUT AGENCIES THAT MAY OFFER LEGAL SERVICES TO ELIGIBLE PERSONS AT A REDUCED FEE OR NO FEE. LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE

The Allegheny County Bar Association, 400 Koppers Building 436 Seventh Avenue Telephone: (412) 261-6161 Jennifer L. Cerce, Esquire, Maitello, Brungo & Maitello, LLP, 412-242-4400

Notice is hereby given that PERFECT INTERIOR DESIGNS, INC. has filed the Foreign Registration Statement with the Pennsylvania Department of State on October 20, 2021 under the provisions of the Business Corporation Law of 1988.

PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with Pennsylvania Code 25, Section 271.141, Recycle Source, LLC herein provides public notification of the submittal of a permit application to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), Southwest Regional Office located in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. This application is for the development and operation of a municipal and residual solid waste transfer facility on property located along Vespuccius Street in the City of Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania. The proposed days and hours in which the general public may deliver waste to the facility are Monday through Friday 7:00-AM to 4:00-PM and Saturday from 8:00-AM to 12:00-PM.

The application may be available for review during normal business hours at the PADEP office, 400 Waterfront Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222. Fees for copying may be charged by the PADEP. Copies of the application will be submitted to the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County offices by the PADEP. The host municipality and county may submit comments recommending conditions upon, revisions to, and approval or disapproval of the application to the PADEP within 60 days of receipt of the application. The PADEP will also accept and consider comments from the public during the permit review period. Comments should be sent to Bureau of Waste Management, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Environmental Protection, 400 Waterfront Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222.

FINDLAY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS PUBLIC HEARING
The Findlay Township Board of Supervisors will consider a Conditional Use application

Legal Notices

from AURORA for an outdoor scientific laboratory at 100 Innovation Ridge in the Light Industrial (LJ) Zoning District. The hearing will be held on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. during the Board of Supervisors regular meeting at the Findlay Township Municipal Building located at 1271 Route 30 in Clinton, PA.

Christopher Caruso, Township Manager

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF CLAIRTON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Redevelopment Authority of the City of Clairton will hold a meeting on Tuesday, November 30th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m., prevailing time in Clairton City Hall, 551 Ravensburg Blvd, Clairton, Pa. for the purpose of conducting general business.

Howard J. Bednar, City Manager

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, CIVIL DIVISION

No. G.D. 21-013549 Plaintiff, vs. THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF JEANNE K. SAMUELS, DECEASED, Defendant(s).

THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AND ASSIGNS OF JEANNE K. SAMUELS, DECEASED: YOU are hereby notified that on November 3, 2021, Plaintiff, County of Allegheny, filed a Writ of Scire Facias Sur Tax Lien and Statement against you in the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County Pennsylvania, docketed to Case No. G.D. 21-013549, wherein Plaintiff seeks to collect delinquent real estate taxes lawfully levied and assessed against that certain property situate within the Borough of Jefferson Hills, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, described as follows: Block and Lot 1274-R-185, known as Decker Street, Clairton, PA 15025.

NOTICE TO DEFEND

On Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 6 p.m., Edgewood Borough Planning Commission shall hold a Public Meeting to review the following: (1) Application of AM Rodriguez & Associates for Conditional Use Approval, per Zoning Ord., Ch. 200 of the Borough Code of Ordinances, as amended, of a proposed Multifamily Housing at Edgewood Town Center (Parcel 177-L-92); (2) Application of Western Pa. School for the Deaf, for Approval of a revised Site Plan per the Borough's Subdivision & Land Development Ordinance; and (3) any other matters that may come before it. The Applications may be viewed at the Borough offices during normal business hours.

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Legal Notices

wherein Plaintiff seeks to collect delinquent real estate taxes lawfully levied and assessed against that certain property situate within the Township of Forward, County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, described as follows: Block and Lot 2272-E-373, known as Kelly Run Road, Monongahela, PA 15063.

NOTICE TO DEFEND

You have been sued in court. If you wish to defend against the claims set forth in the above referenced Scire Facias Sur Tax Lien and Statement, you must take action within twenty (20) days from the date of this publication, by entering a written appearance personally or by attorney and filing in writing with the court an Affidavit of Defense to the claims set forth against your property. You are warned that if you fail to do so, the case may proceed without you and a judgment may be entered against you by the court without further notice for any money claimed in the Writ of Scire Facias Sur Tax Claim and Statement or for any claim or relief requested by the plaintiff. You may lose money or property or other rights important to you.

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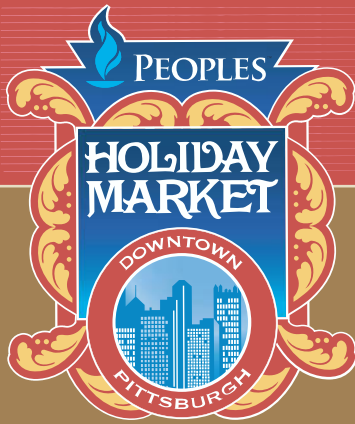


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Dash through the snow in comfort and style in **faux fur-lined winter boots** (\$144) from **Goatfeathers Boutique** in Oakmont. They include genuine nubuck leather and a lug sole for a refined work-boot look.

— Sara Bauknecht: sbauknecht@post-gazette.com,
and Linda Parker: lparker@post-gazette.com



Fluffy Disco Slides by **Ugg** (\$100) are a colorful, retro twist on a slip-on sandal. They're oh-so-soft thanks to sheepskin and an elevated sole crafted from EVA foam. Pair them with athleisure wear or jeans, or wear them for a fun alternative to slippers. Available at **Nordstrom at Ross Park Mall** or ugg.com.

Keep spirits bright with sneakers that send a positive message. The **Cultivate Care collection** by **Vans** was created with mental health and self-care in mind. Shoe styles for kids include **Old Skool sneakers** (\$70 at Vans at Ross Park Mall; vans.com) with cheerful embroidered designs. Vans has pledged to donate at least \$75,000 to the Kind Campaign, which aims to bring awareness and healing related to bullying.



The **Wonder boots** (\$345) from **Brighton's Pretty Tough collection** are the perfect everyday boot. They're neutral enough to go with almost anything but have special details such as small studs and just the slightest heel. Head to brighton.com to find local Brighton stores, including mall locations and independent boutique retailers.



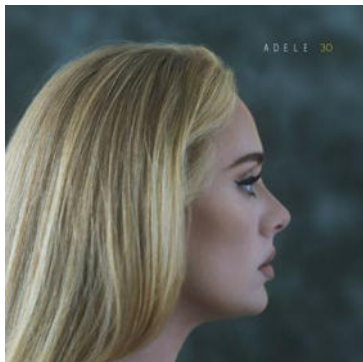
For the footwear fans who appear to have everything, give a **gift card** to the recently expanded **The Sol Collective**, now located at 23 Brilliant Ave. in Aspinwall. Curated by owner Kiersten Ferno, the store is stocked with shoes, apparel and accessories for men and women. Gift cards also are available at thesolcollective.com.



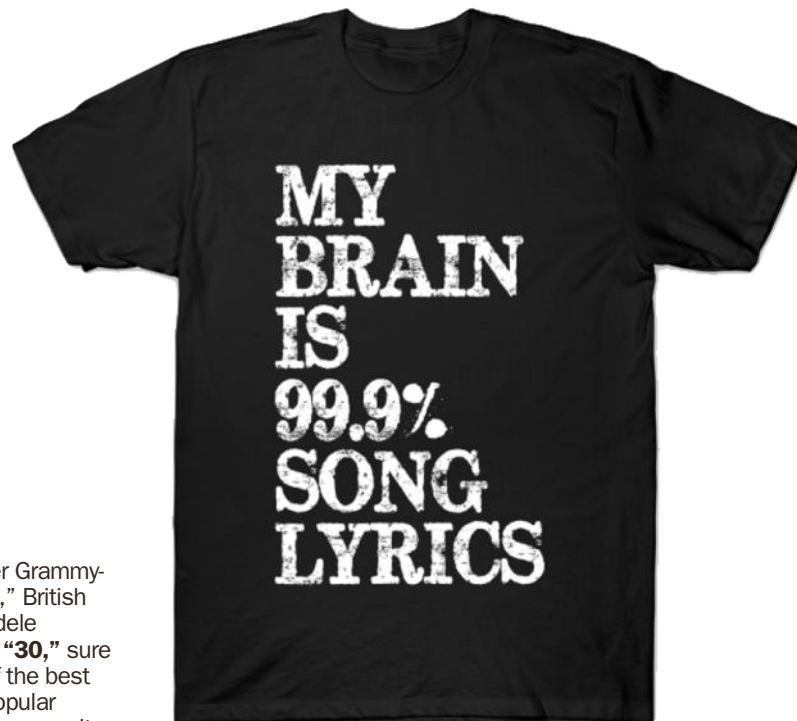
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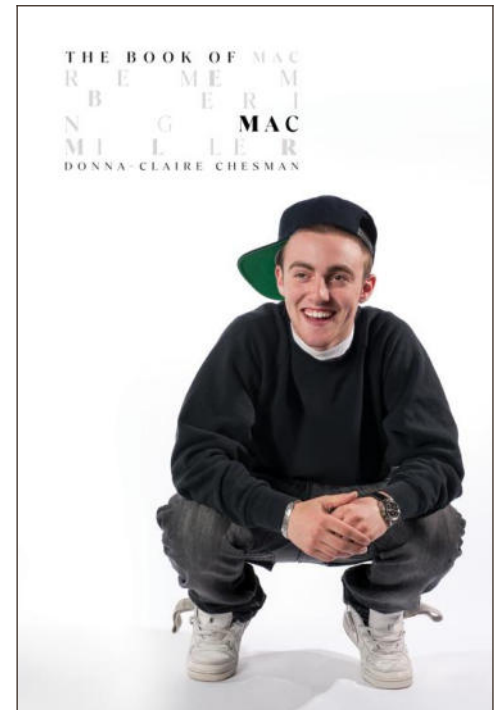
If you have a music lover on your gift list, you're in luck, because the options are easy and plentiful, and — with one exception here — you don't have to worry about buying the wrong size.



Following her Grammy-winning "25," British superstar Adele returns with "30," sure to be one of the best and most popular albums of the year. It includes a musical interlude that features the late Pittsburgh jazz legend Erroll Garner (Target, \$11.99).



Does the person on your list have a song lyric for every situation? Let them say it proudly with the "My Brain is 99.9% Song Lyrics" T-shirt, in bold black and white, available at Amazon for \$18.99.



Donna-Claire Chesman chronicles the all too short but prolific career of Pittsburgh rapper Mac Miller in "The Book of Mac," an album-by-album celebration of his music, complete with interviews with the people closest to him (Amazing Books, \$28).

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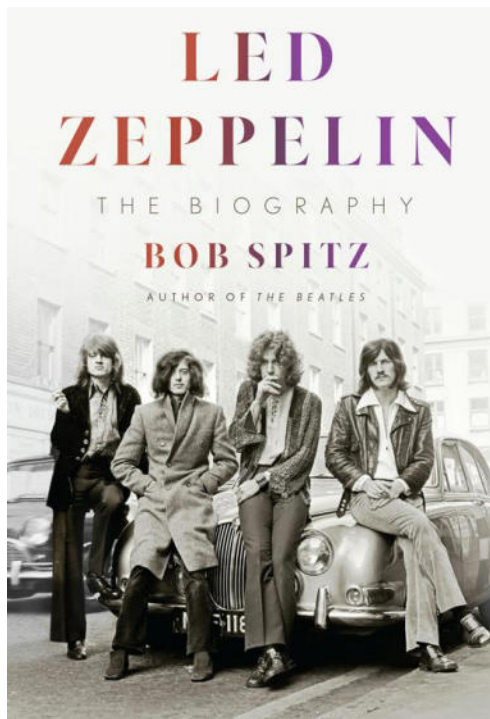
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A little decadence for the holiday can be found in great volume and detail in Bob Spitz's "**Led Zeppelin: The Biography**," capturing the legendary British band in full sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll mode. Don't worry. There's some stuff about their music, too (\$35, Barnes & Noble).



Kelly Clarkson is back in the holiday spirit with "**When Christmas Comes Around ...**," her second seasonal offering — the first being 2013's "Wrapped in Red." This one has a spicy single called "Christmas Isn't Canceled (Just You)" and contributions from Chris Stapleton, Ariana Grande and Brett Eldredge (Record Exchange, \$13.99 retail).

Unlike the 2020 holiday season, you can gift **concert tickets** with some assurance that the event will actually happen. Among the many options: Trans-Siberian Orchestra (Dec. 29), Tool (March 1), and **Kane Brown (Jan. 8)**, all at PPG Paints Arena; Ghost (Petersen Events Center, Feb. 14); and, looking way ahead, Kenny Chesney with Dan Shay at Heinz Field on June 11. Prices vary; ticketmaster.com.



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GIFTS FOR TV & MOVIE LOVERS



While some Pittsburghers stress over how the Steelers and Penguins are doing this time of year, others prefer to kick back and relax with movies or television. Here are a few holiday gift suggestions for the movie- and TV-loving yinzer in your life.



Movie theaters and streaming services are awash in comic book films and shows these days. If your friends or loved ones are looking for more on their favorite Marvel, DC or other comic book adventure, give a **gift card to Phantom of the Attic** comic book and games store in Oakland.



The Western Pennsylvania-filmed Showtime series "**American Rust**" wrapped up its first season a few weeks ago, and all nine episodes are available via Showtime. Give a **Showtime subscription** so your recipient can watch and point out all the local spots in each episode. After a free 30-day trial, it's \$10.99 a month or \$99 a year at sho.com/order.



If the movie buff in your life is into the 1991 locally filmed movie "The Silence of the Lambs," why not give a night or two at **Buffalo Bill's House** in Peryopolis? Yes, the cinematic house of serial killer Buffalo Bill was recently purchased and converted into what new owner Chris Rowan calls a "cinematic destination." **Gift certificates** can be purchased via buffalobillshouse.com for any amount toward an overnight stay or a guided tour of the property, which are planned in 2022.

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The blockbuster musical **"Hamilton"** is back in town Feb. 22-March 13 at the Benedum Center, Downtown, as part of the PNC Broadway in Pittsburgh series. Limited tickets, \$89-\$349, are available for nonsubscribers. Go to trustarts.org, call 412-456-4800 or visit the Theater Square box office, 665 Penn Ave., Downtown.



Late night host Trevor Noah's "Back to Abnormal World Tour" stops at PPG Paints Arena, Uptown, at 8 p.m. April 1. Tickets start at \$47.25. Go to ticketmaster.com, call 1-800-745-3000, or visit PPG Paints Arena box office.



Want a contemporary take on a classic holiday ballet? Try **"The Hip Hop Nutcracker,"** which features a DJ, a gang (of mice!) and rap versions of Tchaikovsky's score. It shifts the action from Christmas Eve to New Year's Eve. One show only: 7:30 p.m. Dec. 30 at the Benedum Center. Tickets, \$32-\$77, are at trustarts.org, 412-456-6666 or the Theater Square box office.




PICT Classic Theatre is celebrating its 25th anniversary with three productions and a staged reading series. The season wraps with **"The Boys in the Band,"** the story of seven gay men who gather in Manhattan for a birthday party. Director is Montze Freeland, a 2017 Post-Gazette Performer of the Year. It runs June 18-July 9 with previews June 16-17. Go to picttheatre.org.

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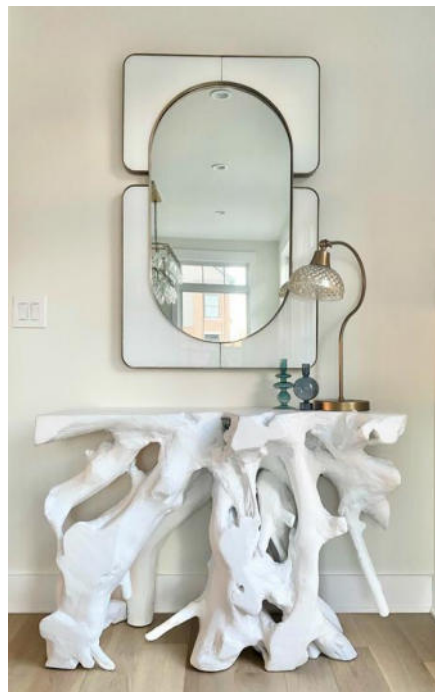
GIFTS FOR YOUR HOME



A gift for your home is really a gift for you and everyone who spends time in your space. The holidays are the perfect time of year to change things up with big or small additions like these.



Add a touch of color with this chic contemporary **Loni dining chair**, shown here in blue leather with a light oak frame. It is available in other finishes and leathers for \$780 at Weisshouse in Shadyside.



This **mirror at Hot Haute Hot** will reflect the holiday spirit for years to come. It measures 30 by 48 inches and has transitional appeal that will last long after the mistletoe is gone. \$840 at Hot Haute Hot in the Strip District.



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Find time to relax in a **Stressless leather wing recliner** with signature base. It retails for \$3,295 at Perloro on the South Side and is available in several wood finishes and a variety of colors.

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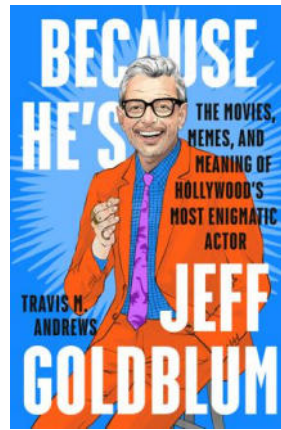
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For comfortable home viewing, **Target** has a **recliner massage chair** that resembles those leather movie theater seats and also comes with “three levels of vibration, eight massage points and five modes to chose.” It’s currently available via target.com for a sale price of \$236.99.



West Homestead native Jeff Goldblum has been making movies since the mid-1970s and can currently be seen on his Disney+ show, “The World According to Jeff Goldblum.” Washington Post reporter Travis Andrews recently wrote a comprehensive unauthorized biography of the man called “**Because He’s Jeff Goldblum.**” It’s \$19.89 in hardcover, \$14.99 on Kindle and \$7.95 as an audiobook at Amazon.com.

Speaking of books involving movie stars from Pittsburgh, Billy Porter recently put out his first memoir, “**Unprotected.**” It’s a raw journey into the pain and joy of the Emmy-, Grammy- and Tony-winning actor who doesn’t pull punches as he describes his triumphant and harrowing childhood in the Steel City. It’s \$22.49 at Barnes & Noble (barnesandnoble.com).



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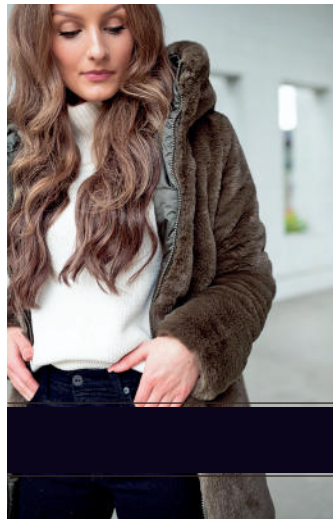


Prime Stage, a local theater company whose mission combines "bringing literature to life" with education, is celebrating its 25th anniversary with a lineup that will appeal to adults and children including "A Wrinkle in Time," March 4-13, and "Arsenic and Old Lace," May 6-15. All shows are at the New Hazlett Center for Performing Arts, North Side. Go to primestage.com.

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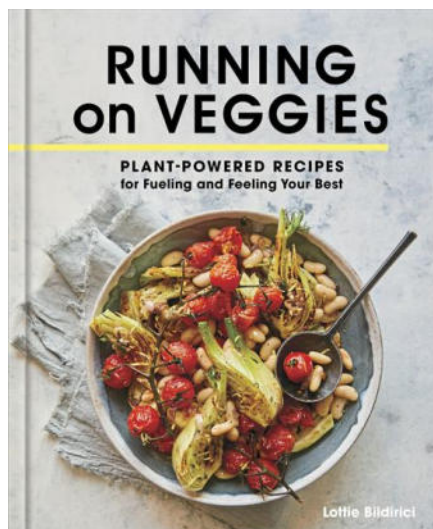
GIFTS FOR RUNNERS & HIKERS



With gyms closed during the pandemic, many took up running to relieve stress, get outdoors and fill up free time. Here's some gear to help new runners — as well as more seasoned ones — get the most out of their miles.



For runners who like to move with music, nothing is more irritating than getting tangled up in earphone wires. **MIFA's wireless bluetooth earbuds** fit snugly inside the ears, offering great sound at the touch of a button. You get five hours of playing time on a single charge. \$34.99 on Amazon.com.



Runners need to fuel their bodies right to run their best race. **"Running on Veggies"** (Rodale) by Adidas nutrition coach and holistic health coach Lottie Bildirici dishes up more than 100 mostly plant-based recipes to maximize workouts and enhance nutrition to perform at peak levels. \$22.99 at Penguin Bookshop, Sewickley.



Winter runs are wet and chilly in Pittsburgh. CRAFT Sportswear's long-sleeve **Active Extreme X Baselayer** jersey keeps runners warm and dry, thanks to COOLMAX Air Technology and ergonomic, waffle-knitted design. \$80 at Fleet Feet, Bethel Park.



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This **travel mug's** design will be familiar to Port Authority transit riders. The seat cover pattern has also inspired shirts and leggings from creator **Pittsburgh Bus Seat Co.** The stainless-steel mug holds 20 ounces of hot or cold beverages and is \$32.99 at society6.com.



No better way to ward off winter's chill than with a locally sourced gift set from **Tupelo Honey Teas** in Millvale. Tupelo's **Hot Toddy Blend** and honey from Russellton Bee Works is \$13, or for \$6 more add a bag of Hangover blend tea (tupelohoneyteas.com). For a classic toddy with whiskey, Tupelo recommends a shot of Cardshark Bourbon (\$35 a bottle) from Lucky Sign Spirits Distillery in Millvale. \$35 a bottle.



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For the gamers in your life, pick up the latest version of the spy-themed virtual reality puzzler "**I Expect You to Die 2**," from Pittsburgh-based **Schell Games**. Players are on a virtual-reality mission to head off world domination. \$24 for versions on Oculus Quest, Oculus Rift, PlayStation VR and Steam.



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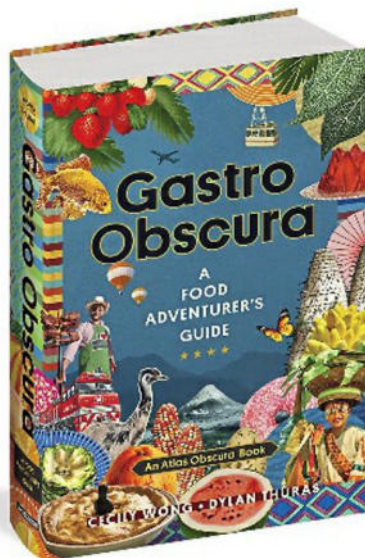
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GIFTS FOR CHEFS & FOODIES



Gifts for home cooks: ideas to add ease and a little Pittsburgh.

Ever wonder how (and why) West Virginia's Roadkill Cook-off got started, how ancient Persian icehouses were built or what Russia feeds its cosmonauts? From the Atlas Obscura folks, "**Gastro Obscura**" (Workman) takes readers on a fascinating culinary journey of the globe while celebrating its diversity. It includes more than 500 stories of unexpected dishes, unusual ingredients and can't-believe-it cooking practices. \$42.50 at White Whale Bookstore, Bloomfield.



Every cook should have a pretty towel to dry his or her hands after washing something in the sink. This whimsical 100% cotton **tea towel** features an abstract view of a Pittsburgh incline by local artist Debbie Barbarita of BeBe Blue Designs. \$22 at love, Pittsburgh, Downtown.



Meat and vegetables should always be sliced and diced on separate cutting boards to prevent cross-contamination. This **set from Joie** makes it easy by offering different colors for different types of food — green for fruits and veggies, red for meat and blue for fish. All feature an "easy slide" end, and they snap together for easy storage. \$7.99 at Home Goods, Robinson Town Centre.



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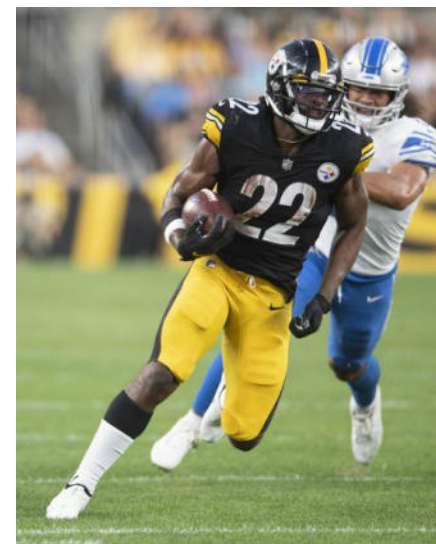
Here are some Christmas gift ideas for the Pittsburgh sports fan(s) in your life.



Here is what makes the Steelers one of the most iconic teams in NFL history — six Super Bowl championships, eight AFC championships and 24 division titles. But how well do you really know the Steelers? **You Gotta Know Games** has created a **trivia game** called **Who's The Man — Pittsburgh Football edition**. Its 100 cards are filled with clues pertaining to great players, coaches and personalities from Steelers lore. \$24.95 at yougottaknowgames.com or at Rally House and other select retail locations.



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If you’re a fan who prefers to show off your Steelers love outdoors, you’ll want to wear or give an official NFL jersey of rookie running back **Najee Harris**. The Steelers’ first-round pick has already impressed, averaging over 100 total yards per game in his debut season, and NFLshop.com lists his jersey as one of the top sellers this season. It’s \$119.99 online or at the Steelers Pro Shop on the North Shore.

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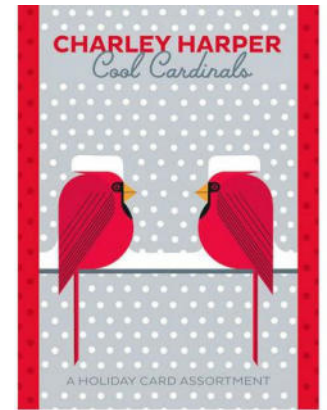
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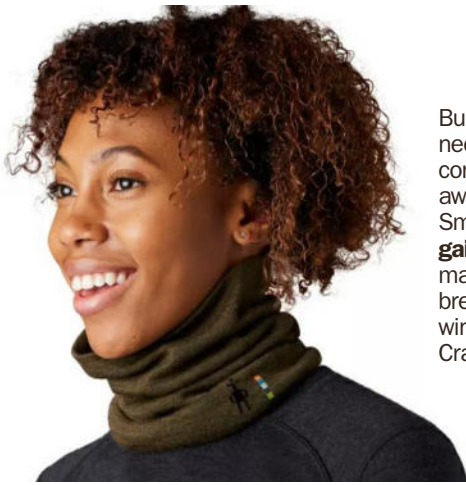


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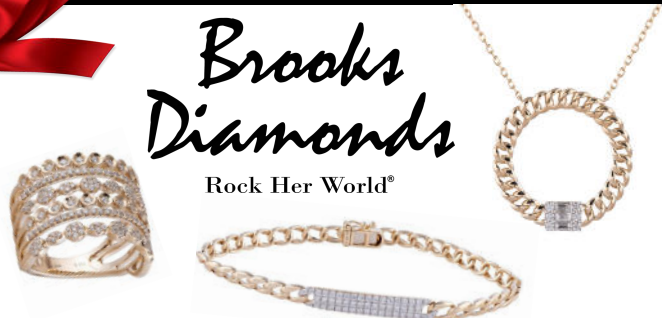
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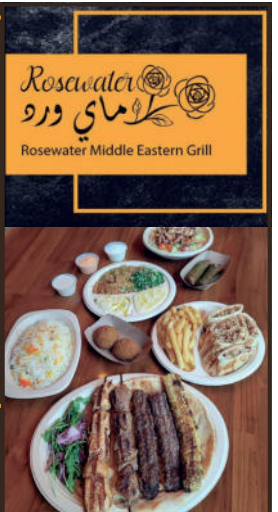


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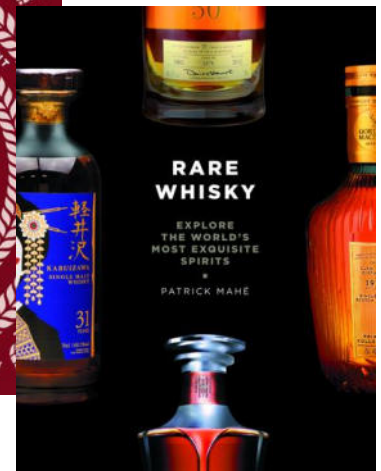
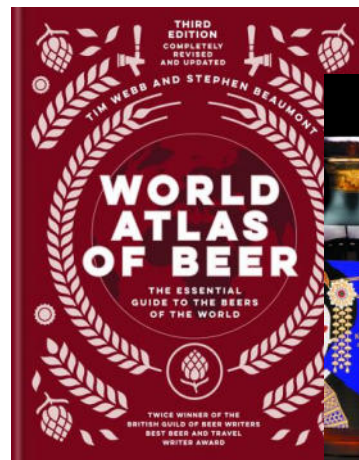
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Fine Wine & Good Spirits Premium Collection stores once again are offering **wine advent calendars**, featuring 24 days' worth of still and sparkling wines and wine cocktails, in cans, mostly from the state of Washington, for \$99.99 in store or at FWGS.com (search "advent").



Pittsburgh Brewing Co. is offering 2021 **ugly holiday sweaters** for fans of two of its iconic brands — IC Light and Old German. They're a blend of 85% acrylic and 15% wool and available to preorder (for mid-December deliver) for \$48 at shop.pittsburghbrewing.com.



Your recipient can get all worldly with one of two **booze books** newly out from **Octopus**. A few local breweries are mentioned in the newly updated, definitive guide to world beer, "World Atlas of Beer, 3rd Edition: The Essential Guide to the Beers of the World" by Tim Webb and Stephen Beaumont (Mitchell Beazley, \$39.99). You can tell by the spelling that "Rare Whisky: Explore the World's Most Exquisite Spirits" by Patrick Mahe (Conran, \$55) focuses outside the U.S. Available locally at Riverstone Books in McCandless and Squirrel Hill and Penguin Bookshop in Sewickley.



Apis Mead and Winery, the Carnegie maker of honey wines called meads, has **holiday four-packs** of 375-milliliter bottles of Raspberry Blackberry, Peach Apricot, Bomb First (blackberry, blueberry and strawberry) and Strawberry Balsamic for \$40. Order and pick up in Carnegie or have it shipped; www.apismead.com.



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The beauty of **Lego** is that there is something for everyone. From the White House to "Star Wars" characters, building with bricks stimulates the brain and encourages teamwork between generations. You'll find an amazing assortment of building sets at the **Lego store at Ross Park Mall** (412-837-4125) or LEGO.com.



What's more fun than getting messy with a kid? At **Katie's Clay Studio** in Hampton, you can do everything from working a pottery wheel to painting precast penguins, pumpkins, owls and alligators. Or go groovy and tie-dye a T-shirt or create your own piece of art from bits of glass. Get a gift card and check out classes for all ages at Katiesclaystudio.com or call 412-486-2184.



Looking for something in the great outdoors? Take them on a river adventure with **Venture Outdoors Kayak Pittsburgh**. Rent a tandem kayak for you and kids ages 3-12 or individual kayaks for those 13 and older. When it reopens in May, you can purchase gift certificates at VentureOutdoors.org.

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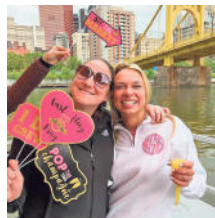
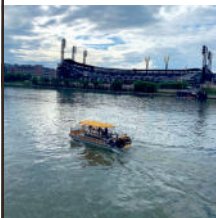
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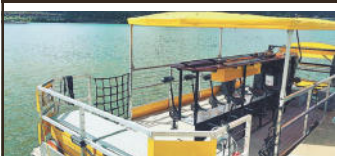
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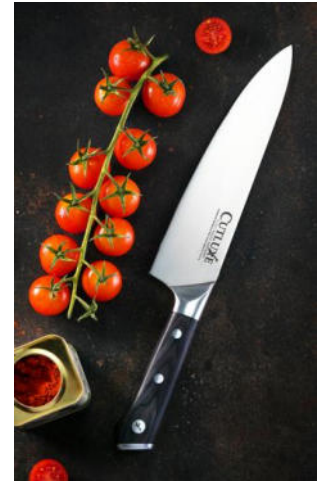
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Anything that makes cooking easier and faster is a chef's best friend. The **Ninja Foodi Air Pro** combines the best of air frying with pressure cooking in one 8-quart nonstick pot. There's 12 programmable cooking functions, and it also comes with a 45-recipe cookbook so you hit the ground running, whether you're baking, roasting, steaming or sauteing. \$220 at Target.



A quality knife is one of the most important and useful tools in the kitchen. **Cutluxe's traditional chef knives** are made with premium-grade steel to create a razor-sharp edge, and each features an ergonomic handle. Together, they create effortless chopping, slicing and dicing of ingredients. \$39.99 and up, depending on size and series, at cutluxe.com.

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Birdwatching is a great outdoor pursuit that doesn't strain the knees. Take along someone you love and a good pair of binoculars, a journal for tracking your avian discoveries and a bird guidebook. If you're lacking one of those things, start your adventure by visiting the **Audubon Nature Store** at Beechwood Farms Nature Reserve in Fox Chapel, Succop Nature Park in Butler or Buffalo Creek Nature Park in Sarver. They've got outdoor bird feeders and binoculars by Swarovski, Kowa and Nikon at various prices.



The **Buhl Planetarium** opened in 1939, but it's changed a lot since then. As lasers dance on the planetarium's dome along with holiday music, you and a young friend will find lots to capture the imagination. The **Laser Holiday Magic show** at the planetarium inside the Carnegie Science Center on the North Shore runs daily through Dec. 31, and there's also the Laser Beatles, Laser Stranger Things and Laser Galactic Odyssey. Tickets are \$2 for Carnegie Museum members and \$8 for nonmembers. Add a second laser show for just \$5 at the Carnegie Science Center or carnegiesciencecenter.org.

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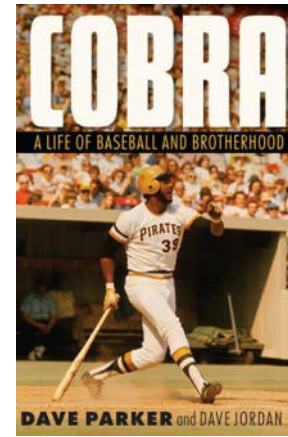
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There are also those who prefer to have an adult beverage while watching their sports, either out of pleasure or necessity. You can represent your love for Pittsburgh there, too. AllGiftsShop on Etsy is selling **Penguins**-themed barware, with a **decanter and rocks glasses** bearing the Penguins logo, for \$45.95.



Some of that partaking in adult beverages may happen in a parking lot on the North Shore or off Fifth Avenue prior to a game. That's right, we're talking tailgates. And nothing improves a tailgate quite like a game of **cornhole**. The Pirates, Steelers and Penguins all have boards and beanbags available both on their websites and at their pro shops. Prices range from around \$25 to \$240.



Legendary Pirates player **Dave Parker** has released an autobiography, "**Cobra: A Life of Baseball and Brotherhood.**" The book, co-authored by Dave Jordan, outlines his 11 seasons with the Pirates, including the 1979 World Series and the Pittsburgh drug trials, his time with the Cincinnati Reds and even his battle with Parkinson's in recent years. It is colorful, probably rated PG-13, and \$34.95 at Barnes & Noble stores or www.barnesandnoble.com.

