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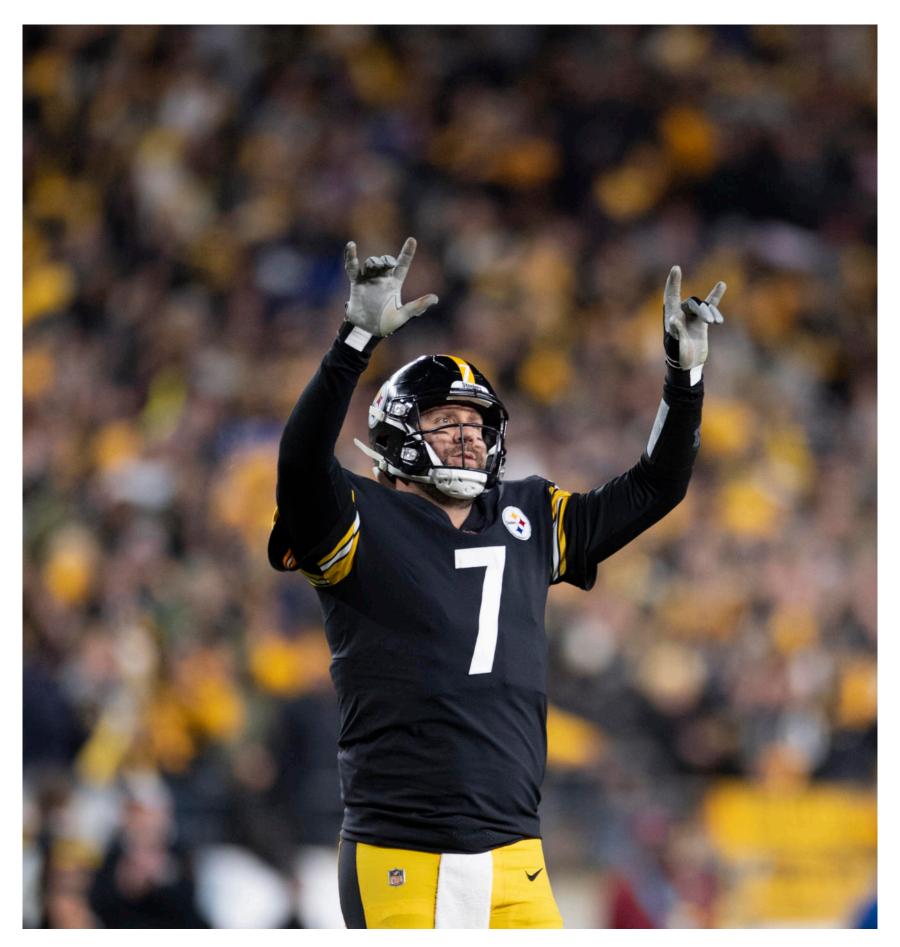


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CHANGING OF THE GUARD



Bill Peduto, the 60th

mayor of Pittsburgh, would like to be remembered as 'bridge over troubled water'

> By Julian Routh Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The same Pittsburgh history books that affectionately dubbed Mayor Joseph Armstrong "Joe the Builder" — an apt title for his passion a century ago for public works that resulted in tunnels being named for him — might want to call the city's 60th mayor "Bill the Bridge."

That's if it were up to Bill Peduto, who, before exiting office last week after two terms as Pittsburgh mayor, was asked by a reporter how history might remember

"A bridge over troubled water," he said a connector between a city on the brink of financial ruin, to one that has a reserve



Mr. Peduto tears up as he listens to well wishes from Pittsburgh City Council members Tuesday during his final council meeting as mayor.

fund in the millions, a record-high pension fund and a bond rating at its highest level since before the collapse of steel.

"When you look at where we were, and where we are, we're back to where we were

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Pittsburgh Post-Gazette photos Mayor Bill Peduto enters council chambers Tuesday, in the City County Building, Downtown. Mr. Peduto will officially be the former mayor of Pittsburgh at noon Monday. He served two terms as mayor after spending 12 years as a City Council member. **Ed Gainey has plans** to work toward a safer,

By Lauren Rosenblatt Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

more affordable, more

diverse Pittsburgh

Ed Gainey, the state representative who will be inaugurated on Monday as Pittsburgh's first Black mayor, says he'll enter office with the same script he followed during his campaign: an urgency to make Pittsburgh more welcoming, more diverse and less divided.

Mr. Gainey, in an interview Saturday, said it would soon be apparent — as he takes the reins of the city from outgoing Mayor Bill Peduto — that he's dedicated to diversity and inclusivity. He said his historymaking inauguration will be a "joyful" moment in his life, but he understands the responsibilities he'll face after he's sworn in.

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Turnpike tolls to go up 5% in 2022

Increase smaller than those of past 7 years

> By Ed Blazina Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

An annual toll increase on the Pennsylvania Turnpike is like a rite of passage into the new year, but this year's hike brings with it some positive financial news for the agency.

With a rebound in commercial traffic and the upcoming elimination of a \$400 million annual payment to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, the agency may finally be able to do projects to improve the system rather than just maintain its assets.

The increase — for the 14th year in a row — begins Jan. 2 and will be slightly lower at 5% after 6% annual increases since 2015. It begins a process of gradually reducing the increases to 3% by 2028, a rate that is expected to continue through 2050 to help pay off the agency's \$15 billion debt.

Richard Dreher, the turnpike's chief financial officer, said the agency maintained tight fiscal controls through the first year of the pandemic when toll revenue was down more than \$250 million. It made cuts mostly in capital projects so it could continue normal daily operations.

The biggest change came in May 2020 when it eliminated all 500 toll collectors and cash processing workers and switched to all-electronic tolling about 18 months ahead of schedule. That reduced the spread of COVID-19 by reducing contact between motorists and workers but also saved the agency about \$107 million through this year.

This also should be the last year the turnpike is required to pay PennDOT \$400 million to support public transit. When former Gov. Ed Rendell wanted to charge tolls on Interstate 80 in 2007 to raise funds for PennDOT, the Legislature passed a bill requiring the turnpike to collect the tolls and pay PennDOT \$900 million a year.

When federal officials rejected tolling, the state reduced the payment to \$450 million a year, including \$50 million in multimodal

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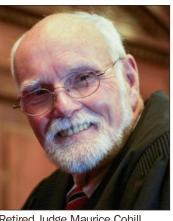
Judge's decisions shaped Western Pa. over decades

By Jesse Bunch Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Maurice Blanchard Cohill Jr., a retired federal judge who had a hand in deciding two closely watched local cases during his time on the bench, died early New Year's Day after suffering a stroke. He was 92.

Judge Cohill rose through the judiciary over his decadeslong career. He began as a lawyer in private practice, served on Alleghenv County Common Pleas Court and was nominated to the bench of the





Retired Judge Maurice Cohill

State merger hits sour note at Lock Haven

Loss of music education degree brings acrimony

By Bill Schackner Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The comments were as damning as they were raw beneath a Facebook photo showing rows of Steinway pianos about to be hauled away from Lock Haven University.

"My heart is breaking right now," one former student said.

"It's like feeling the soul go out of the institution." "Shame on those in charge of

these decisions... In 2008 — or, five campus presidents ago — Lock Haven made what seemed like a lasting statement to the music education world that it had become a player.

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Michael Christlieb, 16, a student at Central Catholic High School in Oakland, practices on a Steinway piano at the Seton Hill University Performing Arts Center in Greensburg. Seton Hill has an all-Steinway status.

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Medicare Specialist

by: Aaron Zolbrod



There's no question today because there are some very significant announcements and information to go over and review as the New Year is upon us. They're not just for those on Medicare, but for people who are under 65 and buy their insurance on their own or will need to soon, business owners, and practically everyone who lives in Pennsylvania or West Virginia, the states The Health Insurance Store is

Let's start with the great news for those 65 and older. The PA Senate recently passed a bill that will expand access to PACENET, which is paid for with proceeds from the state lottery and limits the cost of prescription drugs to \$9 for generics and \$15 for brand name meds and eliminates the high cost of medications in the Donut Hole, PACENET can save seniors thousands of dollars per year.

The new income limits are \$35,282 for a single person and \$45,064 for a married couple. Eligibility is based on 2021 income. To calculate if you qualify, add your gross social security on your 1040 EZ form to your earned income. Be advised that you must add back in any losses. If you want to make it easy, feel free to email or mail me a copy of your 1040 with your Social Security number blacked out and I can quickly make a determination. You can also walk in to either of our offices with your return as well. If you do qualify, we will make the PACENET application for you at

Another announcement that I've already made is the ability for year-round enrollment in Five Star Medicare Advantage Plans. So many people have chosen HMO's or PPO's that have overpriced premiums, higher than necessary hospital co-pays or Maximum Out of Pocket (MOOP), and fewer ancillary benefits. We currently enroll our Advantage Plan clients in only three company's plans and there are less than 10 out of the 100 or so that are available in Western PA I feel are worthy of consideration. Please reach out to us to ensure you are on one of those we recommend. If you have parents, aunts, uncles, brothers, or sisters on Medicare, encourage them to contact myself or another of our agents. As I've written on numerous occasions, I estimate 50% of those on Medicare are not on one of the best plans.

For those who are self-employed, work at a job that doesn't provide health insurance, or those who are looking to retire prior to 65 which is Medicare age, individual health insurance through the Affordable Care Act, Marketplace, Obamacare, or whatever you prefer to call it has never been more affordable thanks to provisions in the American Rescue Act. For example, a single person making \$48,000/ year can get a Bronze level plan with UPMC or Highmark for as little as \$72 to \$114. A married couple making \$90,000 could get the same policies for \$155 to \$240. Those who make less than those amounts would have even lower premiums. If you don't currently have insurance, the deadline to apply for a 2022 plan is January 31st. If you would like a second opinion if you are on the best ACA plan, we can provide that.