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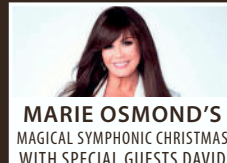
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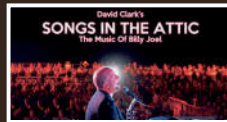
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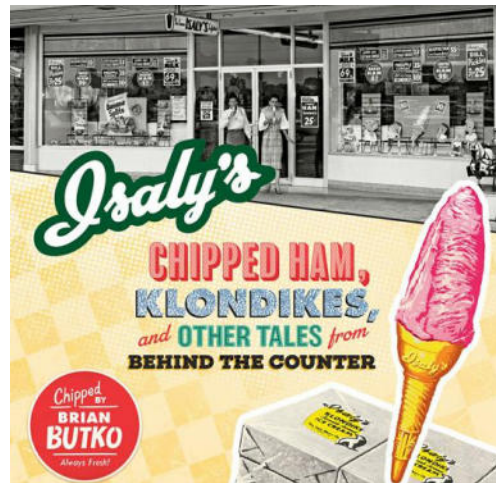
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Brian Butko's new book, "Isaly's Chipped Ham, Klondikes, and Other Tales from Behind the Counter," explores how Isaly's grew from horse-drawn milk wagons to become the world's largest dairy store chain. The lavishly illustrated, 148-page book takes readers on a nostalgic ride through the fascinating history of famous products like Chipped Ham, Klondikes and Skyscraper Cones. \$19.95 at the Heinz History Center Museum Shop; shop.heinzhistorycenter.org.



A curved art glass tray that shows Doris Lee's artwork "The Gong" can hold jewelry, pocket change or keys, or serve as a coffeetable centerpiece. At 5 by 7 inches and with rounded edges, it's \$55 from the Museum Shop at the Westmoreland Museum of American Art; thewestmoreland.org.



The new Phipps Conservatory commemorative holiday ornament features Pittsburgh's famous botanical venue rendered in brass. Made in the U.S. by Beacon Ornaments. \$20 at The Shop at Phipps; shop.conservatory.org.

— Marylynn Pitz, Pittsburgh-based freelance arts journalist: mlpitz27@gmail.com

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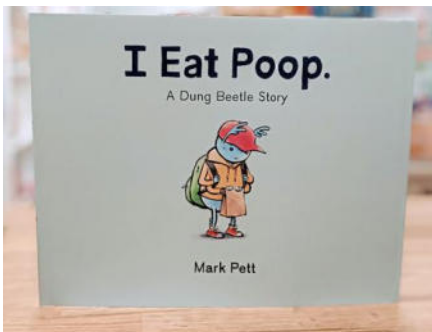
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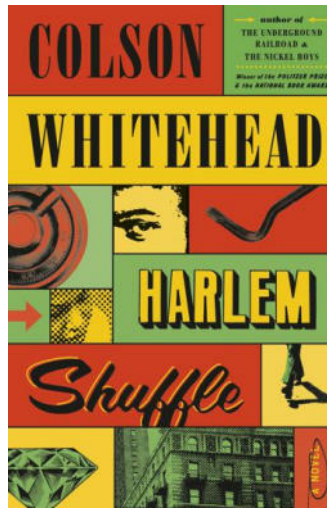


Reading a great book while sitting in a cozy chair is an unbeatable way to unwind from the holidays. Owners of six local bookstores highly recommend these books as gifts.

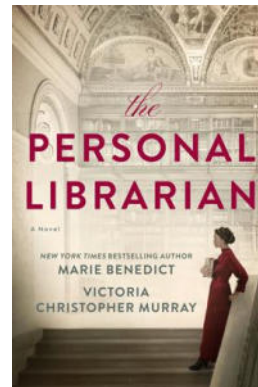


"I Eat Poop: A Dung Beetle Story" is a children's book by Matt Pett. In this funny tale, Dougie the dung beetle has to decide if he will stand up for a classmate and also be honest about his true nature. \$18.99 at **Spark Books** in Aspinwall.

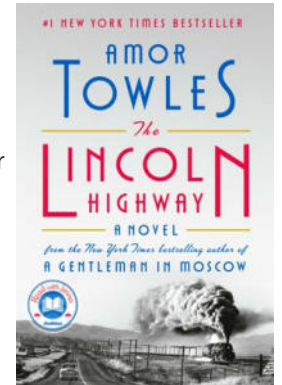
"Harlem Shuffle" by Colson Whitehead, a novelist who has received two Pulitzer Prizes, is set in Harlem and features New York gangsters like Miami Joe. \$28.95 at **Mystery Lovers Bookshop** in Oakmont.



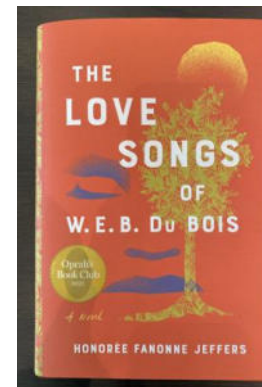
"Crying in H Mart" is Michelle Zauner's memoir about her close bond with a demanding but nurturing Korean mother. After her mother dies, she finds comfort in the aromas that envelop her during a weekly visit to an Asian super-market. A portion of the book first appeared in The New Yorker magazine. \$26.95 at **White Whale Bookstore** in Bloomfield.



"The Personal Librarian," by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray, is a fictional recounting of the life of Belle da Costa Greene, a light-skinned Black woman who passed as white while building J. Pierpont Morgan's outstanding collection of art and rare books. \$27 at **Penguin Bookshop** in Sewickley.



"The Lincoln Highway," a novel by Amor Towles, follows three young people from a juvenile detention center on a 10-day journey that includes encounters with entertaining vaudevillians and aristocrats from New York City's Upper East Side. \$30 at **Riverstone Books** in Squirrel Hill and McCandless.



"The Love Songs of W.E.B. Du Bois" is an acclaimed debut novel by Honoree Fanonne Jeffers, an award-winning poet. The heroine, Ailey Pearl Garfield, is educated in 20th-century Georgia, where she learns about class and color. \$28.99 at **City of Asylum Bookstore** on the North Side.

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YouTube's shift to shopping starts this Christmas

By Mark Bergen and Lucas Shaw
Bloomberg

Every day, millions of viewers come to YouTube to research the latest gadgets and beauty products that the site's creators promote. Most of them then leave to make a purchase - often on Amazon.com.

YouTube wants in on the action. "We're making their jobs harder," David Katz, YouTube's vice president for shopping, said in an interview. "YouTube has an enormous shopping opportunity."

Last week, YouTube hosted a weeklong livestreaming event, called Holiday Stream and Shop, where select social media stars sold their own merchandise and brand name products directly on the platform. In the coming weeks, some YouTubers will be able to hawk goods from their videos, a concept known as shoppable video. It's all part of the company's biggest push yet to become a shopping destination.

YouTube, part of Google, has toyed with this idea for years, but its plans accelerated when the pandemic created a surge in e-commerce. The company also faces new competition in luring advertising dollars — its core business — from the likes of Amazon, which is quickly growing its ads unit.

Last year, YouTube began asking creators to track the items they featured in footage in an initial step to build buying features directly inside videos, as Bloomberg News first reported. This summer, YouTube hired Mr. Katz, an e-commerce veteran, and Bridget Dolan, an executive with beauty chain Sephora, to lead a new division focused on shopping.

While Americans are used to buying items showcased on cable networks like QVC and the Home Shopping Network, efforts to crack

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Brandon Bell/Getty Images

Manufacturing disruptions related to the pandemic have affected virtually every aspect of the global supply chain as international shipping continues to face manufacturing and transportation issues. A shortage of toys and other consumer goods is projected to remain well into 2022.

How to avoid late gifts, scams during supply chain crisis this holiday season

By Susan Tompor
Detroit Free Press

The holiday shopping rush is officially on.

We're just a day before Black Friday and many big stores, like Macy's and Walmart, have flooded us with many after-Thanksgiving deals online.

From the looks of things, many people are already stocking up.

On a quick trip to Target late one recent Saturday night in early November, I spotted a shopper who had loaded up her cart with a massive box containing an artificial Christmas tree, a giant wheel of outside lights and other holiday trinkets.

Yep, just a week after Hallow-

een, and even more shoppers milled about the holiday section at the back of the store that night, picking up ornaments and other decorations.

What's the rush, one might wonder? Many people want to bring the holidays back with a vengeance after the pathetic, scaled-down celebrations of 2020. At the same time, we've got all those scary warnings of supply chain havoc and potential shipping delays.

Shoppers scared of delays, shortages should buy early

Retailers, of course, are playing into the fears of shortages and delays. Macy's website, for example, led with the tagline in early No-

vember: "Get holiday gifts on time!"

Many consumers seem ready to pivot and deal as best they can with whatever comes their way, based on TransUnion's 2021 Consumer Holiday Shopping Report.

"Overall, what we found is that consumers plan to spend more, shop earlier and try new retailers," said Shannon Wu-Lebron, senior director of retail in TransUnion's diversified markets business.

Ms. Wu-Lebron told me in an interview that consumers appeared far more cautious about their spending plans last year. But this year's survey showed a 22% increase in the number of respondents who plan to spend more on holiday shopping — and that's af-

ter two years of consumers talking about planning to spend less.

About 33% of those surveyed said they're shopping earlier this season as they anticipated problems getting gifts because of supply chain issues.

Giving the gift of something else

Concern about scarcity of some items has 25% of those surveyed saying they're considering alternate gifts.

The survey didn't ask what kind of alternatives consumers might be considering but some may be more willing to buy gift cards, especially

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Courtesy of Jenna Peffley for Opalhouse and Jungalow.

A tablescape is designed with the holiday collection co-created by Opalhouse and Jungalow.

Tips for a stress-free seasonal gathering for first-time hosts

Emily Heil and Jura Koncius
The Washington Post

The season of celebration is here, and if this is your first time hosting family or friends in your new home for the holidays, you may be wondering how you're going to pull it off.

Before we delve into the specifics (don't worry, we've got your back), a few words of general advice: You don't have to throw the party your parents (or grandparents) did. This is your show.

If you want to break out your

wedding china and serve a traditional dinner menu, do it. But if you're more the chili and beer type, that's fine, too. Are you more of a morning person? Serve mimosas and quiche at a brunch. Hate holiday music? Queue up an R&B playlist. If living through a pandemic has taught us anything, it's to let go of what's not important, and that might include Great-Aunt Trudy's chess pie that nobody really liked, anyway.

Speaking of the pandemic: This year's gatherings will

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Car rental prices are sky-high again

By Lauren Zumbach
Chicago Tribune

People renting cars for holiday trips may be in for some sticker shock.

Rental car companies have brought in more vehicles since shortages sent prices sky-high this summer, but rates are rising again as more people prepare to hit the road over Thanksgiving and the winter holidays.

"The holidays are looking better than this summer, but I wouldn't be celebrating too much. It's still a pricey time to rent a car, and we predict that it will be for quite some time moving forward," said Matt Clarke, vice president of North America marketing at travel search company Kayak.

Just how much rates are expected to go up depends on who you ask, and where you're renting.

Kayak estimates average rental prices in Chicago over Thanksgiving are about \$104 per day, up 90% compared with the same period in 2019. Nationwide, rates averaged \$97 per day, although New Yorkers are expected to pay even more: about \$135 per day over Thanksgiving.

Christmas rates in Chicago were about \$102 per day, up about 65% compared with 2019, according to Kayak.

AAA forecast a more modest increase, with an average daily car rental rate of \$98 across 20 U.S. locations over Thanksgiving, up just



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People wait in line at the Miami International Airport Car Rental Center on April 12. Customers found car rental agencies had a limited supply of vehicles as people began traveling again. Now, the holiday season has prices soaring yet again.

4% from last year but nearly 31% higher than 2019.

Finding vehicles can also be a challenge in certain areas. Victoria Park, 42, of Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood, booked a rental from Thrifty for a trip to Phoenix last weekend because her usual car rental company was sold out. But when her flight landed, Thrifty had closed early because it was out of cars, she said.

Other airport rental agencies were fully booked, too. Ms. Park took an Uber to her hotel and eventually got a refund through Ameri-

can Express Travel, which she used to book the rental.

Drivers will also shell out more to fill the tank. Gasoline prices were 49.6% higher in October than they were a year ago, according to the most recent Consumer Price Index report from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

More than 53.4 million are expected to travel for the Thanksgiving holiday, up 13% compared with last year and within 5% of 2019, AAA said in a news release. About

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Slope changes

Local resorts add lifts, lighting, snowmaking gear and other benefits

By Lawrence Walsh
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

After a stressful snowsports season last winter that focused on dealing with a pandemic, local and regional resorts rebounded this summer and fall with a variety of capital investments and improvements.

They include a new four-passenger chairlift on the Front Face of Seven Springs and a replacement handle tow to return skiers and snowboarders from Hidden Valley's North Summit slopes and trails to the resort's Valley terrain.

Boyce Park has installed new LED lighting to provide better visibility on its slopes and trails and Blue Knob has replaced approximately 2,500 feet of snowmaking water lines from the top of Upper Route 66 down to Deer Run and Lower High Hopes.

Pandemic restrictions and limitations — masks, social distancing, use of hand sanitizing stations — are still being imposed or strongly encouraged at all four places.

Seven Springs' new quad chairlift, which will serve the challenging Avalanche slope and provide easier access to the Tyrol and Stowe slopes, was the big ticket item of the off-season. Although the resort doesn't disclose the cost of improvements, such lifts can cost \$1.4 million or more.

The new 1,956-foot-long lift is strung on seven towers, has 88 chairs suspended from its wire rope and whisks its passengers up 492 vertical feet in less than 4½ minutes. Powered by a 200-horsepower electric motor, it will increase uphill capacity from 1,800 to 2,400 people per hour.

Joel Rerko, director of mountain operations, said the lift will improve guests' experience on the Front Face. "Less time on the lift and shorter lift lines equal more time on the snow."

It's a big plus for anyone who has ever used ski poles to push themselves from the top of the old Avalanche lift to the Tyrol and Stowe slopes. Rerko said the quad will also benefit youth and racing programs. Jim DiBiase, program director for the Western Pennsylvania Race Club, agreed.

"We are very excited to see Seven Springs continue to support the next generation of skiers and its continued commitment to invest in the area we all call home," he said.

The resort also added new snowmaking on the Ava-



Seven Springs

Seven Springs Mountain Resort has added a quad chairlift and made other improvements in its snowsports facilities.



Seven Springs

Hidden Valley improvements include a replacement handle tow to return skiers and snowboarders from the North Summit to the resort's Valley terrain.

lanche slope, installed 30 HKD (Herman Kress Dupre) snowmaking towers at other locations and replaced the wire haul rope on the six-passenger Polar Bear Express that carries guests from the Front Face to the North Face slopes and trails.

In addition, Seven Springs welcomed a new ex-

ecutive chef, Steven Rechterika, a Pittsburgh native who has won a number of culinary awards, and bought more rental equipment — 150 pairs of Rossignol skis, 190 Flash IRS ski boots, 160 Burton snowboard boots and 500 Rossignol helmets. Hidden Valley's replacement handle tow connects

its North Summit and Valley areas. Picture one-half of an elongated boomerang that can be held in one hand or slipped behind one's posterior. With a well-deserved reputation as a family-friendly resort, Hidden Valley offers a Junior Seasonal Lease Program for \$159 that fits kids into skis, boots and

bindings they can use all season long. Ski shop manager Mike Demao and his team will fit children into skis from 70cm to 140cm and boots in sizes 14.5-26.5. For information, call 1-814-443-8000.

Blue Knob is completing a number of improvements for its residents and lodging guests, including renovations and upgrades to the indoor pool, hot tub area and gym. It also repaved the condominium and clubhouse restaurant parking lots. Although the resort isn't requiring employees to be vaccinated, it requires indoor staff to wear masks and encourages everyone to practice social distancing indoors and out. It will have hand-sanitizing stations throughout its indoor facilities.

"We are not requiring any chairlift limits," said marketing director Donna Himes. "However, if a guest is not comfortable riding a lift with someone outside of their group, we will allow them to ride single. Our focus is to keep everyone safe and also to provide food services and recreational opportunities in a responsible manner."

Boyce Park's focus also is on safety on and off the

slopes, said Allegheny County communications director Amie Downs. Guests won't be permitted on the second floor of the Four Seasons Activity Center to limit the number of people in the building.

A new check-in booth at the base of the snowtubing hill has attached indoor flush restrooms so guests don't have to walk to the restrooms on the lower level of the lodge. A check-in window at the lodge is designed to significantly reduce the number of people who are inside together at any given time.

"It has the added benefit of getting patrons on the slopes even quicker," Downs said.

Blue Knob, Boyce Park, Hidden Valley, Laurel Mountain and Seven Springs are actively seeking employees for the winter and possibly beyond. Hourly wages generally begin at \$10 and go up to \$20. Benefits include season passes, discounts on food and retail shop items and complimentary lift tickets for family and friends.

Lawrence Walsh covers snowsports for the Post-Gazette.

Local resorts hike prices for snowsport tickets, equipment rentals

By Lawrence Walsh
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

With the exception of Boyce Park, it will cost more to ski and snowboard and rent equipment at local resorts this season.

Blue Knob raised the cost of adult and junior (12 and under) weekend lift tickets by \$5 to \$75 and \$70, respectively.

Hidden Valley bumped up the cost of its adult and junior (ages 6-11) Friday and Saturday lift tickets by a few bucks to \$76 and \$61, respectively. The Sunday rates are \$75 and \$60, respectively. Not much of a savings there.

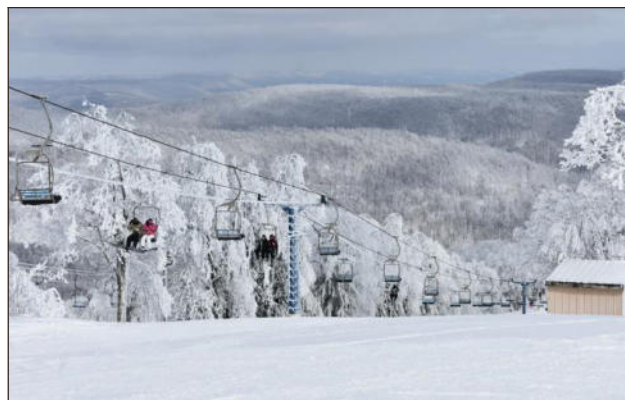
Laurel Mountain added \$2 to its Friday-Sunday adult lift tickets (now \$61) and \$1 to its junior (ages 6-11) lift tickets (now \$49). The cross-country rental package for skis, boots and poles jumped from \$25 to \$43, the same price Laurel charges for ski and snowboard rental packages.

At Seven Springs, adults will now pay \$95 a day for Friday through Sunday adult lift tickets, and \$98 a day during the Christmas and New Year's holidays. The \$98 holiday rate also will apply during Martin Luther King Jr. and Presidents' Day weekends. Juniors (ages 6-11) cost \$73 on weekends and \$77 over the holidays. Remember when weekends didn't start until Saturday?

It will cost customers \$10 more at Hidden Valley, Laurel Mountain and Seven Springs if they don't pay for their lift tickets, rental equipment and lessons in advance. The resorts instituted the pre-purchase plan last season as part of their "touchless" pandemic policy and said it was well received. This season's higher prices will help pay for a number of capital and operational improvements completed during the summer and fall (see related story).

Boyce Park, the Allegheny County-owned ski/snowboard/snowtube area in Plum, also adopted a pre-purchase plan for lift tickets, rental equipment and lessons. Adults and juniors will pay the same amount for "general admission" lift tickets — \$20 Friday afternoon through Sunday evening and \$15 Monday through Thursday evening. There is no charge for children 4 and younger. No season passes are being offered this winter.

Snowsports enthusiasts who ski or snowboard more than eight times between December and March can save money by buying a season pass. Hidden Valley, Laurel Mountain and Seven Springs also offer money-saving Six Tix and Super 7 packages that can be redeemed for lift tickets and used anytime.



Donna Himes

The Upper Route 66 at Blue Knob.

Another savings tip: Jumpin' Jakes on Route 31 in Donegal rents ski and snowboard packages for \$25, much less than the \$56 price at Seven Springs, \$45 at Hidden Valley and \$43 at Laurel Mountain.

Blue Knob, Hidden Valley, Laurel Mountain and Seven Springs also offer discounted overnight lodging, ski and snowboard tickets and snow tubing tickets to military and Department of Defense personnel — active-duty, reserve, retired or dependent. Military ID is required.

Please note: Pandemic limitations and restrictions — masking, social distancing, etc. — continue at each resort, especially for the unvaccinated.

Here's what it will cost to slide on snow this season:

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Prices: Adult weekends \$75, weekdays \$45. Junior (12 and under) and seniors (65 and over): weekends \$70, weekdays \$40. Children 5 and younger ski/snowboard free with a paying adult. Mondays are Military/1st Responder Days and Tuesdays are College Days. Lift tickets are \$38 and IDs are required. Season passholders from other resorts can buy a lift ticket for \$38 on any non-holiday Monday through Friday.

Beginner group lesson: weekends \$45, weekdays \$35. Rental packages: skis, boots and poles \$35, snowboard and boots \$45. Helmets:

\$10. Cross-country rental (skis, boots and poles): adult \$25, junior \$20. Trail fee: \$10. Snowshoes and poles: \$10.

Contacts: 1-800-458-3403; 1-814-239-5111; www.blueknob.com.

Boyce Park

Prices: Weekend lift ticket (Friday afternoon through Sunday night): \$20, nonresidents \$25; Monday afternoons through Thursday nights: \$15, nonresidents \$19, children 4 and younger free. There are no season passes.

Ski and snowboard rental packages including helmets: \$20.

Lessons: private and semi-private lessons \$30, nonresident \$38.

Contacts: 724-733-4656; 724-733-4665 (recorded snow conditions); www.allegheny-county.us.

Hidden Valley

Prices: Adult Friday and Saturday lift ticket: \$76, junior (6-11): \$61. Sunday: adult \$75, junior \$60. Adult Monday-Thursday: \$47, junior: \$37. Children 5 and under ski/snowboard free with a paying adult. Seniors 70-79 pay half-price; seniors 80 and older free but must obtain a lift ticket.

Ski/snowboard rental: \$45. Helmet rental \$15. Group lesson: \$61.

Contacts: 1-814-443-8000; www.hiddenvalleyre-

sort.com.

Laurel Mountain

Prices: Adult Friday-Sunday lift ticket: \$61, junior (6-11): \$49. Tuesday-Thursday: \$44, junior \$34. Closed on Mondays. Children 5 and under ski/snowboard free with a paying adult. Seniors ages 70-79 pay half-price; seniors 80 and older free but must obtain a lift ticket.

Ski, snowboard and cross-country rentals: \$43. Snowshoe and poles rental: \$25. Helmet rental \$15.

No group lessons. One hour private lesson: \$125.

Contacts: 724-238-2801 (in-season) 1-888-547-3388 (off-season); www.laurelmountain.com.

Seven Springs

Prices: Adult lift ticket Fridays through Sundays: \$95, Mondays through Thursdays: \$74. Child (ages 6-11) Fridays through Sundays: \$73, Mondays through Thursdays: \$58. Children 5 and under ski free when accompanied by an adult with a lift ticket. Seniors (ages 70-79) pay half-price; seniors 80 and older ski free but must obtain a lift ticket.

Ski/snowboard rental: \$56. Helmet rental \$15. Group lesson: \$65.

Contacts: 1-800-452-2223, 1-800-523-7777 (recorded snow conditions), 1-814-352-7777; www.7springs.com.

YouTube starts shift to shopping platform

YOUTUBE, FROM HX-1

commerce in online video have mostly floundered.

That's not the case in China, where the fusion of social media and e-commerce has created a colossal industry. Research firm EMarketer estimates that Chinese social commerce will hit \$352 billion this year, almost 10 times larger than the market in the U.S. With its holiday event, YouTube is looking to replicate the lucrative bonanzas in China; last month, Li Jiaqi, a top Chinese livestreamer, sold \$1.9 billion of goods on the first day of Alibaba's annual festival.

YouTube's rivals in social media — Facebook, TikTok and Snapchat — are now trying to also become shopping platforms. Apple's restrictions on iPhone ad-targeting has throttled social media's main ads business. Google, while less impacted, admitted on a recent earnings call that Apple's changes dented YouTube's ad sales, which topped \$7.2 billion last quarter but fell short of Wall Street expectations.

However, YouTube has something its U.S. social media competitors don't: Google's online retail operation. The search company recently partnered with Shopify, Square and others to create a sort of anti-Amazon alliance in e-commerce. YouTube will rely on Google's commerce system to connect with merchants and delivery systems. Katz declined to share the commission rate YouTube would take of sales.

YouTube is also banking on the influence of its stars. Many of them have built successful businesses selling merchandise on their YouTube channels through weblinks.

More than 4 million peo-

ple subscribe to Patrick Starr's YouTube channel, where he posts beauty tutorials and has been able to make money by inserting links in the video description to product pages on other websites. People were so interested in Mr. Starr's opinion that he created his own beauty line, One/Size. Most people go to physical stores to buy products from hsi videos. But the share of people who buy products online has been climbing.

"It was jumping through hoops for consumers to go to a separate website," Mr. Starr said. Now he will be able to embed shopping links in his video, and plans to test out the live shopping feature this month during the red carpet premiere of "House of Gucci." Ridley Scott's new movie about the fashion moguls.

For the holiday livestream event, YouTube has signed up Mr. Starr and other creators with huge audiences, including the Merrell Twins, Gordon Ramsay and MrBeast. YouTube said they'll be selling items from Verizon, Samsung and Walmart. These stars are a key part of YouTube's pitch to brands that selling through the video site is better than turning to Amazon.

"We have these creators who are so knowledgeable and passionate, but they're also interpersonal and real," said Ms. Dolan, the managing director for YouTube shopping. "All of that is missing on some larger platforms out there."

Initially, YouTube will limit its shopping service to tech and beauty items. Mr. Katz said the operation will begin only with physical goods, but may expand to digital items, and he didn't rule out selling cryptocurrency eventually.

Avoiding supply chain woes during the shopping season

SUPPLY, FROM HX-1

for experiences like Uber rides, Netflix subscriptions or dinners out.

Anticipating a need to overcome stressful shopping scenarios, though, remains in the consumer DNA.

About 8 in 10 of respondents said they plan on doing at least half of their holiday shopping online this year. However, among that group, 53% said their biggest concern is the possibility that a merchant may not fulfill their order on time.

As a result, people tend to be shopping a bit earlier than last year.

A sizable group of consumers surveyed by TransUnion — 47% — said they began their holiday shopping in October or earlier this year. That compares with 45% in last year's survey.

Many of these early shoppers are baby boomers, who are now between 57 years old and 75. Only 36% of Gen Z consumers — those age 24 and younger — began holiday shopping already.

No one really knows, of course, how the holiday season will play out. The exact items on your list could be readily available if you're flexible and don't have your heart set on a specific sweater or pair of boots.

It is wise to start paying attention to what's available now and not wait too long if you run across a decent sale price.

Stay on guard

Remember, rushing to get through your holiday shopping list rarely goes well. You're bound to get frazzled if you're anxious to grab that last whatever — and end up possibly forgetting to use a coupon, leaving your purse unattended ready to be snatched by a thief or even foolishly losing your credit card in the store



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The global market is severely strained as the demand for goods steadily surges and international shipping continues facing manufacturing and transportation issues.

or parking lot. It happens.

The same's true if you're shopping online. If you're in a rush, you might miss signs that you're looking at a copycat but phony website. An online website can look like the real deal but cyber criminals are engineering sites that copy name brands, too.

Some scams start off on Facebook by offering a special coupon or prize associated with a popular retailer. Consumers should treat too-good-to-be-true prizes or deals as a huge red flag.

Scammers, of course, are very likely to once again play up the scarcity of goods angle.

Don't fall for fake 'flash sale'

Hot on the trail of the Star Wars Galactic Snackin' Groggu? Or a Nintendo Switch? The concern, of course, is that popular items could be much harder to find come December.

So beware of phony "flash sales" or other deals that you might spot on social media or online.

The Better Business Bureau is warning that consumers need to be aware once again of poten-

tial toy scams when it comes to a few "must-have" toys.

Some scammers could suddenly have a toy that's out of stock everywhere.

The website will likely look very professional and feature pictures of the product. But consumers are at risk of receiving a counterfeit version or nothing at all.

And, no surprise, you're not going to find anyone to provide you with a refund.

One shopper told BBB Scam Tracker about a bad deal searching for a Nintendo Switch OLED. Online the consumer found a deal for \$99.99 — for an item that's often priced around \$500.

That should have been a clue right there. But the consumer bought the Nintendo Switch and then loaded up on a few PlayStation 5 consoles, again for \$99.99 each.

Sure, you'll get emailed a confirmation number. But good luck getting anything else — or finding someone to help you track an order or get a refund.

A big risk is that you'll spend the money and discover that the product will never be shipped to you, according to an alert by the BBB.

Car rental prices soar as holiday travel starts

RENTALS, FROM HX-1

90% of those travelers are expected to drive.

Car rental prices shot up this summer as travel rebounded while rental companies were struggling to replace the hundreds of thousands of vehicles they sold when travel shut down early in the pandemic. Semiconductor shortages affecting car manufacturers limited access to new vehicles.

Avis Budget Group had about 434,400 vehicles in its fleet during the three months that ended Sept. 30, up 20% from the same period last year and similar to the average size of its fleet in 2019.

The company spent about \$8 billion on new cars this year, CEO Joseph Ferraro said during an earnings call earlier this month.

In an investor presentation, the company said it spent more than \$8 billion on new vehicles this year and is working to extend the lift of cars in its fleet.

Hertz, meanwhile, still had 34% fewer vehicles in its fleet during the three months that ended Sept. 30 than it had two years prior.

"Although we are fleeing new vehicles each month, we are not seeing the levels of supply required to fully replenish and rotate the fleet," Chief Financial Officer Kenny Cheung said during an earnings call last month.

Hertz has ordered 100,000 Tesla electric vehicles, which are expected to be delivered through the end of 2022.

Mr. Clarke, of Kayak, advised shopping around, which could include checking out companies that let customers rent someone's personal car.

Tips to reduce party planning stress

HOSTING, FROM HX-1

probably be merrier than 2020's thanks to coronavirus vaccines. But COVID-19 concerns are still on the menu. Some people might not be traveling, or they might cancel at the last minute. The ingredients you need for that dessert you planned on making might be sitting in a container ship. Stay flexible.

And know your audience, says Darcy Miller, a celebrations consultant and the author and illustrator of "Celebrate Everything! Fun Ideas to Bring Your Parties to Life." If you have guests who are more nervous than others about sitting close to one another, create your own individual mini-graze boards.

"People then have their own platter and it's also active decor when you line them up on the table," Ms. Miller says.

We talked to party-planning experts and culinary gurus for advice on how to plan, shop, cook, serve and clean up for your nearest and dearest this holiday season — without losing your mind.

Have a game plan

The best way to avoid being frazzled is to be prepared. Many seasoned hosts set their tables several days in advance.

"Always pretend your event is a few days before. It's like putting a fake date on your calendar," Ms. Miller says.

There is always work you have to do at the end, such as cooking and getting fresh flowers. She recommends cleaning the house, rounding up an extra dining chair and buying beverages a few days in advance.

Miami-based Amanda Gluck, who writes the blog Fashionable Hostess, makes a detailed timeline. "My dinner is at 7 p.m., so at 5 p.m., the pot roast goes in the oven. At 5:30, fill the water glasses. At 6 p.m., light the candles. At 6:30, put the bread on the table," she says.

It's OK to ask for help, says



Danae Horst/Jungalow

A holiday tablescape featuring pomegranates, grapefruit and greenery by Jungalow.

Lola Wiarco Dweck, a recipe developer and cooking instructor at Lola's Cocina in Denver, but be careful what you ask for. "I usually don't like people to bring anything that is really essential to the menu," she says. "Extras are good, such as drinks or dessert. I want to have things ready to host, as you never know who will be late or early."

Pick a serving setup

Before you choose your menu, determine your serving style. Buffets are good if you don't have a large dining table.

When Alejandra Ramos, a food TV personality and the host of the upcoming "Great American Recipe" on PBS, entertains in her New York apartment, guests help themselves, then find perches to sit and eat.

If you've got the space for it, a family-style meal — where people sit around a table and food is passed on platters — can cut down on the need for elaborate decorations, notes Amber Mayfield, an event planner and the founding editor of the magazine While Entertaining.

"Food can be part of the design, so you're not going crazy with flowers or anything," she says. "And the beautiful platters of food give

you a 'wow' moment."

Most entertaining veterans counsel against having "plated" meals, where a host makes up individual plates and serves them. With a larger guest list, the food could be cold by the time it gets to the table.

Embrace a hybrid menu

The pandemic has made takeout an option not only for family dinners, but also for entertaining, because restaurants have bumped their offerings up a notch. Many now offer specific holiday dinner dishes to take home.

Ms. Mayfield likes to outsource the main dish and focus on "low-lift" sides. "Think about the local restaurant you love that has a chicken or a leg of lamb," she says. "Buy the big thing from someone who is great at it. It takes the pressure off you."

Accompaniments can be as simple as a sheet pan of colorful roasted vegetables or a hearty grain salad, she says. She's also a fan of a "semi-homemade" dessert, such as a premade pie shell that you fill with fruit and serve with good ice cream.

Ms. Ramos seconds this advice. "Don't do things that aren't fun for you. If you're not a baker, don't bake dessert. If there's a main dish you love to make, make that."



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SIDES AT CENTER STAGE

Turkey takes the back seat at Thanksgiving with dishes that are anything but boring

LENTIL AND PECAN FILLED ACORN SQUASH

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You're bound to have someone at the table who is not a fan of turkey this Thanksgiving. They can still enjoy some plant-based protein with this stuffed squash dish, which can be made ahead and then reheated on the day of your feast. Toasted pecans and a luscious sage brown butter take it to the next level.

2 or 3 acorn squash, cut in half and seeded

Neutral oil

1 small onion, diced

4 garlic cloves, minced

5 sprigs thyme, leaves picked

Salt and pepper

½ cup white wine

1 cup lentils, any color but red

4 ounces butter

10 fresh sage leaves

½ cup pecans, toasted and chopped

Zest and juice of 1 orange

Grated Parmesan cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Place squash halves, cut-side down, on baking sheet lined with parchment paper or foil and bake until tender, about 25 minutes.

While squash is cooking, heat a glug of neutral oil in a medium saucepan over medium heat. Add onion, garlic, thyme leaves and a big pinch

of salt. Sweat until tender, about 7 minutes. Add white wine and reduce until almost dry. Add lentils and briefly saute in the onion mixture, about 2 minutes.

Add 2 cups water and bring to boil over high heat. Lower to a simmer and cook until lentils are tender, about 20 minutes.

Melt butter in frying pan. Add sage leaves and fry until crispy, 30 second to 1 min. Drain on paper towels and sprinkle with salt. Reserve butter in a small bowl.

When squash is cooked, remove from oven but leave heat on. When cool to touch, scoop most of the flesh from the into a large bowl, leaving a thin layer next to the skin so shell stays intact.

Add cooked lentils, pecans, orange zest and juice, and brown butter to the squash pulp and season with a pinch or two of salt and pepper. Mix well, and adjust seasoning.

Scoop the squash filling into the squash shells, top with grated Parmesan and rewarm, uncovered, in the heated oven until warm throughout, 10 to 15 minutes.

To serve, garnish with fried sage.

Serves 4-6.

— *"Grist: A Practical Guide to Cooking Grains, Beans, Seeds, and Legumes"* by Abra Berens (Chronicle, \$35)

ROASTED BRUSSELS SPROUTS WITH POMEGRANATE AND PISTACHIOS

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This one-pot dish is super easy to make and features one of Thanksgiving's favorite veggies — Brussels sprouts. Pomegranate molasses adds a lovely sweet-and-sour flavor while pomegranate seeds provide a juicy crunch.

I like my sprouts crispy, so I left them in the pan a little longer. Pomegranate molasses is usually easy to find in larger Mediterranean grocery stores and some Whole Foods locations, but if you come up empty, it's easy enough to make your own by simmering 4 cups of pomegranate juice with ½ cup of sugar and 2 tablespoons of lemon juice until it's reduced down to about a cup of sticky, thick syrup. This



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recipe is easy enough that you can make additional servings in a flash.

1 pound Brussels sprouts, trimmed and halved

5 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 tablespoon pomegranate molasses

½ teaspoon ground cumin

¼ teaspoon salt

¼ cup shelled pistachios, toasted and chopped fine

2 tablespoons pomegranate seeds

Arrange Brussels sprouts in a single layer, cut sides

down, in 12-inch nonstick or cast-iron skillet, and drizzle oil evenly over them. Cover skillet, place over medium-high heat and cook until sprouts are bright green and cut sides have started to brown, about 5 minutes.

Uncover and continue to cook until cut sides of sprouts are deeply and evenly browned and a paring knife meets little to no resistance, 2-3 minutes, adjusting heat and moving sprouts as needed to prevent overbrowning.

Add pomegranate molasses, cumin and salt to skillet and stir to mix and evenly coat the sprouts. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

Transfer to platter, sprinkle with chopped pistachios and pomegranate seeds and serve.

Serves 4.

— *"The Complete Autumn & Winter Cookbook"* by Amer-

FENNEL GRATIN

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Talk about easy-peasy. This elegant, garlicky vegetarian side dish calls for only a handful of ingredients, and can be prepared ahead so all you have to do on Thanksgiving is reheat it in the oven. Often used raw in salads, fennel has an aromatic licorice flavor that softens when you roast it. I used sharp white cheddar.

2 large bulbs fennel

1 bulb garlic, cloves separated but unpeeled

1 tablespoon olive oil

1¾ ounces cheddar or blue cheese, or a mixture of both

1 cup heavy cream

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Trim fennel bulbs and cut into eighths, reserving any leafy tops in a small bowl of water for garnish. Place fennel in a baking dish with the whole unpeeled garlic cloves.

Drizzle with 1 tablespoon olive oil, add a pinch of salt and black pepper, toss well with a good splash of water, then arrange in a single layer. Cover with aluminum foil and roast

1 hour.

Coarsely grate cheese and mix with the cream. When fennel comes out, use tongs or your fingers to squeeze the soft garlic out of the skins, mash it up with a fork and



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mix through the cream. Let fennel cool completely, then spoon over the mixture.

Raise oven to 375 degrees. Uncover fennel and then bake for 40 minutes, or until golden, bubbling and hot

through. Garnish with chopped fennel leaves before serving.

Serves 8.

— *"Together: Memorable Meals Made Easy"* by Jamie Oliver (Flatiron Books, \$35)

PERFECT PIES

Flavorful fillings and flaky crusts

APPLE PIE FILLING

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Pre-cooking your pie filling does four important things. It helps the pie cook faster, to avoid burnt crust; rids you of a ton of excess moisture, to gird against a watery pie; concentrates the apple juices for a really intense flavor; and allows you the opportunity to taste your filling for proper seasoning before it's too late. In addition to pie filling, it can be used to make a crumble, crisp, betty or cobbler instead, and it's also delicious by the spoonful.

3½ pounds (8-9 apples, depending on size), peeled, cored, and sliced or diced

Juice of 1 large lemon

1 cup of brown sugar, divided

2 teaspoons of fine salt

2 teaspoons of Chinese Five-Spice powder

1 teaspoon of powdered ginger

1 tablespoon of good-quality vanilla

3 tablespoons of butter

2 tablespoons of apple butter, maple syrup or (my choice) apple syrup

¼ cup all-purpose flour

Toss sliced/diced apples in a large bowl with lemon juice,



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salt and ½ cup of brown sugar, and allow to sit for at least 30 minutes and up to 4 hours (apples will release a LOT of juice).

After the apples have rested, strain the juices into a large skillet and cook over medium-high heat until reduced by at least half, 5-7.

Add spices, vanilla, butter and remaining ½ cup brown sugar, and stir to incorporate.

Cook for a minute or two and then carefully add the sliced apples and apple butter/syrup, again stirring to incorporate and fully dress the apples in the pan sauce. Cook for 7-10 minutes, until apples stop releasing additional juice, the pan sauce has thickened, and the apples are just starting to soften.

Taste your filling. It should be tart, sweet and salty, like

a buttery caramel apple. Add a squeeze of lemon or cider vinegar, a tablespoon of sugar, or more salt as needed. This *isn't* an overly spiced pie, so feel free to add more 5-spice or even plain cinnamon if that's your jam.

Sprinkle flour over the seasoned apples, stir to incorporate, simmer until just starting to thicken, and remove from heat.

Chill the filling before completing your pie, lest the heat from the apples melts the butter in your beautiful dough. That said, I am very impatient and usually only wait 5-10 minutes and as long as you work quickly to fill the pie pan and add your top crust, and get it immediately into the oven, it's usually fine. If you work more slowly or cautiously, that's also fine. Just let it cool completely first.

For a double-crust pie, bake in a 9-inch pie pan on the middle rack at 400 degrees for about an hour to hit a center filling-temperature of 195 degrees. Start checking after 45 minutes to ensure your crust isn't browning too fast. Let it cool for about an hour before you cut into it.

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APPLE PIE CRUST

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This is what's often called a blitz/rough-puff dough: an easy, forgiving, and *super* flaky dough that has a lot of structural integrity. It won't rip or tear as you move the rolled dough to your pie dish, as long as you keep it cold. It makes enough for a double-crust pie. Refrigerate for up to 24 hours or freeze it.

300 grams of all-purpose flour (2½ cups), plus extra for dusting

1 tablespoon of white sugar

1 teaspoon of fine salt

10 ounces of very cold butter (2½ sticks), cut into roughly ½-inch cubes

1 cup of ice water, divided (you won't use it all)

Whisk together the flour, sugar and salt in a large bowl.

Add cubed butter and toss gently with your hands until each cube is coated. Then, quickly but carefully (to ensure that each piece of butter only gets handled once), work through the mixture and pinch each cube of butter once to smash it flat. The pieces will be big and rough; that's OK. Smash, smash smash, one time each.

Once all of the butter has been smashed, add in ½ cup of ice water and, using one hand, fold the water into the buttered flour until a crumbly dough forms. Add more water 1 tablespoon at a time until the dough is completely cohesive. There should be no remaining areas of dry flour in the bowl but dough should not be overly wet or sticky.

Pat dough into a tidy ball (it will not be smooth — it just shouldn't be sticky), wrap in plastic, and tuck it in the fridge for 25-30 minutes. (This would be a great time to prep your filling.)

After its rest, unwrap the dough and place on a lightly floured surface, and roll into a rough square about ½-inch thick. Fold in thirds horizontally, to create a long rectangle that's three layers thick, and then fold this rectangle



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into thirds vertically to create a small, thick square that is now nine layers thick. Roll again to a similar thickness, repeat folds, and marvel at how quickly you just created 81 (!!!) flaky layers.

If your kitchen is cold or you have a marble/granite/cold countertop, and if you worked quickly, you can now cut your dough square in half and proceed to carefully roll it into two rough circles, each 10 inches or so in diameter. If you did your initial rolls and folds slowly and/or you have a warm kitchen, re-wrap your dough and stick it back in the fridge for 20 minutes before cutting and doing the final roll.

Dough can be blind-baked or par-baked, if your recipe calls for it, but it doesn't have to be. This works just fine as a solid, plain double-crust pie, but some fancy cuts really show off all of your flaky layers: consider a lattice or some braids for your top crust. Regardless of how you finish it, I like to bake this at 400 degrees to ensure a crispy bottom without over-baking the top. For a filled, double-crust pie, that's about 50-60 minutes. If you bake in a glass pie dish, just lift it up and take a peek: the pie is done when the bottom crust looks golden, not pale. If your top is browning too quickly, lower the rack to the bottom of the oven.

Alterations: This crust recipe does not work as well with vegan butter or with shortening, and I have not tested it with gluten-free flour substitutes.

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CRANBERRY CREAM PIE

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2 cups of crushed ginger snaps (about 10 ounces)

6 tablespoons of melted butter

Juice of 1 large grapefruit (about ¾ cup)

2 cups cranberries

1 can sweetened condensed milk

5 egg yolks

Juice and zest of 1 lemon

1 tablespoon plus one teaspoon of vanilla, divided

3 ounces cream cheese, softened

¼ cup sugar

1 cup of heavy cream

Place rack in center of oven. Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Mix together cookie crumbs

and melted butter in the center of a glass pie plate until completely incorporated.

Using a pie tamper, gently pat the pile of buttery crumbs into the pie dish, starting in the center and working in a slowly expanding circle outward. Use your fingers to help the crumb crust adhere to the walls of the pie dish and to smooth the top rim.

Chill crumb crust for 15 minutes, then bake for 15 minutes. Remove from oven to cool on a rack.

While the crust par-bakes, add grapefruit juice and cranberries to a small saucepan and bring to a boil over medium heat. Reduce heat to low and allow to simmer until berries have all burst and collapsed, and the liquid looks

red and thick, 7-10 minutes. Remove from heat and allow to cool for 5 minutes.

Whisk together sweetened condensed milk, 1 tablespoon vanilla, and 5 egg yolks until thoroughly blended and smooth, and then slowly mix in the cranberry mixture. (Do not add all of the fruit at once, as you risk cooking the egg yolks.) Whisk in lemon juice and zest last. The mixture will change colors a few times during this step — from garnet, to lavender, to a rosy pink; that's OK!

Scrape pie filling into par-baked shell (shell does not have to be completely cool) and return to oven. Bake for 15-16 minutes, until center is set. Allow to cool at room temperature for 15-20 min-

utes before chilling completely, 3-4 hours. Pie cannot be topped or sliced until chilled through! Once completely chilled, you can cover the pie and refrigerate for up to 3 days.

In a stand mixer (or using a hand-mixer), whip cream cheese with sugar and remaining 1 teaspoon vanilla until smooth, and then slowly drizzle in the heavy cream. Whip until stiff peaks appear. Cream cheese whip has a longer shelf-life than traditional whipped cream (12-24 hours) but will, eventually, collapse, so do not top pie until ready to serve.

Spread or pipe topping onto pie just before serving.

Makes 1 pie.

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WPIAL CHAMPIONSHIP WEEKEND

OLD SCHOOL RULES

Defense, the run game and overall physical play will dominate when Moon and Penn-Trafford clash



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Moon will be wearing red and white while Penn-Trafford will don its traditional green, white and gold color scheme for the final act of WPIAL championship weekend at Heinz Field.

Still, some fans in the stands may have a hard time telling the two teams apart when they take the field at 6 p.m. Saturday for the WPIAL Class 5A title game.

The uniforms may be different, but the Tigers and Warriors are near-mirror images of each other in terms of their style of play and their overall football mentality. To put it one way, this year's Class 5A championship game might be over in two hours or less if it weren't being televised.

"I don't think either one of us would want someone else there," said Moon coach Ryan Linn. "I think it's one of those classic strength-on-strength-type of deals. They play good defense and are big and strong and run the football. We play good defense and are big and strong."

Fans of new-age spread offenses and pass-happy aerial attacks may want to think twice about heading to the North Shore for this one. Heck, it might be a stretch to say there will be more than 15 passing plays in the entire game. After all, Moon ran only eight passing plays in its 14-9 semifinal win vs. Penn Hills, while Penn-Trafford attempted seven passes in a 24-6 semifinal win vs. Pine-Richland.

Make no mistake about it, though — this matchup has all the makings of a game for the ages. Two of the toughest and most physical teams in the WPIAL — each with a powerful running game, punishing defense and imposing offensive and defensive lines — will square off for the first time since 1979, with a long-awaited WPIAL championship to be awarded to the winner.

"There's no doubt they want to be very physical, set the tone at the line of scrimmage, and that's kind of our M.O.," said Penn-Trafford coach John Ruane. "We want to do the same. They're impressive, though. They're one of the quickest teams off the ball we've seen."

The Tigers won their first and

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Jeremiah Dean, center, is Moon's second-leading rusher and has scored a team-best nine touchdowns for the unbeaten Tigers. Top photo: Cade Yacamelli (5) is a two-way standout for Penn-Trafford.

Fan guide

Site: Heinz Field.
Friday's games: Our Lady of the Sacred Heart vs. Bishop Canevin (Class 1A), 2 p.m.; Beaver Falls vs. Serra (2A), 5 p.m.

Saturday's games: Central Valley vs. North Catholic (3A), noon; Belle Vernon vs. Aliquippa (4A), 3 p.m.; Moon vs. Penn-Trafford (5A), 6 p.m.

Tickets: All tickets are \$10 and all seating is general admission. Tickets can be purchased at Heinz Field the day of the game, but also are available at www.ticketmaster.com

TV: All three Saturday games will be televised live by WPCW.

Radio: The Class 1A championship will be on WKPL (92.1 FM). The Class 2A championship will be on KDKA (1020 AM), WBVP (1230 AM), WMBA (1460 AM) and WKPL (92.1 FM). The Class 3A championship will be on WBVP, WMBA and WKPL. The Class 4A championship will be on KDKA, WHJB (107.1 FM), WBVP, WMBA, WKPL and WJPA (95.3). The Class 5A championship will be on KDKA, WHJB and WKPL.

What's next: All five winners move on to the PIAA semifinals next weekend.

'Tis the season ... awards season, that is

It was the Monday morning of WPIAL championship week, and The Fumbler was in championship form.

When it comes to fumbles, no one does it better than your favorite prognosticator.

Trying to carry 15 bags of groceries from your car to your kitchen is never an easy thing, but to The Fumbler, the more bags the merrier. It just adds to the challenge. Well, he was the challenged one Monday, as he dropped a dozen of eggs, a gallon of milk, a 2-liter bottle of Faygo Red Pop, and two-dozen chicken wings onto the pavement. Aside from a few wings, none of it could be saved.

Hey, what kind of insect is bad at football? A fumble bee.

And what rhymes with — well, sort of — fumble bee? Fumble! Yes, it's that time of year again. It's time to hand out some Fumblers.

The awards, which have no

The Fumbler

monetary value, honor the best of the best of the high school football season. To The Fumbler, the Fumblers are bigger than the Oscars, Emmys and Shenango Salsa Dancing Awards combined.

Speaking of dancing, why do infant sharks love to dance? Because that's just what baby sharks do do doo-doo doo-doo (Apologies for getting that song stuck in your head).

Player of the year — Devin Whitlock, Belle Vernon. No team has been able to lock up Whitlock, who has been the key to Belle Vernon's success. He's the most electrifying player in the WPIAL and will try to help the Leopards win their first title in 26 years.

Coach of the year — Ryan Linn, Moon. Linn has done a fantastic job with this Moon program, and could lead the Tigers to just

their second WPIAL title. Have the Tigers been dominant? No. But as DJ Khaled might say, "All they do is win, win, win no matter what."

Team of the year — Mt. Lebanon. The Blue Devils mercy-ruled Central Catholic in the WPIAL Class 6A final. That is not an easy thing to do. This team is ultra-talented, they play together, and they have an all-time coaching great leading the way. Total package.

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The Fumbler went 10-3 last week, which pushes his season record to 538-141 (.792).

Here are his thoughts on this week-end's games:

PIAA Class 6A quarterfinals

McDowell (9-2) at Mt. Lebanon (12-0), 7 p.m. Friday — It's rare for a WPIAL team to host a state playoff game, but Mt. Lebanon finds itself in that spot. The Fumbler

likes it because if he ends up going to the game, he'll get to stop at Fiori's, Mineo's or even Beto's for pregame pizza. But really, no matter the site, Mt. Lebanon would roll. **Winner: Mt. Lebanon.**

WPIAL Class 5A championship

Moon (12-0) vs. Penn-Trafford (10-2), 6 p.m. Saturday at Heinz Field — Moon got a lot of attention last Friday. The lunar eclipse that morning was followed at night by the performance of the

Moon Tigers, who eclipsed Penn Hills to reach the championship game. You've got to love this matchup, the biggest reason being that these teams are rarely in this spot. Moon has won one title. Penn-Trafford hasn't won any. Moon's line play will be the difference. **Winner: Moon.**

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PIAA Class 6A playoffs

Big Shot Bob: WPIAL championship adds to Bob Palko aura

By Mike White
 Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

When Bob Palko was named Mt. Lebanon High School's new football coach in February of 2019, he had his first meeting with the players, appropriately enough, in a school classroom.

The man had just retired as a longtime teacher less than a year before, but on that winter day Palko became a teacher again.

Palko instructed his new players on a lesson plan. Eli Heidenreich was a freshman

back then and vividly remembers the Blue Devils' first encounter with Professor Palko.

"He laid out his expectations and what he wanted to do with the program, take it from just being mediocre, to a program that has this tradition of winning, and winning championships," Heidenreich said.

Those were studious players that Palko addressed because they listened, learned and completed the assignment a few years later.

Mt. Lebanon won the WPIAL Class 6A champi-

onship last Saturday with a monumental, 47-7 win against Central Catholic. It was the biggest blowout in more than 100 years of WPIAL title games in the largest classification. It was Mt. Lebanon's first championship in 21 years. And it was another chapter in the career of a man who has clearly made himself one of the legendary coaches in WPIAL history — in any sport. The Pittsburgh radio station 96.9 has a slogan "Bob FM — We Play Anything." Well, Mt. Lebanon has "Bob Palko — He Wins Everything."

Before coming to Mt. Lebanon, Palko won eight WPIAL titles in 24 years at West Allegheny. Not that he needed anything to validate himself, but the latest championship has elevated Palko even higher in WPIAL football lore. This title came in the largest classification and the nine championships overall ties him with Thomas Jefferson's Bill Cherpak for the most in WPIAL football history.

At West Allegheny, Palko took a West Allegheny program that had made the WPIAL playoffs a grand total

of once before he became coach in 1995 and made it one of the premier programs in the state. Mt. Lebanon certainly wasn't bad when Palko took over from Mike Melnyk. The Blue Devils were 5-5 and 6-5 in Melnyk's final two years. But Palko has lit the fuse in this program and this 12-0 team that plays in the PIAA playoffs Friday has added even more to the Palko aura. His career record is 240-81 and he is tied for 12th on the WPIAL all-time wins list.

But how in the world does this 61-year-old man do it? How did he put his magic

touch on another program? "It's just what he does. He could be mayor somewhere," said John Grogan, Mt. Lebanon's athletic director.

Grogan has watched Palko's act at both West Allegheny and Mt. Lebanon. Grogan was the athletic director at West Allegheny for three years before coming to Mt. Lebanon in 2000.

"I've had some people say are you surprised at what he's done already? Honestly, no," Grogan said. "I knew exactly what he was going to do.

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MOON VS. PENN-TRAFFORD

Class 5A championship has an old-school feel

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only WPIAL title in 1998, defeating Blackhawk in the Class 3A final, 34-7, at Three Rivers Stadium. Moon then spent the next two decades toiling in mediocrity before Linn engineered a resurgence, guiding them to the WPIAL semifinals for the first time in 18 years and now back into the championship game after a 23-year hiatus.

The Warriors, meanwhile, are still seeking their first WPIAL championship — perhaps the most prestigious football program in the area to never win a WPIAL title. This will be their fourth championship appearance, including their third under Ruane. Penn-Trafford lost to Gateway, 21-16, in the 2017 Class 5A title game, and also fell to Central Catholic, 24-17, in the 2015 Class 4A title game during the era of only four classifications. “We’re putting everything into this,” Ruane said. “I could care less about next week. We want to win this week. If you don’t care about this week, full go, you can forget next week anyway.”

No matter who comes out on top on Saturday night, it will be a long time coming for the coaches, players and especially the fans who have waited decades to celebrate a championship. And no matter which team is victorious, it will only further prove the old adage that “defense wins championships.”

During the regular season, the Tigers ranked No. 1 in Class 5A with an average of 12.4 points allowed per game. The Warriors weren’t far behind, ranking No. 2 with an average of 12.6 points. Now, including the two playoff games each team has played, things get even weirder — both teams are tied at 12.2 points allowed per game, with each having allowed 146 points in 12 contests.

“This is the first time we’ve ever played them. But watching them, you know they’re really well-coached,” Ruane said. “They do things right. You can tell those kids enjoy playing football. We certainly respect them a lot. They’re here for a reason. I think it will be a good, physical game.”

Led by bruising senior Dylan Sleva (6-3, 225), who has 772 yards rushing and seven touchdowns on 147 attempts, Moon averages more than 200 yards per game on the ground. Former receiver-turned-tailback Jeremiah Dean is second on the Tigers with 542 yards on 86 carries and a team-high nine touchdowns, and Ian

Foster ranks third on the team in rushing with 75 carries for 439 yards and eight scores. Even Swiss Army knife Ben Bladel has 150 yards rushing on 18 carries to go with 16 catches for 226 yards and seven touchdowns.

While Moon utilizes a trio of tailbacks in its backfield, Penn-Trafford is led by star senior Cade Yacamelli (6-0, 205), a Wisconsin recruit and Post-Gazette Fabulous 22 selection. Yacamelli has 1,498 yards rushing and 22 total touchdowns — and he isn’t the only Warrior to surpass 1,000 yards on the ground. Senior Carter Green is a dangerous dual-threat quarterback who has 1,019 yards and 14 rushing touchdowns to go with 1,024 passing yards and nine touchdowns through the air.

“We expect [Green] to be himself. We don’t need him to be anything more than that,” Ruane said. “We’re pretty sure that most teams try to stop No. 5 [Yacamelli], and we try to work around that. But at the end of the day, we don’t want to change what we do. We want to be ourselves and plan the way we always plan, and obviously Carter Green is a huge part of that.”

With so many similarities between the teams, it’s not easy trying to single out an area where one will hold a major advantage over the other. Yacamelli’s speed sets him apart from the Tigers’ tailbacks, but Moon’s ability to pound the ball up the middle behind its acclaimed offensive line is unmatched. In the end, the game might just come down to which team is able to create a spark in the passing game — if either team decides to even throw a pass.

No matter how it plays out, though, there will be an abundance of mutual respect from both sides on Saturday — and maybe even some double takes in the crowd.

“The hardest thing for me sitting here looking at this is, it’s so hard to get there,” Linn said. “I know [Ruane] has been there a couple times, and they’re looking for their first title. We’re looking for our first in 23 years. Whoever comes out on top, you tip the cap to them. Tip the cap to those kids. There does have to be a loser Saturday night. You wish there wasn’t.”

“We anticipate a big crowd Saturday night, because you have two teams who haven’t won one in a long time or never won one, and two fan bases who just want to be a part of it. It should be a good time for everybody on Saturday night.”



Steve Mellon/Post-Gazette

Moon’s Trent Fraley (75) is one of the top guards in the area and is a finalist for the 2021 Bill Fralic Memorial Award, given to the top senior interior lineman in the WPIAL.



Steph Chambers/Post-Gazette

As a four-year starter, senior Jake Baumgartner has played a big role on Moon’s offensive line his entire career. He’s a two-time all-conference center.

Pair of blue-collar linemen pave way for Moon’s success

By Steve Rotstein
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Moon linemen Trent Fraley and Jake Baumgartner each took their own separate paths to becoming the driving forces behind the Tigers’ pulverizing rushing attack. And although they come from different backgrounds, the results on the field have been almost identical.

Fraley, a three-year starter and an all-conference selection at right guard, has football in his blood. He is the son of former NFL lineman and current Detroit Lions offensive line coach Hank Fraley. Baumgartner, meanwhile, is a four-year starter and back-to-back all-conference selection at center. His father works in the International Union of Elevator Constructors.

“I think they both taught us how to get your work done,” Baumgartner said. “Put the hard hat on and get to work.”

Fraley (6-2, 285) is committed to play at Marshall next season and has hopes of one day following his father’s footsteps into the NFL. Baumgartner (5-11, 240) is still trying to decide between playing football in college or going directly into the workforce alongside his father after high school.

For now, the two are hoping to open up enough holes on Saturday night to pave the way for Moon’s first WPIAL championship in 23 years. The top-seeded Tigers (12-0) will face No. 2 Penn-Trafford (10-2) at 6 p.m. Saturday at Heinz Field in the WPIAL Class 5A title game. A win would bring Moon just its second WPIAL crown in school history.

“I want to see it for the people next to me and our families,” Baumgartner said. “They know how hard we worked and we know how hard we worked.”

Work ethic has been at the center of Baumgartner and Fraley’s journeys to get to this point, and both players seem to embody the spirit of what the Tigers’ program is all about under fifth-year coach Ryan Linn — physicality, toughness and a relentless will to win.

“[Linn] made so many changes,” Baumgartner said. “It’s just how he goes about it. He really cares about us. It’s like we’re his

family. You see his kids running around everywhere, and they’re just a part of it. It just makes us feel one.”

Although Fraley never got to watch his father in action as a lineman, he gets to see him coach at the highest level on Sundays. He took a trip to Cleveland to watch the Lions take on the Browns last week.

Fraley said there are plenty of techniques and moves his father passed down to him, but above all else, the main thing he derived from his old man is his mentality on the field.

“There are some small techniques he would teach me that most people don’t know,” Fraley said. “I feel like the physicality, too, I would say. Just really playing physical and really trying to hit people as hard as you can for fun.”

That mindset helped Fraley earn a nomination as one of six finalists for the 2021 Bill Fralic Memorial Award, given to the top senior interior lineman in the WPIAL. Although he considers it one of his highest individual honors, Fraley doesn’t want to take too much credit for Moon’s success, quickly deflecting praise to Baumgartner and fellow linemen Anthony Dines, Aidan Mazreku and Jake Hoak.

“We’ve always been playing with each other,” Fraley said. “I think the chemistry and the bond everybody has with each other — I think that’s what makes us different from other people. We are the best friends on the team. Everybody is friends with each other and everybody gets along.”

The chemistry formed between the tight-knit group of linemen has helped carry Moon to its first undefeated regular season and a spot in the WPIAL finals. But with their most important game of their lives right in front of them, they’ll need to lean on that old-school work ethic in order to get the job done.

“I think we got to show how physical we really are [this year],” Baumgartner said. “That big step we took from last year to this year — you can just tell our improvements and our hard work.”

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It’s always a treat to hand out some Fumbles

FUMBLER, FROM VX-1

WPIAL Class 4A championship

Belle Vernon (10-0) vs. Aliquippa (10-1), 3 p.m. Saturday at Heinz Field — The last time Aliquippa failed to reach the final, Herbert Hoover was president. OK, so it wasn’t *that* long ago, but it’s been such a long time (2007) that George W. Bush was in his second go-around in office and Terrelle Pryor was leading Jeannette to the Class 2A title. Don’t ever count out Aliquippa, but this is Belle Vernon’s year. Devin Whitlock will not be denied. **Winner: Belle Vernon.**

WPIAL Class 3A championship

Central Valley (12-0) vs. North Catholic (12-0), Noon Saturday at Heinz Field — It’s Central against North for the title. Apparently nobody invited South to this championship party. Hey, what do you call an alligator with a compass? A navigator. This is the only matchup of unbeaten teams. North Catholic is very good, but Central Valley is a machine. A win would be Central’s 25th in a row and would give the Warriors a championship three-peat. **Winner:**

Central Valley.

WPIAL Class 2A championship

Beaver Falls (9-3) vs. Serra Catholic (13-1), 5 p.m. Friday at Heinz Field — “Beaver Falls is 0-3. They stink!” The Fumbler bets there are some folks out there who were saying that in September. But here the Tigers are, nine wins later, playing for a title. They might not have Joe Namath at QB, but Jaren Brickner has been outstanding in his own right. Don’t sleep on Serra, though. The win against Sto-Rox spoke volumes of the Eagles’ talent. **Winner: Beaver Falls.**

WPIAL Class 1A championship

Bishop Canevin (12-1) vs. Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (9-3), 2 p.m. Friday at Heinz Field — A bishop, a lady and a horse walked into a bar. The bartender looked at them and said, “What is this, some kind of joke?” This Bishop and Our Lady are no joke. Who would think OLSH would be in this spot? The Chargers are the No. 9 seed! OLSH has a shot, but the thought here is that Canevin has too many playmakers. **Winner: Bishop Canevin.**

WPIAL CLASS 5A CHAMPIONSHIP

6 P.M. SATURDAY, HEINZ FIELD

MOON (12-0)				PENN-TRAFFORD (10-2)					
HEAD COACH — RYAN LINN				HEAD COACH — JOHN RUANE					
REGULAR-SEASON RESULTS				REGULAR-SEASON RESULTS					
38	at Seneca Valley	21	35	at Norwin	14	14	14		
35	Montour	6	45	Hempfield	6	27	27		
15	at Woodland Hills	0	7	at Belle Vernon	28	28	28		
38	North Hills	7	14	Peters Township	14	14	14		
42	at Fox Chapel	28	54	at Shaler	6	6	6		
28	South Fayette	13	27	at Woodland Hills	10	10	10		
29	at Peters Township	26	15	Gateway	6	6	6		
16	Upper St. Clair	13	45	at Connellsville	7	7	7		
30	Bethel Park	0	49	Franklin Regional	0	0	0		
46	at West Allegheny	10	42	at Latrobe	6	6	6		
WPIAL PLAYOFFS				WPIAL PLAYOFFS					
21	Woodland Hills	13	42	Fox Chapel	14	14	14		
14	Penn Hills	9	24	Pine-Richland	6	6	6		
Totals				Totals					
352	Opponents	146	399	Opponents	146	146	146		
TEAM LEADERS				TEAM LEADERS					
Rushing	Att	Yds	Avg	Rushing	Att	Yds	Avg		
Dylan Sleva	147	772	5.3	Cade Yacamelli	144	1498	10.4		
Jeremiah Dean	86	542	6.3	Carter Green	127	1019	8.0		
Ian Foster	75	439	5.9	Ian Demeri	27	170	6.3		
Scoring	TD	FG	XP	TD	FG	XP	Tot		
Jacob Wieland	0	4	44	56	Cade Yacamelli	22	0	132	
Jeremiah Dean	9	0	0	54	Carter Green	14	0	84	
Ian Foster	8	0	0	48	Nathan Schlessinger	0	7	52	
Ben Bladel	7	0	4	46	Tommy Kalkstein	4	0	24	
Dylan Sleva	7	0	0	42	51 Joe Enick	C	6-3	280	
Passing	Cmp	Att	TD	Yds	Passing	Cmp	Att	TD	
Tyler McGowan	99	154	8	1213	Carter Green	69	117	9	1024
Receiving	Rec	Yds	Avg	Receiving	Rec	Yds	Avg		
Taite Beachy	38	483	12.7	Cade Yacamelli	14	191	13.6		
Ben Bladel	16	226	14.1	Liam Hileman	13	187	14.4		
Jeremiah Dean	13	87	6.7	Tommy Kalkstein	12	264	22.0		
PROBABLE STARTERS — OFFENSE				PROBABLE STARTERS — OFFENSE					
No. Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	No. Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
44 Dylan Sleva	RB	6-3	255	Sr.	5 Cade Yacamelli	RB	6-0	205	Sr.
2 Jeremiah Dean	RB	5-9	170	Sr.	8 Carter Green	QB	5-10	170	Sr.
6 Tyler McGowan	QB	5-10	195	Sr.	7 Liam Hileman	WR	5-10	165	Sr.
10 Taite Beachy	WR	5-10	150	Sr.	12 Tommy Kalkstein	WR	6-2	175	Jr.
1 Jalen Broxie	WR	6-0	185	Sr.	14 Conlan Greene	TE	6-4	240	Jr.
40 Ben Bladel	TE	6-0	235	Sr.	19 Jack Jollie	TE	6-1	210	Sr.
59 Anthony Dines	T	6-2	255	Sr.	50 Declan Ochendowski	T	6-3	240	Sr.
75 Trent Fraley	G	6-2	285	Sr.	60 Luke Jollie	G	6-7	265	Sr.
54 Jake Baumgartner	C	5-11	240	Sr.	51 Joe Enick	C	6-3	280	Jr.
71 Jake Hoak	G	6-0	250	Sr.	56 Garrett Moorhead	G	5-11	260	Sr.
50 Aidan Mazreku	T	6-0	245	Sr.	75 Zach Tomosovich	T	6-6	320	So.
PROBABLE STARTERS — DEFENSE				PROBABLE STARTERS — DEFENSE					
No. Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.	No. Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
40 Ben Bladel	DE	6-0	235	Sr.	50 Declan Ochendowski	DE	6-3	240	Sr.
75 Trent Fraley	DT	6-2	285	Sr.	51 Joe Enick	DT	6-3	280	Jr.
54 Jake Baumgartner	DT	5-11	240	Sr.	14 Conlan Greene	DE	6-4	240	Jr.
21 Joe Cotton	DE	5-10	200	Sr.	19 Jack Jollie	LB	6-1	210	Sr.
44 Dylan Sleva	LB	6-3	225	Sr.	10 Josh Huffman	LB	6-0	205	Jr.
40 Ian Foster	LB	5-7	175	Sr.	21 Daniel Tarabrella	LB	6-2	190	Jr.
32 Ryan Hazen	LB	5-9	190	Sr.	3 Seth Dunlap	LB	6-0	190	Sr.
17 Brandon Weaver	CB	6-1	175	Sr.	7 Liam Hileman	CB	5-10	165	Sr.
13 Anthony Antoniaz	CB	5-10	175	Jr.	4 Jacob Otto	CB	5-11	175	Jr.
1 Jalen Broxie	S	6-0	185	Sr.	5 Cade Yacamelli	S	6-0	205	Sr.
29 Caden Newhouse	S	5-9	165	Jr.	8 Carter Green	S	5-10	170	Sr.

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WPIAL CLASS 4A CHAMPIONSHIP

BELLE VERNON VS. ALIQUIPPA



Barry Reeger/For the Post-Gazette

Senior defensive end Cole Weightman and his Belle Vernon teammates have had a lot to celebrate this season. Weightman is the team's leading tackler.



Emily Matthews/Post-Gazette

Junior tackle Jason McBride is one of the top performers on Aliquippa's top-ranked defense. He leads Aliquippa in tackles and is second in sacks with six.

To end drought, Leopards must take down mighty Quips

By Brad Everett
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Happy, but not satisfied. That's Belle Vernon's state of mind right now. Following his team's win over two-time defending champion Thomas Jefferson in last Friday's semifinals, Belle Vernon coach Matt Humbert told his players and coaching staff how proud he was of the time and work they have put in to get to this point.

He then added this: "You still aren't there. You got over that mountain, but you're not at the top. Whoever you play Saturday, you've got to be ready to roll."

Across the river from Mount Washington, Belle Vernon will try to successfully scale the entire WPIAL mountain for the first time in 26 years Saturday, and it will come against a team that has won more titles than any other.

Top-seed and unbeaten Belle Vernon (10-0) will face No. 2 Aliquippa (10-1) in the WPIAL Class 4A championship at Heinz Field.

While Belle Vernon is seeking its second title and first since 1995, Aliquippa will look to add to its record 17 WPIAL titles as the Quips make their 14th consecutive appearance in the final. A Class 1A team based on school enrollment, the Quips have now made it to the final both of their years in Class 4A. They lost in overtime to Thomas Jefferson in last year's title game.

"It's amazing," said Aliquippa coach Mike Warfield. "What these kids have accomplished, especially playing up three classes and making [the final] two years in a row. They come to work every day."

This is a rematch of last year's semifinal, one in which Aliquippa rallied from two touchdowns down to beat Belle Vernon, 33-25, at The Pit. Aliquippa and Thomas Jefferson (last season) are the only teams to beat the Leopards since the beginning of last season. They avenged the Thomas Jefferson loss not once, but twice this season, and can now get some payback against Aliquippa.

"We're excited for this game because we kind of checked everyone off the list, but there's one more to check off that list," Humbert said.