Those who are currently working and have insurance can enroll in a Marketplace all year round when they leave their job as can anyone who loses Medical Assistance, which brings me to another very important piece of information. Due to COVID, no one has been kicked off of MA in the last year or so, even if they no longer qualify. I believe at some point this year, possibly soon, tens of thousands are going to be losing their MA. The good news is those who are slightly or moderately over the income limit will not only get a low very premium, but also decreased deductibles and copays. For example, someone making \$24,000 per year can get a plan with UPMC or Highmark with a \$0 or \$1,000 deductible, reduced co-pays, and a very low MOOP from \$1 to \$44 per month. That's not a typo.

Please be advised, all the agents at The Heatlh Insurance Store are licensed and well trained to help people apply, choose, and enroll in ACA plans.

The affordability of the ACA is a Godsend to small business owners and The Heatlh Insurance can help attract and keep good employees. Those who haven't been able to provide and or had to drop group health insurance due to the high help from us to help advise and employees in an ACA plan or Medical Assistance if they qualify. You can offer a raise to cover the premiums at a fraction of what it would cost to provide a group health plan. What we also suggest is paying for some AFLAC benefits such as Cancer, Accident, Hospital Indemnity, Disability, or Life Insurance policies. With competition for employees fiercer than ever before, this can set you apart at a surprisingly low cost.

For those small employers who are already providing group health insurance, but are seeing premiums rise once again, dropping that policy and doing what I just described can save a huge amount of money. I have a client in Crawford County who paid \$80,000 for her 14-person group plan this past year and is getting another increase in March. We're going to move everyone to individual ACA plans and she's going to pay for \$100/month of the AFLAC policies of each employee's choice. I'm estimating we're going to save her \$30,000 to \$50,000 a by doing so. If you own a business and would like a no cost consultation to determine if this may be a viable option for you and your employees, please contact myself via email, aaron@getyourbestplan.com.

This last announcement is for the majority of Pennsylvanians. About a year ago one of my best friends, only 49 years old, at the was diagnosed with Cancer. Thankfully it was discovered early and he needed only a single surgery. However, he had no life insurance and very little money saved. Had it been terminal, he would have left his wife and two kids in a very bad financial situation with a mortgage and car payments that his wife's salary alone could not support. He motivated me to hire a Life Insurance agent who specializes in providing policies that can protect spouses and kids by paying off existing debt, help create generational wealth, pay for funeral costs, and protect and continue a family business.

If you have any questions regarding this column or would like to make an appointment for a no cost consultation, please contact either of our offices or email me directly.

Happy New Year everyone!



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Coming soon to this Kentucky coal county: Solar, in a big way

By Cara Buckley

MARTIN COUNTY, Ky. For a mountain that has had its top blown off, the old Martiki coal mine is looking especially winsome these days. With its vast stretches of emerald grass dotted with hay bales and ringed with blue-tinged peaks, and the wild horses and cattle that roam there, it looks less like a shuttered strip mine and more like an organic milk

The mountain is poised for another transformation. Hundreds of acres are set to be blanketed with solar panels in the coming year, installed by locals, many of them former miners. The \$231 million project, which recently cleared its last regulatory hurdle, may well be the biggest utility-scale coal to solar project in the coun-

It would be a desperately needed economic boost drenched in symbolism: Renewable energy generated from a shuttered mine in the heart of Appalachia, where poverty grinds on in the aftermath of the coal industry's demise.

In many ways, the project is a test case for whether a region once completely dependent on digging fossil fuels from the ground can be revived by creating clean energy from the sun. As coal continues to decline — the number of jobs nationwide fell to about 40,000 last year from 175,000 in the mid-1980s supporting former coal communities is seen as vital for what has been termed a "just transition," in part to ward off backlash against attempts to decarbonize.

Yet, even as coal miners



Maddie McGarvey/The New York Times

Adam Edelen visits the site of his planned solar farm Oct. 15 on land where a mining company once razed the mountains flat for coal in Martin County, Ky.

elsewhere resist the prospect of work in solar and wind production, Martin County's bleak economic picture - its unemployment rate is nearly twice the national average — has opened many residents to investment of pretty much any sort. Coal mining has already flatlined here; by last count, the county had just 26 miners left, down from a peak of thousands.

"The global warming thing, I think a lot of that is overplayed," said James Mollette, a 65-year-old former miner, as he whiled away part of an afternoon inside Miss Ida's Tea Room in Inez, the county seat. But Mr. Mollette said he was all for a new solar farm, even if it offered largely temporary work. Anything we can get will be a plus to the economy," he said.

Martin County is in the eastern part of the state sandwiched between West Virginia and Johnson County, Ky., home to the world famous coal miner's

daughters, singers Loretta Lynn and her sister, Crystal Gayle. In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson flew to Martin County to tout his war on poverty, posing before cameras on the porch of an unemployed saw mill operator and father of eight.

Nearly six decades later, suffering continues. About one-third of the dwindling population lives in poverty, battered by the sharp drop in coal production as well as the environmental damage left in mining's wake.

Part of the legacy of the Martiki mine — flat sprawling spaces, proximity to power transmission lines, not to mention a population hungry for work — may have paved the way for a more auspicious future.

"Our bet is we can help make this community, and others like it in coal country, relevant to the opportunities in the green energy economy that everyone agrees is coming," said Adam Edelen, a Kentucky native and former Democratic state auditor

Solution to last Sunday's crossword puzzle.

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who is the local developer for the project. Mr. Edelen said the fact that a promised return of coal had failed to materialize helped his cause. "I would've been run out of the coalfields had I tried to do this six to 10 years ago,' he said.

For more than a decade, the Environmental Protection Agency has been recommending that renewable-energy projects be built on Superfund sites, former landfills and abandoned mines property less desirable for housing or other uses. Of the roughly 130,000 potential sites it has identified, fewer than 500 have been developed for the projects, the EPA said. Still, there is growing interest among green-energy developers. Of the 18 other solar projects planned by Mr. Edelen's company, Edelen Renewables, one-third would be built on former mines.

As many as 300 workers will be needed to install the panels, which will stretch over about 1,200 acres of fenced land. Mr. Edelen, whose company has trademarked the phrase "social impact solar," said the jobs will pay an average of \$25 to \$30 an hour; according to the United Mine Workers of America, union miners in the region average \$31.40 an

All but about a dozen of the solar jobs will be temporary, lasting from 12 to 18 months. Mr. Edelen and developers at Savion, the company that owns the Martin County solar project, have worked with administrators at nearby Big Sandy Community College to create a certificate program so their workers might be hired else-

ALMANAC

On this day, Jan. 2

1811 Sen. Timothy Pickering, a Federalist from Massachusetts, became the first member of the U.S. Senate to be censured after he'd improperly revealed the contents of an executive document.

1921 The church service was broadcast from the Calvary Protestant Episcopal Church in East Liberty — the world's first such broadcast.

1943 The Pittsburgh district was recognized as the nation's No. 1 steel center after its 1942 record of having produced 20 poses; employment was up 10%.

1967 Republican Ronald Reagan took the oath of office as the new governor of California in a ceremony that took place in Sacramento just after midnight.

1993 Jake Milliones, finance chairman for Pittsburgh City Council and former longterm president of the Pittsburgh Board of Public Education, died suddenly at 52. Milliones' ability to build a majority during his career made him a powerful and effective leader especially on issues affecting mi-

2018 Sen. Al Franken formally resigned from the Senate a month after the Minnesota Democrat announced his plan to leave Congress amid a series of sexual

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

Today's birthdays: Former House Speaker Dennis Hastert, 80. TV host Jack Hanna, 75. Actor Wendy Phillips, 70. Actor Cynthia Sikes, 68. Actor Gabrielle Carteris, 61. Movie director Todd Haynes, 61. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher David Cone, 59. Baseball Hall of Famer Edgar Martinez, 59. Actor Tia Carrere, 55. Actor Cuba Gooding Jr., 54. Model Christy Turlington, 53. Actor

Taye Diggs, 51. Actor Renee Elise Goldsberry, 51. Rock singer Doug Robb (Hoobastank), 47. Actor Dax Shepard, 47. Actor Paz Vega, 46. Ballroom dancer Karina Smirnoff (TV: "Dancing with the Stars"), 44. Rock musician Jerry DePizzo Jr. (O.A.R.), 43. R&B singer Kelton Kessee (IMX), 41. Pop singer-musician Ryan Merchant (Capital Cities), 41. Actor Kate Bosworth, 39. Actor Anthony Carrigan, 39. Actor Peter Gadiot, 37. Jazz singer-musician Trombone Shorty, 36. Singer-songwriter Mandy Harvey (TV Talent"), 34. R&B singer-rapper Bryson Tiller, 29. San Diego Padres shortstop Fernando Tatis Jr., 23.

Thought for today: "A clash of doctrines is not a disaster — it is an opportunity."

 Alfred North Whitehead, English philosopher and mathematician

(1861-1947)

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How we're coming to terms with fact that COVID-19 is staying

By Helena Oliviero The New York Times

ATLANTA — As the omicron variant spreads quickly, Nilah Mazza, of Woodstock, Ga., recently sat down at the computer to come up with a 2022 mantra to help keep her anxiety in check in the new

The mother of four elementary school-aged children reflected on those early, distressing days of the new virus taking hold in 2020, demanding changes to every aspect of life. Over time, she took the virus in stride, only to find herself in late November obsessively checking the latest news report on the new highly mutated vari-

Despite the difficulties, it seemed for a time that with lockdowns, masks and a vaccine, the world could beat it. Losing that hope is hard.