With Devin Whitlock on its side, you have to like Belle Vernon's chances. When the Leopards fell to Thomas Jefferson in the 2019 final, Whitlock was a productive sophomore receiver and the team's second-leading rusher. Now a senior, Whitlock is a quarterback — he also makes a big impact as a cornerback and as a kick returner — and

one of the top players in the state. Whitlock has rushed for 1,189 yards and 23 touchdowns and passed for 1,023 yards and nine touchdowns. Oh, and he's also returned three punts for touchdowns. Whitlock ran for 146 yards and two touchdowns in a 21-7 semifinal win against Thomas Jefferson.

Humbert said it's difficult to put into words what Whitlock has meant to this program.

"He is the program," said Humbert. "His success on the field allows our offense to go the way we need it to go. His body language, his attitude, his swagger ... It's just his confidence and his attitude that I think are just as important. I think he elevates people's play. He's an elevator."

But this is far from a one-man team. The Leopards aren't short on stars, another

being sophomore running back-defensive back Quinton Martin. Considered one of the top sophomores in the country, Martin has bounced back from a midseason knee injury to rush for 902 yards and score 16 touchdowns. Like Whitlock, he's averaging more than 10 yards a carry.

"If you give either of those two a crease, it could be night-night," said Warfield, whose team is hunting for its first title since 2018, his first season as coach.

And then there's Cole Weightman, a senior tight end-defensive end who has collected a team-high 81 tackles and nine sacks. Weightman has a close connection to Belle Vernon's 1995 championship team. His dad, Ed, started at quarterback and linebacker in that game, a 22-6 win against Franklin

Regional at Three Rivers Stadium.

Of course, Aliquippa is extremely talented, as well. One of the biggest standouts has been a freshman who wasn't even expected to start this season. But when running back Tiqwai Hayes got his opportunity, he ran with it ... and he hasn't stopped. All Hayes has done is rush for 1,376 yards and 16 touchdowns. He was a workhorse in Aliquippa's 27-21 overtime win against McKeesport in the semifinals, finishing with a career-high 226 yards and two touchdowns on 41 carries.

"One thing I've learned is that when it gets down the stretch and you want to have success in the playoffs, you have to be able to run the ball," Warfield said. "A lot of people like the pretty passes, but at the end of the day, it

comes down to blocking and tackling."

Hayes has been complemented nicely at running back by sophomore Jon Tracy, who has rushed for 483 yards and 13 touchdowns.

Another sophomore, quarterback Quentin Goode, has lived up to his last name in his first season as a starter, throwing for 1,529 yards and 15 touchdowns.

"The thing that makes them so tough is their balance," Humbert said.

But if you gave each team a scale and had their starting linemen stand on it, there would be no balance. Most NFL teams would love to have linemen as big as Aliquippa's. The collection of maulers include offensive

tackles Tyrese Jones (6 feet 6, 365 pounds) and Naquan Crowder (6-3, 345) and two

-way lineman Jason McBride (6-3, 300). It's an advantage the Quips hope to capitalize on.

While teams that win WPIAL titles brace for a "championship hangover" after the championship and before they begin the PIAA playoffs, Belle Vernon hopes to avoid it while playing in the championship game.

"The problem with a game against [Thomas Jefferson] is that it's almost like a WPIAL championship itself with all the buildup and preparation," Humbert said. "It was such a big win, but you can't savor it because you're playing Aliquippa. They have that legacy. You go up on them, and there's no batting an eyelash."

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No rush zone: Aliquippa's salty 'D' hopes to slow Belle Vernon

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WPIAL CLASS 4A CHAMPIONSHIP

3 P.M. SATURDAY, HEINZ FIELD

BELLE VERNON (10-0)

HEAD COACH — MATT HUMBERT

REGULAR-SEASON RESULTS

49	at Chartiers Valley	14
27	Penn-Trafford	7
49	at West Mifflin	3
28	Thomas Jefferson	21
56	Laurel Highlands	14
35	at Ringgold	14
49	Trinity	0
46	McKeesport	14

WPIAL PLAYOFFS

45	New Castle	20
21	Thomas Jefferson	7

Totals

405	Opponents	114
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TEAM LEADERS

Rushing	Att	Yds	Avg
Devin Whitlock	109	1189	10.9
Quinton Martin	80	902	11.3
Jake Gedekoh	54	501	9.3

Scoring	TD	FG	XP	Tot
Devin Whitlock	25	0	0	150
Quinton Martin	16	0	0	96
Tyler Kovatch	0	1	53	56
Jake Gedekoh	8	0	0	48
Chase Ruokonen	3	0	0	18

Passing	Cmp	Att	TD	Yds
Devin Whitlock	64	96	9	1023
Evan Pohlott	17	299	17.6	
Chase Ruokonen	15	233	15.5	
Quinton Martin	10	164	16.4	
Tanner Steeber	8	112	14.0	

PROBABLE STARTERS — OFFENSE

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
25	Quinton Martin	RB	6-3	195	So.
35	Craig Dongilli	FB	5-10	195	Sr.
1	Devin Whitlock	QB	5-8	175	Sr.
3	Evan Pohlott	WR	6-2	180	Jr.
17	Chase Ruokonen	WR	6-0	165	Jr.
15	Cole Weightman	TE	6-3	220	Sr.
70	Dane Levi	LT	6-3	250	So.
62	Dylan Larson	LG	5-9	230	Sr.
68	Tommy Kovatch	C	6-0	240	Sr.
57	Jack Bryer	LG	6-0	210	Sr.
58	Steve Macheska	LT	6-4	240	Jr.

PROBABLE STARTERS — DEFENSE

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
15	Cole Weightman	DE	6-3	220	Sr.
68	Tommy Kovatch	DT	6-0	240	Sr.
58	Steve Macheska	DT	6-4	240	Jr.
35	Craig Dongilli	DE	5-10	195	Sr.
11	Reiley Wiant	LB	6-2	200	Sr.
35	Jake Gedekoh	LB	5-10	170	So.
43	Logan Hoffman	LB	6-0	195	Sr.
57	Jack Bryer	LB	6-0	210	Sr.
6	Logan Cunningham	CB	5-11	180	Sr.
1	Devin Whitlock	CB	5-8	175	Sr.
25	Quinton Martin	S	6-3	195	So.

ALIQUIPPA (10-1)

HEAD COACH — MIKE WARFIELD

REGULAR-SEASON RESULTS

39	at Beaver Falls	25
12	Central Valley	21
56	at Ambridge	0
62	at Quaker Valley	0
35	Beaver	7
48	at Chartiers Valley	13
49	Montour	0
42	at Blackhawk	14
63	New Castle	6

WPIAL PLAYOFFS

36	Laurel Highlands	0
27	McKeesport	21

Totals

469	Opponents	107
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TEAM LEADERS

Rushing	Att	Yds	Avg
Tiqwai Hayes	163	1380	8.4
Jon Tracy	70	483	6.9
Quaylon Darby	23	120	5.2

Scoring	TD	FG	XP	Tot
Tiqwai Hayes	16	0	2	98
Jon Tracy	13	0	2	80
E. Gyadu-Mantey	0	2	49	55
Cyair Clark	7	0	2	44
Tajjir Thornton	6	0	2	38
Donovan Walker	6	0	2	38

Passing	Cmp	Att	TD	Yds
Quentin Goode	91	157	15	1529
Cyair Clark	26	513	19.7	
Tajjir Thornton	22	392	17.8	
Donovan Walker	11	140	12.7	

PROBABLE STARTERS — OFFENSE

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
23	Tiqwai Hayes	RB	5-9	170	Fr.
25	Jon Tracy	RB	5-9	182	So.
4	Quentin Goode	QB	5-7	155	So.
6	Cyair Clark	WR	5-8	162	Sr.
10	Tajjir Thornton	WR	5-6	165	Sr.
9	Brandon Banks	WR	6-0	172	So.
70	Naquan Crowder	LT	6-3	345	Jr.
56	Jason McBride	LG	6-3	325	Jr.
53	Braylon Wilcox	C	5-10	200	So.
52	Neco Eberhardt	LG	6-2	280	Jr.
72	Tyrese Jones	LT	6-6	365	Sr.

PROBABLE STARTERS — DEFENSE

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
12	Dorius Moreland	DE	6-0	185	Jr.
52	Neco Eberhardt	DT	6-2	280	Jr.
55	Omar Banks	DT	6-2	175	Sr.
56	Jason McBride	DT	6-3	325	Jr.
82	Jonathan King	DE	6-1	165	So.
3	Isaiah Martinez	LB	5-6	205	Jr.
11	Cameron Lindsey	LB	6-1	210	So.
6	Cyair Clark	DB	5-8	162	Sr.
14	John Sparrow	DB	5-9	162	Sr.
9	Brandon Banks	DB	6-0	170	So.
21	Donovan Walker	DB	6-0	180	Jr.

Aliquippa's defense takes pride in stopping the run, and that starts up front with a line that has a pretty big goal.

"We want to be the best defensive line in Quip history," said senior tackle Tyrese Jones (6 feet 6, 365 pounds) and junior tackle Jason McBride said.

For a program that has won a record 17 WPIAL titles and has produced linemen like Sean Gilbert, that would really be saying something.

Running against Aliquippa (10-1) is usually a losing proposition, and that dominance has helped fuel a stingy defense that will have its hands full when it plays top-seed Belle Vernon (10-0) in the WPIAL Class 4A championship Saturday at Heinz Field.

With quarterback Devin Whitlock and running back Quinton Martin, Belle Vernon has one of the most dangerous running duos in the state, as the two have combined to rush for 2,091 yards and 35 touchdowns. Whitlock has rushed for 1,189 yards and 23 touchdowns and Martin 902 yards and 12 touchdowns.

Both are averaging more than 10 yards a carry.

"It's an extremely big challenge for us," said Aliquippa coach Mike Warfield. "If you give either of those two a crease, it could be night-night."

But it's typically a long night for teams that think they can run on these Quips, who are surrendering only 70.4 yards rushing per game and 2.3 yards a carry. In 11 games, they have given up 774 rushing yards on 326 attempts. That, in addition to the Quips giving up only 69.2 yards passing a game, has

helped them allow a WPIAL Class 4A-low 9.7 points a game.

Aliquippa's linemen, nicknamed the "Trench Dawgs," are massive, particularly on offense with a group that includes senior tackle Tyrese Jones (6 feet 6, 365 pounds) and junior tackle Naquan Crowder (6-3, 345). The unit is one of the biggest in the WPIAL, quite impressive for a team that should be playing in Class 1A, based on the school's enrollment. McBride (6-3, 300) and fellow junior Neco Eberhardt (6-2, 280) start both ways. They are joined in the team's 5-2 defense by senior lineman Omar Banks (6-2, 175), junior end Dorius Moreland (6-0, 185) and sophomore end Jonathan King (6-1, 165).

Meanwhile, Belle Vernon's biggest starting lineman is sophomore left tackle Dane Levi, who is only 6-3, 250. The Leopards will be at a noticeable size disadvantage on the lines, a common theme for Aliquippa's opponents this season.

"Big time," Belle Vernon coach Matt Humbert said. "But that's why we do stuff on the perimeter. Our guys are a little faster and we like to pull them. It will be a challenge scheming up how to handle those bigs."

It won't be the first time. The teams met in last year's semifinals, when Aliquippa came back from two touchdowns down to win, 33-25. Whitlock (23 carries, 159 yards, 3 touchdowns) and Martin (16 carries, 80 yards, 1 TD) both had success running the ball, but the majority of that production came early. After collecting 156 yards on their first four drives, Belle Vernon totaled 113 on its final

eight. Aliquippa also forced a pair of Whitlock fumbles.

Martin said he knew Aliquippa had some big dudes, but watching them on film and seeing them in person are two different things.

"They're huge," he said. "Being hit by them was just brutal."

McBride leads Aliquippa in tackles and is second in sacks with six. Warfield said Moreland (team-best eight sacks) is the leader of the defense. Playing directly behind them are sophomore linebacker Cameron Lindsey and junior linebacker Isaiah Martinez.

The Quips are almost always strong defensively, which speaks volumes of the job that has been done by co-defensive coordinators Peep Short and Vashawn Patrick.

"I think the foundation of the program is the assistant coaches," Warfield said.

Running effectively against this Aliquippa team isn't common, but it's not impossible. Central Valley, a finalist in Class 3A, and McKeesport were both able to do it. Central Valley gashed Aliquippa's defense for 242 yards in handing the Quips their only loss, while McKeesport and its flexible offense rolled up 228 yards in last week's semifinals. Like Belle Vernon, both of them feature one of the WPIAL's best running backs, Central Valley with Landon Alexander and McKeesport with Bobbie Boyd. Alexander rushed for 221 yards against the Quips and Boyd 130.

No team has been able to slow down Whitlock and Martin, but McBride said he likes his team's chances.

Said McBride: "It's going to be a big challenge, but me and my guys are ready."

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WPIAL CLASS 3A CHAMPIONSHIP

NORTH CATHOLIC VS. CENTRAL VALLEY



Emily Matthews/Post-Gazette

North Catholic quarterback Joe Prentice has passed for 1,456 yards and 20 touchdowns.



Emily Matthews/Post-Gazette

Central Valley's Landon Alexander has rushed for 1,730 yards and averages 10 yards a carry.

Heavily-favored Central Valley eyes title three-peat

By Mike White
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

North Catholic coach Pat O'Shea and his assistants have coached their team in Xs and Os at practice. The coaches and players have watched film together of their upcoming opponent. They have tweaked some things.

From those aspects, it's a normal week of coaching for O'Shea. But this week, O'Shea is trying to do more than coach his team in the physical aspects of the game. He is trying to get in their heads.

For the North Catholic Trojans, it's time to play a mind game.

North Catholic plays mighty Central Valley in the WPIAL Class 3A championship Saturday at noon at Heinz Field. North Catholic undoubtedly is the underdog. Central Valley might be the most prohibitive favorite of any team in any classification. The Warriors are the two-time defending WPIAL champs and have had only one semi-close game this season. That was a 21-12 verdict against Aliquippa early in the season. Central Valley has defeated every other team by at least 23 points and its average margin of victory, minus the Aliquippa game, is 44.3 points.

So one of O'Shea's objectives this week is to coax his players into doing one major thing—believe.

"Before our practice (Monday), we do our stretches and then everyone takes a knee," O'Shea said. "I talked to the kids a little about the mental aspect. Physically, we're very capable. We're strong, we're fast, we're good fundamentally. But the subject I brought up is to make sure they understand the next few days. They have to prepare themselves for the mental part of the game and challenge themselves.

"I know they are a very capable team, but their No. 1 assignment was to go home and mentally prepare themselves for how challenging this game is going to be. But also how exciting it's going to be. They have to believe in themselves. Our senior class didn't lose a regular-season game the last two seasons. Now we get to go against a premier program and that's important because this is a program we want to emulate. But we have to believe we can do this."

Both teams take 12-0 records into the game. Since 1977, this is only the 26th time two teams with perfect

records have met in a championship in any classification.

Although their records are the same, Central Valley and North Catholic aren't the same in terms of tradition and their resumes. This is only the second time North Catholic has made a WPIAL title game since the school joined the WPIAL in the 1970s. Meanwhile, this is Central Valley's seventh championship game appearance since the school opened in 2010, and the Warriors have won four titles under coach Mark Lyons.

"I just think we need to keep our minds on the game and keep a mindset of staying positive," said Carson Laconi, a North Catholic senior receiver-defensive back. "There are going to be setbacks. They're going to

make us bleed a little. But we just have to keep focusing on what's ahead of us in the game."

While O'Shea tries to get his players to believe they can win, you wonder if Central Valley coach Mark Lyons has to caution his team about being overconfident. But Lyons has noticed his team taking a business-like approach to games this season.

"To be quite honest, we never really talk about being overconfident," Lyons said. "I don't know if it's myself or just the way we coach them. But we don't spend a lot of time discussing our accomplishments. I'm even hesitant to talk about personal records. We just try to live so much in the moment, going day by day."

A win will make Central Valley the 16th team in WPIAL history to win 25 consecutive games.

"I've said this before. I probably don't enjoy the wins enough as much as what motivates me is the fear of losing," Lyons said. "I tell you confidently that if you polled 15 or 20 of our guys, I'm not so sure any of them will talk about the winning streak. I just don't do that. It's always what's next, who's next or what's the next day in practice."

What's next for Central Valley is a North Catholic team that has held eight of 12 opponents to seven points or less. But North Catholic allowed 41 points in a quarter-final victory against Keystone Oaks.

Central Valley presents many problems to teams on

offense and defense. On offense, the Warriors feature Landon Alexander, who has rushed for 1,730 yards and averages 10.4 yards a carry. But Central Valley has other capable runners, including Bret FitzSimmons and Matt Merritt. FitzSimmons has rushed for more than 400 yards and Merritt is getting back to his old self—offensively and defensively—after nursing ankle and shoulder injuries much of the season.

On defense, Central Valley has one of the top interior linemen in the state in Sean FitzSimmons, a Pitt recruit who has 15 sacks and 37 tackles for loss this season. End Jackson Tonya and line-backer-end Merritt also are ones to watch on Central Valley's defense.

North Catholic needs a big game from quarterback

Joe Prentice, who has thrown for 1,456 yards and rushed for 367. But North Catholic needs a big game from a number of players.

"There's no doubt we have to play our best game and have our best tackling game," O'Shea said. "You watch film of (Central Valley) and if you don't tackle them on initial contact, they seem to get 5, 10, 15 extra yards and then break one for a touchdown. We have to focus on that one fundamental."

"Our offensive line has to believe in themselves and do everything we've coached them on all season. That's another key."

So is believing.

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WPIAL CLASS 3A CHAMPIONSHIP

NOON SATURDAY, HEINZ FIELD

CENTRAL VALLEY (12-0)

HEAD COACH — MARK LYONS

REGULAR-SEASON RESULTS

62	at Knoch	0
58	Blackhawk	35
21	at Aliquippa	12
38	at Blackhawk	3
56	New Castle	7
69	Quaker Valley	7
42	at Keystone Oaks	0
44	Ambridge	0
43	at Avonworth	6
47	Hopewell	6

WPIAL PLAYOFFS

41	East Allegheny	0
51	Elizabeth Forward	0

Totals Opponents 76

TEAM LEADERS

Rushing			
No.	Name	Att	Yds
167	Landon Alexander	167	1730
42	Bret FitzSimmons	42	413
27	Matt Merritt	27	332
Scoring			
No.	Name	TD	FG
27	Landon Alexander	0	0
0	Serafino DeSantis	0	6
11	Bret FitzSimmons	0	0
8	Jayvin Thompson	0	0
7	Matt Merritt	0	0
Passing			
No.	Name	Cmp	Att
47	Antwon Johnson	47	85
Receiving			
No.	Name	Rec	Yds
23	Jayvin Thompson	23	559
9	Deniro Simpson	9	266
8	Jack Bible	8	149

PROBABLE STARTERS — OFFENSE

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
23	Landon Alexander	RB	5-11	195	Sr.
5	Antwon Johnson	QB	5-11	185	Sr.
2	Donovan Jones	WR	6-1	155	Sr.
7	Jayvin Thompson	WR	6-2	185	Jr.
21	Deniro Simpson	WR	5-8	140	Jr.
80	Jack Bible	TE	6-0	205	Sr.
67	Jordan Karczewski	LT	6-3	225	Sr.
50	Sean FitzSimmons	LG	6-3	280	Sr.
53	Jackson Tonya	C	6-1	225	Jr.
73	Kaden Colville	RG	5-10	218	Jr.
74	Nick McCrea	RT	6-1	253	So.
PROBABLE STARTERS — DEFENSE					
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
50	Sean FitzSimmons	DE	6-3	280	Sr.
67	Jordan Karczewski	NG	6-3	225	Sr.
53	Jackson Tonya	DE	6-1	225	Jr.
6	Matt Merritt	LB	6-2	210	Sr.
10	Bret FitzSimmons	LB	5-10	170	Jr.
34	Payton Bauer	LB	5-9	180	Jr.
80	Jack Bible	LB	6-1	205	Sr.
3	Rylan Jeter	CB	5-11	165	Jr.
23	Landon Alexander	CB	5-11	195	Sr.
7	Jayvin Thompson	S	6-2	185	Jr.
4	Ryce Wilson	S	5-9	168	Sr.

NORTH CATHOLIC (12-0)

HEAD COACH — PAT O'SHEA

REGULAR-SEASON RESULTS

62	at Hopewell	0	
41	at Ambridge	0	
18	Blackhawk	17	
49	at Valley	0	
31	East Allegheny	14	
7	at Burrell	0	
41	at South Park	0	
0	35	Deer Lakes	0
6	33	at Freeport	7
67	Deny	13	

WPIAL PLAYOFFS

48	Keystone Oaks	41
7	Avonworth	0

Totals Opponents 92

TEAM LEADERS

Rushing			
No.	Name	Att	Yds
88	Kyle Tipinski	88	495
59	Jack Fennell	59	483
88	Joe Prentice	88	367
Scoring			
No.	Name	TD	FG
18	Kyle Tipinski	18	0
13	Jack Fennell	13	0
9	Tyler Maziarz	9	0
8	Joe Prentice	8	0
0	Ethan Marsico	0	52
Passing			
No.	Name	Cmp	Att
86	Joe Prentice	86	134
Receiving			
No.	Name	Rec	Yds
27	Kyle Tipinski	27	516
23	Jack Fennell	23	315
19	Tyler Maziarz	19	443

PROBABLE STARTERS — OFFENSE

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
31	Kyle Tipinski	RB	6-2	213	Sr.
13	Jack Fennell	RB	5-10	220	So.
1	Joe Prentice	QB	6-1	200	Sr.
17	Tyler Maziarz	WR	6-1	167	Sr.
2	Carson Laconi	WR	6-1	167	Sr.
31	Daniel Long	TE	6-1	220	Jr.
74	J.J. Iaquina	T	6-2	250	Jr.
77	Justin Smith	G	6-0	272	Jr.
52	Tyler Primrose	C	5-11	226	Sr.
59	Andrew Stephens	G	5-10	220	Sr.
56	Shamus Straub	T	6-1	217	Jr.
PROBABLE STARTERS — DEFENSE					
No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
31	Daniel Long	DE	6-1	220	Jr.
64	Lucius Marbella	DT	5-10	222	Sr.
72	Dante Prentice	DT	6-1	255	Ft.
52	Tyler Primrose	DE	5-11	226	Sr.
81	Robby Kress	LB	6-2	193	Sr.
56	Shamus Straub	LB	6-1	217	Jr.
3	Kyle Tipinski	LB	6-2	213	Sr.
26	Liam Straub	CB	5-10	170	Sr.
2	Carson Laconi	CB	6-1	167	Sr.
1	Joe Prentice	S	6-1	200	Sr.
17	Tyler Maziarz	S	6-1	167	Sr.

North Catholic senior cherishes chance

By Mike White
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

There will be some wide-eyed teenagers Friday and Saturday inside the place with all the yellow seats. Playing for a WPIAL title is huge, but playing at Heinz Field adds a little extra to the whole experience for high school football players.

But maybe no one will appreciate playing in a WPIAL championship more than North Catholic senior Carson Laconi. Laconi simply appreciates getting into a game again.

Heck, he appreciates life. "It was definitely life threatening. I didn't have that long to live and the doctor saved me because I was bleeding out."

That was Laconi describing the May day when he was injured in a lacrosse game and eventually taken by Life Flight to Allegheny General Hospital, where his spleen burst, forcing emergency surgery.

If the WPIAL gave a comeback player of the year, Laconi would be a prime candidate. Laconi recovered and was going full force with the North Catholic football team in preseason workouts. He was getting ready for his fourth season as a starter at receiver and defensive back. But in North Catholic's first scrimmage against Avonworth in August, Laconi's right collarbone was shattered when he caught a screen pass, was hit and fell on his

shoulder. He had another surgery, where doctors inserted a metal plate and eight screws into his shoulder. He was told by doctors if North Catholic, by chance, was still playing in late November, Laconi could possibly be ready to play.

He beat that prognosis by a few weeks. Laconi was cleared to play in the WPIAL quarterfinals two weeks ago against Keystone Oaks. Last week, he played in the semifinals against Avonworth. Now he gets to wear the red and gold in a WPIAL final where the black and gold play.

"I appreciate everything more now," Laconi said. "Every sport I can play, it's a blessing. It's something I took for granted before. All the injuries and all the setbacks I have allowed me to focus on the positivity and all the great things I have."

"I'm just grateful to be playing now. All the physical therapy I went through, all the emotions my family and I have gone through, I'm excited. The whole team is excited. But I don't like to put this all on me. The team, the fan base and the school are excited for this opportunity. We finally got over the hump in the playoffs and got to this point, and everyone is happy to be there."

North Catholic will play Central Valley for the WPIAL Class 3A championship Saturday at Heinz. Central Valley is the two-time defending WPIAL

champ and won a PIAA title last season. North Catholic is certainly an underdog in the game, but North Catholic coach Pat O'Shea believes having Laconi back will help. O'Shea will go on and on about how it is heart-warming to see Laconi playing again. Laconi (6 feet, 180 pounds) will start at receiver and cornerback against Central Valley.

"He's very, very talented. Unfortunately, some injuries kept him off the radar," O'Shea said. "A lot of kids would've bailed after what he went through. But he's been with us all season. He didn't miss a practice after he got hurt. He played such a great game (in the semifinals against Avonworth). I couldn't be prouder. His toughness and his mindset, you don't find that much more with kids these days."

No matter what happens against Central Valley, Laconi is hopeful it won't be his last game. He has been offered a walk-on spot at Duquesne University. He said a few Ivy League and Patriot League schools are showing interest.

But first there is this matter of a WPIAL title game.

"Central Valley has been in this situation before and we haven't," Laconi said. "We're really just focusing on our mindset and being prepared mentally."

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WPIAL CLASS 2A CHAMPIONSHIP

SERRA CATHOLIC VS. BEAVER FALLS



Emily Matthews/Post-Gazette

Serra Catholic's Terrell Booth has had a big season for the Eagles, leading the team in receiving (40 catches) and touchdowns (14).



Peter Diana/Post-Gazette

Beaver Falls junior quarterback Jaren Brickner (2,477 yards) has already more than doubled his passing yardage total from last season.

New-look Beaver Falls seeks same result as last season

By Keith Barnes
Tri-State Sports & News Service

Max Rocco had a plan for Thanksgiving.

He was going to get together with friends and play a turkey bowl game before sitting down to watch football and eat dinner.

Well, he'll still be playing football on Thursday morning. Only instead of a pick-up game with his buddies, the senior quarterback will be in pads for a 9:30 a.m. practice at Serra Catholic.

"It's going to be different," Rocco said. "The last time I remember waking up for a morning practice was camp in August and it honestly brings back memories."

That Thanksgiving walk-through will be the final opportunity Rocco and his Eagles teammates will have before sixth-seeded Serra Catholic (13-1) takes on No. 5 defending champion Beaver Falls (9-3) in the WPIAL Class 2A championship slated for Friday at 5 p.m. at Heinz Field.

"It's mind-blowing and I never thought that day would come," Serra Catholic running back Machai Brooks-Duetrieulle said. "But when you're there, you show them why you're there."

This will be the first time the Class 2A championship will be held at Heinz Field since 2015, the year before the PIAA expanded football to six classifications. It will, in fact, be the fourth venue for the Class 2A final in as many years following Robert Morris University (2018), Norwin High School (2019) and North Hills' Martorelli Stadium last year.

It's not only the championship venue that changed for Beaver Falls from one year to the next. The entire Tigers offense transitioned from a run-first attack featuring a pair of 1,000-yard rushers in alums Josh Hough and Shileak Livingston to a pass-first attack under junior quarterback Jaren Brickner.

"We've really come a long way and we're obviously a lot more comfortable in it now," Beaver Falls coach Nick Nardone said. "More importantly, the confidence they have in each other all takes time when you're doing things you haven't done that much in the past."

Brickner has thrown for 2,477 yards this year after less than 1,000 last season. With his increased pro-

duction has come an increased role for Beaver Falls receivers, especially Trey Singleton, who went from 12 catches and 405 yards in 2020 to 39 receptions and 848 yards this year.

It's not like Beaver Falls completely abandoned the running game. Isaiah Aeschbacher has racked up 783 yards and 12 total touchdowns.

Of course, it didn't happen overnight. Beaver Falls went through a huge adjustment period that saw the team drop its first three games of the season to Blackhawk, Class 4A finalist Aliquippa and Midwestern Conference rival Laurel.

Since that time, however,

the Tigers reeled off a nine-game winning streak that took them from potential disaster to the brink of a repeat.

"It was definitely one of those things where you learn as you go," Nardone said. "We had some young kids that maybe were a little overly confident because of the success we had last year and it was really a wake-up call."

Serra Catholic got its wake-up call a lot later in the season. Helped out by a pair of forfeits, the Eagles won their first 10 until they were derailed in a 28-7 loss to Steel Valley in the regular season finale that gave the Ironmen the Allegheny

Conference title.

"It re-energized us and woke us up," Serra Catholic coach Jose Regus said. "Steel Valley was a bad game. It was out worst game and it let the guys know they had to go 100% all the time."

Like Beaver Falls, Serra Catholic has a premier quarterback in Rocco, who has thrown for more than 1,753 yards and 24 touchdowns on the year. Brooks-Duetrieulle (842 yards rushing) is also closing in on a 1,000-yard season to close out his high school career.

With all of these skill players, there is the potential for a high-scoring affair at Heinz Field. But these two teams are also very solid on

the other side of the ball.

Since its three season-opening losses, Beaver Falls has only allowed 72 points in nine games, an average of eight per game, with three shutouts. The Tigers have also surrendered just two touchdowns in three post-season contests.

Serra Catholic has three of the strangest postseason wins. The Eagles have a running-clock victory over Neshannock, a 6-0 shutout against Laurel and a come-from-behind 13-12 nail-biter with Sto-Rox.

"Defensively against Steel Valley, we were in a position where our kids knew what was coming before it came," Nardone said.

"If you're playing downhill and you're prepared, it just makes that game speed and reaction speed that much faster."

If there's another edge Beaver Falls has is that it's been there before.

Even though the Tigers played at Martorelli Stadium instead of Heinz Field, they have already been on the field in a championship game and won a title. Serra Catholic hasn't been to the finals since it won the 2007 Class 1A title.

"That really doesn't mean anything to us," Brooks-Duetrieulle said. "We just have to show that we want it, keep our head in the game and execute."

WPIAL CLASS 2A CHAMPIONSHIP

5 P.M. FRIDAY, HEINZ FIELD

BEAVER FALLS (9-3)

HEAD COACH — NICK NARDONE

REGULAR-SEASON RESULTS

20	Blackhawk	31	24
25	Aliquippa	39	30
21	at Laurel	39	56
49	Ellwood City	0	40
39	at New Brighton	18	1
41	Mohawk	7	14
41	Freedom	8	39
28	at Neshannock	23	1
58	Riverside	0	62

WPIAL PLAYOFFS

42	Western Beaver	8	61
40	New Brighton	0	6
21	Steel Valley	8	13

Totals

425	Opponents	181	400
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TEAM LEADERS

Rushing	Att	Yds	Avg
Isaiah Aeschbacher	90	783	8.7
Jaren Brickner	82	410	5.0
Quinton Adamson	25	266	10.6

Scoring	TD	FG	XP	Tot
Trey Singleton	11	0	11	77
Isaiah Aeschbacher	12	0	0	72
Tyler Cain	5	0	29	59
Quadir Thomas	9	0	2	56
Jaren Brickner	8	0	4	52

Passing	Cmp	Att	TD	Yds
Jaren Brickner	128	232	24	2477

Receiving	Rec	Yds	Avg
Trey Singleton	39	848	21.7
Mekhi Clark	32	649	20.3
Quadir Thomas	23	451	19.6

PROBABLE STARTERS — OFFENSE

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
22	Isaiah Aeschbacher	RB	6-3	205	Jr.
11	Jaren Brickner	QB	6-0	170	Jr.
3	Mekhi Clark	WR	6-0	170	Sr.
9	Quadir Thomas	WR	6-3	185	Sr.
2	Trey Singleton	WR	5-11	160	Jr.
8	Tyler Cain	TE	6-2	220	Sr.
70	Damian Lee	LT	5-11	285	So.
63	Sy/Mauri McCoy	LG	6-3	220	So.
71	Connor Paolucci	C	6-0	290	Jr.
52	Anthony Couser	LG	6-3	220	Sr.
75	Thomas Tutwiler	LT	5-11	220	Jr.

PROBABLE STARTERS — DEFENSE

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
52	Anthony Couser	DE	6-3	220	Sr.
63	Sy/Mauri McCoy	DT	6-3	220	So.
70	Damian Lee	DT	5-11	285	So.
22	Isaiah Aeschbacher	DE	6-3	205	Jr.
25	Da'Sean Anderson	LB	5-10	150	So.
28	Brix Rawl	LB	5-8	175	So.
8	Tyler Cain	LB	6-2	220	Sr.
5	Quinton Adamson	DB	5-10	160	Sr.
3	Mekhi Clark	DB	6-0	170	Sr.
2	Trey Singleton	DB	5-11	160	Jr.
9	Quadir Thomas	DB	6-3	185	Sr.

SERRA CATHOLIC (13-1)

HEAD COACH — JOSE REGUS

REGULAR-SEASON RESULTS

1	South Allegheny	0	14
1	East Allegheny	14	8
11	at Imani Christian	8	10
1	Seton LaSalle	10	0
1	at Carlynton (forfeit)	0	3
1	at Freeport	0	7
1	Shady Side Academy	7	0
1	at Ligonier Valley (forfeit)	0	20
62	at Apollo-Ridge	0	0
46	Summit Academy	0	28
7	at Steel Valley	28	

WPIAL PLAYOFFS

61	Neshannock	21	0
6	at Laurel	0	12
13	Sto-Rox	12	

Totals

400	Opponents	123	
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TEAM LEADERS

Rushing	Att	Yds	Avg
Machai Duetrieulle	142	863	6.1
Jayvon Holt	31	186	6.0

Scoring	TD	FG	XP	Tot
Terrell Booth	14	0	0	84
Jayvon Holt	10	0	0	60
Pharoh Fisher	7	0	0	42
Machai Duetrieulle	5	0	0	30
Elijah Ward	4	0	0	24

Passing	Cmp	Att	TD	Yds
Max Rocco	108	206	24	1753
Terrell Booth	40	842	21.1	
Jayvon Holt	33	585	17.7	
Amire Spencer	19	323	17.0	
Zach Weber	16	145	9.1	

PROBABLE STARTERS — OFFENSE

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
1	Machai Duetrieulle	RB	5-6	168	Sr.
15	Max Rocco	QB	6-0	181	Sr.
11	Jayvon Holt	WR	6-0	173	Sr.
9	Terrell Booth	WR	6-0	170	Sr.
2	Pharoh Fisher	WR	6-2	182	Sr.
14	Zach Weber	TE	6-0	205	Sr.
60	Drew Hairston	LT	6-0	183	So.
52	Jadell Minniefield	LG	6-0	236	So.
58	Danny Opferman	C	6-1	257	Sr.
12	Elijah Ward	LG	5-10	220	Jr.
55	Matt Bisceglia	LT	5-11	207	Sr.

PROBABLE STARTERS — DEFENSE

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
5	Ryan Brooks	DE	6-2	214	Sr.
14	Zach Weber	DT	6-0	205	Sr.
6	Dior Blair-Brown	DT	5-10	202	Sr.
53	Mike Schanck	DE	5-10	220	Jr.
1	Machai Duetrieulle	LB	5-6	168	Sr.
19	Jaden Williams	LB	5-7	175	Sr.
2	Pharoh Fisher	DB	6-2	182	Sr.
11	Jayvon Holt	DB	6-0	173	Sr.
12	Elijah Ward	DB	5-10	133	Jr.
9	Terrell Booth	DB	6-0	170	Sr.
7	Daiquan Chatfield	DB	5-9	134	Jr.

Serra Catholic rallies around coach

By Keith Barnes
Tri-State Sports & News Service

Serra Catholic head coach Jose Regus plans to walk out of the Heinz Field tunnel onto the field with his team for the WPIAL Class 2A final.

At least part of the way.

"I told my players my goal for the year was to take a couple steps onto the field," Regus said. "It's definitely going to be nice."

Even taking a step or two unaided would be a remarkable achievement.

On March 1, Regus went to the hospital when he couldn't walk because of what he believed was a back injury. Instead, he spent most of the month in the hospital and, over the next six months, went through battery after battery of tests to determine a diagnosis and a prognosis.

He finally got his answer in September when it was determined he had chronic inflammatory demyelinating polyneuropathy (CIDP). The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke defines CIDP as:

"A neurological disorder characterized by progressive weakness and impaired sensory function in the legs and arms. The disorder, which is sometimes called chronic relapsing polyneuropathy, is caused by damage to the myelin sheath (the fatty covering that wraps around and protects nerve fibers) of the peripheral nerves."

"We had our football get-together in late April and he was in a wheelchair," Serra Catholic quarterback Max Rocco said. "He had lost so much

weight and I felt really bad and it was honestly sad."

That was when the Eagles players decided to dedicate the 2021 season to their head coach.

"It hurts me but I'm not a guy who shows emotion and I keep it all in," Serra Catholic running back Machai Brooks-Duetrieulle said. "It hurts, but it's life. He's going to have to deal with it, but we're going to have to keep pushing to keep a smile on his face and, hopefully, he gets through it well."

Off the field, Regus, 53, had to get used to getting around in a wheelchair. He's had help from his family, especially his sisters, but making the transition has been difficult.

A couple of weeks ago, Regus started getting treatments to help combat the disease. Despite that, he was forced to take early disability retirement after 18 years as a state parole agent.

"I've always been a physically very active individual," Regus, a 1986 graduate of Allerdice High School, said. "I was only two years away from my regular retirement, but it is what it is."

Though he couldn't keep up with the physical demands of his full-time job, the Serra Catholic community made sure he would be able to continue as head coach. He continues to attend practices every day.

His brother Al, an assistant coach on the team, transports him to and from the field for practices and games. Regus spends most of his time sitting in his wheelchair

or occasionally using a walker for limited movement to get around.

It's not easy. Serra Catholic has one of the last grass fields in the WPIAL and it's not really conducive to wheeling around on the sideline.

This is not to say there haven't been mishaps. Luckily, the school support staff, from the administration on down, has been with him every step through the process.

"I had a chair and I was sitting there and I got rolled over on the sideline and I had a new chair by the next week," Regus said. "They look out for me, and whatever I need they're there for me."

Coaching in and of itself has been a challenge. He's not able to stand or sit at the edge of the field and, even with his headset, he's almost reduced to a fan in a field-level front row seat with the players blocking him from seeing the game.

"It sucks because I have to sit far back off the sideline because I've got to keep the players out of my face," Regus said. "It's just a blessing that I'm still there and I'm with those kids on a daily basis."

And they've been with him. Serra Catholic players have been active on social media expressing their support of Regus. That's what will make taking even a small step or two onto the field against Beaver Falls such an emotional moment.

"It's sad and it motivates us to play for him," Rocco said. "This is all for him and we want to win this championship just for him."

VarsityXtra

Palko brings winning ways to Mt. Lebanon

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Now, let's be honest. He has a special group this year. That senior class is really talented. But Bob has been the perfect person to lead it."

Coming to Mt. Lebanon

How Palko got to Mt. Lebanon is a story in itself. Before the 2018 season started, he already had decided that he would step down at West Allegheny and move on to something else in football, possibly get a job with a college program.

Well, Palko retired as a physical education teacher after the 2017-18 school year and as coach after the 2018 season. But no job materialized at the college level.

"When he was coaching and teaching at West Allegheny, he was doing a million little things," said Luke Palko, Bob's youngest son. "I don't think he realized the abruptness of having a million things to do and then waking up and you don't have much of anything to do."

Bob Palko said, "I didn't feel like I was a part of anything anymore. I thought I'd always be a part of West Allegheny. Then I thought I had a plan after (West Allegheny). I thought maybe I'd work at a college like Pitt or Penn State. I thought, 'Yeah, I can do that.' Then that didn't happen. So I had to go to Plan B."

Mt. Lebanon opened Melnyk's position and Palko's previous relationship with Mt. Lebanon helped bring Palko and the school together. Mt. Lebanon granted Palko's wishes. He wanted to bring assistant coach Kim Niedbala with him as defensive coordinator. Niedbala was supposed to take over for Palko at West Allegheny, but that plan fell apart. Palko also brought assistant coach Andy Barry with him from West Allegheny.

Palko brought change to Mt. Lebanon. Many have said Palko "changed the culture" at the South Hills area school. Those are buzzwords these days, but what do they really mean? Are there tangible ways he "changed the culture?"

Heidenreich said, "It's really

hard to describe. I've never had a super good answer for that."

"I can try to explain what I think is going on, but I don't know if that's exactly what's going on," Palko said. "There is a master plan, but I don't know if that's changing the culture. It's just a way to me. It's a lifestyle. I tell the kids that being champions is a lifestyle."

"I could tell when I got to Mt. Lebanon it was new for some of the guys. What was new was holding each other accountable. And it couldn't be about individuals. It had to be about the team. No one trusted anybody in the beginning. It was the same way when I went to West Allegheny. The first year at Mt. Lebanon, we had some knock-down, drag-out times that were very emotional. We'd get to a point in the game and kids just didn't trust things. They wanted to do it their way because that's where they felt comfortable. That took time to change."

There were tangible changes with Palko. He had rules that players weren't accustomed to, some as simple as no wearing of hats inside when eating.

"Kids would ask, 'Why?' I don't know the reason other than just because that's what I said," Palko said. "If you can't get a kid not to wear a hat inside, how are you going to get them to learn to play together?"

"We call it mastering the things that take no talent. Be selfless."

Palko had players wear the same color shirts to offseason workouts to promote team unity. And offseason workouts changed immensely under Palko. In the summer before the start of official practices, Mt. Lebanon's players attend workouts from 8 a.m. to noon four days a week.

"I was there for some high school workouts before coach Palko and it was so much more relaxed. It wasn't very strict," Heidenreich said. "Kids showed up, but the workouts weren't very long and guys really didn't act like they wanted to become champions. Coach Palko flipped that."

Chip Dalesandro is a junior-high coach at Mt. Lebanon who helps some with the varsity and also has run the Mt. Lebanon youth leagues since 1985.

"I was there for some of the Art Walker great years and I've been there with other coaches," Dalesandro said. "They all had their strengths and Bob has all of their qualities and then some. It was just a culture that needed infused with enthusiasm. Bob brought that. He brought back the old days. He's a dying breed. He's old school, but he also has adapted to some of the newer ways of kids today."

A way with kids

Palko and his wife, Sally, have three grown children. Oldest son, Tyler, was one of the top players in WPIAL history, played quarterback at Pitt and then in the NFL for a brief period. He lives in Kansas City. Second son, Luke, was a receiver for his brother on the 2001 West Allegheny team that won a state title. Luke is a longtime scout for the NFL's Arizona Cardinals. Daughter Amy Palko was a standout volleyball player at West Allegheny who played at Duquesne University. Luke and Amy live in the Pittsburgh area.

But those who know Bob Palko well say it's the bonds he creates with his "other kids," that makes him unique.

"Given what he did at his previous school, there was a certain amount of clout that he had coming to Mt. Lebanon," Luke Palko said. "But he still had to get those kids to buy in."

"Even the guys who don't play sports, he'll talk to them and that's because he treats everyone the same. That's just what he does. I truly believe it was his calling just to coach and teach. The really successful coaches, they're all the same, no matter the level. That's what they do. I was down scouting at an Alabama practice. Coach (Nick) Saban coaches his butt off. He even coaches the scout team. That's kind of the way my Dad is."

Grogan jokingly said Bob Palko could "carry on a con-

versation with a door."

Grogan has watched Palko over the years try to help students who aren't football players, but might be struggling with in school. Grogan has watched Palko bring special needs children to practices or games to be around the team.

"The secret to Bob, or really any coach that has had this type of success, is he is a master at building relationships with kids," Grogan said. "There are lots of coaches who know Xs and Os or played in college. But if you aren't able to build those relationships with kids, get them to buy in to something larger than themselves, buy into the team concept, then you aren't going to have big success. He's a master at that."

"You can't fool kids. Once kids know you care for them more than just a player, then you can set high expectations and push them to be even better than they thought."

Palko deflects praise from himself. He will gush about his assistant coaches. Get this: Including volunteers, Palko has about 20 assistant coaches in his program.

"This isn't about me. It's about those guys, too, and who you surround yourselves with," Palko said.

The future

A main question about Palko now is how long will he continue to coach?

"It's his calling to coach and teach," Luke Palko said. "I don't know what he'd do if he walked away. He doesn't fish and doesn't hurt. He cooks a little and golfs a little. I'm sure he'll retire someday, but I don't know what the heck he would do."

Don't ask Palko when he might give up coaching because he has no idea.

"I thought I had a plan the last time (after West Allegheny), but that didn't work. So I don't know," Palko said.

As for how he is viewed at Mt. Lebanon, Heidenreich might have said it best.

"Love him and would not want to be coached by anyone else," Heidenreich said. "All I'll say is he's 'theman.'"

DID YOU KNOW?

Some factoids about the WPIAL football championships Friday and Saturday at Heinz Field.

• **A first for five:** This is the first time the WPIAL has used Heinz Field or Three Rivers Stadium for five games over two days. From 1986 through 2019, the league held four championships in one day at either Three Rivers or Heinz.

• **Biggest crowd:** Since the WPIAL started playing four title games in one day in 1986, the best attendance was 39,031 in 2001 at Heinz Field. That was the year Heinz opened.

• **Do you remember?** This is the 35-year anniversary of the first time the WPIAL played four title games in one day. The league doesn't sell single-game tickets – one ticket is good for all games. But the largest crowd for one game at Three Rivers or Heinz is believed to be the 1986 Class 4A championship between undefeated teams North Hills and Gateway. The crowd was estimated at more than 20,000.

• **More do you remember?** This is the 25th anniversary of one of the greatest performances by a running back in a title game at Three Rivers or Heinz. In 1996, Blackhawk's Nate Stewart rushed for 262 yards on 23 carries, intercepted a pass and recovered a fumble in a 24-6 win against Belle Vernon. Stewart's rushing total stood as a Three Rivers-Heinz championship game record until Rushel Shell rushed for 274 yards in a loss to West Allegheny in 2009.

• **More record stuff:** The most passing yards in a game at Heinz or Three Rivers is 435, by South Fayette's Drew Saxton in 2015. He completed 27 of 43. The record for the most receptions at Heinz or Three Rivers is 12, shared by Pine-Richland's Eli Jochem in 2015 and Seneca Valley's Payton Skalos in 2016.

• **Most titles:** Aliquippa's 17 championships is the most in league history. Clairton is next with 14, New Castle has 11 and Jeannette 10. Aliquippa is in the Class 4A title game.

• **Old and the new:** Aliquippa is one of the familiar faces in this weekend's championship games, playing for a title for a record 14th consecutive season. This is Central Valley's seventh championship appearance since the school opened in 2010. Beaver Falls is in a title game for the second consecutive year and third time in six years. This is Penn-Trafford's third appearance in seven years.

But these title games certainly have some new faces. This is only Moon's second championship appearance, North Catholic's second, Our Lady of the Sacred Heart's second, Serra's third and Bishop Canevin's third.

• **40 years ago:** Serra won its first WPIAL title with a 12-0 victory against Clairton at Baldwin. Serra was coached by Dick Bowen, whose son, Rich, was the team's standout quarterback and a Parade All-American.

• **50 years ago:** Jeannette won the WPIAL Class 2A championship, 14-7, over Beaver at Pitt Stadium. That Jeannette team featured future NFL first-round draft pick Steve August.

— By Mike White



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BISHOP CANEVIN VS. OLSH



Courtesy of Jennifer Travis

Bishop Canevin's Xavier Nelson (No. 6) and Lesae Lacks form a potent receiving duo. Nelson has 35 catches and Lacks has 41 this season.



Sarah Simpson/Post-Gazette

Quarterback Nehemiah Azeem and coach Dan Bradley have helped Our Lady of the Sacred Heart reach the WPIAL final for the second time.

Upstart Crusaders, Chargers give title game a fresh look

By Brad Everett
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Some coaches will tell you that the pursuit of a championship begins in the offseason.

Well, after not having one of those in 2020 due to the pandemic, second-year Bishop Canevin coach Rich Johnson made the most of his first with the team this summer.

There was a trip to Camp Christian in Fayette County, which included fishing, swimming, ping pong and even axe throwing. There was a busy 7 on 7 schedule that sometimes included four or five competitions in a week. And then there were the two workouts a week with popular trainer DeWayne Brown, who trains reigning NFL defensive player of the year Aaron Donald.

"I told him we wanted the 'championship package,'" Johnson said, laughing.

Fast forward a few months, and Johnson's team is playing for a WPIAL championship.

Friday, No. 3 seed Canevin (12-1) will play for a WPIAL title for the first time in 31 years when it takes on No. 9 Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (9-3) in the Class 1A final at Heinz Field.

What makes this championship unique is that for the first time since 2007, the Class 1A final will not include Clairton, Sto-Rox, Rochester or Jeannette. Many years, two of those perennial powers played for the title. This year, however, there is some new blood in the final. Both teams have just one WPIAL title to their name. Canevin's came in 1990 and OLSH's in 2018.

For Johnson, the November trip to the North Shore is a little unexpected. After all, Johnson, who grew up in North Versailles before moving to Maryland after his 10th grade year at East Allegheny, took over a program that had gone 1-9 the previous season. The Crusaders went 5-3 in Johnson's first season in 2020 before taking their play to another level this fall. Its only loss came at Clairton on Oct. 1.

"I'm not going to lie. No, I didn't think we'd be here," Johnson said. "A lot of people were saying Clairton would be here, but they lost a lot of guys at the beginning of the season. Sometimes you catch teams at the right moment. We didn't know what would happen, but we understood that we had a chance."

Now Canevin has a chance to win the school's second WPIAL title, and it

comes against a team that ended Clairton's season. OLSH is the surprise of these playoffs, becoming the first team seeded No. 9 or lower to reach a WPIAL final since Central Valley, as a No. 14 seed, claimed the Class 3A title in 2010. The Chargers have already eliminated No. 8 Greensburg Central Catholic, No. 1 Clairton and No. 5 Rochester in the playoffs.

"With some of the parity in Single-A, we thought we could be a final four team," said OLSH coach Dan Bradley. "And once you get there, if you stay healthy and make some plays, you've got a chance."

Bradley, who is in his sixth season, guided the Chargers to the 2018 championship, which was also their first ever trip to the final. Bradley previously helped Sto-Rox reach a pair of WPIAL finals in 2012 and

2013. He's helped this team get to Heinz despite losing a couple of key players to transfer before the season. No players on this team saw much playing time on the 2018 team.

Canevin has one of the stingiest defenses in the state, as the Crusaders surrender only 6.9 points per game. That scoring defense ranks No. 1 in WPIAL Class 1A and No. 3 in the entire WPIAL. The unit, guided by defensive coordinator Andrew Baker, has given up only 30 points in seven games since the 28-18 loss to Clairton.

"I wouldn't want to play against our defense," Johnson said. "They're fast and very physical. They're starting to understand defense instead of going out and just playing. I think we do a good job of letting them play fast, letting them play free."

OLSH, like Canevin, is very young. OLSH has six seniors and Canevin just five. This OLSH team is no offensive juggernaut — it averages 21.8 points a game — but the Chargers aren't short on playmakers. They include junior quarterback Nehemiah Azeem, who has thrown for 1,776 yards and 14 touchdowns. He ran and passed for scores in the 14-13 semifinal win against Rochester, which had thumped the Chargers, 34-7, on Oct. 2.

"He's growing as a player," Bradley said. "He's starting to feel more comfortable. He's making plays with his legs and has become a good decision maker."

Senior running back Stephen Greer has rushed for a team-best 729 yards and seven touchdowns, while Ziggy McIntosh is the top receiver with 53 catches for 668

yards. "They're big up front, physical and have a very good quarterback," Johnson said. "Their defense plays pretty well and they have a big, physical line."

When you buy a ticket to an OLSH game, you often get your money's worth. Seven of its 12 games have been decided by seven points or fewer. The Chargers are 5-2 in such games. They lost to Shenango, 14-7, and at Northgate, 21-19.

Meanwhile, each of Canevin's victories during its seven-game win streak have come by at least 17 points and all but one have been by at least 28. Canevin and semifinal foe Cornell were tied, 7-7, at the half last week before the Crusaders pulled away in the second half.

Canevin plays two quarterbacks, with sophomore Jason Cross typically re-

ceiving the majority of the snaps. He's passed for 1,371 yards and 16 touchdowns, while rushing for 467 yards and 12 touchdowns. But freshman Kole Olszewski sees time, too. He shined against Cornell, completing 8 of 11 passes for 128 yards and two touchdowns. Overall, he's passed for 649 and nine touchdowns. The two have a pair of productive targets in juniors Lesae Lacks (41 catches, 826 yards) and Xavier Nelson (35 catches, 715 yards).

"They're very athletic and very aggressive on defense," Bradley said.

Come Friday, one of these two teams will claim a title for just the second time.

Said Johnson: "It would mean the world to us."

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WPIAL CLASS 1A CHAMPIONSHIP

2 P.M. FRIDAY, HEINZ FIELD

O.L. SACRED HEART (9-3)

HEAD COACH — DAN BRADLEY

REGULAR-SEASON RESULTS

28	at Apollo-Ridge	22	21
20	at Riverside	13	50
33	at Burgettstown	13	27
27	Fort Chery	6	13
7	Rochester	34	20
37	at Union	36	18
7	Shenango	14	33
19	at Northgate	21	35
13	Cornell	12	69

WPIAL PLAYOFFS

28	at Greensburg Central Catholic	8	49
29	at Clairton	15	42
14	Rochester	13	24

Totals Opponents 207

TEAM LEADERS

Rushing	Att	Yds	Avg
Stephen Greer	130	729	5.6
B.J. Vaughn	47	387	8.2
Brandon Brazell	56	306	5.5

Scoring	TD	FG	XP	Tot
Nehemiah Azeem	7	0	3	45
Stephen Greer	7	0	0	42
Ziggy McIntosh	6	0	0	36
Brandon Brazell	4	0	0	24
Dorrien Tate	4	0	0	24

Passing	Cmp	Att	TD	Yds
Nehemiah Azeem	127	251	14	1776
Ziggy McIntosh	53	668	12.6	
Dereon Greer	23	356	15.5	
Dorrien Tate	18	261	14.5	

PROBABLE STARTERS — OFFENSE

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23	Stephen Greer	RB	5-8	240	Sr.
2	Nehemiah Azeem	QB	5-9	170	Jr.
6	Ziggy McIntosh	WR	6-3	186	Jr.
3	Dorrien Tate	WR	5-11	165	So.
7	Dereon Greer	WR	6-0	185	So.
11	Ethan Davis Gardner	WR	5-7	150	Fr.
51	Al Magrelli	LT	6-1	220	Sr.
53	Ryan Farrell	LG	6-1	220	Sr.
52	Roman Frankovich	C	5-9	210	Sr.
67	Gavin Toney	RG	6-4	270	Sr.
55	Dion McIntosh	RT	6-4	290	Sr.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
25	Iseia Schulz	DE	6-1	185	Fr.
55	Dion McIntosh	NG	6-4	290	Sr.
58	Cam Branch	DE	5-10	260	So.
30	Brandon Brazell	LB	5-8	185	So.
5	B.J. Vaughn	LB	6-1	210	Jr.
10	Brandon Brazell	LB	5-7	180	So.
1	Dior Devers	CB	5-7	165	Jr.
23	Stephen Greer	CB	5-8	240	Sr.
40	Gunnar Kiefer	CB	6-0	160	Sr.
6	Ziggy McIntosh	S	6-3	186	Jr.
3	Dorrien Tate	S	5-11	165	So.

BISHOP CANEVIN (12-1)

HEAD COACH — RICH JOHNSON

REGULAR-SEASON RESULTS

21	Frazier	0	0
20	at Carlynton	0	0
27	Northgate	8	8
6	at Springdale	10	10
18	Greensburg Central Catholic	14	28
18	at Clairton	24	18
33	at Leechbette	3	3
35	at Jeannette	0	0
69	Riverview	0	0
43	at Imani Christian	0	0

WPIAL PLAYOFFS

49	Burgettstown	6	6
42	Shenango	14	14
24	Cornell	7	7

Totals Opponents 90

TEAM LEADERS

Rushing	Att	Yds	Avg
Marquis Carter	94	550	5.9
Jason Cross	57	467	8.2
Keshawn Harris	56	356	6.4

Scoring	TD	FG	XP	Tot
Lesae Lacks	14	0	2	86
Jason Cross	12	0	0	72
Xavier Nelson	11	0	0	66
Geno DeFrank	0	1	39	42

Passing	Cmp	Att	TD	Yds
Jason Cross	68	129	16	1371
Kole Olszewski	40	73	9	649

PROBABLE STARTERS — OFFENSE

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
28	Marquis Carter	RB	5-9	150	So.
2	Jason Cross	QB	5-10	150	So.
3	Lesae Lacks	WR	5-5	135	Jr.
6	Xavier Nelson	WR	5-7	160	Jr.
8	Jayden Lindsey	WR	5-6	120	Fr.
21	Andrew Jones	WR	5-6	135	Jr.
70	Jaiden Collins	LT	5-10	285	So.
63	Zeke Swift	LG	5-10	240	So.
54	Braiden Sudor	C	5-8	200	Fr.
72	Jared Garth	RG	5-3	230	Jr.
52	Justin Lashley	RT	6-0	210	Jr.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Yr.
24	Jaiden Torres	DE	5-10	235	Jr.
54	Braiden Sudor	DT	5-8	200	Fr.
70	Jaiden Collins	DE	5-10	285	So.
5	Willie Banks-Hicks	DE	6-3	220	Sr.
9	Keyshawn McCaskill	LB	6-2	190	Jr.
21	Andrew Jones	LB	5-6	135	Jr.
1	Keshawn Harris	LB	5-11	185	Sr.
20	Donovan Mitchell	LB	5-7	165	Fr.
3	Lesae Lacks	CB	5-5	135	Jr.
6	Xavier Nelson	CB	5-7	160	Jr.
2	Jason Cross	S	5-10	150	So.

Best friends have Canevin nearing title

By Steve Rotstein
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Just two years ago, Bishop Canevin was 1-9 and about as far away as a team could possibly be from WPIAL title contention.

Little did the Crusaders know, two young, unassuming freshmen would soon take the school by storm and bring them to the doorstep of their first WPIAL championship in 31 years.

Xavier Nelson is a 5-foot-9, 160-pound junior who doubles as a shifty receiver and shutdown cornerback for Canevin (12-1), which will face Our Lady of the Sacred Heart (9-3) at 2 p.m. on Friday in the WPIAL Class 1A championship game at Heinz Field. Nelson has 35 catches for 715 yards and 11 touchdowns on the year.

Lesae Lacks is a 5-foot-8, 140-pound junior with one of the more impressive highlight reels of any player you'll see this year. His signature moment came in a 27-8 win vs. Northgate on Sept. 11, when he caught a pass, turned upfield and immediately hurdled over a would-be tackler on his way to the end zone for a 45-yard touchdown.

"When I hit the ground, I couldn't believe it," Lacks said. "I almost stopped running. But then I realized, 'I've got to keep going.' When I scored, I just couldn't believe it."

Lacks has a team-leading 41 receptions and leads all

of Class 1A with 826 yards receiving to go with 14 touchdowns on the year. Nelson, meanwhile, ranks third in Class 1A in receiving yards going into the championship game.

"We compete all the time in practice. He's my favorite person to go up against," Nelson said. "But we don't really compare stats. We kind of just motivate each other and work together to keep this thing going."

Not only are Lacks and Nelson nearly identical in terms of skillset and playmaking ability — they're also virtually inseparable off the field. Whether they're working out together, watching film or just talking about football, Lacks and Nelson can't get enough of the game. In fact, they spend so much time together, people sometimes have a hard time telling them apart.

"It's crazy. Everybody thinks we're brothers. They think we're twins," Lacks said. "We're best friends off the field. I'm proud of him, so proud of him. People always ask me what number I am because they always get us confused when watching the game."

The two best friends have each played a major role in the Crusaders' resurgence under second-year coach Rich Johnson, and the only thing they enjoy more than hanging out together off the field is competing against one another on it. According to

Johnson, though, the friendly competition between the pair isn't limited to just football.

"Now they're battling in the classroom," Johnson said. "Lesae is at a 3.5 [GPA], and 'X' is at a 3.49. The yards and size and work ethic are about the same, and they're right there with each other in the classroom, too. It's great to be around those two guys."

Now Lacks and Nelson are only days away from fulfilling their lifelong dreams of playing together at Heinz Field for a chance to win a WPIAL championship, and they realize just how much it would mean to their school to bring Canevin its first title since 1990. The Crusaders are certainly playing their best football at the right time — especially on defense. They've allowed only 30 points combined during their seven-game winning streak, with three shutouts during that span.

And while both players love scoring flashy touchdowns and putting up big numbers, they both still believe in the old adage that defense wins championships.

"I think we will prove that by the way our defense is going to play," Nelson said. "I feel like we're just too fast for some teams. We just fly around to the ball everywhere."

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North Catholic, NA celebrate state championships

By Ken Wunderley
Tri-State Sports & News Service

SILVER SPRING, Pa. — An unwritten rule of coaching is to not look ahead.

But you can't blame North Catholic girls volleyball coach Amanda Fetter for looking ahead after the Trojans knocked off defending champion Camp Hill Trinity in the PIAA Class 2A title match Saturday in the second of four championship matches played at Cumberland Valley High School.

Fetter used ten players in North Catholic's surprising 25-20, 25-20, 25-23 sweep of Trinity and only one was a senior.

"We have four seniors on our squad, but only one played in the championship match," Fetter said. "We have a very strong junior class coming back. And if you look at our freshman and sophomore classes, we should be good for the next three or four years. I'm very excited about our future."

North Catholic's senior who played Saturday was Riley Warda, an outside/right-side hitter. The other seniors are right-side hitter Mackenzie Blackwell, outside hitter Sarah Stager, and middle hitter Emilee Adams.

"Riley played a big role on our offense," Fetter said. "The other seniors gave us the depth we needed during the season. They will be missed. I wish all four the best of luck in their future endeavors."

Warda was one of five Trojan players who were voted to the WPIAL Class 2A all-star team. Receiving first-team honors were junior

PIAA volleyball

outside hitter Allison Feczko and junior setter Sydnei Jones. Warda and Stephanie Lynch, a junior middle hitter, were voted to the second team. Katie McNelly, a junior middle hitter, was a third-team pick.

"Ally and Sidnei have an incredible connection," said Fetter of Feczko and Jones. "They are so in tune with each other and know where they each are at all times. Nothing that Alle or Sydnei does surprises me. They are both phenomenal athletes."

Feczko led the Trojans with 25 kills, while Jones ran the offense to near perfection in the title match.

"Ally and I are partners in crime on the court; we are electric together. I wouldn't want to be on the court with anybody else," Jones said. "With everybody coming back, hopefully we will be back here again next year. With winning two years ago and finishing in the final four last year, we have the legacy for our junior class."

It was actually the second time the two teams met this season. Their first meeting was on Sept. 18 at the Big Eight Catholic Volleyball Tournament, held at Trinity. The Shamrocks posted a 3-0 victory.

"That was a very stressful weekend for us," Fetter said. "We were working out some things and we didn't play as well as I had hoped. We purposely did not watch the film from that match in preparation of the title match."

Trinity had Lauren Trumpy, a 6-4 senior middle hitter, in that match. She did not play in the title match. The two-time PVCA all-star suffered

a season-ending ACL injury halfway through the season.

"Lauren is a once-in-a-lifetime player," Barrick said. "Losing her was very difficult, but when it happened, we as a program decided to make it into a positive. The player that settled into her spot, 60 sophomore Melissa Zack, really came into her own the second half of the season."

Fetter admitted that having Trumpy out of the lineup helped the Trojans.

"Trumpy is an amazing player," Fetter said. "We changed our strategy with her out of the lineup."

North Allegheny

Depth has been a key to North Allegheny's success during its streak of five consecutive PIAA Class 4A titles. That was clearly evident in the Tigers 3-1 win over Parkland on Saturday in the title match.

The number 13 may be unlucky for some, but it was lucky for North Allegheny. The Tigers used 13 players during the title match, including two seniors that coach Russ Hoburg inserted into the lineup to serve one rotation.

"We wanted all of our seniors to play in the state championship match," Hoburg said. "We had Chelsea Boyer serve at the start of set two and Abbey Hahn was our server to start set four. In fact, it was Abbey's birthday on Saturday. What a great birthday present, to win a PIAA title."

"Our depth is a reflection of how good the program is," Hoburg continued. "Using so many players gives our younger players the experience they need to step into the starting

lineup when a senior graduated. The only four players who did not play today are the stars of our JV team. You will most likely see them in our lineup next year."

Hoburg also pointed out the unusual play of three role players.

"(Sophomore defensive specialist) Avery Butcher made an amazing play covering a block that was going out of bounds in the second set when we were down 25-24," Hoburg said. "If she doesn't get to that ball, we lose the set and fall behind 2-0. (Sophomore defensive specialist) Kyra Schmidt and (junior opposite) Ella Zimmer also made contributions to our passing and serving. Everybody who played on Saturday made a contribution."

North Allegheny's other two seniors are middle hitters Jadyn Perkins and Rachel Burton.

"Jadyn didn't get off to a good start, but did a great job in the second, third, and fourth sets," said Hoburg of Perkins, who had one of her best performances with 12 blocks and 10 kills. "She scored the winning point in all three of our wins. Rachel had the best match of her career."

Perkins is one of five North Allegheny players who were voted to the WPIAL Class 4A all-star team. Perkins was joined on the first team by junior setter Mia Tuman. Junior libero Caroline Curran was voted to the second team. Junior outside hitters Ella Deeter and Carissa Tresser were third-team picks.

"Ella is actually a setter," Hoburg said. "We started the season with Ella and Mia sharing the setting duties in a 6-2 offense. We also tried a 5-1 with Ella setting and Mia hitting, but

decided at midseason to have Mia do all the setting in a 5-1. Ella's development as an outside hitter allowed us to make that change."

With all but four players returning, North Allegheny is clearly the favorite in the WPIAL and possibly the state next year.

North Allegheny continues its move up the ladder in two PIAA championship categories. But the Tigers still trail Norwin in both categories.

By winning a fifth consecutive title, North Allegheny moves into second place on the consecutive title chart. Norwin owns that record with eight consecutive titles from 1976-83.

It was also North Allegheny's eighth overall title, as the Tigers won three straight Class 3A titles from 1992-94 with Bob Miller at the helm. That ties North Allegheny with Farrell, which claimed eight titles under coach Harriett Morrison, for second on the PIAA's all-time list of champions. Norwin is also the leader in this category, with 12 titles, but the Knights have not won one since 1988.

Hampton

Hampton coach Annie Bozzo and her squad attended two PIAA title matches on Saturday.

The first was the Talbots match with Spring Grove in the Class 3A volleyball final at Cumberland Valley High School, which began at 3:30 p.m.

The second was at Hersheypark Stadium, as Hampton's boys soccer team faced Archbishop Wood in another PIAA Class 3A final, which

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PIAA SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIPS



Grimm Sports Photography/Marsha Grimm

It was another sweet trip to Hershey for Mars, which finished unbeaten for the third straight year after beating Radnor, 2-1, in the PIAA Class 3A final.

Mars' three-year run one of the finest in state history

By Keith Barnes
Tri-State Sports & News Service

HERSHEY, Pa. — When junior forward Reese Dunaway and senior midfielder Aly Cooper scored to complete Mars' 2-1, come-from-behind win over Radnor in the PIAA Class 3A girls soccer final, it did more than just clinch a state title.

Those two goals may have established the Planets as the top girls soccer program in the state with a convincing third consecutive title.

"The motto should just be 'Whatever it takes,'" Mars coach Blair Gerlach said. "It might not be pretty or it might be gorgeous."

Only two other schools have ever won three in a row in the classification — West Chester Henderson from 1997-99 and Peters Township from 2010-12. About the only difference is that when those schools did it, Class 3A was the largest classification.

Even so, Mars can still probably lay claim that it has had a better run because of one major factor — the streak.

Mars is 61-0-2 over the last three seasons with two ties against Seneca Valley as the only two blemishes. Neither West Chester Henderson nor Peters Township can claim three consecutive unbeaten seasons.

"And three different teams. Very different teams," Gerlach said. "I'm a

Girls

very lucky person that these kids let me ride along with them on these journeys because they're special, they're unique and every single kid on this team contributes."

West Chester Henderson lost to Downingtown in the District 1 championship match in 1998, while Peters Township dropped the 2011 WPIAL final to Upper St. Clair.

It's not just that Mars is winning, but how. Over the last three seasons, Mars has outscored its opponents, 302-19, with 47 shutouts in 63 matches. Only twice, in a 3-3 tie against Seneca Valley on Sept. 14, 2019 and a 4-2 victory against West Allegheny Oct. 5, 2020, did the Planets allow more than one goal in a match.

It's not like those stats are only in the regular season. In their 23 postseason games, they have 19 shutouts. Only one team, Plum in the finals this year, has scored on the Planets in the last three WPIAL tournaments.

Now the question is whether or not Mars can win four in a row next season. No girls team in any classification has won four consecutive state titles. Only two teams, Class 2A powerhouse Villa Joseph Marie from 2000-05 and West Chester Henderson, from 1995-99, have even made it to four straight finals.

What a homecoming

Consider the plot of the movie of the Moon girls soccer team this year ... A coach who left the program comes back after a three-year hiatus and not only helps the team win, but leads it to a state title.

Sounds implausible. But sometimes the truth is better than fiction.

"It's like a storybook," Moon coach Bill Pfeifer said. "It might sink in (later). Three months ago we were just trying to get through the section and ... it's like a dream come true."

Before Pfeifer left to take over at Hopewell in 2018, the last game he coached at Moon was a 1-0 victory over Villa Joseph Marie to lock up the team's second straight state title. In his last three seasons with the Tigers, they are 71-2-1 with three WPIAL and PIAA titles in two classifications. Moon moved up to Class 4A in 2018.

Two is good

This year, the WPIAL went 2-2 in the state finals. It was the first time since 2017, when Norwin, Moon and Shady Side Academy won, that the district has won multiple titles.

Mars was the only WPIAL girls team to bring home a state title in 2019 and 2020, and the district was shut out in 2018.



Keith Barnes/Tri-State Sports & News Service

Winchester Thurston celebrates its first PIAA boys soccer title after a 1-0 overtime win against Faith Christian in the Class 1A final.

Winchester Thurston claims rare win for the 'little guys'

By Keith Barnes
Tri-State Sports & News Service

HERSHEY, Pa. — Winning a state championship in the lowest classification has been a chore for WPIAL schools in recent years.

Since Sewickley Academy defeated East Juniata in 2015, five different schools all came up short in the finals — the Panthers when they sought a repeat in 2016, North Catholic in 2017, Avonworth in 2018, Winchester Thurston in 2019 and Greensburg Central Catholic last season.

It wasn't until Winchester Thurston got a second crack at it that the WPIAL brought home a winner. And the Bears even had to wait until there was 8:06 remaining in overtime, when junior defender Oliver Daboo chipped home a rebound, before they could celebrate an unbeaten season.