Heading into a third year of the pandemic, with yet another spike in cases and a new, more contagious variant arriving with the holidays, there seems to be no end in sight for the uncertainty and unpredictability. Adapting to the coronavirus has become a way of life.

Words to try to live by in 2022 came to Ms. Mazza:

'Have No Fear," she tapped out on the com-

"I am not going to say the fear is gone. I am not going to say I will live my life without caution," said Ms. Mazza. "But I have to let some of that go. I want to be more present for my kids. I want my kids to have normalcy.

Dr. Lateefah Watford, a psychiatrist in the Behavioral Health Department at Kaiser Permanente of Georgia, said the pandemic has forced changes to every aspect of our life from how and where we work to who cares for our children to how we worship or spend time with loved ones. Society has adapted with Zoom calls, working from home, gathering outside, wearing masks. All that change means people have become more flexible and can respond better going forward.

Dr. Watford and other experts agree, we can no longer expect life to return to pre-COVID normal.

I think for me as a psychiatrist and a person, as a parent and wife, I have to step back and say this is where we are, and I can only say what's going on right now. What's normal before is never going to be normal again and that's OK," said Dr. Watford. "To

accept that, and not think this time it's going to be over and going away, it's just not. And truly acknowledging that will help us move forward."

Case in point: Dr. Watford has planned a trip to the Dominican Republic early next year. She realizes the pandemic has created a checklist of required documents and has made traveling more complicated. Vaccinated, she is prepared to get tested before and after the trip. She'll monitor her destination and airline for any special requirements.

"I'm planning the trip the best way I can," she said of her preparations. "But it no longer throws

Experts say the same coping tips recommended during challenging times are still valid but may be more important than ever during a pandemic. Dr. Watford said it's important people take time to care for themselves to help reduce stress and avoid burnout. That means, she said, making a commitment every day to carve out something you enjoy doing — such as exercising, reading, cooking. Mindfulness can also be helpful. Keeping social connections are also important.

Meanwhile, even as people try to move forward and accept the reality of the lasting pandemic, the toll of the past several months has been grueling, even traumatic. Loved ones have died. More than 26,000 people have died in Georgia alone. Many people who caught the virus are dealing with a constellation of long-haul symptoms. Many kids have returned to school but are still reeling from pandemic-induced isolation and academic gaps.

"I'm encouraging my patients to give themselves grace," Dr. Watford said. "No one says let's have a pandemic that will kill millions of people and destroy everything we thought as normal. To think you were not affected is ridiculous. Allow yourself to acknowledge how the pandemic has truly impacted you and allow yourself time to heal."

Alyza Berman, an Atlanta psychotherapist, said while people still worry about COVID-19 affecting their physical health, "It seems like a majority are more worried about their mental health; how they were affected by quarantine and being isolated. People have to live with this anxiety and uncertainty of the new year but what I hear from every client and every staff member is, 'I hope we don't shut down ever again.'



Alexandra Wimley/Post-Gazette

State Rep. Ed Gainey takes the podium to speak at his election night event Nov. 2 at the Benedum Center for the Performing Arts, Downtown. Mr. Gainey will be sworn in as Pittsburgh mayor Monday.

GAINEY HAS PLAN FOR A PITTSBURGH THAT'S SAFER, MORE AFFORDABLE, MORE DIVERSE

GAINEY, FROM A-3

"I wasn't running to make history," Mr. Gainey said. "I was running to make change.

Mr. Gainey, 51, who defeated Mr. Peduto in May's Democratic primary election then beat former city police officer Tony Moreno in November, ran a campaign focused on building "a city for all," and making Pittsburgh a safe, affordable and diverse municipality.

"When we think about what it means to be the safest city, it means that we're not doing harm to people," said Silas Russell, co-chair of Mr. Gainey's transition team.

"Not only are people healthy but they are able to care for themselves, they are able to move about the city in a safe way, they are able to move about their daily lives without being at risk for violence, without being at risk of poverty, without being at risk of housing instability.

"I want to see that vision be able to be achieved and for me that means seeing that the mayor is successful in his leadership.

One of Mr. Gainey's main pitches was for a comprehensive public health plan to get at the roots of violence, whether that is poverty, drug and alcohol use or barriers to opportunity. He has spoken of improving social safety nets, with funding for such things as universal prekindergarten, and repairing the relationship between police and residents.

He's coming to office with a four-person transition team, as well as the help of more than 50 people serving on different committees to shape a framework for what his administration could focus on: equitable development; education and workforce development; infrastructure and environment; and community health and safety.

Those pillars of Mr. Gainey's transition initiative also come with an underlying focus on equity and diversity, Mr. Russell said. Rather than compartmentalizing that work, the group chose to make sure leaders on each committee knew it was a priority, making diversity and equity an "overarching objective" for the administration.

Each committee will issue a set of recommendations in April, with clear directives to focus on actions that could shape the city's future.

"Having a seat at shaping municipal policy is exciting because a lot of things aren't working as well as they should be," said Monica Ruiz, the executive director of Casa San Jose and cochair of the equitable development committee.

"And it's because we're using existing policies that may be outdated, or were shaped in a different time when the demographics of Pittsburgh were different."

In addition to becoming the city's first Black mayor, Mr. Gainey also was the first Black person to chair the Pittsburgh City Democratic Committee, according to the Urban Redevelopment Authority.

He was elected to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in 2012, with a focus on fostering economic development, transportation and education; increasing transparency and communication; and reducing gun violence and crime, he told the Post-Gazette at the time.

In his last months in Harrisburg, Mr. Gainey was a sponsor of legislation to study and develop a tracking system for intergenerational poverty, as well as legislation to look at transitioning to renewable energy and conservation corridors, part of efforts to protect Pennsylvania's ecosystem.

He also sponsored a bill to limit excess property procurement by local law enforcement agencies and legislation to establish a medical marijuana program.

Before serving as a state representative, Mr. Gainey worked as a community development specialist for a former Pittsburgh mayor, Luke Ravenstahl.

Raised in East Liberty and a graduate of what was then Peabody High School, Mr. Gainey said in a farewell speech to the Pennsylvania House of Representatives in December, "I never thought I would be one that becomes a state representative or a mayor of a city."

He thanked his colleagues, his constituents, his family and God for his accomplishments.

In the months since the primary and general elections, Mr. Gainey has been a vocal supporter of workers' rights.

He attended a rally in Lancaster in December to support striking Kellogg's workers. He also attended a rally in Downtown Pittsburgh for workers at UPMC demanding higher wages and benefits.

Mr. Gainey appointed Darrin Kelly, president of the Allegheny/Fayette Central Labor Council, AFL-CIO, to co-chair the transition committee focused on education and workforce development.

"Tam excited to work with the Gainey administration, his transition team and my

fellow committee members to develop policies and strategies to get more Pittsburgh residents into good jobs and careers and make our city a fairer, more equitable place for everyone," Mr. Kelly said. "Unions and our city government can accomplish a lot together, and we're eager to get to work.'

During the same week in December that the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in a case regarding a Mississippi law to ban abortion after 15 weeks of pregnancy, Mr. Gainey expressed his support for reproductive rights and abortion access.

'I will always stand with pregnant people and fight for their right to choose," he wrote on Twitter. "Abortion is a human right.

In his last speech as a state representative, Mr. Gainey thanked his Republican colleagues for helping him to understand the issues that are important to their constituents, giving him a broader view of the diversity of opinions at play in Pennsylvania.

Serving in state government showed him the importance of relationships, he said.

"We got major challenges in the city of Pittsburgh that we can only work on together," Mr. Gainey said then. "I don't see Ds and Rs. I see people, and I see people that we can serve, that we can build a healthy city that will add value and make a difference in the state of Pennsylvania.

"Together we make a difference," he said. "Solo people got dreams. Together we build teams. And teams are what moves this state forward."

Post-Gazette staff writer Julian Routh contributed reporting.

Drivers to see slightly smaller increase of 5% in Pennsylvania Turnpike tolls

TOLLS, FROM A-3

agency had no source to generate the funds for the payments. Over the years, the turnpike has borrowed about \$8 billion to cover the payments, more than half of

That payment drops to \$50 million for the 2022-23 fiscal

Those changes, combined with the increase in commercial traffic, will allow the agency to concentrate on improvement projects, Mr. Dreher said.

Commercial traffic accounts for about 15% of all turnpike transactions, but because trucks and buses pay higher tolls, they generate about 48% of the revenue. For the fiscal year ending in May 2019, the agency had about 214 million commercial transactions, the highest in its history, but that dropped to about 190 million in 2020 and 170 million for the year that ended in May.

In the second half of 2020, commercial traffic was down 8% to 9%. But since January, commercial traffic has been above pre-pandemic levels and through

May was providing 51% of the agency's toll revenue.

Passenger traffic has been slower to return. In fall 2020, it was down about 20% compared to pre-pandemic levels, but now that decline regularly is in single digits.

Mr. Dreher said it was "encouraging" that Thanksgiving traffic in November was 10% higher than 2019.

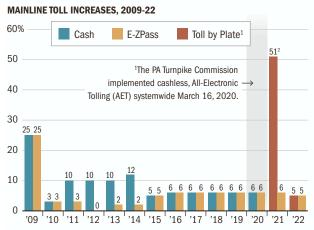
The elimination of most of the payments to PennDOT isn't a financial boon to the agency, Mr. Dreher stressed. It still has debt service on bonds issued to make those payments through 2051, and there will be some years where payments will be higher than others because of the way the debt was issued, he said.