"Actually, I ran out onto the field and stopped to make sure it was a goal so I didn't get a card," Winchester Thurston coach Adam Brownold said. "That ball hit that net and I tried to climb a fence."

Only a 2-2 tie against Class 4A Pine-Richland in the second match of the season kept the Bears from running the table. Instead they had to settle for wrapping up the season on a 22-game winning streak and

Boys

both WPIAL and state titles.

There aren't many who would complain about that.

All is better than half

Quaker Valley became the first school, boys or girls, to win a state soccer title on penalty kicks after a double-overtime tie.

It was the ninth title in program history and made the team 9-5 in state championship matches.

Technically, though, the Quakers are only 8-5-1.

In 2000, Quaker Valley played to a four-overtime 1-1 tie against District 3 Fleetwood and the two were declared co-champions. Because of this, not only will Quaker Valley go down in history as the first to ever win a title in a shootout, it remains one of only 16 co-champions from the eight overtime ties in state history.

It wasn't until 2011 that the PIAA first instituted penalty kicks as a means to determine the outcome.

Ready to reload

Seneca Valley bucked all odds to win a WPIAL Class 4A title and make it all the way to a state championship.

It's not that the 2020 champions didn't belong there. The Raiders did. It's how they did it that was amazing.

Seneca Valley lost 10

starters from last season's championship squad and still came within one goal against Conestoga of winning it all for a second consecutive season.

"There's so much to be proud of with this team," Seneca Valley coach George Williams said. "The pressure they had from starting over from losing all of those starters and this team surpassed a lot of the records from last year's team."

Don't be surprised if Seneca Valley makes a third consecutive trip to Hershey. The Raiders have several underclassmen starters returning next year.

Seneca Valley is the only WPIAL team to ever play for a PIAA Class 4A title.

Nice showing

With wins by Hampton in Class 3A, Quaker Valley and Winchester Thurston, the WPIAL went 3-1 in the state finals. It is the first time the district has ever crowned three PIAA boys soccer champions. The PIAA first expanded to three classifications in 2000 and four in 2016.

Only once has the WPIAL swept the state finals and that was in 1981 when Mt. Lebanon defeated District 3 Elco, 2-1, at Shippensburg University. Back then, there was only one classification for boys.

Quaker Valley won the first Class 2A title in 1985.

VarsityXtra

Trio of WPIAL teams reached the PIAA volleyball finals

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began at 6:30 p.m.

Both squads represented the Hampton School District well, but only one came home with a championship trophy, and it wasn't Bozzo's squad.

"We actually rode up to Mechanicsburg with some of the soccer team on our bus," Bozzo said. "We were supposed to have separate buses, but they couldn't find enough drivers. We also had a student bus, so we had three buses instead of four."

In the volleyball match, Hampton made its first appearance in the PIAA finals and dropped a 3-1 de-

cision to Spring Grove.

"Our goal at the start of every season is to make the playoffs and go as far as we can," said Bozzo, now in her second season. "I felt something special with this group of girls, but I never dreamed we would get this far. It's disappointing to have our season end this way, but it was an honor to play in a state championship match. The girls have a lot to be proud of for their great performance this season."

The Talbots soccer team was in attendance for most of the volleyball match.

"The boys got to see most of our match," Bozzo said. "Shortly after

our match, the team and the student section drove over to Hersheypark Stadium to cheer on our boys soccer team. We got there just after the match started."

Bozzo told her girls to be ready for sitting outside for an evening match at Hersheypark Stadium.

"I told them to wear layers," Bozzo said. "Some of them brought blankets. It was cold, but it wasn't too bad. We even got to see the winning goal."

Zach Panza scored with 22:40 left in the second half and the Talbots held on to win, 1-0. It was Hampton's third state title and first since 2010.

"It's great to have two Hampton teams in the PIAA finals," Bozzo

said. "It was great how the Hampton community and student body rallied around both teams."

Bozzo's family, including sister Tia who played for Shaler, did not attend either title match. But they had a good reason.

"My little brother Killian was graduating from the Marine Corps Officer Training School, so my family was in Quantico, Va. for the ceremony," Bozzo said. "I got to live stream the ceremony before our match, and they got to live stream our match after the ceremony. So we all got to share the occasions, even though we weren't together."

Bozzo used 12 players in the

championship match. Four are seniors: setter Claudia Braun, middle hitter Kai Herchenroether, outside hitter Taylor Fiscus, and opposite Abby Stevens.

Herchenroether was recognized on the first team of the WPIAL Class 3A all-star team, while Braun was a third-team pick. Emmy Schrom, a sophomore outside hitter, was also voted to the first team.

"All four seniors will be missed," Bozzo said. "Our biggest concern will be to find another setter. Claudia was a three-year starter. Fortunately, we have a strong junior and sophomore class. I'm looking forward to next season."

North Bids and Proposals

TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON OFFICIAL NOTICE

The Township of Hampton Council at their Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 7:30 p.m. in the Great Room of the Hampton Community Center located at 3101 McCully Road, Allison Park, Pennsylvania, will consider enactment of the following ordinances:

- AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND APPROPRIATING THE SPECIFIC SUMS ESTIMATED TO BE REQUIRED FOR THE SPECIFIED PURPOSES OF THE TOWNSHIP GOVERNMENT AND ADOPTING A WAGE AND SALARY SCHEDULE FOR TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES FOR THE YEAR 2022 AS HERINAFTER SET FORTH FOR SAID FISCAL YEAR.

- AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON, COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, PENNSYLVANIA, SETTING AND PROVIDING FOR THE RATE OF THE ANNUAL TOWNSHIP TAX FOR GENERAL MUNICIPAL PURPOSES, THE ANNUAL TOWNSHIP TAX FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PURPOSES, AND THE ANNUAL TOWNSHIP TAX FOR FIRE PROTECTION PURPOSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2022 AND PROVIDING FOR THE COLLECTION THEREOF.

- AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF HAMPTON, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAM FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2022.

A copy of the proposed ordinances in their entirety are available for review at the Municipal Building during normal office hours.

If persons with a disability wish to attend this meeting and require auxiliary aid, service or other accommodations to participate, please contact the Township Office at (412) 486-0400 at least three (3) days prior to the meeting date.

W. Christopher Lochner, Municipal Manager

PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT

Separate and sealed proposals will be received by the West View Water Authority, at our Distribution Center located at 2428 Rochester Road, Franklin Park Borough, Sewickley, PA 15143, until 10:00 A.M., prevailing time, Tuesday, December 7, 2021, and opened and read at that time for the following:

2022 UNIVERSAL RESTORATION CONTRACT

Copies of specifications and Contract Documents will be provided via email to bidders and a hard copy may be obtained at the Distribution Center of the Authority located at 2428 Rochester Road, Franklin Park Borough, Sewickley, PA 15143. All bids shall be submitted on Proposal forms furnished by The Authority.

A Bidder's Bond or Certified Check in the favor of the West View Water Authority shall accompany each Proposal, in the amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the Proposal, as evidence the Bidder will accept and carry out the conditions of the contract in case of an award.

The Board reserves the right to waive informalities in Proposals and to reject any or all bids.

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HYDROFLUOROSULFONIC ACID BEAVER COUNTRY WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Copies of specifications and Contract Documents will be provided via email to bidders and a hard copy may be obtained at the Distribution Center of the Authority located at 2428 Rochester Road, Franklin Park Borough, Sewickley, PA 15143. All bids shall be submitted on Proposal forms furnished by The Authority.

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REBID INSTALLATION OF POWER FEEDS FOR TRIHALOMETHANE REMOVAL SYSTEM (TRS) EQUIPMENT BELLEVUE TANK SITE

Copies of specifications and Contract Documents will be provided via email to bidders and a hard copy may be obtained at the Distribution Center of the Authority located at 2428 Rochester Road, Franklin Park Borough, Sewickley, PA 15143. All bids shall be submitted on Proposal forms furnished by The Authority.

Mandatory Job Showing: Bellevue Tank Site, 300 Woods Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15202 at 11:00 A.M., prevailing time Tuesday, November 30, 2021.

A Bidder's Bond or Certified Check in the favor of the West View Water Authority shall accompany each Proposal, in the amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the Proposal, as evidence the Bidder will accept and carry out the conditions of the contract in case of an award.

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ROSS TOWNSHIP REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL INFORMATION

TECHNOLOGY SERVICES DUE JANUARY 7, 2022

I. PURPOSE AND INTENT

Ross Township, Allegheny County, is requesting proposals to provide Information Technology professional services to the Township. Applicants must submit written proposals to Ronald Borczyk, Township Manager, Ross Township, 1000 Ross Municipal Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

The selected Information Technology service will be expected to assist the Township in all technology-related areas.

II. PROPOSAL SUBMISSION

One (1) original, full and complete hard copy of the proposal, and an electronic version on a flash drive, shall be submitted in a sealed envelope, and must be marked "Information Technology Service" and addressed to:

Ronald Borczyk, Township Manager
Ross Township
1000 Ross Municipal Drive
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Proposals must be received no later than January 7, 2022. No email or faxed proposals will be accepted. Any inquiries concerning this RFP should be directed to Adam Ravenstahl: aravenstahl@ross.pa.us.

All information and documents submitted in response to this solicitation shall be available to the general public. The Township reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, with or without cause, and waive any irregularities or informalities in the proposals. The Township further reserves the right to make investigations, as it deems necessary, to the qualifications of any and all applicants submitting proposals. The Township reserves the right to re-solicit proposals.

Proposals received after the deadline will not be considered. If the proposal takes exception to any statements or requests herein it must be clearly stated in the proposal. The Township will not be liable for any costs incurred by any bidder in connection with this RFP. The expenses incurred by bidders in preparation, submission, or presentation are the sole responsibility of the bidder. The Township shall not be liable for any costs not included in the proposal nor contracted for subsequently.

III. SCOPE OF SERVICES

The services may include, but are not limited to:

1. Managing 6 servers (ESX Hosts, Physical, SAN)
2. 9 Peripherals (wireless, printers, switches, etc.)
3. Workstation management for approximately 36 workstations - monitoring and patching updates.
4. Security management for firewall.
5. Backup and Disaster Recovery for a TIER <2TB, Managed backup services_SMB, Add-on M365, 2_Veem Virtual Server Availability Suites Enterprise Plus, and 86_Veem units for Microsoft 365.
6. Help Desk support services

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with unlimited support for approximately 46 users.

7. Cloud service assistance, SAAS, Microsoft 365 Business Accounts, Mimecast M3R for approximately 46 users.
8. Specialized monitoring with an active directory and access point controller.
9. Monitoring software subscriptions, antispam, email continuity, and antivirus for up to approximately 100 devices.
10. Establish and maintain an inventory of Township hardware.
11. Provide VPN services for remote users working off-site.
12. On-site visits as needed.
13. Monthly/quarterly status reports.
14. A direct point of contact/Account Manager to address emergency/time-sensitive items.
15. Dedicated project support staff that is, or can quickly become, familiar with the Township's technology structure.

IV. CONTENT OF PROPOSAL

1. Contact information

- a. Provide the name and address of the service, telephone number, fax number, and email address of the individual responsible for the preparation of the proposal.
- b. List the names of the service's partners/principles and all local offices of the firm.

2. References

- a. List of all Pennsylvania local government jurisdictions where your company presently serves as IT provider, or provides similar services.
- b. Identify the duration of service at each community. The list should include the address, phone number, and point of contact for each client listed.

3. Cost of Services

- a. Provide the Information Technology Service's pricing schedule for providing services.
- b. Miscellaneous

4. Please supply a proposed engagement letter.

- a. Please discuss any other factors not included above, which you believe relevant to this proposal.

V. INTERVIEW

Township Management and/or the Board of Commissioners reserve the right to interview any or all applicants submitting a proposal. Although interviews may take place, the proposal should be comprehensive and complete. The Township reserves the right to request clarifying information subsequent to submission of the proposal.

VI. SELECTION PROCESS

All proposals will be reviewed by Township Management. After evaluations, Township Management will make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners.

VII. SELECTION AND CONTRACT

As a professional service, the Township maintains sole discretion in its selection of the successful applicant. The Township will enter into a mutually satisfactory engagement letter which will set forth the terms and conditions of the contract. The Township Solicitor shall review and approve the applicable engagement letter prior to the formal appointment of the successful applicant.

VIII. ADDITIONAL NOTICES/UPDATES

Please note that this proposal, including scope of services, may change after an on-site official analysis by the selected applicant.

PUBLIC ADVERTISEMENT

Separate and sealed proposals will be received by the West View Water Authority, at our Distribution Center located at 2428 Rochester Road, Franklin Park Borough, Sewickley, PA 15143, until 10:00 A.M., prevailing time, Tuesday, December 7, 2021, and opened and read at that time for the following:

LIQUID CHLORINE NEVILLE ISLAND WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Copies of specifications and Contract Documents will be provided via email to bidders and a hard copy may be obtained at the Distribution Center of the Authority located at 2428 Rochester Road, Franklin Park Borough, Sewickley, PA 15143. All bids shall be submitted on Proposal forms furnished by The Authority.

A Bidder's Bond or Certified Check in the favor of the West View Water Authority shall accompany each Proposal, in the amount of not less than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the Proposal, as evidence the Bidder will accept and carry out the conditions of the contract in case of an award.

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REBID MECHANICAL INSTALLATION OF A NEW ACTIVATED CARBON BULK STORAGE SILO

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Mandatory Job Showing: Neville Island Water Treatment Plant, 200 Neville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15225 at 9:00 A.M., prevailing time Tuesday, November 30, 2021.

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Contract B - 21 Hanway Street

Contract C - 102 Ridgese Road

Contract 8/2021

The project consists of the Contractor furnishing all labor and materials required to demolish all structures on the respective property, and safely remove all asbestos on the property (if applicable) to a permitted location according to these Contract Specifications. **Contract A, Contract B, and Contract C are separate contracts, with each being awarded to the lowest responsible bidder at the sole discretion of the Owner.**

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Proposals shall be delivered in a sealed envelope and clearly marked on the outside with the words "2021 DEMOLITION PROJECTS" with the associated contract (Contract A, B or C) and Contract number on the lower left corner of the Bid Envelopes.

Proposals must be submitted on the forms provided. Proposals to receive consideration must be accompanied by a Certified Check or Bidder's Bond from a Surety Company authorized to do business in Pennsylvania, made to the order of Ross Township in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the Proposal as a guarantee that, if the Proposal is accepted, the successful Bidder will enter into an Agreement within fifteen (15) days after Notice of the Award of the Contract.

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Sealed proposals will be received by the Borough of Baldwin of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania through the Quest Construction Data Network (QuestCDN) at www.questcdn.com until 10:00 AM on January 6, 2022 for:

CONTRACT NO. 21-S1 BLOSSOM HILL/ REAR CHARLOTTE SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS

The scope of work includes the in-trench replacement of approximately 30 linear feet of gravity sewer, locate and raise manhole to grade, reconnection / reinstatement of all building service sewers, cleaning and televising existing sanitary sewers, and all necessary appurtenances and restoration for said construction.

All bidders are required to buy the Bid Documents in PDF format for a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00 from QuestCDN at www.questcdn.com using the following project number: 8075805. Contact their Customer Support regarding membership registration, downloading and working with digital project information at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com. Any technical questions regarding the bid documents are to be directed to LSSE.

Pennsylvania prevailing wage rates apply. Proposals must be

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A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on November 23, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at the Ross Township Municipal Building located at 1000 Ross Municipal Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. All contractors that intend to bid on the Contract are encouraged to attend. All contractors must adhere to Act 127 of 2012 (Public Works Employment Verification Act). Any bid not submitted under the conditions provided herein will be rejected.

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ROSS TOWNSHIP
Ron Borczyk, Township Manager

South Bids and Proposals

Borough of Brentwood Notice of Proposed Ordinance

Notice is hereby given that Brentwood Borough Council is considering the adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-1302. Said ordinance would vacate a portion of a public street officially designated as Clairton Road (and sometimes also referred to as Old Clairton Road or Munsey Way) in accordance with the following surveyor's description:

Beginning at a point at the intersection of the westerly right of way line of Clairton Road, 40.00 feet wide, and the southerly right of way line of Munsey Way, 20.00 feet wide, as projected; thence from said point of beginning by the southeasterly right of way line of Munsey Way N 68° 46' 00" E a distance of 43.54 feet to a point on the easterly right of way line of Clairton Road; thence by the easterly right of way line of Clairton Road in a southerly direction by a curve bearing to the right having a radius 520.00 feet through an arc distance of 168.69 feet, also having a chord bearing of S 10° 21' 19" W and a chord distance of 167.95 feet, to a point; thence by a line through Clairton Road in a northwesterly direction by a curve bearing to the left having a radius of 74.00 feet through an arc distance of 86.27 feet, also having a chord bearing of N 13° 44' 56" W and a chord distance of 81.47 feet, to a point on the westerly right of way line of Clairton Road; thence by the westerly right of way line of Clairton Road in a northerly direction by a curve bearing to the left having a radius of 480.00 feet through an arc distance of 70.95 feet, also having a chord bearing of N 07° 16' 06" E and a chord distance of 70.89 feet, to a point at the intersection of the westerly right of way line of Clairton Road and the southeasterly right of way line of said Munsey Way, as projected, at the point of beginning.

A complete copy of the text of this ordinance is available for review at the Brentwood Municipal Building during regular business hours or online at www.brentwoodboro.com. It is anticipated that Council will consider formal adoption of this ordinance during its next regular meeting, which will take place on December 6, 2021 at 7:30PM at the Brentwood Municipal Building.

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upon the forms furnished by the Borough. The bid must be accompanied by a certified check or bid bond in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the bid, made payable to the Borough of Baldwin to guarantee the bidder's entrance into the contract if given the award. No bid bond shall be waived or returned because the Bidder has failed to or cannot comply with any requirements as set forth in the plans, specifications, or any applicable statutes of the State of Pennsylvania or any applicable municipal ordinances.

The Borough reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and to waive any informalities in the bidding. No bid may be withdrawn for ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled time for receipt of bids.

Attention is directed to the fact that procurement is subject to all requirements of the Pennsylvania "Steel Products Procurement Act, Act No. 1978-3"; and for Contract value exceeding \$25,000, the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act (Act of 1961 PL 987), and The Public Works Employment Verification Act (July 2012) apply.

The Borough shall (a) award the construction contract to the lowest responsible bidder therefore, or (b) reject all bids received within ninety (90) days of the date of bid opening provided, however, that the Borough may, in its sole discretion, delay such award or rejection for up to one hundred twenty (120) days from the bid opening date until the Borough has received all required approvals from other governmental agencies.

Bidders on this work will be required to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

BOROUGH OF BALDWIN
Robert T. Firek, P.E., Borough Manager

East Bids and Proposals

ADVERTISEMENTS FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that separate and sealed proposals will be received by the Borough of Wilmerding, 301 Station Street, Wilmerding, PA 15148, Office of the Borough Secretary, from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM daily, until prevailing time, on Monday, December 6, 2021 at 11:00 AM. Proposals must be clearly marked with the name of the project as it appears below.

Orient Slide Area Demolition

Copies of information for Bidders, Contract, Form of Proposal and Bid Forms, Plans and Specifications may be examined or obtained for bidding purposes from GLENN ENGINEERING & ASSOCIATES, LTD., 14920 Lincoln Highway (Route 30), North Huntingdon, PA 15642. Copies of the above documents may be obtained with a check, cash or money order deposit (non-refundable) made payable to Glenn Engineering & Associates, Ltd. in the amount of One-Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each project. Requests for mailing will be honored with an additional fee of Twelve Dollars (\$12.00). No documents will be issued within 48 hours of the scheduled bid opening.

"Compliance is required with the Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Act of 1961, PL 987, No.442; Title VI and other applicable provisions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; the Department of Labor Equal Opportunity Clause (41 CFR 60 -1.4); Executive Order 11625 (Utilization of Minority Business Enterprise); Executive Order 12138 (Utilization of Female Business Enterprise); and the Section 504 of Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990; the Allegheny County MBE/WBE Program enacted July, 1981, which sets forth goals of 13 percent Minority and 2 percent Female Business Enterprise; and the Allegheny County Ordinance #6867-12, setting forth goals of 5 percent Veteran owned Small Businesses."

All bidders must submit a bid bond in the form of a certified check, bank cashier's check, or other form of negotiable instrument which is guaranteed by a commercial bank. Bid bond must be drawn to the order of the Borough of Wilmerding in the sum of 10% of the total bid and must be submitted with the proposal. The Borough reserves the right to accept or reject any form of a bid bond which, in the sole opinion of the Borough, does not provide sufficient security for the bid. The Borough reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or any portion of any bid, waiver informality or irregularity of

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any bid or in the bidding and/or negotiate with the receipt of bids. The borough reserves the right to increase or decrease any of all quantities. No bid will be accepted after the time herein specified whether or not the bidder has a time other than the official borough time. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days once filed with the Borough of Wilmerding

Caroline Lang
Borough Secretary

OFFICIAL NOTICE

TOWNSHIP OF NORTH VERSAILLES

The proposed Budget for 2022 for North Versailles Township is open for Public Inspection on the Township Website at www.nvtpa.com. The Public Hearing for the purpose of approving the 2022 budget of the Township of North Versailles is set for Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Township Municipal Building (Community Center) 1401 Greensburg Avenue, North Versailles, PA 15137. The North Versailles Board of Commissioners will also consider an Ordinance appropriating specific sums estimated to be required for the specific purposes of the municipal government hereinafter set for during the year 2022 and an ordinance setting the tax millage for 2022 at 7.25 mills general fund and .5 mills fire tax at that meeting. Complete copies of the proposed Ordinances are available for inspection by calling the Township Manager's Office or visiting our website at www.nvtpa.com.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF NORTH VERSAILLES TOWNSHIP
Patricia A. Logo
Township Manager

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Advertisement for Requests for Proposal Charters Valley School District

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to be heard. All CDC guidelines must be adhered to.
 Timothy R. Phillipps
 Building Inspector/Zoning Officer

**PUBLIC NOTICE
 McCANDLESS ZONING
 HEARING BOARD**

Notice is hereby given that the Town of McCandless Zoning Hearing Board will hold a meeting to conduct its regular business Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 7:30 PM at Town Hall located at 9955 Grubbs Rd. During this meeting, the Board will conduct public hearings on the following applications:
I. Appeal 1969, filed by AW Beattie Career Center, requesting a variance from Article and Section 1313.11(b) which states that maximum allowable area of a free-standing sign must not exceed 32sq.ft. Applicant requests a 48sq.ft. variance for the purpose of an electronic message board at their property at 9600 Babcock Blvd, Allison Park, PA 15101, Block/Lot No. 946-R-387.
II. Appeal 1970, filed by Eric & Sandra Sturgulewski, requesting a variance from Article and Sections 1317.02(c)(e) which states that front yard depth is 35' and side yard depth is 15'. Applicant requests a 1' front and 6'9" side yard variance for the purpose of a porch and deck at their property located at 8828 Maple St., Allison Park, PA 15101, Block/Lot No. 716-C-206.
III. Appeal 1971, filed by Continental Senior Communities, requesting a variance from Article & Sections 1313.11 (a)(c) which states that all monument/free standing signs must be 15' from the curb and that monument signs are not permitted to have space between the sign face and support structures. Applicant requests a variance of 3' for setback and above ground height variance of 20' for the purpose of a sign at their property located at 551 Cooper St., Wexford, PA 15090, Block/Lot No. 945-B-31.
IV. Appeal 1972, filed by Leon and Mary Dixon, requesting a variance from Article & Section 1315.04(a) which states that all accessory structures are to be located in the rear yard only. Applicant requests a variance for the purpose of a shed in the side yard at their property located at 9770 McCutcheon Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15237, Block/Lot No. 943-G-286. Copies of the applications are available for inspection at Town Hall, or may be provided electronically upon request. All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard in accordance with the rules and procedures established by the Board. Written comments may be mailed or delivered to Town Hall, located at 9955 Grubbs Rd, Wexford, PA 15090 or emailed to rsusko@townofmccandless.org. Written comments must be provided to the Town by 4:00 PM on the day of the meeting to be considered.
 At the conclusion of each public hearing, the Zoning Hearing Board may take action on the application(s). Any unfinished business at the end of this public hearing will be continued to a future hearing date.

BUDGET NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Council of the Borough of Bell Acres on November 15, 2021, adopted a proposed budget for the year 2022 showing estimated receipts and expenditures of \$2,086,198.00. This proposed budget is based on a property tax levy on real property of 4.32 mills, the continuation of other taxes under the terms of the Local Tax Enabling Act, and anticipated Liquid Fuels Receipts and other fees. Final action on the 2022 Budget will be taken at the Regular Meeting of Borough Council to be held on December 13, 2021, at 7:00 P.M., at the Big Sewickley Creek Fire Hall, 1850 Big Sewickley Creek Road, Sewickley, PA 15143. The proposed budget may be inspected by appointment at the Office of the Borough Secretary during regular business hours at the Bell Acres Borough Building, 1153 Camp Meeting Road,
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Sewickley, Pennsylvania 15143.
 Jill Palko
 Borough Secretary

**OFFICIAL NOTICE
 2022 BUDGET FOR
 SEWICKLEY HILLS
 BOROUGH**

Notice of the Borough of Sewickley Hills of its intention to adopt the Budget for the year 2022 and an Ordinance fixing the tax rate for the fiscal year 2022.
 Take notice that Council of the Borough of Sewickley Hills will consider enactment of the Budget of the Borough for the fiscal year 2022, and an Ordinance fixing the tax rate for the fiscal year 2022 at their Meeting scheduled for December 14, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at 349 Magee Road, Sewickley, Pennsylvania 15143.
 Said Ordinance fixes the tax rate on all real property within the Borough of Sewickley Hills subject to taxation for the fiscal year of 2022 in the sum of two and 84 hundredths (2.84) Mills on each dollar of assessed valuation.
 The Ordinance further repeals any Ordinance in conflict or inconsistent with it.
 Said Ordinance shall take effect on January 1, 2022.
 The complete text of the Ordinance and Budget are available for inspection and examination at the Borough Building 349 Magee Road, Sewickley Pennsylvania 15143 during regular business hours of the Borough.
ADVERTISEMENTS
 Sealed proposals will be received by the Borough of Edgeworth, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania through the Quest Construction Data Network (Quest CDN) at www.questcdn.com until 11:00 AM and opened at 11:00 AM prevailing time on December 17, 2021 for:
**CONTRACT NO. 21-SW2
 CREEK DRIVE STREAM
 RESTORATION**
 The scope of work generally consists of restoration of approximately 250 linear feet of stream including grading, slope stabilization fabric, stream vegetation plantings, erosion and sedimentation controls, restoration, and all necessary appurtenances for said construction.
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 The project is being financed, in part, by the Allegheny County Economic Development via a Gaming and Economic Development Fund (GEDF) Grant.
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**BOROUGH OF EDGEWORTH
 John Schwend, Manager**
NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the Borough of Sewickley Water Authority will conduct a meeting on Wednesday, December 8th 2021 at 7:30 p.m. Meeting will be held at the Water Treatment Plant located at 900 Ohio River Boulevard, Sewickley Pennsylvania 15143.
**OFFICIAL NOTICE
 BOROUGH OF
 SEWICKLEY HILLS
 GENERAL COUNCIL
 MEETINGS & PLANNING
 COMMISSION MEETINGS
 2022 MEETING
 NOTIFICATION**
 The 2022 General Council meetings of the Borough of Sewickley Hills shall convene on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month, except for Tuesday, November 8, 2021 will be held on Wednesday November 9, 2022. The 2022 Planning Commission meetings shall be held on the third Tuesday of each month, except for Tuesday May 17, 2021 will be held on Wednesday May 18, 2022. All meetings are held at 7:30 pm at the Sewickley Hills Borough Building located at 349 Magee Road, Sewickley Hills, Pennsylvania, 15143.
 For January, 2022, the Re-organization and General Council meeting will be held on Monday, January 3, and the General Council meeting (if required) will be held on Tuesday, January 11.
 For January, 2023, the General Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10.
 Diana Steele
 Borough Secretary

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PURPOSES, AND PROVIDING A DISCOUNT AND PENALTY PERIOD FOR PAYMENT OF TAXES.
 Town Council will vote on Thursday Dec 9th, 2021 at its regularly scheduled Council meeting in order to set the mileage rate for the year 2022. The proposed rate will remain 6.30 mills on each dollar of assessed value.
 Said meeting will take place at the West View Borough Building, Town Council Chambers on Thursday December 9th, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.
 The proposed Ordinance and Budget are available for review during regular business hours at the Borough Secretary office.
 Bruce A. Fromlak
 Manager/ Secretary
 Chief of Police

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**ROSS TOWNSHIP
 Ron Borczyk, Township
 Manager**

OFFICIAL NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that the Council of the Township of Hampton will be conducted on **Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.** in the Hampton Township Community Center located at 3101 McCully Road, Allison Park, PA 15101.
 The purpose of this Public Hearing is to receive public comment on the Goddard School Conditional Use (21-19) application.
 The applicant, The Goddard School, is requesting to build a new daycare facility on the existing property at 2330 Wildwood Road (North Park Sports Complex) in a Light Industrial (L) zoning district. A commercial daycare is not a listed allowable use in this zoning district, however, Section 310-40.C(14) of the Zoning Ordinance allows Council to consider the approval of a use that is not specifically listed via a conditional use application.
 The proposed Conditional Use application is available for review at the Township Municipal Building during regular office hours, 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday. Should persons with a disability wish to attend this meeting and require auxiliary aid to participate, please contact the Township office at 412-486-0400 at least seven days prior to the meeting date. Anyone unable to attend the Public Hearing may deliver written testimony to the Township office on or before Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at 4:00 PM.
 W. Christopher Lochner,
 Municipal Manager

OFFICIAL NOTICE

**BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW
 ORDINANCE NO.1519**
**AN ORDINANCE OF THE
 BOROUGH OF WEST VIEW,
 ALLEGHENY COUNTY,
 COMMONWEALTH OF
 PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING THE
 TAX RATE FOR THE FISCAL
 YEAR OF 2022 FOR
 BUDGETARY AND FISCAL**

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Ligonier Street, 5th Floor, Latrobe, PA 15650 between the office hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., upon a **non-refundable payment of \$50.00** (plus a \$10.00 postage & handling fee if mailed at Gibson-Thomas Engineering's cost).
 Bidders will be responsible to view the project on their own. Any questions regarding the project must be submitted to Travis Stanczyk, PE by email at travis.stanczyk@gibson-thomas.com.
 Proposals shall be delivered in a sealed envelope and clearly marked on the outside with the words "ATC 152 GRANT DEMOLITIONS" with the associated contract (Contract A or B) and Contract number on the lower left corner of the Bid Envelopes.
 Proposals must be submitted on the forms provided. Proposals to receive consideration must be accompanied by a Certified Check or Bidder's Bond from a Surety Company authorized to do business in Pennsylvania, made to the order of Ross Township in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the Proposal as a guarantee that, if the Proposal is accepted, the successful Bidder will enter into an Agreement within fifteen (15) days after Notice of the Award of the Contract.
 No bid may be withdrawn for sixty (60) days after the same has been filed with Ross Township. No Bidder may withdraw his Proposal during the sixty (60) day period without forfeiting his Bid guarantee.
Pennsylvania Prevailing Wage Rates are required to be paid on these Contracts, if the individual Contract amounts exceed \$ 25,000.
 A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on November 23, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. at the Ross Township Municipal Building located at 1000 Ross Municipal Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. All contractors that intend to bid on the Contract are encouraged to attend.
 All contractors must adhere to Act 127 of 2012 (Public Works Employment Verification Act). Any bid not submitted under the conditions provided herein will be rejected.
 Ross Township reserves the right to reject any or all bids or to waive any informality in bids received or to accept any bid it deems in its best interest.
**ROSS TOWNSHIP
 Ron Borczyk, Township
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 Approval of Minutes:
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OLD BUSINESS
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 Notice of Proposed
 Ordinance**

Notice is hereby given that Brentwood Borough Council is considering the adoption of Ordinance No. 2021-1301. Said ordinance would set rates for the collection, conveyance, and treatment of sewage for calendar year 2022. Service and usage fees assessed by ALCOSAN will increase by 7%. There will be no increase in Borough service and usage fees.
 A complete copy of the text of this ordinance is available for review at the Brentwood Municipal Building during regular business hours or online at www.brentwoodboro.com. It is anticipated that Council will consider formal adoption of this ordinance during its next regular meeting, which will take place on December 6, 2021 at 7:30PM at the Brentwood Municipal Building.
**Borough of Brentwood
 Notice of Intent to Adopt
 2022 Operating Budget**
 Notice is hereby given that Brentwood Borough Council is considering the adoption of its operating budget for Fiscal Year 2022. A complete copy of said budget is available for