The good news is all those numbers mean the turnpike can resume doing projects it wants to do rather than just

projects it has to do. For example, the agency will be able to expand its ongoing project to rebuild and widen the 550-mile system, some of which has original construction from the 1940s. So far, it has rebuilt about 150 miles starting from the Ohio border.

Pennsylvania Turnpike toll increase history

The Pennsylvania Turnpike will raise tolls 5% in January. It is the lowest increase since 2015 and is the start of a plan to cut annual increases to 3% in 2028.



²Includes an average 45% increase for toll-by-plate motorists to reflect the costs of collections for this tolling method.

Source: Pennsylvania Turnpike Commission

In addition, the switch to all-electronic tolling, where motorists pass under gantries on the highway that record their payment or take a photo of their license plate and mail them a bill, prompts another major change. Instead of needing

full interchanges with tolling plazas, the turnpike can add free-flowing entrance or exit ramps just like other interstate highways. Those require far less land and cost half as much.

For example, the turnpike announced in October that it would begin designing a longawaited interchange with Route 130 in Penn Township because it will have funds to build it by 2026. "Free of the yoke of [pay-

ments to PennDOT], that's enabling us to move forward on projects like that," said turnpike spokesman Carl DeFebo. "We'll be able to say 'yes' to projects like this when local officials approach us.

Being able to respond to local requests with less expensive interchanges will allow the turnpike to be "the economic driver we once were," CEO Mark Compton said.

Additionally, when the agency finishes installing all the mainline gantries across the state in 2026, it can begin redesigning all of the old interchanges to eliminate the toll collection areas, reduce the size of the interchange and provide free-flowing traffic onto local roads.

"Once the toll booths go away, we can begin to make those changes," Mr. DeFebo said. "The turnpike will look like any other interstate highway.

The 5% toll increase will raise the cost of a cross-state

Ohio to New Jersey for motorists who use pre-paid E-ZPass from \$47 now to \$49 50 About 86% of motorists use the pre-paid E-ZPass transponder. Motorists who use the

trip in a regular car from

Toll-By-Plate system pay a 45% processing fee so their cost will go from \$95.30 to \$100.20 for the same trip. Those fees are based on the former cash charges, which were higher than E-ZPass to encourage motorists to use the transponder.

Those motorists can receive a 15% discount on the Toll By Plate charge if they use the PA Toll Pay app to have payments automatically deducted from their bank account. For the most common toll

for passenger cars, fees will increase from \$1.60 to \$1.70 for E-ZPass and \$3.90 to \$4.10 for Toll By Plate. For a Class-5 tractor-trailer, the most common rate would go from \$13 to \$13.70 for E-ZPass and from \$26.60 to \$28 for Toll By

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POLITICS PLAYBOOK

How left's rage at Manchin crystallizes Dems' 2022 dilemma

By Tyler Pager
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — From the moment Sen. Joe Manchin started raising concerns about President Joe Biden's social spending bill, the outrage hurled at him from some fellow Democrats was pointed and personal.

Rep. Cori Bush, of Missouri, said Mr. Manchin's position was "anti-Black, anti-child, anti-woman and anti-immigrant." Rep. Ilhan Omar, of Minnesota, dismissed his reasoning as "bulls-t," and Rep. Jamaal Bowman, of New York, called Mr. Manchin "Exhibit A" of the Democratic Party's "true problems."

Mr. Manchin, for his part, has publicly questioned whether there is still room for his "fiscally responsible and socially compassionate" views in today's Democratic Party, where the far-left Congressional Progressive Caucus has emerged as a dominant force in the House, and the senator from West Virginia is often the party's lone conservative voice on Capitol Hill.

"I would like to hope that there are still Democrats that feel like I do," Mr. Manchin said in an interview with a West Virginia radio station. "Now, if there's no Democrats like that, then they'll have to push me wherever they want me."

The intensifying anger directed at Mr. Manchin in recent weeks has brought renewed attention to a fundamental divide roiling the Democratic Party over its ideological identity. While Mr. Manchin represents an exception among Democrats in Congress—a right-of-center senator from a state that voted overwhelmingly for Donald Trump— some in the party fear the bitter feelings toward him mirror

Democrats' broader disconnect with voters outside of liberal urban and suburban enclaves

At stake is whether the Democratic Party in 2022, with control of Congress on the line, has morphed into a far-left force energized by its push for a progressive agenda or a center-left coalition with a broader appeal in rural and small-town America and other communities with centrist or swing voters.

"There are some members in the Democratic Party that don't understand some of the issues that affect more of the moderate areas in the country," said former congresswoman Debbie Mucarsel-Powell, who points to farleft rhetoric such as calls to "defund the police" as a factor in her 2020 loss to a Republican challenger in a South Florida district.

Former Gov. James Blanchard, D-Michigan, called the attacks on Mr. Manchin evidence of a "classic struggle in our party between the protest wing and the practical wing."

"And in terms of almost every national election, our practical wing wins," said Mr. Blanchard, who was governor from 1983 to 1991. "The protest wing does not, but I think in the House of Representatives, the protest wing has a lot more clout than they've had historically."

Another former Democratic governor, Jim Hodges, of South Carolina, attributed the left's vitriol toward Mr. Manchin to the "wide gulf between the sort of MSNBC wing of the party and the average Democratic voter who got Joe Biden elected."

The dissension comes at a crossroads for the Democratic Party, which holds a narrow trifecta in Washington with lawmakers and activists eager to use the win-



Sen. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., speaks during a television interview at the Russell Senate Office Building in Washington.

dow to pass an expansive liberal agenda. But the slim majorities in Congress have forced Mr. Biden to find agreement across the ideological spectrum from Mr. Manchin to Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., a self-described democratic socialist.

Mr. Biden won the Democratic primary as a moderate in a historically crowded field, but some Democrats fear he has been pushed too far to the left by his staff and lawmakers.

The president found early success in passing two major bills, but he now needs to trim down his ambitions for the Build Back Better legislation, and even if he gains Mr. Manchin's support in the coming weeks, more skirmishes lie ahead. Liberals are anxious to scrap the Senate filibuster to pass voting rights legislation next year, and Mr. Biden has recently endorsed a carveout for that purpose. But Mr. Manchin and Sen. Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz., remain vehemently opposed to any changes to the procedure, which requires 60 votes to pass most legislation.

Counterproductive?

But the ire directed at Mr. Manchin has rankled law-

makers and party officials who argue ostracizing the conservative senator from West Virginia is harmful to the party's tent-building.

Moreover, some Democrats argue, the focus on Mr. Manchin diverts attention from the fact that Republicans are opposing a plan that would bolster a range of programs to address health issues and climate change without offering any of their own policy solutions. While Mr. Manchin has pushed Democrats to pare back the legislation, he has nonetheless indicated a willingness to vote for \$1.75 trillion in spending.

"It's hugely counterproductive," former senator Heidi Heitkamp, D-N.D., said about the attacks on Mr. Manchin. "We have to convince people that we're competent, and no one looks at inner party squabbles as competency on the outside."

"There's absolutely room for Joe Manchin in our party, and we ought to be dialoguing with him and understanding his views of rural communities in his state and of Appalachia," said Rep. Ro Khanna, D-Calif., who was a national co-chair of Bernie Sanders' 2020 presidential campaign.

But many liberal lawmakers have grown exasperated for being blamed for their party's struggles, arguing that the party fails to pass policies that polls show are popular, including Medicare for All, a \$15 minimum wage and free tuition at public colleges. To that point, after Mr. Manchin said he could not support the Build Back Better Act, Democrats circulated polling from a liberal group that showed the bill's policies were popular in West Virginia.

"If we are a big tent as Democrats, which we are, like the country, every voice is as important as the next voice," said Mr. Bowman, the New York representative who was elected to Congress in 2020 after defeating a longtime Democratic incumbent in a primary by running to his left.

In her blistering statement accusing Mr. Manchin's position of being "anti-Black," Ms. Bush, who was elected in 2020 after gaining attention as a Black Lives Matter organizer in Ferguson, Mo., said she did not trust his "assessment of what our communities need most."

"When we talk about transformative change, we are talking about a bill that will benefit Black, brown and Indigenous communities," she said. "Those same communities are overwhelmingly excluded from the bipartisan infrastructure bill. We cannot leave anyone behind."

Decades of squabbling

For decades, moderate and liberal Democrats have squabbled over policy and political strategy, and the debate over the Build Back Better legislation has resurfaced many of the questions the party sparred over in last year's Democratic primary: Is the party moving too far to the left? Or has it not moved

enough? How can the party make inroads with moderate voters? Or should the party focus on boosting turnout in urban areas and building new coalitions with younger, more diverse voters?

"The progressives would always say you have to excite people," said former congressman Bart Gordon, D-Tenn., who retired from Congress in 2011 after serving for 26 years. "We have to take a more progressive position. The moderates would always say you have to win the middle, and nobody was convinced to change their position. But that same discussion would go on every time and with the same people, and that's what's happening now.

Center-left Democrats argue that Mr. Biden's victory in the primary settled those questions and created a model for success. Black voters powered Mr. Biden to win the Democratic primary, and moderate and suburban voters helped him overcome Mr. Trump's strength in rural areas.

But Mr. Biden's presidency has amplified the party's fault lines, and Mr. Manchin, in particular, has become the center of much of the agitation.

Democrats will return to Washington in the new year and attempt to restart negotiations on the Build Back Better bill. The president, who spoke with Mr. Manchin after they clashed, expressed optimism before Christmas about a deal.

But the larger questions about the future of the Democratic Party remain a potent undercurrent to the negotiations, particularly as the party heads into what is widely expected to be a difficult midterm election cycle.

The Washington Post's Marianna Sotomayor contributed.



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A LOOK BEHIND THE SCENES AT THE SECOND YEAR OF THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC



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Allegheny Health Network holds a vaccine clinic on April 6 at Dick's Sporting Goods' corporate office in Coraopolis. More than 6,500 people were jabbed, making it AHN's biggest clinic to that point.



Alexandra Wimley/Post-Gazette

People against mask mandates and restrictions on businesses hold signs and chant as they march across the Roberto Clemente Bridge toward Downtown during an "Americans for Freedom Rally" on March 20.



Emily Matthews/Post-Gazette

Baldwin High School students perform "Once Upon a Mattress" on April 24 at their school. Play director Joe Joyce said the students had been rehearsing since January while following COVID-19 safety protocols, including wearing masks, getting their temperatures taken and wearing gloves while they were learning choreography.



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fforts to secure a COVID-19 vaccine were just beginning in the early months of 2021.

People spent hours on the phone and surfing the internet trying to schedule vaccine appointments for themselves and their loved ones. They wondered whether their turn for a vaccine would ever come or whether a shot would ever be approved for their children.

Schools and sports teams rode a roller coaster of closures, virtual attendance and in-person strategies.

A year later, the numbers of those testing positive for the virus are at record highs, but vaccinations and boosters are widely available.

Here, through the lenses of Post-Gazette photographers, we reflect on the region's pandemic triumphs and setbacks during the past year.



Jill Farringdon, of Squirrel Hill, comforts her son, Simon, 6 as he gets the Pfizer vaccine at the Environmental Charter School through Pathways on Nov. 4 in Regent Square.



Andrew Rush/Post-Gazette

Jessica McClure Archer, pastor of Sampson's Mills Presbyterian Church, prays with Gary Morgan, of Munhall, during an Ash and Dash drive-through event Feb. 17, Ash Wednesday. The event was sponsored by Presbyterian, Lutheran and Methodist congregations in White Oak. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, cross-marked burlap or cross stickers were distributed instead of the traditional marking of ashes.

Medical staff members, including travel nurse Sasha Breznai, right, monitor a COVID-19 patient after turning her onto her stomach in the intensive care unit at Forbes Hospital in Monroeville on Dec. 17. The process is called proning, which can help with lung function.

Cohill's judgments helped reform juvenile justice, improve prison conditions

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Ford in 1976.

U.S. District Court of the Western District of Pennsylvania by President Gerald

He was chief judge in the Western District from 1985 to 1992, achieved senior status on the court in November 1994 and retired in 2016.

He was best known for his decision in a civil rights case that led to the building of a new Allegheny County Jail along the Monongahela River and for another decision that helped to release the Woodland Hills School District from federal oversight.

Judge Cohill also founded the nation's oldest juvenile justice research organization, the National Center for Juvenile Justice, located in Pittsburgh. He was its chairman for decades, and in 2002 he was named a Community Champion and a recipient of a Jefferson Award, considered the Nobel Prize of volunteerism.

'It's an entirely different world, but there's a greater impact on more people than any other court has," Judge Cohill told the American Bar Association in 2019 of his work in juvenile justice. "Oftentimes the children's only familiarity with the court system is the juvenile court, and that's why I think it's vitally important, and that's why I was there.'

Judge Cohill was a Ben Avon native who graduated from the University of Pittsburgh School of Law in 1956. He did his undergraduate work at Princeton University, graduating in 1951, then joined the Marines, serving from 1951 until 1953, leaving with the rank of captain.

While stationed at Cherry Point, N.C., another Marine asked the future judge to represent him at a military disciplinary hearing. He would win that case and others, kick-starting his law career. His commanding officer sent him to study military justice as a prosecutor.

Following law school, Judge Cohill worked at the Pittsburgh law firm of Kirkpatrick, Pomeroy, Lockhart & Johnson while raising four children with his first wife, Suzanne.

Regardless of their areas of expertise as attorneys, Common Pleas Court President Judge Henry Ellenbogen typically assigned new judges to the adult or juvenile sections of the court's Family Division," said Lawrence Walsh, who covered the Civil, Family and Orphans Court Divisions of Common Pleas Court for The Pittsburgh Press at the time Judge Cohill served.

'It was one way the aristocratic Ellenbogen showed the new judges that he was in charge," Mr. Walsh said. "The assignment of Judge Cohill to the juvenile section in 1965 was no exception to Ellenbogen's policy. But the work Judge Cohill accomplished there to improve the section and the lives of the juveniles who appeared before him was exceptional. He served in the section for three years before being assigned to other divisions of the court, but his interest in justice for juveniles remained with him for the rest of his career in Common Pleas Court and in the U.S. District Court."

Stephen R. Kaufman, executive assistant U.S. attorney in the Western District of Pennsylvania, said, "He was just an eminently fair judge, a great temperament in court, always fair to both sides and really a leader of the court."

'He was a national leader in juvenile justice, which began when he was a Court of Common Pleas judge," said Mr. Kaufman, who had worked with Judge Cohill since the 1980s in the federal justice system. "He heard hundreds of cases involving juveniles. He would often have adult men and women come visit him in his chambers who had turned their lives around to tell him how grateful they had been for the influence he had on their

Mr. Kaufman also worked with Judge Cohill on the board of the nonprofit Court Appointed Special Advocates, calling him a "tremendous asset" to the board. According to its website, CASA of Allegheny County is an advocacy group of volunteers who advocate for abused and neglected



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Judge Maurice Cohill in 2002.

children and serve as the "eyes and ears" for the judge in child welfare cases.

'He'll really be missed by our legal community," Mr. Kaufman said.

In addition to being an accomplished jurist, Judge Cohill also had comedy chopsin 1950, he was a guest on the Ed Sullivan Show as a standup comedian. His daughter, Jennifer Cohill O'Connor, said Sullivan learned about her father after seeing him perform as "Princeton Charlie" before a Princeton University football game. "He asked Pinky, as my father was known then, to bring his act onto the show."

Asked how that nickname came about, Judge Cohill's son, Jonathan, of Medford, N.J., said that when his father was a student at a prep school, Mercersburg Academy, he came to class one day wearing knickers. His teacher said, "Maurice, are those pants too short or are you in them too deep?" His father "turned all shades of red before the instructor said, 'OK, Pinky, you can sit down.' The name stuck.'

Over the years, Judge Cohill's federal courtroom would even garner Hollywood interest. It was used in scenes from "Silent Witness" (1985), "Guilty Until Proven Innocent" (1991), and 'Against Her Will: An Incident in Baltimore" (1992).

Judge Mark R. Hornak, chief judge for the U.S. District Court of the Western District of Pennsylvania, remembers working with Judge Cohill first as a lawyer and later as a fellow judge beginning in 2011.

Judge Hornak said Judge Cohill's office was one floor above his at the Joseph F. Weis Jr. U.S. Courthouse at 700 Grant St., Downtown.

"For five years he was sort of my upstairs neighbor, and in a pinch when I was sort of wondering what came next, because it was a new experience for me, I could always count on Maurice to steer me where to look and maybe how to think about things," Judge Hornak said.

"Not to provide the answer but to provide the path to me finding the answer," he added. "He was always filled with great knowledge and wisdom. but a lot of good cheer and camaraderie as a colleague, and more importantly for me and a lot of others, as a mentor."

But it wasn't all work for the judge.

A friend, Joe Mansfield, recalled sharing drinks with the late judge on the deck of Mullaney's Harp & Fiddle in the Strip District

According to Mr. Mansfield, Judge Cohill lived in the nearby Cork Factory apartments with his second wife, Anne Mullaney, one of the owners of the bar.

"He always went by 'Judge,' " Mr. Mansfield said. "He was a fantastic guy. He was extremely bright and easy to speak with. He had great stories. He led a very complete life.'

'Ĵudge" would order a Yuengling, Mr. Mansfield remembered, or if in the mood for something a little stronger, a Beefeater martini. On the deck, they would talk Pirates baseball or politics. If there were fireworks on a holiday, Mr. Mansfield said. the judge would invite the gang up to his apartment. which had a great view of

Downtown. Perhaps a defining moment in Judge Cohill's career was his commitment to improving conditions for incarcerated people in Allegheny

County. In 1994, he issued a ruling that led to the building of the new Allegheny County Jail, two decades after litigation began concerning unsuitable conditions for inmates at the old fort-like lockup on Ross

Judge Cohill first wrote an opinion on the case in 1978, two years after visiting the jail himself. He brought attention to unsanitary conditions and the inhumane treatment of prisoners before later crusading against overpopulation.

"I need only remember the stench which assailed the nostrils when I entered the jail for the first time in 1976, or recall the sight of human beings strapped down on canvas cots, their wrists and ankles held tight by leather thongs, to take comfort in believing that regardless of what the critics said, what I ordered was the right thing to do," Judge Cohill wrote in his 1994 opinion.

The new jail had room for 2,400 inmates. Before his ruling, the old jail had more than 200 cells that were in need of repairs and were unusable.

But the new jail would face crowded conditions, too, leading to the release of about 250 inmates under what were called "Cohill bonds."

"He used to joke that the 'Cohill bond' was an adjective, a verb and a noun," said his daughter Jennifer Cohill O'Connor of Mount Washing-

In another newsworthy case, Judge Cohill issued a ruling in 2000 on the landmark desegregation case involving the Woodland Hills School

Judge Cohill ruled that the

district had met nearly all of the requirements imposed after Black parents complained nearly 30 years earlier that the state had created a racially segregated school district when it formed the General Braddock School District to serve Braddock, Rankin and North Braddock.

In response 10 years later, the late U.S. District Judge Gerald Weber ordered the creation of Woodland Hills, which incorporated General Braddock with the predominantly white districts of Churchill Area, Edgewood, Swissvale and Turtle Creek.