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Peanuts

By Charles Schulz



Mutts

By Patrick McDonnell



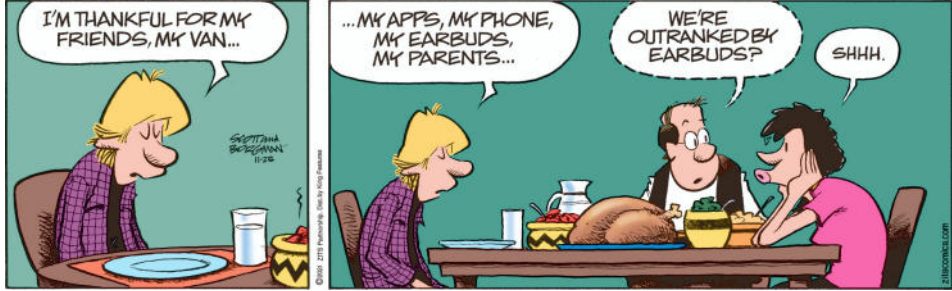
Doonesbury

By Garry Trudeau



Zits

By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman



Baby Blues

By Jerry Scott and Rick Kirkman



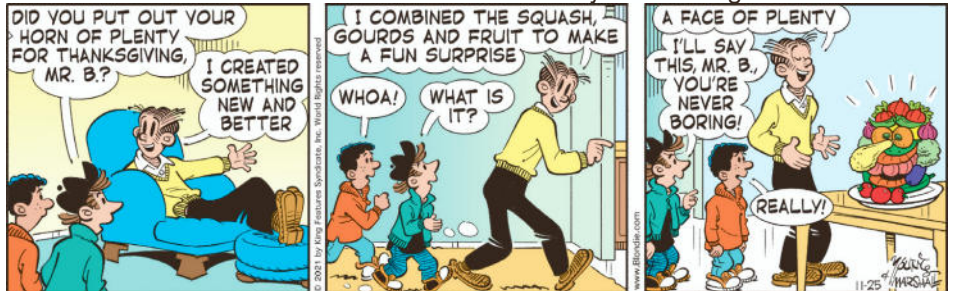
Sally Forth

By Francesco Marciuliano & Jim Keefe



Blondie

By Dean Young and John Marshall



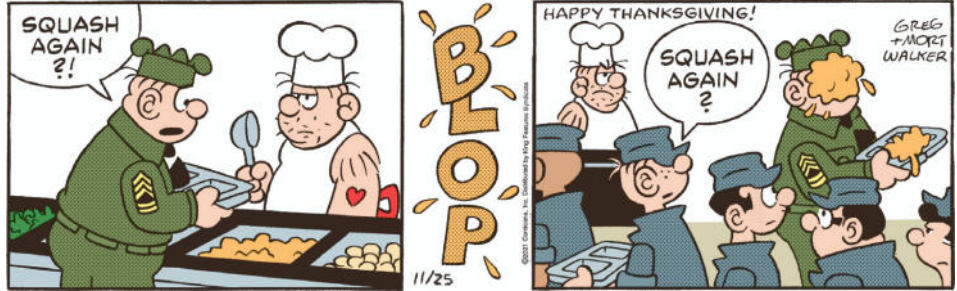
Carpe Diem

By Niklas Eriksson



Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



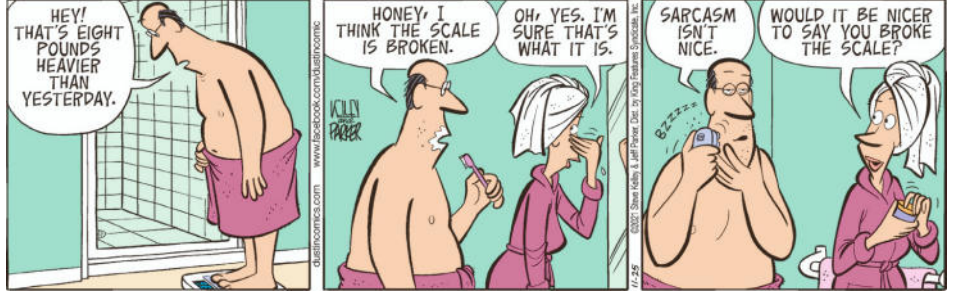
Curtis

By Ray Billingsley



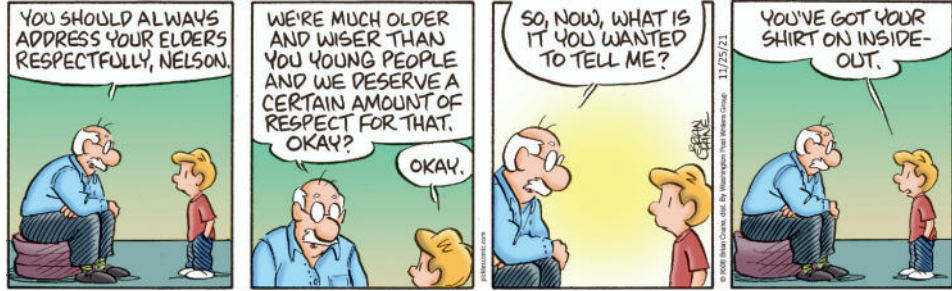
Dustin

By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



Pickles

By Brian Crane



Garfield

By Jim Davis



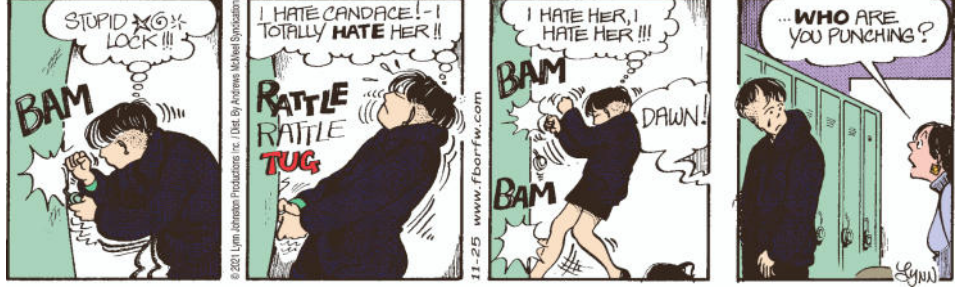
Born Loser

By Art and Chip Sansom



For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



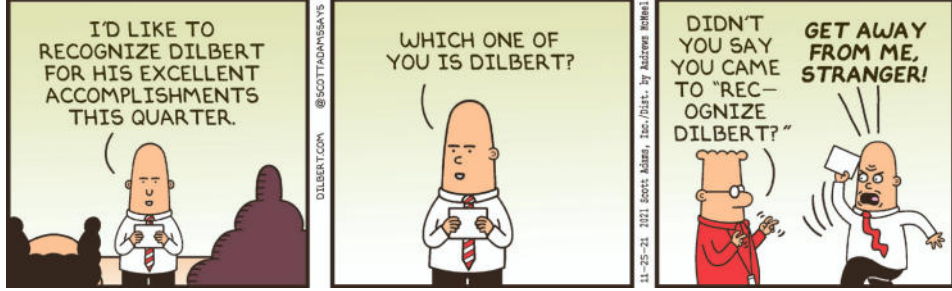
Rhymes With Orange

By Hilary Price



Dilbert

By Scott Adams

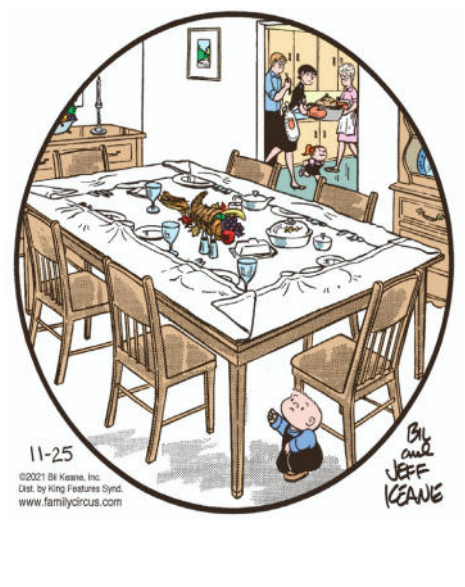
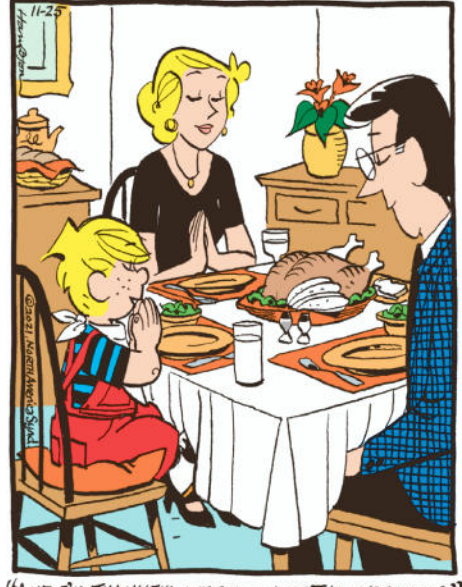


Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham

The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



Bizarro

By Wayne and Piraro

Non Sequitur

By Wiley Miller



"AND I'M THANKFUL WE STILL HAVE THANKSGIVING."

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Thursday

PUZZLES, HOROSCOPE AND BRIDGE

Cryptoquip

SIODSZDNFI NDWINDFF YIDO
 HKQWI XFDGISW KDBI DODVUJT
 KUTK QXISDYUP BQUPIW: YKI
 JIH GQSZ OIVVQW.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals H

Solution for previous Cryptoquip: How could you describe folks who absolutely adore beef such as T-bone steaks? Loin-hearted.

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

24X		1-	3+		3
1-			4-	5-	
11+		2		10+	120X
1	1-		1-		
7+	5-				
	4-		6	2÷	

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1	6	5	3	2	4
3	2	4	5	6	1
5	3	2	4	1	6
2	1	3	6	4	5
6	4	1	2	5	3
4	5	6	1	3	2

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

Previous solution

Jumble

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

HARBS
 CITHH
 CROUKN
 DILNNA

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Previous Jumble solution below Quick Crossword

I appreciate you inviting me to dinner today!
 That's so nice! They look delicious!

WHEN HER NEIGHBOR BROUGHT OVER SOME GRAPES SHE'D GROWN, SHE SAID ---

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

Sudoku

DAVE GREEN

		2	6			1		
		5						
8			5	1		6	9	
		7	5	9			2	
		3			7			
1		3		7	4			
3	4		8	9				6
					9			
		8		3	5			

1	6	2	3	7	9	8	5	4
3	8	4	2	1	5	7	6	9
5	9	7	8	6	4	1	2	3
2	7	8	9	5	3	4	1	6
6	5	9	1	4	7	2	3	8
4	1	3	6	2	8	9	7	5
7	3	1	4	9	6	5	8	2
8	4	5	7	3	2	6	9	1
9	2	6	5	8	1	3	4	7

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

Difficulty Level ★★★

Horoscope

GEORGIA NICOLS

Thursday, November 25, 2021

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

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22) ☆☆☆ Today the Moon is in your sign at odds with unpredictable Uranus and fiery Mars. For starters, this is an accident-prone influence. Guard against knee-jerk reactions and rash behavior. The Moon is in Leo.

Aries (March 21-April 19) ☆☆☆ Social plans might suddenly change today. For example, you might receive an unexpected invitation or an event might be canceled. Parents take note: This is an accident-prone day for your kids, so be extra vigilant. Tonight: Patience with kids.

Taurus (April 20-May 20) ☆☆☆ Your home routine will be interrupted today by something unexpected. Small appliances might break down or a minor breakage could occur. Someone unexpected might knock at the door. (Get dressed.) Tonight: Keep the peace.

Gemini (May 21-June 20) ☆☆☆ Your daily routine will change today because of something unexpected. Pay attention to everything you say and do so you can avoid an accident. New faces, new places and new ideas will shake things up. Tonight: Listen.

Cancer (June 21-July 22) ☆☆☆ Keep an eye on

your money and your assets today, because something unexpected could impact them. For example, you might find money or you might lose money. Something that you own might be lost, stolen or damaged. On the upside, you might have a clever money-making idea! Tonight: Protect your possessions.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ☆☆☆ This is a restless day for you — no question. You feel vaguely disconcerted. Don't worry about this funny feeling, because it will be gone by tomorrow. Just sit this one out and resist the urge to do something on impulse, especially if you're not sure what to do. Better to do nothing. Tonight: Patience.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ☆☆☆ Today you will be surprised by a friend or member of a group. They might say or do something you least expect. Or they might make a strange demand of you. Possibly, you will meet someone who is unusual in some way. Tonight: Don't overreact or act too quickly.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ☆☆☆ Use tact and discretion when talking to parents, bosses, VIPs or the police today, because things are unpredictable. They might

react in way you least expect. Tread carefully, and never underestimate the power of courtesy. Be smart and show respect for authority figures to make your life easier. Tonight: Humility.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ☆☆☆ Travel plans will almost certainly be canceled today, delayed or changed in some way. Therefore, allow yourself extra time to deal with the unexpected. Alternatively, some of you will suddenly have to travel when you did not expect to do so. Tonight: Avoid controversial subjects!

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ☆☆☆ Be smart and check your bank accounts or details related to inheritances, insurance matters or anything that you own jointly with others — this includes taxes and debt. This is because something to do with these areas will surprise you today. Tonight: Observe.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ☆☆☆ Conversations with partners, close friends and members of the general public will hold some surprises for you today. Someone close to you might make a strange demand or request. Tonight: Easy does it.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20) ☆☆☆ Your work routine will change today because of power outages, computer glitches, equipment breakdowns, staff shortages, fire drills — something. Be aware of this so you can deal with whatever happens with grace and confidence. Tonight: We're all in this Big Soup together.

Contract Bridge

STEVE BECKER

South dealer. East-West vulnerable.

NORTH

♠ J 9 8 5 2
 ♥ A 6
 ♦ 8
 ♣ A J 9 7 3

WEST

♠ 7 4
 ♥ K Q 10 7
 ♦ Q 9 6 3 2
 ♣ 8 2

EAST

♠ 6
 ♥ J 9 5 3 2
 ♦ K J 7 4
 ♣ Q 5 4

SOUTH

♠ A K Q 10 3
 ♥ 8 4
 ♦ A 10 5
 ♣ K 10 6

The bidding:

South West North East
 1 ♠ Pass 4 ♦ Pass
 4 NT Pass 5 ♥ Pass
 6 ♠

Opening lead — king of hearts. slam regardless of where the queen of clubs was located.

After cashing the ace of trump at trick two, he played the ace of diamonds and ruffed a diamond in dummy. This was followed by a low

trump to the king and another diamond ruff in dummy, setting the stage for a sure-fire endplay.

Declarer exited from dummy with a heart, and it did not matter which defender won the trick. Whoever wound up on lead would next have to return either a club (trapping the queen) or a heart or a diamond (allowing South to discard a club as he ruffed in dummy).

The elimination play executed by South followed standard procedure. First, he eliminated suit No. 1 (spades), followed by suit No. 2 (diamonds). He then put the enemy on lead with suit No. 3 (hearts) to force the return of suit No. 4 (clubs). That's how most elimination plays work.

Joseph Crossword

ACROSS

- Gullet
- Velvety flower
- Detested
- Like tumblers
- Pueblo material
- Water lily's kin
- A thou thou
- Plymouth colonizer
- Temple support
- Tennis feat
- Sacred chests
- Hamilton's bill
- Basic idea
- Gets older
- Nonsense
- Fill completely
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ACROSS

- Home of many Zoroastrians
- No. on the back of a baseball card
- Jazz drummer Jimmy
- "Awkwafina Is ___ From Queens" (Comedy Central series)
- Help when things are too hot to handle
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- Where to find Amazon's streams
- Tombstone site, once
- Number of Emily Dickinson poems, out of the 1,700+ she wrote, that were published during her lifetime
- Terse reprimand
- Queen ___ (pop nickname)
- Urban obstacle course activity
- Things you saw while asleep?
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- Type of angular momentum, in physics
- Noodle container?
- Animal on a Jägermeister bottle
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- Clueless about current trends
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- Many a cologne
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- Place to get paper with plastic?
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Wednesday's Jumble: Razor, Ounce, Tomato, Ripple. The convention's keynote speaker wasn't nervous at all thanks to all her — "Preparation."

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ON THE WEB

Cirque Dreams Holidayze (Friday-Saturday)

Cirque returns to the Benedum Center, Downtown, with this family production described as a "whimsical, Broadway-style musical infused with contemporary circus artistry." It features a cast of holiday storybook characters — ballerinas, nutcrackers, snowmen, penguins, reindeer, gingerbread people, carolers and more — coming to life on a magical night in an elaborate wonderland. It is performed by more than 20 of Cirque's artists and aerialists with 300-plus costume designs and Broadway singers performing original music and such classics as "Deck the Halls," "Winter Wonderland" and "Jingle Bell Rock." Times are 7:30 p.m. Friday and 3 and 8 p.m. Saturday. \$40.75; trustarts.org.

'An Untitled New Play by Justin Timberlake' (opening Saturday)

The City Theatre season continues with this Pittsburgh CLO co-production of a musical by Matt Schatz about the battle of art versus commerce. It's the story of an idealistic manager at a nonprofit theater who wants to discover unsung artists only to clash with a boss who is looking for a hit from a pop superstar. Directed by Reginald L. Douglas, with musical direction by Douglas Levine, it runs through Dec. 19. Tickets start at \$29; citytheatrecompany.org.

Kennywood Holiday Lights (Friday)

Fair warning if you're attending Holiday Lights on Friday: Kennywood will be trying to set a world record for the World's Largest Ugly Sweater Party. So, Kenny Kangaroo and his crew will need a few thousand friends to



Cirque Productions

Cirque Dreams Holidayze drops into the Benedum Friday and Saturday.

gather at the giant Christmas tree at 7 p.m. in their favorite ugly sweaters. The event, with more than 1 million lights, family rides, music

and holiday treats, runs from 5 to 9 p.m. One-day tickets begin at \$14.99. kennywood.com.

The Commonheart (Friday)

The Pittsburgh soul-rock band, fronted by singer Clinton Clegg and guitarist Mike Minda, played its first show since the beginning of the pandemic at Hartwood Acres this summer. And it was a powerful return. Now, the band is back with *Do Right Pittsburgh 2*, its first indoor show since early 2020, at Mr. Smalls in Millvale. The Commonheart will preview songs from a new album coming in early '22 and bring up a few special guests. In partnership with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh for a Coat & Volunteer Drive supporting children, they will be collecting winter items at the show including coats, hats, gloves and scarves. With the Buckle Downs and DJ Big Phil. 7 p.m. \$25; mrs-smalls.com.

Suite Life (Saturday)

The Kelly Strayhorn Theater in East Liberty presents this 14th annual celebration of the theater's namesakes, Billy Strayhorn and Gene Kelly. John Shannon, musical curator of *Con Alma*, directs this show that will revisit historical footage of Strayhorn and Kelly with music by Scott Boni (sax), Leon Boykins (bass), John Shannon (guitar), Joe Sheehan (piano), Jason Washington Jr. (drums) and vocalists Anita Levels, Sierra Sellers, Caroline McMahon Shannon and Quinn Shannon. It begins at 8 p.m. Tickets begin at \$25; kelly-strayhorn.org.

MORE TO DO

Friday and Sunday: Manfred Honeck conducts the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra in *Thanksgiving Tradition: Strauss Family Favorites*, a program with Strauss family waltzes and polkas and María Dueñas making her PSO debut performing Paganini's *Concerto No. 1 in D major for Violin and Orchestra*. 8 p.m. Friday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. \$20+; pittsburghsymphony.org.

Friday-Sunday: The Santa Trolley is running at the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum, Chartiers, where visitors can also enjoy Lionel train and Lego holiday displays. It will run weekends through Dec. 19, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. \$15; \$14 kids 3-15; patrolley.org.

Saturday: Musicians from The Clarks, 11th Hour, The Optimists, A.T.S. and other bands will gather at Mr. Smalls in Millvale for *The Music of The Clash, The Police, The Jam and The Pretenders*. The Raelyn Nelson Band, from Nashville, will perform *The Pretenders set*. 7:30 p.m. \$19.99; mrs-smalls.com.

Saturday: Pittsburgh bands Eleanor Walrus and Fungus square off for round 4 of *Beatles vs. Dead at Thunderbird Music Hall and Cafe in Lawrenceville*. Fungus, on the scene for almost three decades, will handle the Dead while Eleanor Walrus reimagines the Fab Four. 8 p.m. \$12; thunderbirdmusichall.com.

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WHAT'S NEW THIS WEEK

NEW ON DVD

"American Night": Paz Vega, Jonathan Rhys Meyers and Emile Hirsch star in this neo-noir set in a corrupt New York City contemporary art world.

AT THE MOVIES

"House of Gucci": The Ridley Scott film is based on the 2001 Sara Gay Forden novel "The House of Gucci: A Sensational Story of Murder, Madness, Glamour, and Greed" and stars Adam Driver, Lady Gaga, Al Pacino, Salma Hayek, Jared Leto and Jeremy Irons.

"Encanto": This animated musical features songs written by Lin-Manuel Miranda and a story about the only child in a magical Colombian family that doesn't have powers. The voice cast includes Stephanie Beatriz, Diane Guerrero and Wilmer Valderama.

"Resident Evil: Welcome to Raccoon City": This reboot of the "Resident Evil" film franchise explores the origins of Umbrella Corp. and Raccoon City. Directed by Johannes Roberts and stars Kaya Scodelario, Robbie Amell, Neal McDonough and Donal Logue.

"Julia": Documentary chronicles the life of Julia Child.



Lady Gaga and Tony Bennett sing together again in the CBS special "One Last Time" on Sunday.

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NEW MUSIC FRIDAY

G. Love, "Coming Back Home for Christmas!": The Philly funk-rockers presents 10 new original Christmas compositions.

Nell & The Flaming Lips, "Where the Vicious Looms": Nine Nick Cave covers with vocals and instrumentation by 14-year-old Nell Smith and instrumentation and production by The Flaming Lips.

WHAT'S ON TV

The 95th Annual Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade (9 a.m. Thursday, WPXI): "Today" co-hosts Savannah Guthrie, Hoda Kotb and Al Roker anchor this three-hour special covering the 95th edition of a beloved Thanksgiving tradition. The Broadway casts of "Wicked," "Moulin Rouge!" and "Six" will perform, along with Kristin Chenoweth, Darren Criss, Jordan Fisher and Jon Batiste.

The National Dog Show (noon Thursday, WPXI): Actor John O'Hurley and expert analyst David Frei return to co-host this holiday special. NBC correspondent Mary Carillo will report from backstage and inside the show ring. Last year, a graceful Scottish deerhound named Claire took home the best in show title.

NFL Football (12:30 p.m. Thursday, WPGH): The Chicago Bears and Detroit

Lions clash at Ford Field in the Motor City.

"National Lampoon's Vacation" (3 p.m. Thursday, AMC): This 1983 comedy introduced filmgoers to the goofy Griswolds, whose later vacations took them to Europe, Las Vegas and home for Christmas.

NFL Football (4:30 p.m. Thursday, KDKA): The second course: the Dallas Cowboys at home to the Las Vegas Raiders.

"The Magic Maker" (8 p.m. Thursday, WTAE): In this new one-hour special, illusionist Adam Trent breaks the cardinal rule of magicians by putting magic in the hands of everyday people to help them get through some of the biggest and most emotional moments of their lives.

World Pet Games (8 p.m. Thursday, WPGH): Erin Andrews and Finesse Mitchell serve as co-hosts for this unusual two-hour special for animals — and animal lovers — of all kinds. The competition features human contestants with their incredibly diverse pets.

"Music Box" (8 p.m. Thursday, HBO): Christopher Pierson's music documentary "DMX: Don't Try to Understand" focuses on a pivotal year in the life of rapper Earl "DMX" Simmons, as he is released from prison in 2019.

NFL Football (8:20 p.m. Thursday,

WPXI): The third and final NFL matchup of the holiday comes with this prime-time clash between the Buffalo Bills and New Orleans Saints.

"A Castle for Christmas" (Friday, Netflix): Brooke Shields plays a famed author who travels to Scotland hoping to buy a small castle. She finds the prickly owner (Cary Elwes) reluctant to sell.

"A Loud House Christmas" (7 p.m. Friday, NICK): Based on an Emmy-winning animated series, this new live-action holiday TV movie follows Lincoln Loud (Wolfgang Schaeffer) as he prepares for the ultimate Christmas celebration, but his excitement is dashed when he discovers most of his sisters have other plans for the big day.

"Masters of Illusion: Christmas Magic 2021" (8 p.m. Friday, WPCW): Dean Cain says he doesn't want to know how the illusionists pull off their tricks, he just wants to be dazzled by them, which makes him the perfect host for this annual special holiday episode with a distinctive yuletide feel.

"How to With John Wilson" (10 p.m. Friday, HBO): Quirky documentary filmmaker and self-described "anxious New Yorker" John Wilson returns for the sophomore season of his six-part docuseries, in which he continues his eccentric journey of self-ex-

ploration and observation.

"Frozen" (8 p.m. Saturday, FX): The Disney studio added another animated smash to its inventory with this 2013 fantasy.

"The Wonderful World of Disney: Magical Holiday Celebration" (7 p.m. Sunday, WTAE): This two-hour special, which has become a yuletide staple on ABC, includes sneak peeks behind the scenes at various Disney Parks.

"One Last Time: An Evening With Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga" (8 p.m. Sunday, KDKA): Filmed during two concerts in Radio City Music Hall last August, this one-hour special captures Lady Gaga and veteran crooner Tony Bennett in what was billed as his final public performances, as well as marking his 95th birthday.

2021 Soul Train Awards (8 p.m. Sunday, BET): For their fourth consecutive year, actresses Tisha Campbell and Tichina Arnold return to co-host this year's awards ceremony, which was taped at the storied Apollo Theater in Harlem. Singer-songwriter H.E.R. leads the field of nominees.

"Harry Potter: Hogwarts Tournament of Houses" (8 p.m. Sunday, TBS): Helen Mirren hosts for this new holiday competition, which features Potterheads competing over challenging trivia questions.

By Scott Mervis
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Scott Blasey and Rod Schwartz go way back, to the late '80s, when their bands started playing shows together, so the frontman for The Clarks likes to oblige when he gets a call from the 11th Hour bassist.

That's why, prior to the pandemic, Blasey said yes when he got the call to play the annual British punk show that Schwartz has been presenting for most of the past 20 years.

The show in question, originally scheduled for 2020 and finally taking place Saturday at Mr. Smalls, would be split between The Clash, The Jam and The Police. What he needed was a Sting.

"I said yes because I love The Police," Blasey says, "and then I started listening to the material and I thought, 'Oh my God, what have I gotten myself into?' I never really noticed how high he sings. It's still a very powerful, masculine voice. It's just way up there in the register."

Although people are well aware of The Clarks taking their inspiration from American bands like The Replacements, R.E.M., The Rave-Ups, and Tom Petty and the Heartbreakers, Blasey puts The Police above them all.

"If I had to pick one person, one band, one artist to listen to and everybody else goes away, I would take those five Police albums and all of his solo work," he says. "And you know, it's probably not the hippest choice, but 'Ghost in the Machine' came out when I was a senior in high school and it was a real game-changer for me, that album. I had heard 'Don't Stand So Close to Me' and 'Roxanne' and those were great songs, but 'Ghost in the Machine' just blew me away."

Early on, in The Clarks, which they formed as students at Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 1986, their repertoire of covers included "Driven to Tears" and "Message in a Bottle."

"We really loved The Police and we played a few of their songs, but it was really challenging to play, for all of us. They were such amazing players."

He was up for the challenge of those songs, but, in putting together a whole Police set, he determined not all of them were in his range.

"'Every Little Thing She Does is Magic' Is just physically impossible for me to do. It's just unrelenting, from the moment it starts to the moment it finishes. It's just constant with no breaks in it. I got about halfway into the song and I'm like, 'Man, I just can't sing like this all the time.'

"And there's no way to fake that song. You can't. You can't go to a falsetto. And there's no way to have the background singers sort of step up and help you in any way. So, we had to just cut it from the set, which is sad because it's, maybe, not my favorite Police song but certainly one of my



Scott Blasey of The Clarks will channel Sting Saturday night at Mr. Smalls in Millvale.

Scott Blasey

And in the role of Sting ... Scott Blasey from The Clarks



Alex Peightal of Submachine will provide the vocals for all-star band Guns of Brixton's Clash tribute.

backing vocalists Holly Scott and Joe Stile.

GUNS OF BRIXTON

The tribute will once again feature local all-star band Guns of Brixton doing an extensive Clash set, about half of "London Calling," complete with a full horn section and vocals by Alex Peightal (Submachine), John Young (Optimists) and Mike Moran. The 11-piece band has done The Clash so many times, by now it goes on muscle memory.

The appetizer will be Raelynn Nelson (granddaughter of Willie Nelson) and her Nashville-based band — playing with The Clarks at Jergels on Friday — opening the evening with a five-song set of The Pretenders.

11th Hour, led by singer Shawn Harrison, will take on The Jam, the mod revival band that debuted in 1977 with "In the City" and made its first big splash in the States with the 1981 single "That's Entertainment."

"The Jam is far less known here, but if we were doing a show in England, The Jam would probably be the headliners," Schwartz says, although that's debatable given the bigger chart success of The Police. "Paul Weller was a god over there, but for whatever reason, it didn't translate to radio here."

"I love The Jam and I love The Style Council," he says of Weller's subsequent band. "With the full horn section, we're able to do all those songs. So, half of what we're doing is the later stuff with the horns."

It begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$19.99; mrsmalls.com.

did drop the key on 'So Lonely,' and it didn't really seem to make a difference."

Blasey will be joined by Clarks guitarist Rob James, bassist Schwartz, keyboardist Terry Divelbliss, guitarist Steve Seel and drummer Kip Ruefle (both from A.T.S.), and

top favorites."

There's always the option of dropping the key, as Sting himself may do now at 70, but Blasey says, "I don't like doing it because I think with certain songs, you notice it. It just doesn't sound the same. We



The Commonheart will preview songs from new album at Mr. Smalls

By Scott Mervis
Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The Commonheart has been one of the more cautious bands during the pandemic, choosing to use this uncertain time more in the studio than on stage.

In early 2020, when the pandemic hit, the Pittsburgh soul-rockers were fresh from touring down South with Los Lobos. They didn't play their first show back until almost 18 months later, in July 2021 at The Black Swamp Arts Festival in Bowling Green, Ohio, followed by their Pittsburgh return at Allegheny Music Festival at Hartwood Acres in September.

On Friday at Mr. Smalls, The Common-



John Simmonds

Mike Minda, left, and Clinton Clegg of The Commonheart will be performing some new music Friday night.

heart is finally stepping back indoors, with that leaner unit we saw crushing it at Hartwood. The band is down to eight members, with the sassy Mariko Reid as the lone backup singer, playing directly off the howling vocals of Clinton Clegg.

"We started touring like that more out of

necessity because it's hard to maintain nine or 10," Clegg says. "But Mariko and I have developed such an onstage and musical chemistry, we've just been sticking to it, and it's working."

Hartwood was also the first look at Cole Insko, brother of trumpeter Nate Insko, re-

placing founding member Shawn McGregor, who is busy raising a family.

During the break, The Commonheart recorded a third album and follow-up to 2019's "Pressure," working with Los Lobos saxophonist Steve Berlin, whose long list of prestigious production credits includes The Blasters, The Tragically, Los Lobos and Pittsburgh's own The Rave-Ups.

"When we were out with them, I got to be pretty good friends with Steve," Clegg notes, "and he said, 'When you guys get around to making that record, give me a call.' So, Steve came in and produced the album, and it's completely tracked. We're about to enter the mixing and mastering phase over the next few months. Top of '22 is certainly the goal."

Expect a very spirited post-Thanksgiving show in Millvale.

"We are going to lean into a lot of new material," Clegg says. "We're going to come out swinging and share what's been going on in the lab a good bit. But, also, there are going to be a lot of celebratory moments of playing some old fan-favorite classic tunes. Our goal, as with every show, is just to make the audience feel connected and feel really good and shoot some positive vibes to everybody — cause we all need it — and kick off the holidays."

The show is at 7 p.m. Friday with The Buckle Downs and DJ Big Phil. Tickets are \$25. They will be collecting winter items, including coats, hats, gloves and scarves supporting a Big Brothers Big Sisters of Greater Pittsburgh Coat & Volunteer Drive; mrsmalls.com.



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Holiday season is back in action

It's the holiday season ... like we remember it. After a mostly dark 2021, the concerts, musicals, light shows and more are returning almost in full this year. Here are some places for holiday cheer.

HOLIDAY PLACES

CARNEGIE MUSEUMS OF ART & NATURAL HISTORY Oakland. "BEDAZZLED: Celebrating the Diamond Anniversary of the Carnegie Trees" features five soaring Fraser Fir trees in the Hall of Architecture lit and adorned with hand-made ornaments (through Jan. 10). The Neapolitan Presepio is handcrafted between 1700 and 1830 with figures in an 18th-century Italian village life; cmoa.org.

CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER North Shore. The Miniature Railroad & Village is running with its latest addition: a model of Gus & Yiayia's ice ball cart, honoring the family business that has operated on the North Shore since 1934. There were several additions to and around the amusement park section as well. "The Polar Express 3D" screens in The Rangos Giant Cinema (Nov. 26-Dec. 23). Polar PJ Parties are returning on Dec. 4 and Dec. 11; CarnegieScienceCenter.org.

GATEWAY CLIPPER CRUISES Station Square. Santa Family Fun Cruises with Santa and DJ sail 1:30 p.m. Nov. 26-27, Dec. 4, 11-12, 18-19; Santa Story Time Cruises sail 10:30 a.m. Nov. 27, Dec. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18; Holiday Captain's Dinner Cruise sail 6:30 p.m. Dec. 4, 11, 18; Holiday Sparkle Dinner sail 6:30 p.m. Dec. 3, 10, 17; gatewayclipper.com.

HEINZ HISTORY CENTER Strip District. "A Very Merry Pittsburgh" includes artifacts from Pittsburgh past with weekend visits from Santa Claus, through Jan. 17; heinzhistorycenter.org.

KENNYWOOD HOLIDAY LIGHTS West Mifflin. Holiday festivities with more than 1 million lights, Pennsylvania's Tallest Christmas Tree, sweet and savory seasonal snacks, and favorite family rides and attractions. 5 to 9 p.m. Fridays through Sundays through Dec. 24, plus nightly Dec. 26-Jan. 2; kennywood.com.

NATIONAL AVIARY North Side. Season's Greetings Saturdays with letters to Santa, story-time theater, through Dec. 18; Holiday Brunch in the Garden (11 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Dec. 12 and 19); Late Nights in the Garden, 5-8 p.m. Dec. 26-29; aviary.org.

OGLEBAY WINTER FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS Oglebay Park, Wheeling, W.Va. Six-mile drive-through with 90 light dis-



Paul Vladuchick

The Serpentine Room at Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens is all decked out for the Holiday Magic! Winter Flower Show.

plays and more than 1 million LED lights, plus Christmas Shop and Dining. Nightly from dusk to midnight, through Jan. 9. Donation requested; oglebay-resort.com.

OLD ECONOMY VILLAGE Ambridge. Christmas at the Village, 2-9 p.m. Dec. 4 and 2-7 p.m. Dec. 5; oldeconomyvillage.org.

PENNSYLVANIA TROLLEY MUSEUM Washington, Pa. Ride with Santa on vintage trolleys, Nov. 26-28, Dec. 4, 5, 11, 12, 18 and 19 from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and see the Lionel train and LEGO layouts; Toy Trains and Trolleys will run 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Dec. 3 and 10; pa-trolley.org.

PEOPLES GAS HOLIDAY MARKET Market Square is transformed into a European-style village featuring more than 35 vendors with international and locally handcrafted gifts housed in Alpine-style chalets, an entertainment stage, and Santa's House. It runs 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Mondays-Thursdays; 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Sundays, through Dec. 23.

PHIPPS CONSERVATORY & BOTANICAL GARDENS Schenley Park, Oakland. Holiday Magic: Winter Flower Show and Light Garden features classic firs, colorful poinsettia trees, a floating forest of sparkling trees reflecting on water,

through Jan. 9. 9:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily and 5 to 11 p.m. for Winter Light Garden. phipps.conservatory.org.

2 PPG PLACE EXTERIOR WINDOWS Fourth Avenue, Downtown. "Spirits of Giving From Around the World" display of life-size Santas and original paintings capturing a world of Christmas folklore and fantasy, through Jan. 1. Free; ppgplace.com.

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ON STAGE

MADLINE'S CHRISTMAS: A MUSICAL Based on the book by Ludwig Bemelman. Little Lake Theatre, 500 Lakeside Drive S., North Strabane. Nov. 26-Dec. 5; littlelake.org.

CIRQUE DREAMS HOLIDAZE Broadway-style musical infused with contemporary circus artistry. Benedum Center. 7:30 p.m. Nov. 26; 3 and 8 p.m. 27; trustarts.org.

A CHARLIE BROWN CHRISTMAS: LIVE ON STAGE The Peanuts gang puts on a holiday play. Byham Theater. 7 p.m. Dec. 3; trustarts.org.

PITTSBURGH BALLET THEATRE "The Nutcracker." Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, Benedum Center, Downtown. Dec. 10-Dec. 29; pbt.org.

A LYRICAL CHRISTMAS CAROL The musical adaptation presented by Pittsburgh Musical Theatre at Gargaro Theater, 327 South Main St, West End. Dec. 15-19; pittsburghmusicals.com.

A MUSICAL CHRISTMAS CAROL The annual musical event by Pittsburgh CLO. Byham Theater, Downtown. Dec. 17-23; pittsburghclo.org.

THE HIP-HOP NUTCRACKER Contemporary dance spectacle set to Tchaikovsky's music with a cast of dancers, a DJ, a violinist, and MC Kurtis Blow. 7:30 p.m. Dec. 30; trustarts.org.

HOLIDAY POP

CORNELL GUNTER'S COASTERS, THE DRIFTERS AND THE PLATTERS HOLIDAY POP Palace Theatre, Greensburg. 7:30 p.m. Dec. 2; thepalacetheatre.org.

MADDIE POPPE'S ACOUSTIC CHRISTMAS Jergels, Marshall. 8 p.m. Dec. 5; jergels.com.

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Lindsay Fishman

Violinist/dancer Lindsey Stirling performs at the Benedum Dec. 13.

HOLIDAY, FROM WE-6

HOLIDAY JAM Performances by Scott Anderson, Lisa Bleil, Maria Becomes Bey, Benny Benack III and Clinton Clegg and more. New Hazlett Theater, North Side. 7:30 p.m. Dec. 10. ci.ovationtix.com.