Before Judge Cohill intervened, Woodland Hills was the only federally controlled school district in the state.

"Woodland Hills has been transformed in the past 29 years," he wrote in his order, from a new district created by court order in a climate of much anger and bitterness, to a school district whose motto. appropriately, is 'All Children Can Learn.'

"He was a simple yet

complex man. He lived by the principles of love, friendship and good judgment,'

his daughter said. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Suzanne Miller Cohill, in 1986, and his second wife, Anne D. Mul-

laney, in 2011.

In addition to his son and daughter, Judge Cohill is survived by two other daughters, Victoria Sayers Cohill, of Mount Washington, and Cynthia Cohill Plattner, of Harmony; and eight grandchildren, 13 great grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

Visitation is from 2 to 7 p.m. Thursday at John A. Freyvogel Sons Inc., 4900 Centre Ave. in Shadyside. Visitation is from 2 to 7 p.m. Thursday at John A. Freyvogel Sons Inc., 4900 Centre Ave. in Shadyside. The funeral, which is private, is at 11 a.m. Friday at Community Presbyterian Church of Ben Avon, 7501 Church Ave. A livestream is available through www.cpcba.org.



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State legislatures poised to act on abortion rights

By Wilson Ring Associated Press

MONTPELIER, Vt. Early in the new year, the Vermont House of Representatives is due to begin debate on an amendment that would enshrine the right to abortion in the state constitution and send the question to voters in the

Because the process began two years ago, it's a coincidence that Vermont lawmakers will be considering the Reproductive Liberty Amendment while the U.Š. Supreme Court is considering a case that could severely erode a right that has stood for half a century.

The pending decision in that case, expected in mid-2022, means it's not just Vermont with abortion on the legislative agenda. State legislatures across the country will be responding to the possibility of seismic change to the 1973 Roe v. Wade ruling that legalized abortion across the U.S. Republican-led legislatures are ready to further restrict or ban abortions outright while Democratic-led ones are seeking to ensure access to abortion in their

Supporters of the proposed Vermont amendment had the possible loss of Roe in mind when they began the process in 2019 to enshrine "reproductive autonomy," including abortion, in the constitution.

"In my mind, there should be no question where Vermont stands with regard to its core values and fundamental rights," said Democratic state Rep. Ann Pugh, who chairs the committee that will hold hearings on the proposal as early as January. "And for those rights and responsibilities and values to be protected more



John O'Connor/Associated Press People dressed as handmaids protest abortion restrictions at a rally in downtown Springfield, III.

definitively, they need to be enshrined in our state constitution.

A far different approach is being considered in Kansas. Republican state lawmakers have placed on the state's August 2022 primary ballot a proposed constitutional amendment that would overturn a 2019 state Supreme Court decision. That ruling declared abortion access a "fundamental right" and part of a woman's inherent right to bodily autonomy.

The amendment would say that the state constitution provides no right to abortion and that the legislature can regulate it however lawmakers see fit which means if Roe v. Wade is overturned, Kansas lawmakers could ban abortion completely.

In California, lawmakers are expected to consider a plan in the coming year to make the state a "sanctu-ary" for those seeking reproductive care. That could include paying for travel, lodging and procedures for people from other states where abortions have been restricted or outlawed.

"Abortion has always

been contentious," said Mary Hahn Beerworth, of the Vermont Right to Life Committee, which is opposing Vermont's abortionrights amendment. "In every state legislature across the country, in every political election, abortion rises to the top. It's one of the most identifying issues of our time.

At least 20 states, mostly across the South and Midwest, already have laws that would severely restrict or ban abortion if the high court overturns Roe and leaves the issue up to the states, says the Guttmacher Institute, a reproductive rights think tank.

Earlier this year, Republican lawmakers in at least half a dozen states said they planned to introduce legislation modeled after a new Texas law that effectively bans abortion about six weeks after conception. The law is written in a way that is intended to circumvent the federal courts by leaving enforcement up to individuals rather than the state. They hope it provides a pathway to enacting the kind of abortion crackdown they have sought for years.



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Kelsey Wright smiles while holding her 4-month-old daughter, Berklee, in Montgomery, Texas. Ms. Wright chose to give up a child for adoption — twice — before having Berklee.

Court comments renew debate over adoption as alternative for abortion

By David Crary and John Hanna Associated Press

Year after year, several thousand women in the U.S. carry an unintended pregnancy to term and then offer the baby for adoption. It's a choice commended by many foes of abortion.

Yet despite a huge demand for babies from Americans yearning to adopt, perhaps 40 times more women opt for an abortion, and a large majority of those who proceed to give birth make the choice to keep the child.

The reason, say people familiar with unintended pregnancies, is that even in those circumstances, a powerful bond is likely to form between the mother-to-be and the developing baby and to vastly complicate any decision to put the newborn up for adoption.

That idea is well known to doctors, clinic operators and other abortion-rights advocates, who say recent comments from U.S. Supreme Court Justice Amy Coney Barrett and other abortion opponents perpetuate a misleading narrative that adoption can negate the need for abortions.

"It's ridiculous to say it's no problem to eliminate abortion — just place the kids for adoption," said Elizabeth Bartholet, a law professor at Harvard University and an outspoken advocate of adoption. "It's not going to be an emotion-free nonevent. There's going to be bonding and connection and a sense that it's an unnatural act to give vour child away.

Discussion of adoption as an alternative to abortion intensified this month when the Supreme Court heard oral arguments over a Mississippi law that would ban most abortions after 15 weeks. If the high court's conservative majority upholds the law, it could lead to the demise of Roe v. Wade, the 1973 decision that established a nationwide right to abortion, and enable conservative states to impose sweeping bans.

During the arguments,

Justice Barrett, an adoptive mother, said women who give birth due to lack of access to abortion could avoid being forced into parenthood by leaving the baby at a safe location, without fear of criminal consequences, so the infant could be adopted.

'It's just not the reality," said Ashley Brink, manager of a clinic operated by the abortion-rights group Trust Women in Wichita, Kan. "It's undermining people's decisions and choices and ability to control their lives and their futures.

Ms. Bartholet described the justice's comments as "breathtakingly thoughtless" by failing to acknowledge the deep emotional bonds that many women have with their babies even when they result from an unwanted pregnancy.

Those bonds can grow more powerful immediately after birth, said Grace Howard, who has worked as a doula assisting women in childbirth and women seeking abortions.

'Your body's like, 'Bond! Bond, damn it!" " said Ms. Howard, an assistant professor in justice studies at San Jose State University.

The U.S. government tracks how many children are adopted out of foster care and from foreign countries, but there are no official, comprehensive figures on private adoptions of infants. Nonetheless, it's clear that only a small fraction of women carry unwanted pregnancies to term and then place the baby for adoption.

In 2014, there were an estimated 18,000 private infant adoptions nationwide, according to the National Council for Adoption, a private organization serving adoption agencies and other parties. That same vear, there were 926,190 abortions in the U.S., according to the Guttmacher Institute, a prominent source of abortion-related statistics.

The adoption council is working on a new estimate of infant adoptions for 2019 and 2020. Its acting CEO, Ryan Hanlon, predicted the number would be similar to the 2014 estimate.

Mr. Hanlon says there's a huge gap between the number of U.S. infants available for adoption and the hundreds of thousands of Americans - single adults and couples — who want to

"There are dozens waiting with each agency for every child they place," Mr. Hanlon said.

Kelsey Wright chose adoption — twice. She became pregnant in high school and, at 18, gave birth to a son in 2011. Feeling unprepared for parenting, she placed the baby for adoption with a family she knew.

Six years later, as a subsequent relationship was breaking up, she again became pregnant. And again, she chose to continue with the pregnancy and place her second son with the same family that adopted his brother

"Initially, I was thinking, 'How do I get out of this? and abortion comes to mind, but I don't think that lasted more than 24 hours," Ms. Wright said. "From a Christian background. I just couldn't do that -There was no way I could terminate their life because of what I did."

Now 29, Ms. Wright lives in the Houston suburbs and got married last year. She and her husband have a 4month-old daughter. She stays in touch with her sons, visiting occasionally, even though their family moved to New Mexico.

"I don't have any regrets," Ms. Wright said. "It took time to heal, but I wouldn't change it for anything. I'm so grateful adoption was an option.'

Some women who opted for abortion in response to an unintended pregnancy say the decision was difficult — yet they're also grateful they had a choice. Among them is U.S. Rep. Barbara Lee, a California Democrat, who says she received a "back-alley" abortion in Mexico after a teenage pregnancy.

Ms. Lee said adoption "is an alternative to parenting, not to pregnancy."



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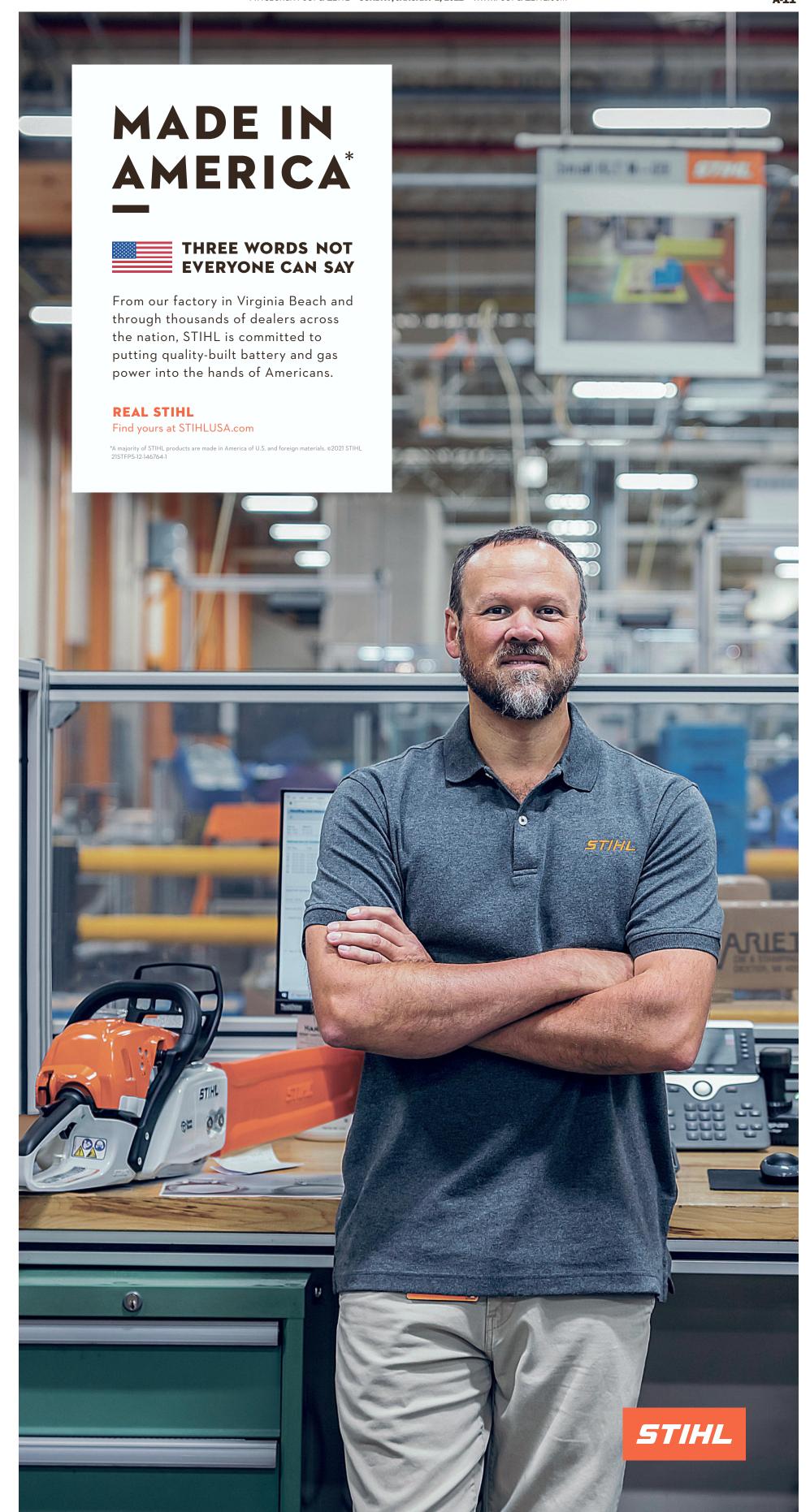
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Nation/World briefs

NYC mayor has busy first day on job

Compiled from news services

NEW YORK—New York City's new mayor, Eric Adams, pledged Saturday to steer the nation's largest city out of the pandemic by drawing on the resiliency of its people and promising a government that works better, even if it's not radically different.

Mr. Adams, 61, take office as the city is grappling with record numbers of COVID-19 cases driven by the omicron variant.

The city has also been facing a rise in violent crime, particularly in shootings and killings, that is part of a national trend in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Mr. Adams, a former New York City police captain, kicked off his first day as mayor by calling 911 to report two men fighting, and later in the day promised to aggressively go after violent crime while holding a news conference about a police officer who was shot and injured hours

While the new mayor has pledged to keep the city open and stave off any return to shutdowns, he is taking the helm of a city that has seen subway lines, restaurants and even urgent care centers temporarily close because of staffing shortages driven by the virus.

Mr. Adams said this week that he plans to keep in place many of the policies of outgoing Mayor Bill de Blasio, including vaccine mandates that are among the strictest in the nation.

New year brings more canceled flights

For air travelers, the new year picked up where the old one left off — with lots of frustration.

By late Saturday afternoon on the East Coast, more than 2,600 U.S. flights and nearly 4,600 worldwide had been canceled, according to tracking service FlightAware.

That is the highest single-day U.S. toll yet since just before Christmas, when airlines began blaming staffing shortages on increasing COVID-19 infections among crews. More than 12,000 U.S. flights have been canceled since Dec.

Saturday's disruptions weren't just due to the virus, however. Wintry weather made Chicago where forecasts called for 9 inches of snow — the worst place in the country for travelers. More than 800 flights were scrubbed at O'Hare Airport and more than 250 at Midway Airport.

On Sunday, when many travelers plan to return home from holiday trips, is shaping up to be difficult, too. More than 1,900 flights, including more than 1,000 in the U.S., had been canceled by late Saturday. A winter storm with heavy snow is expected to march toward the Northeast as a new storm hits the Pacific Northwest, according to the National Weather Service.

12 dead in crowd surge in Kashmir

SRINAGAR, India—A crowd surge at a popular Hindu shrine in Indiancontrolled Kashmir killed at least 12 people and injured 15 others on New Year's Day, officials

Initial reports suggested an altercation between a group of devotees led to the crush early Saturday at the Mata Vaishnav Devi shrine, where tens of thousands of Hindus gathered to pay respects in the hilly town of Katra near southern Jammu city.

Colorado fire destroys nearly 1,000 homes

By Brittany Peterson and Eugene Garcia Associated Press

SUPERIOR, Colo. — A Colorado official says nearly 1,000 homes were destroyed, hundreds more were damaged, and three people are missing after a wildfire charred numerous neighborhoods in a suburban area at the base of the Rocky Mountains.

Boulder County Sheriff Joe Pelle also said Saturday that investigators are still trying to find the cause of the wind-whipped blaze that erupted Thursday and blackened entire neighborhoods in the area located between Denver and Boulder. Sheriff Pelle said utility

officials found no downed power lines around where the fire broke out. He said authorities were pursuing a number of tips and had executed a search warrant at "one particular location." He declined to give details.

A sheriff's official who declined to provide his name confirmed that one property was under investigation in Boulder County's Marshall Mesa area, a region of open grassland about 2 miles west of the hard-hit town of Superior. A National Guard Humvee blocked access to the property, which was only one of several under investigation, the official said.

Officials had previously



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A view of a Boulder County neighborhood that was destroyed by a wildfire is seen Friday from a Colorado National Guard helicopter during a flyover by Gov. Jared Polis.

estimated that at least 500 homes — and possibly 1,000 were destroyed in the fire, which by Friday was no longer a threat. Residents have slowly started returning to see the scale of the devasta-

Authorities had said earlier no one was missing. But Boulder County spokesperson Jennifer Churchill said Saturday that was due to confusion inherent when agencies are scrambling to manage an emergency.

Sheriff Pelle said officials were organizing cadaver teams to search for the missing in the Superior area and Boulder County. The task is complicated by debris from destroyed structures covered by 8 inches of snow dumped by a storm overnight, he said.

At least 991 homes were destroyed, Sheriff Pelle said: 553 in Louisville, 332 in Superior and 106 in unincorporated parts of the county. Sheriff Pelle cautioned that

the tally was not final.

At least seven people were injured in the wildfire that erupted in and around Louisville and Superior, neighboring towns about 20 miles northwest of Denver with a combined population of 34,000. It burned at least 9.4 square miles.

The snow and temperatures in the single digits cast an eerie scene amid stillsmoldering remains of homes. Despite the shocking change in weather, the smell

of smoke still permeated empty streets blocked off by

National Guard troops.
Utility crews struggled to restore electricity and gas service to homes that survived, and dozens of people lined up to get donated space heaters, bottled water and blankets at Red Cross shelters. Xcel Energy urged other residents to use fireplaces and wood stoves to stay warm and keep their pipes at home from freezing. Families filled a long line of cars waiting to pick up

space heaters and bottled water at a Salvation Army distribution center at the YMCA in Lafayette, just north of Superior.

Monarch High School seniors Noah Sarasin and his twin brother Gavin had been volunteering at that location for two days, directing traffic and distributing dona-

'We have a house, no heat but we still have a house,' Noah Sarasin said. "I just want to make sure that everyone else has heat on this very cold day."

The wildfire broke out unusually late in the year, following an extremely dry fall and amid a winter nearly devoid of snow until the overnight snowfall. High winds pushed flames that fed on bone-dry grasses and vegetation on farmland and open spaces interspersed with suburban subdivisions.

FUNERAL HELD FOR ARCHBISHOP TUTU



Joao Silva/The New York Times

Clergymen carry the coffin of Archbishop Desmond Tutu during his funeral Saturday in Cape Town, South Africa. The archbishop and Nobel laureate left plans for an unostentatious ceremony, which was stripped back further under COVID-19 re-

U.S. colleges returning to online classes

By Collin Binkley Associated Press

With COVID-19 cases surging just as students are about to return from winter break, dozens of U.S. colleges are moving classes online again for at least the first week or so of the semester — and some warn it could stretch longer if the wave of infection doesn't subside soon.

Harvard is moving classes online for the first three weeks of the new year, with a return to campus scheduled for late January, "conditions permitting." The University of Chicago is delaying the beginning of its new term and holding the first two weeks online. Some others are inviting students back to campus but starting classes online, including Michigan State.

Many colleges hope an extra week or two will get them past the peak of the nationwide spike driven by the highly contagious omicron variant. Still, the surge is casting uncertainty over a semester many had hoped would be the closest to normal since the pandemic's

start. For some students, starting the term remotely is becoming routine — many colleges used the strategy



Alexandra Wimley/Post-Gazette

Students walk along Fifth Avenue on the University of Pittsburgh campus in Oakland. Pitt will start its spring semester remotely, officials announced in late December.

last year amid a wave of cases. But some fear the latest shift could extend well beyond a week or two.