ALL-STAR HOLIDAY SHOW Jason Kendall Productions presents this benefit for Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank with Artistree, Bob Banerjee, Casey & Dan Deely, Rob Frankenberry, Eric George, Cherylann Hawk, Adam Janssen, Lindsay Lehman, Joel Lindsey, Jesse Lowry, Sugar Ray Morrison, Amanda Noah, John Parrendo, Right Turn Clyde, Chelsea Ritenour, Rocket Loves Blue, Tim Ruff, Mike Stout and Brad Yoder. 6 p.m. Dec. 12. Wintergarden at PPG Place, 1 PPG Place. \$75; eventbrite.com.

LINDSEY STIRLING Christmas program from the violinist/dancer. Benedum Center, Downtown. 8 p.m. Dec. 13; trustarts.org.

TRANS-SIBERIAN ORCHESTRA PPG Paints Arena, Dec. 29, 3:30 and 8 p.m.; ticketmaster.com.

CLASSICAL

RIVER CITY BRASS "Christmas Brasstacular." Linton Middle School, Penn Hills (Dec. 2), Carson Middle School, McCandless (Dec. 3), Palace Theatre, Greensburg (Dec. 4), Carnegie Music Hall, Oakland (Dec. 9), Bethel Park High School (Dec. 10); rivercitybrass.org.

PITTSBURGH SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA Manfred Honeck conducts

Tchaikovsky's suite from "The Nutcracker," plus the premiere of "A Child's Dream of Toys" by Vivian Fung and James Ehnes plays Barber's Violin Concerto. Dec. 3-5; Highmark Holiday Pops with conductor Byron Stripling and singers Vanessa Campagna and Christopher Sanders, Dec. 10-12 and 17-19; pittsburghsymphony.org.

PITTSBURGH CONCERT CHORALE Sounds of the Season at Ingo-Mar United Methodist Church, Franklin Park, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 3 and 5; Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church, 7:30 p.m. Dec. 4. \$20; PCCsing.org.

HEINZ CHAPEL CHOIR Holiday Concert. Heinz Memorial Chapel, University of Pittsburgh, Oakland. Dec. 11; music.pitt.edu.

MENDELSSOHN CHOIR OF PITTSBURGH The Promise of Light concerts is a light-hearted meditation that draws from the wealth of music and poetry about winter, the solstice and the holidays. Westminster Presbyterian Church, Mt. Lebanon (Dec. 10-11), St. Kilian Catholic Church, Cranberry (Dec. 11), Ebenezer Baptist Church, Hill District (Dec. 12), Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Shadyside (Dec. 17), Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Downtown (Dec. 18). Free. themendelssohn.org.

HOLIDAY SHOPPING

HANDMADE ARCADE Craft fair showcases 200-plus designers, crafters, artists and makers from Pittsburgh and beyond. David L. Lawrence Convention Center, Strip. Dec. 4; handmadearcade.com.



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What to view to get into a holiday mood

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One of the joys of the season is flipping through the channels and finding the whole gang: Charlie Brown, Rudolph, Frosty, the Grinch, Elf, the Griswolds.

Some of those holiday staples will be everywhere. Some may be tricky to find, like “A Charlie Brown Christmas,” which will air once on PBS (Dec. 19) and stream on Apple TV+ (Dec. 11-13).

Here are a few of the new shows and specials:

“Candy Coated Christmas” (discovery+, streaming): Molly McCook stars in this Food Network movie as an executive who ends up in the town of Peppermint Hollow, where Ree Drummond (“The Pioneer Woman”) plays the local baker.

“Reba McEntire’s Christmas in Tune” (Lifetime, 8 p.m. Nov. 26): McEntire and John Schneider play a couple and singing duo who reunite at the request of their daughter.

“CMA Country Christmas” (ABC, 8 p.m. Nov. 29): Munhall native Gabby Barrett stars, along with Kelsea Ballerini, Lady A and Little Big Town.

“Kelly Clarkson Presents When Christmas Comes Around” (NBC, 10 p.m. Dec. 1): Clarkson, who has a new holiday album, hosts this special with Brett Eldredge, Ariana Grande, Jay Leno, Melissa McCarthy, Leslie Odom Jr. and Amy Poehler.

“Michael Buble’s Christmas in the City” (NBC, 10 p.m. Dec. 6 and Dec. 22): Buble marks the 10th anniversary of his album “Christmas.”

“Christmas ... Again?!” (Disney Channel, 8 p.m. Dec. 3): Scarlett Estevez A high-spirited plays an 11-year-old hoping to add more spunk to her Christmas celebrations as her parents divorce.

Nov. 25

My Christmas Inn, LIFE, 8 p.m.
The Nine Kittens of Christmas, HALL, 8 p.m.
Home Alone 2: Lost in New York, FREEFRM, 8:30 p.m.
A Christmas Together With You, HALL, 10:01 p.m.
Santa’s Boots, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.

Nov. 26

Frosty the Snowman, CBS, 8 p.m.
How the Grinch Stole Christmas! NBC, 8 p.m.
Masters of Illusion: Christmas Magic 2021, CW, 8 p.m.
Reba McEntire’s Christmas in Tune,



Atlantic Records

Kelly Clarkson stars in “Kelly Clarkson Presents When Christmas Comes Around” on NBC at 10 p.m. Dec. 1.

LIFE, 8 p.m.
Santa Claus Is Comin’ to Town, ABC, 8 p.m.
An Unexpected Christmas, HALL, 8 p.m.
5 More Sleeps ‘til Christmas, NBC, 8:30 p.m.
Frosty Returns, CBS, 8:30 p.m.
Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer, CW, 9 p.m.
Trolls Holiday in Harmony, NBC, 9 p.m.
Saturday Night Live, NBC, 9:30 p.m.
The Nine Kittens of Christmas, HALL, 10:01 p.m.
Dear Christmas, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.

Nov. 27

Christmas at Castle Hart, HALL, 8 p.m.
Merry Little Christmas Baby, LIFE, 8 p.m.
National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation, TBS, 8 p.m.

Robbie the Reindeer in Hooves of Fire, CBS, 8 p.m.
Soul Santa, BET, 8 p.m.
Robbie the Reindeer in Legend of the Lost Tribe, CBS, 8:30 p.m.
The Story of Santa Claus, CBS, 9 p.m.
The Santa Clause 2, FREEFRM, 9:25 p.m.
National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation, TBS, 10 p.m.
Christmas CEO, HALL, 10:01 p.m.
Every Day Is Christmas, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.

Nov. 28

The Christmas Contest, HALL, 8 p.m.
Miracle in Motor City, LIFE, 8 p.m.
Toy Story That Time Forgot, DIS, 8 p.m.
The Waltons’ Homecoming, CW, 8 p.m.
Making Spirits Bright, HALL, 10:01 p.m.

Nov. 29

The Black Pack: We Three Kings, CW, 8 p.m.
CMA Country Christmas, ABC, 8 p.m.
The Most Wonderful Time of the Year, HALL, 8 p.m.
Welcome to the Christmas Family Reunion, LIFE, 8 p.m.
Reunited at Christmas, HALL, 10 p.m.
Christmas Hotel, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.

Nov. 30

Christmas CEO, HALL, 8 p.m.
Saying Yes to Christmas, LIFE, 8 p.m.
A Kiss Before Christmas, HALL, 10 p.m.
Dancing Through the Snow, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.

Dec. 1

Beebo Saves Christmas, CW, 8 p.m.
89th Annual Christmas in Rockefeller Center, NBC, 8 p.m.
Making Spirits Bright, HALL, 8 p.m.
Match Made in Mistletoe, LIFE, 8 p.m.
World’s Funniest Animals: Christmas, CW, 9 p.m.
The Christmas Contest, HALL, 10 p.m.
Kelly Clarkson Presents: When Christmas Comes Around, NBC, 10 p.m.
Baking Spirits Bright, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.

Dec. 2

Christmas in Tahoe, HALL, 8 p.m.
A Christmas Village Romance, LIFE, 8 p.m.
Olaf’s Frozen Adventure, ABC, 8 p.m.
Dr. Seuss’ How the Grinch Stole Christmas, FREEFRM, 8:20 p.m.
Toy Story That Time Forgot, ABC, 8:30 p.m.
An Unexpected Christmas, HALL, 10 p.m.
Once Upon a Main Street, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.

Dec. 3

Christmas ... Again?! DIS, 8 p.m.
A Christmas Dance Reunion, LIFE, 8 p.m.
The Santa Clause 2, FREEFRM, 9:25 p.m.
Christmas Town, HALL, 10:01 p.m.
You Make It Feel Like Christmas, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.

Dec. 4

A Christmas Story, TBS, 8 p.m.
Home Alone: Taking Back the House, DIS, 8 p.m.
It’s a Wonderful Life, NBC, 8 p.m.
Kirk Franklin’s A Gospel Christmas, LIFE, 8 p.m.
Silent Night — A Song for the World, CW, 8 p.m.
A Very Merry Bridesmaid, HALL, 8 p.m.
The Chosen: A Story of the First Christmas, WPCB, 8:30 p.m.
Home Alone, FREEFRM, 8:50 p.m.
National Lampoon’s Christmas Vacation, AMC, 9:15 p.m.
Christmas ... Again?! DIS, 9:25 p.m.
The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause, FX, 10 p.m.
Reba McEntire’s Christmas in Tune, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.

Dec. 5

Home Alone: The Holiday Heist, DIS, 7 p.m.
Dr. Seuss' The Grinch, FX, 8 p.m.
My Favorite Christmas Melody, LIFE, 8 p.m.
Sister Swap: A Hometown Holiday, HALL, 8 p.m.
The 23rd Annual a Home for the Holidays at the Grove, CBS, 9:30 p.m.
Dr. Seuss' The Grinch, FX, 10 p.m.
Five Star Christmas, HALL, 10:01 p.m.
An Ice Wine Christmas, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.

Dec. 6

A Christmas Story, TNT, 8 p.m.
A Nashville Christmas Carol, HALL, 8 p.m.
Secretly Santa, LIFE, 8 p.m.
A Very Boy Band Holiday, ABC, 8 p.m.
Michael Buble's Christmas in the City, NBC, 10 p.m.
A Christmas Carol, TNT, 10 p.m.
Christmas CEO, HALL, 10 p.m.
A Christmas Village Romance, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.

Dec. 7

Christmas Movie Magic, LIFE, 8 p.m.
Next Stop, Christmas, HALL, 8 p.m.
Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas, FREEFRM, 8:20 p.m.
Christmas in Tahoe, HALL, 10 p.m.
Match Made in Mistletoe, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.

Dec. 8

The Bells of St. Mary's, TCM, 8 p.m.
Christmas Around the World, CW, 8 p.m.
Christmas With a Crown, LIFE, 8 p.m.
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, AMC, 8 p.m.
Snow Bride, HALL, 8 p.m.
The Nightmare Before Christmas, FREEFRM, 9:30 p.m.
Sister Swap: A Hometown Holiday, HALL, 10 p.m.
Miracle in Motor City, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.

Dec. 9

The Christmas Contest, HALL, 8 p.m.
A Fiance for Christmas, LIFE, 8 p.m.
The Polar Express, AMC, 8 p.m.
Home Alone 2: Lost in New York, FREEFRM, 8:20 p.m.
Elf, STARZ, 9 p.m.
Christmas by Starlight, HALL, 10 p.m.
The Christmas Edition, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.

Dec. 10

Arthur Christmas, DIS, 8 p.m.
A Dickens of a Holiday!, HALL, 8 p.m.
Holiday in Santa Fe, LIFE, 8 p.m.
Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas, FREEFRM, 9:20 p.m.
A Very Merry Bride, HALL, 10:01 p.m.
Welcome to the Christmas Family Reunion, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.

Dec. 11

Christmas Deja Vu, BET, 8 p.m.
Disney's A Christmas Carol, DIS, 8 p.m.



Ready, set, glow! ABC's decorating competition series "The Great Christmas Light Fight" returns for its ninth season airing back-to-back episodes on Nov. 28.

Dr. Seuss' The Grinch, FX, 8 p.m.
Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas, TBS, 8 p.m.
The Holiday Fix Up, LIFE, 8 p.m.
A Royal Queens Christmas, HALL, 8 p.m.
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, CBS, 8 p.m.
The Waltons' Homecoming, CW, 8 p.m.
A Christmas Story, TBS, 9 p.m.
Frosty the Snowman, CBS, 9 p.m.
Frosty Returns, CBS, 9:30 p.m.
Dr. Seuss' The Grinch, FX, 10 p.m.
Christmas at Castle Hart, HALL, 10:01 p.m.
A Picture Perfect Holiday, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.

Dec. 12

Blending Christmas, LIFE, 8 p.m.
Sister Swap: Christmas in the City, HALL, 8 p.m.
A Christmas Proposal, CBS, 8:30 p.m.
Greatest Holiday Commercials Countdown 2021, CW, 9 p.m.
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, AMC, 9:15 p.m.
The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause, FREEFRM, 9:55 p.m.
A Royal Queens Christmas, HALL, 10:01 p.m.
Kirk Franklin's A Gospel Christmas, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.

Dec. 13

The Christmas House, HALL, 8 p.m.
Maps and Mistletoe, LIFE, 8 p.m.
The Polar Express, AMC, 8 p.m.
20 Years of Christmas With the Tabernacle Choir, PBS, 8 p.m.

Next Stop, Christmas, HALL, 10 p.m.
Stellar Tribute to the Holidays, WPCB, 10 p.m.
Christmas With a Crown, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.

Dec. 14

Christmas With the Darlings, HALL, 8 p.m.
Dr. Seuss' The Grinch, FX, 8 p.m.
Ghosts of Christmas Past, LIFE, 8 p.m.
Gordon Ramsay's Road Trip: Christmas Vacation, FOX, 9 p.m.
The Nutcracker and the Mouse King, PBS, 9 p.m.
Dr. Seuss' The Grinch, FX, 10 p.m.
Open by Christmas, HALL, 10 p.m.
Christmas Movie Magic, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.

Dec. 15

A Dickens of a Holiday!, HALL, 8 p.m.
The Enchanted Christmas Cake, LIFE, 8 p.m.
iHeartRadio Jingle Ball 2021, CW, 8 p.m.
It's a Wonderful Life, USA, 8 p.m.
Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas, FREEFRM, 8:20 p.m.
Kelly Clarkson Presents: When Christmas Comes Around, NBC, 10 p.m.
Sister Swap: Christmas in the City, HALL, 10 p.m.
Secretly Santa, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.
The Night Before, FX, 10:30 p.m.

Dec. 16

Christmas by Chance, LIFE, 8 p.m.
National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, AMC, 8 p.m.

A Royal Queens Christmas, HALL, 8 p.m.
Home Alone 2: Lost in New York, FREEFRM, 8:30 p.m.
A Kiss Before Christmas, HALL, 10 p.m.
My Favorite Christmas Melody, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.

Dec. 17

The 89th Annual Hollywood Christmas Parade, CW, 8 p.m.
Mistletoe in Montana, LIFE, 8 p.m.
The Polar Express, AMC, 8 p.m.
The Star, DIS, 8 p.m.
Sugar Plum Twist, HALL, 8 p.m.
A Holiday in Harlem, HALL, 10:01 p.m.
Saying Yes to Christmas, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.

Dec. 18

The Christmas House 2: Deck Those Halls, HALL, 8 p.m.
Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer, CW, 8 p.m.
Merry Switchmas, BET, 8 p.m.
A Time to Remember, EWTN, 8 p.m.
Toying With the Holidays, LIFE, 8 p.m.
A Pennsylvania Christmas, WPCB, 8:30 p.m.
Mickey's Twice Upon a Christmas, DIS, 8:40 p.m.
World's Funniest Animals: Christmas, CW, 9 p.m.

Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas, TNT, 9:30 p.m.
Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas, FREEFRM, 9:40 p.m.
A Christmas Carol, TNT, 10 p.m.
The Nine Lives of Christmas, HALL, 10:01 p.m.
A Christmas Dance Reunion, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.

Dec. 19

Christmas Takes Flight, CBS, 8 p.m.
Lucy Worsley's 12 Days of Tudor Christmas, PBS, 8 p.m.
The Nutcracker and the Four Realms, DIS, 8 p.m.
'Tis the Season to Be Merry, HALL, 8 p.m.
Under the Christmas Tree, LIFE, 8 p.m.
Keep Christ In Christmas, A Catholics Come Home Special Presentation, EWTN, 8:30 p.m.
The Black Pack: We Three Kings, CW, 9 p.m.
If I Only Had Christmas, HALL, 10:01 p.m.
Blending Christmas, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.
The Holly and the Ivy, TCM, 10:15 p.m.

Dec. 20

Candy Cane Candidate, LIFE, 8 p.m.
Sister Swap: Christmas in the City, HALL, 8 p.m.
The Santa Clause 2, FREEFRM, 8:30 p.m.
Christmas at Belmont, PBS, 9 p.m.
A Musical Christmas, WPCB, 10 p.m.
Sugar Plum Twist, HALL, 10 p.m.
Merry Little Christmas Baby, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.

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Dec. 21

Beebo Saves Christmas, CW, 8 p.m.
 Christmas at the Plaza, HALL, 8 p.m.
 The Christmas Ball, LIFE, 8 p.m.
 Greatest Holiday Commercials Countdown 2021, CW, 9 p.m.
 Saturday Night Live, NBC, 9 p.m.
 The Christmas House 2: Deck Those Halls, HALL, 10 p.m.
 Reba McEntire's Christmas in Tune, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.

Dec. 22

Christmas in Connecticut, TCM, 8 p.m.
 A Christmas Story Live! FOX, 8 p.m.
 Dr. Seuss' The Grinch, NBC, 8 p.m.
 Grandma Got Run Over by a Reindeer, CW, 8 p.m.
 It Takes a Christmas Village, LIFE, 8 p.m.
 National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, AMC, 8 p.m.
 Sugar Plum Twist, HALL, 8 p.m.
 Masters of Illusion: Christmas Magic 2021, CW, 9 p.m.
 The Santa Clause 2, FREEFRM, 9:25 p.m.
 Holiday Affair, TCM, 10 p.m.
 A Michael Buble Christmas, NBC, 10 p.m.
 'Tis the Season to Be Merry, HALL, 10 p.m.
 A Fiance for Christmas, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.

Dec. 23

The Christmas House 2: Deck Those Halls, HALL, 8 p.m.
 Disney's A Christmas Carol, DIS, 8 p.m.
 It Happened on 5th Avenue, TCM, 8 p.m.
 Rebuilding a Dream Christmas, LIFE, 8 p.m.
 Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town, ABC, 8 p.m.
 Silent Night — A Song for the World, CW, 8 p.m.
 Soul Santa, BET, 8 p.m.
 A Very Boy Band Holiday, ABC, 9 p.m.
 Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas, FREEFRM, 9:15 p.m.
 The Chosen: A Story of the First Christmas, WPCB, 9:30 p.m.
 CMA Country Christmas, ABC, 10 p.m.
 Cross Country Christmas, HALL, 10 p.m.
 Reclaiming the Carol, EWTN, 10 p.m.
 The Holiday Fix Up, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.

Dec. 24

The Bishop's Wife, TCM, 8 p.m.
 Christmas ... Again?! DIS, 8 p.m.
 Christmas Around the World, CW, 8 p.m.
 The Christmas Contest, HALL, 8 p.m.
 A Christmas Story, TBS, 8 p.m.
 The EWTN Family Christmas Special, EWTN, 8 p.m.
 A Holly Dolly Christmas, CBS, 8 p.m.
 Hot Chocolate Holiday, LIFE, 8 p.m.
 It's a Wonderful Life, NBC, 8 p.m.
 National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, AMC, 8 p.m.
 Olaf's Frozen Adventure, ABC, 8 p.m.
 Frosty the Snowman, FREEFRM,



Hunter Berry/CMA
 Munhall's Gabby Barrett is co-host of the holiday special "CMA Country Christmas," airing 8 p.m. Nov. 29 on ABC.

8:30 p.m.

Shrek the Halls, ABC, 8:30 p.m.
 Blessed Christmas, EWTN, 9 p.m.
 A Christmas Story, TNT, 9 p.m.
 Disney Prep & Landing, ABC, 9 p.m.
 Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, FREEFRM, 9 p.m.
 20 Years of Christmas With the Tabernacle Choir, PBS, 9 p.m.
 Dr. Seuss' The Grinch, FX, 9:30 p.m.
 The Nine Kittens of Christmas, HALL, 9:30 p.m.
 Prep & Landing: Naughty vs. Nice, ABC, 9:30 p.m.
 A Christmas Carol, TCM, 10 p.m.
 A Christmas Story, TBS, 10 p.m.
 Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town, FREEFRM, 10 p.m.
 Holiday in Santa Fe, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.
 National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, AMC, 10:15 p.m.
 Solemn Mass of Christmas Eve, EWTN, 10:30 p.m.
 My Christmas Family Tree, HALL, 11 p.m.

Dec. 25

A Christmas Story, TBS, 8 a.m.
 Gingerbread Miracle, HALL, 8 a.m.
 Jack Frost, AMC, 8 a.m.
 Red Boots for Christmas, WPCB, 8 a.m.
 Solemn Mass of Christmas, EWTN, 8 a.m.
 Tenth Avenue Angel, TCM, 8 a.m.
 Superbook: The First Christmas, WPCB, 8:30 a.m.
 A Christmas Story, TNT, 9 a.m.
 The Puzzle Club Christmas Mystery, WPCB, 9 a.m.
 The Santa Clause, FREEFRM, 9:10 a.m.
 Boyfriends of Christmas Past, HALL, 9:30 a.m.
 Dr. Seuss' The Grinch, FX, 9:30 a.m.
 The First Christmas, EWTN, 9:30 a.m.

A Pennsylvania Christmas, WPCB, 9:30 a.m.

Christmas ... Again?! DIS, 10 a.m.
 Christmas Deja Vu, BET, 10 a.m.
 A Christmas Story, TBS, 10 a.m.
 Disney Parks Magical Christmas Day Parade, ABC, 10 a.m.
 Christmas CEO, HALL, 11 a.m.
 A Christmas Story, TNT, 11 a.m.
 The Word Is Born: Christmas With the Louisville Chorus, EWTN, 11:30 a.m.
 A Christmas Story, TBS, noon
 Merry Switchmas, BET, noon
 Solemn Mass of Christmas, EWTN, noon
 Stagecoach Santa, WPCB, noon
 The Christmas House 2: Deck Those Halls, HALL, 12:30 p.m.
 The Polar Express, AMC, 12:30 p.m.
 A Taste of Christmas, LIFE, 12:30 p.m.
 A Christmas Story, TNT, 1 p.m.
 The Santa Clause 3: The Escape Clause, FREEFRM, 1:50 p.m.
 Baking Spirits Bright, LIFE, 2 p.m.
 A Christmas Story, TBS, 2 p.m.
 Sugar Plum Twist, HALL, 2 p.m.
 Miracle on 34th Street, HBO, 2:30 p.m.
 A Christmas Story, TNT, 3 p.m.
 Urbi et Orbi: Message and Blessing Christmas, EWTN, 3 p.m.
 A Christmas Treasure, HALL, 3:30 p.m.
 Hope Today Christmas Special, WPCB, 3:30 p.m.
 It Happened on 5th Avenue, TCM, 3:45 p.m.
 A Christmas Story, TBS, 4 p.m.
 It Takes a Christmas Village, LIFE, 4 p.m.
 Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town, FREEFRM, 4 p.m.
 Deck the Halls, HBO, 4:25 p.m.
 Christmas at Castle Hart, HALL, 5 p.m.
 A Christmas Story, TNT, 5 p.m.
 Frosty the Snowman, FREEFRM,

5:05 p.m.

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer, FREEFRM, 5:40 p.m.
 Christmas ... Again?! DIS, 6 p.m.
 A Christmas Story, TBS, 6 p.m.
 Dr. Seuss' The Grinch, FX, 6 p.m.
 Kirk Franklin's A Gospel Christmas, LIFE, 6 p.m.
 Coyote Creek Christmas, HALL, 6:30 p.m.
 Solemn Mass of Christmas, EWTN, 6:30 p.m.
 A Christmas Snow, WPCB, 7 p.m.
 A Christmas Story, TNT, 7 p.m.
 National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation, AMC, 7 p.m.
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 A Holiday in Harlem, HALL, 8 p.m.
 How the Grinch Stole Christmas! NBC, 8 p.m.
 iHeartRadio Jingle Ball 2021, CW, 8 p.m.
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 A Royal Queens Christmas, HALL, 10 p.m.
 Tyler Perry's A Madea Christmas, TNT, 10 p.m.
 Urbi et Orbi: Message and Blessing Christmas, EWTN, 10 p.m.
 Mistletoe in Montana, LIFE, 10:03 p.m.
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An Unexpected Christmas, HALL, 8 p.m.
 A Kiss Before Christmas, HALL, 10 p.m.

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Gordon Ramsay's Road Trip: Christmas Vacation, FOX, 11 p.m.



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Con Alma, Downtown: Victor Garzotto Trio at 6 p.m. Friday; Patrick Breiner at 9 p.m. Friday; Mark Strickland Trio at 6 p.m. Saturday; Paul Cosentino's Boilermaker Jazz Band at 7 p.m. Saturday; conalmapgh.com.

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Thunderbird Cafe and Music Hall, Lawrenceville: Lakeview at 7 p.m. Friday (\$20-\$25); Beatles VS Dead with Eleanor Walrus and Fungus at 8 p.m. Saturday (\$12); thunderbirdmusicchall.com.

Vinoski Winery, Belle Vernon: JR Guthrie at 3 p.m. Saturday (free with registration); vinoskiwinery.com.



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By Rich Heldenfels
Tribune News Service

You have questions. I have some answers.

Q: I was shocked to hear that the FX on Hulu series “Y: The Last Man” was abruptly canceled! What happened? I was enjoying the show and looking forward to more episodes and seasons! Is there hope another streaming channel will pick this up? It cannot just leave off with episode 10!

A: The drama fell prey to economics, according to the Hollywood Reporter. Long delayed by off-camera changes and COVID, the show had reached a point where it would have to pick up the contract options for the cast while not knowing if, in fact, the show would keep going. “Ultimately, FX brass declined to pay \$3 million to further extend options,” said the publication. But the makers of the show have held out hope that someone else will pick it up, and the Hollywood Reporter noted that HBO Max might be a good fit because of corporate ties between the show and the streamer. Showrunner Eliza Clark said, “It is the most collaborative, creatively fulfilling, and beautiful thing I have ever been a part of. We don’t want it to end.”

Q: Can you tell me the name of the song and the composer for the lead-in to Marvel movies and TV programs? It sounds like a John Williams composition.

A: It is not. What is simply known as the Marvel fanfare is reportedly by veteran composer Michael Giacchino, who has a long resume of work in TV and movies, including such productions as “Lost,” “Up,” “Rogue One” and “JoJo Rabbit.” An earlier version of the fanfare was by Brian Tyler.

Q: Ed Asner was the star of a made-for-TV movie in the 1970s or ‘80s where he played an alcoholic and had a son who was also an alcoholic. Can you tell me the name of this movie and the



Merrick Morton

Sam Rockwell, who won an Oscar opposite Frances McDormand in “Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri,” has acting in his bloodline.

‘Y’ was show canceled after just one season?

actor who played Asner’s son?

A: You are probably remembering “Vital Signs” from 1986. Asner played an alcoholic doctor with a doctor son who had a drug problem. The son was played by Gary Cole, who lately has been appearing on “NCIS” as Alden Parker, the replacement for Leroy Jethro Gibbs (Mark Harmon).

Q: I enjoyed “Last Tango in Halifax” immensely. Can you tell me if it will be coming back?

A: The series starring Derek Jacobi and Anne Reid ended in 2020.

Q: I read recently that actor Sam

Rockwell celebrated his 53rd birthday. At 88 years old, I am still a fan of the B Westerns of my youth and wondered if Sam Rockwell is related to the character actor Jack Rockwell, who appeared in so many of those old movies.

A: Sam Rockwell, an Oscar winner for his performance in “Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri,” does have an acting bloodline as the son of actors Pete Rockwell and Penny Hess. But I have not connected them to Jack Rockwell, the actor you recalled.

Q: Our question is about the televi-

sion show “Timeless.” Is there any hope of a revival or will someone be streaming the episodes?

A: I do not know of any plans for a revival of the time travel drama. You can find the old episodes streaming on Hulu, including the series finale.

Do you have a question or comment about entertainment past, present and future? Write to Rich Heldenfels, P.O. Box 417, Mogadore, OH 44260, or brenfels@gmail.com. Letters may be edited. Individual replies are not guaranteed.



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Adult survivors of abuse must be heard

By Amy Dickinson
Tribune Content Agency

Dear Amy: I am a mom with two grown children, "Charlie," 26, and "Liza," 23.

Liza recently let me know that she and her brother were molested for many years throughout their childhood by my sister-in-law.

I am terribly sad that my children thought they could not come to me and tell me this when it was happening. My heart breaks for them that they endured this alone.

My daughter has been in therapy for a while now and is dealing with it.

My son, however, has been using hard

drugs for several years now.

I would like to tell him that I know what happened and offer to get him help.

I am torn, because this is obviously something that he does not want me to know. Should I respect his privacy, or should I tell him that his sister told me?

I am afraid if I say the wrong thing his drug use may spiral out of control again.

— **Heartbroken Mama**

Dear Heartbroken: You should be honest with your son. Please do not let his addiction control your willingness to face this heartbreaking challenge openly. You cannot control how he will respond, but I hope you will hold fast and stay in his corner.

Holding onto this secret must have been excruciating for both of your children.

You don't mention any consequences for the adult who abused these children. I hope your daughter will permit you to attend a session with her therapist to discuss next steps, including going to the police.

Male victims of sexual violence are an underreported demographic, and your son deserves to tell his story, to be believed, and to receive help. Malesurvivor.org is a resource dedicated to male survivors, and those who love them. You and your son can be connected with other survivors and with counselors.

Dear Amy: I have a family member who lives out of town. She has two children under the age of 4.

They are completely out of control,

screaming, crying, running and climbing on everything in sight. They throw temper tantrums daily.

I work in early childhood education and have seen a gamut of behaviors, but these two are off the charts.

Their parents constantly overstimulate them by tossing them in the air and dangling them upside down.

Their mother looks like she is at the breaking point.

Everyone is tired of the situation, and I feel like I can't extend advice because it will look like criticism.

My grown children have informed me that if this family is present for the holidays, they won't be coming.

What is the answer to this situation?

— **Tired before they even get here**

Dear Tired: If you've worked as a childhood educator, surely you have seen other parents whose behavior or reactions amplified, rather than mollified, their children. Parents sometimes believe that countering over-stimulation with more stimulation will somehow "tire out" their children, but as you know, overstimulated young children can't focus, and tired children melt down.

There are ways to offer fellowship and support, where you can piggyback some gentle "coaching" onto your compassion in order to offer these overwhelmed parents some commonsense advice.

You might start by acknowledging that two children under the age of 4 is a lot, no matter how you slice it.

Obviously, the children won't be climbing all over everything in your house, because you'll calmly stop them and say, "You can't climb on top of the furniture at my house, but over here is something you can do," and point them toward a different activity.

If you are able to catch a quiet moment with these parents, you could start by simply asking them how things are going. Is the older child in preschool?

You can say, "Well, I've worked with a lot of kids, and I can see that your two are very active. It's a lot! Let me know if you'd be interested in some tips and tricks I've learned over the years. I also have a couple of books I could recommend, if you're interested."

Watching you interacting calmly and appropriately with these children might make the lightbulb go on for the parents.

Dear Amy: On the subject of holiday meal leftovers, several members of my family show up with carry-out containers, enter the house, fill their containers, take them out to the car, and then come back in to eat with the rest of the family.

Now that's gall.

— **Hungry**

Dear Hungry: I'd call that cheeky — as in, how chipmunks eat.

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My brother wants me out of his life. Can I change his mind?

By Philip Galanes
The New York Times

Q: One of my brothers — the sibling I've always felt closest to — recently told me that he will no longer speak to me. He claims I am self-righteous, judgmental and sarcastic, and he said he's felt this way for a long time. (I will admit to being opinionated.) I am not entirely shocked; we've had bouts of tension before. But I am surprised by how well and for how long he kept his strong feelings to himself. He lives in a distant city and delivered his news over the phone. At the end of the call, it was clear he was severing ties with me indefinitely. Can I reach out to him to try to repair the damage?

— Ross

A: The one thing I'm pretty sure of here is that reaching out to your brother is not the best first step. Your letter suggests that your go-to move may be to quibble with his assessment of your behavior: "I'm not judgmental, I'm just opinionated." And that would be a surefire loser.

When someone we care about finally screws up the courage to tell us that we've been upsetting them for a while, our best path is to try to put aside denials and defensiveness. (Yes, I know how hard that is!)

Assume your brother is correct. And let yourself feel how much you will miss him. If you can't do these things, don't bother getting in touch with him.

If you can, write an unambiguous note: "I'm sorry I've upset you, and I want to put things right. If you're willing, I think it would help me to talk about specific times when my conversation has tipped into unpleasantness for you. That way, I can try to do better in the future. Can we talk?"

Your goal is to understand his perspective, not to "win" the conversation. So if he's willing to talk, just listen. Then sit with his critique for a few days and consider how you might modulate your style to keep your brother in your life.

Q: My sister-in-law invited us for Thanksgiving. When I offered to bring something, she asked for some basic chocolate chip cookies I've made before and perhaps another dessert. Then she ran through the list of things I typically make: No pineapple upside-down cake, no ambrosia, no trifle. Yes to my carrot cake, but positively no raisins in it. As she went down the list, I felt humiliated. Why would she do this?

— Dinner Guest

A: I hate to break it to you, but your sister-in-law appears not to be a huge fan of your desserts. I'm willing to bet that her behavior

was merely careless, though, and not intended to hurt you. Depending on your relationship, you could joke about it ("I guess I know what you think of my trifle"), speak up ("It hurt my feelings when you dissed my desserts") or let this go. Do you really care what she thinks of your cooking?

Q: At a national chain restaurant, our waitress brought us water glasses by holding them at the rim. I noticed another server doing the same thing. I squirmed but remained silent, deferring to my son who told me to use a straw and not to say anything that would jeopardize the server's job. At home, I reported the issue to the restaurant's headquarters. A representative promised to rectify the problem immediately. My son was aghast. But if customers don't speak up, how will diners be safe from germs?

— Ben

A: I get your desire for hygienic water glasses and your son's reluctance to jeopardize anyone's employment. In this case, though, local action would probably be more effective than conversations with corporate representatives who may be hundreds of miles away.

Next time, try some constructive criticism: Thank the restaurant manager for a nice meal and tell her (or him) that you no-

ticed several servers handling drinking glasses at the rim instead of the base. Suggest that additional training may be useful. (You could also mention the problem to your server directly, but since you noticed a pattern at the restaurant, speaking to the manager may be more efficient.)

Q: I moved into an apartment four years ago and was shocked to find that a neighbor runs her dog in our common hallway. Three or four times a day, she throws a ball down the hall, and the dog barks and chases it. It's extremely noisy. A while ago, she agreed not to do this between noon and 5 p.m. But I've been working from home lately, and I'm often interrupted by the noise. I'm averse to contacting building management, but she's been belligerent about requests to stop playing in the hallway. Advice?

— Neighbor

A: I'm confused. Why have you tolerated this behavior for four years? (And why did you negotiate a "quiet period" that coincided with hours you used to work at an office?) Sometimes compromise only normalizes bad behavior. Unless there is a compelling explanation for your neighbor's ridiculous use of your hallway as a dog run, report her to building management tomorrow morning.

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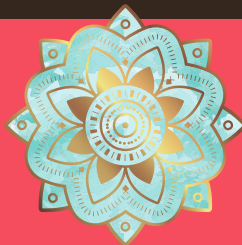
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