Jake Maynard, a student at George Washington University in the nation's capital, said he is fine with a week of online classes, but beyond that, he hopes officials trust in the booster shots and provide a traditional college experience.

He has already taken a year of online learning, which he said "did not

work" and wasn't what he expected from a school that charges more than \$50,000 a The university is invit-

ing students back starting

Monday, but classes will be

held online until Jan. 18 as officials ramp up virus testing and isolate any infected students. The school has more than doubled its isolation space and moved up the deadline for a new booster shot requirement by three weeks.

The university was among many that saw infections soar in the days before winter break. The campus averaged more than 80 cases a day during finals week, compared with just a few a day for much of the fall. And while most recent cases were mild, nearly all were among students who had received at least two doses of a vaccine.

So far, more than 70 col-

leges across 26 states are starting the term online, and others say they are considering it. Many making the move now use quarter systems that start earlier than those with semesters.

Many of those shifting online are in recent virus hot spots, including Yale and Columbia on the East Coast, along with Wayne State University in Detroit and Northwestern University near Chicago. The list also includes most of the University of California campuses and Rice University in Houston.

Some other colleges are delaying the new term without offering remote classes. Syracuse University pushed its semester back a week, citing projections that the first three weeks of January will be "the most challenging of this surge."

Others are pressing ahead with in-person learning, saying the health risks are low with masks and booster shots.

At Northeastern University in Boston, one of a growing number of schools requiring boosters, students are returning as planned. Officials said the school is shifting its focus from preventing all cases to warding off serious illness or hospitalization.

Israeli jets hit militant targets in Gaza after rocket fire

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel's military said early Sunday it launched strikes against militant targets in the Gaza Strip, a day after rockets were fired from the Hamasruled territory.

Video filmed in Khan Younis, southern Gaza Strip, showed three huge explosions and fighter jets could be heard flying overhead. There was no immediate confirmation on possible casualties.

The Israeli military said the attacks targeted a rocket manufacturing facility and a military post for Hamas. It also blamed the militant Islamic group for any violence emanating from the territory it controls.

The airstrikes come as retaliation for two rockets fired from Gaza on Saturday which landed in the Mediterranean Sea off central Israel.

It was not clear whether the rockets were meant to hit Israel, but Gaza-based militant groups often testfire missiles toward the sea. There were no reports of casualties from Saturday's rocket launches.

Apart from a single incident in September, there has been no cross-border rocket fire since a cease-fire ended an 11-day war between Israel and Hamas in May.

The cease-fire, brokered by Egypt and other mediators, has been fragile. The militant Hamas group says Israel did not take serious steps to ease the blockade it imposed on Gaza with Egypt's help when the Islamic movement seized control of the coastal enclave in 2007.

Tension are also high as other groups like the smaller but more hardline Islamic Jihad threaten military escalation if Israel doesn't end the administrative detention of a Palestinian prisoner who has been on a hunger strike for over 130 days. On Wednesday, Palestin-

ian militants in Gaza shot and lightly wounded an Israeli civilian near the security fence and Israel responded with tank fire targeting multiple Hamas sites in the first exchange of fire in months.

Loss of music education degree, Steinways at Lock Haven mourned

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A donation of 22 pianos, and the sought-after all-Steinway designation that followed, coincided with a new bachelor's degree in music education. It spoke to confidence there and across the State System of Higher Education, where enrollments were rising and campuses were putting up buildings as if unaware an enrollment bubble was about to

What came next was not pleasant.

To some faculty, students and others, it not only was a campus miscalculation amid a revolving door of university presidents, but more broadly, a State System failure to properly quarterback a big decision made by a member school.

The bachelor of music education, created little more than a decade ago, has been eliminated as Lock Haven merges with Bloomsburg and Mansfield universities, two other system schools facing hard times. California, Clarion and Edinboro also are being merged in the

Music education majors at Lock Haven who once numbered about two dozen by some estimates are now at zero. Half of the muchheralded Steinways are being donated to other schools.

Ron Darbeau, Lock Haven provost, said it was obvious that the music program was not sustainable. Five years of enrollment data told him so.

'I can't speak to why it was started. That was well before my time," said Mr. Darbeau, who arrived on campus last year.

'Ît's not a verdict on music as a field of study but rather a realization of demand, revenue and cost," he said. "The program is simply not viable as a major."

Some wonder how the school got there and why faculty positions were being cut at roughly the same time the program was supposed to be growing.

Campus leaders, in effect, "killed the program" through departmental reductions that were "ridiculous," said Eddie Severn, 58, who lost his job at Lock Haven as full-time music teaching positions went from seven to two. "The whole culture on campus changed."

Not long after the music program debuted, enrollments across the State System began falling, from a high of nearly 120,000 in 2010 to fewer than 89.000 today. Lock Haven's enrollment, approaching 5,400 students when the program debuted, is half that now.

Well-rounded education

Competition for funding by the arts, the humanities, and hard sciences and business isn't new. The issue at Lock Haven, though, also seems to be whether a state university system is obliged to offer the same breadth of academic choice to rural students — many first generation and not in a position to travel to nearby cities like Pittsburgh or Philadel-



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York City's Lincoln Center. Of Juilliard's 260 pianos, 248

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last year, the New England Conservatory of Music

noted it had entered an

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Steinway pianos being prepared for transfer out of Lock Haven University are lined up in a hallway at the school in Lock Haven. The bachelor of music education, created little more than a decade ago, has been eliminated as Lock Haven merges with Bloomsburg and Mansfield universities.

phia to study — as students from metropolitan areas re-

"Students at rural universities need a well-rounded education just like anybody else," said Andrew Koricich, executive director of the Alliance for Research on Regional Colleges and a professor at Appalachian State University in North Carolina who grew up in rural Pennsylvania. "The liberal arts just aren't throwaway majors.

What bothers him is that the State System, he said, is creating winners and losers as it focuses on merging schools that are part of a larger problem of price, management and demographics.

T'm not going to dress it up. I am not a fan of this," he said. "I think it is incredibly problematic that the State System administration is attempting to solve a systemwide problem on the backs of these six rural schools.

Lock Haven University, in Clinton County, sits on the west branch of the Susquehanna River in the central Pennsylvania mountains, about 110 miles north of Harrisburg.

Steinway designation

Its music education bachelor's program debuted roughly the same time that Margery Dosey, Lock Haven council of trustees vice chair and a 1966 alumna, donated the pianos to the school to support music and the arts, as did her late husband. Sevmour Krevsky, according to university records. Officials with the university did not put a dollar estimate on the gift, but faculty members say it approached half a million dollars.

On Facebook, recent music graduates participated in what felt like eulogy as they talked about the top-of-theline upright and concert grand pianos, trips to Steinway Hall in New York City and other musical events feeling they were a part of

something big. Samantha Gates, now a band director in the Mifflin County School District and a 2008 Lock Haven graduate, says she was the first to leave there with the a music education degree. "They did a lot of work to get the program off the ground," she re-

"The thing that made it a big sell was getting that Steinway designation," she said. "If you have that Steinway designation, you have invested in the arts and really care about it. On top of that, to have a Steinway artist in residence — that was a big draw."

That professor, David Curtin, is facing possible retrenchment, State System parlance for being laid off. Despite that, Lock Haven officials said the school expects to retain its all-Steinway status for the foreseeable future.

Lock Haven graduate Abe Nickle, 43, moved from Arizona with his brother to central Pennsylvania to build houses, only to be stopped by the Great Recession in 2008. But he had a passion for music and the university enabled him to put it to use.

Now, he's teaching music in Utah.

"I spent countless hours on the practice room pianos and the Steinway in the concert hall. I have been teaching choir for over 10 years because of the things I learned there," he said. " I have been able to influence thousands of students in the world of music. It's a shame that will no longer continue."

More than 200 colleges, universities and conservatories on five continents carry the All-Steinway designation in cities, including Beijing, London and New York. Not all are instantly recognizable. But many are, stretching from the Ivy League and large flagship public universities in the U.S. to smaller public and private campuses.

In Pennsylvania, those with the distinction include Duquesne University, Seton Hill University, Bucks County Community College, Franklin & Marshall Col-

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"It does help with recruitment. It really does," said Edward M. Kuhn Jr., music department chair at Seton Hill. "I think the message it sends is that the university is really behind music. That's a really big deal."

Robert Blocker, a professor of piano and dean of the Yale University School of Music, said, "These are the pianos that they will find in the world's competitions and in centers throughout the United States and hopefully in their own practice

Qualifying for the All-Steinway designation requires a school to have at least 10 pianos, although in fact larger schools have inventories that top 200, said Piano Perfect LLC, a dealer in Georgia. "Ninety percent of the pianos must be Steinway, Boston or Essex, part of

the company's umbrella of pianos.

Lock Haven officials released a statement saying the donor supports the transfer of the pianos, eight to Bloomsburg and Mansfield and three to other schools and a church in central Pennsylvania.

One of the instruments is slated for Renovo Elementary School, about 25 miles outside Lock Haven. Building principal Betsy Dickey, herself a Lock Haven graduate, said she is looking forward to her students — "my kiddos" — experiencing an instrument that could have a profound influence.

"You never know what's going to spark a kid," she said. "This is a huge donation to our building."

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'PRAGMATIC PROGRESSIVISM AND COMMON-SENSE GOVERNING'

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in the '70s — when Pittsburgh had a booming economy, when we were the third largest corporate center in America," Mr. Peduto said in an interview last week. "But we're back with a new economy."

A post-Peduto Pittsburgh is one that's recognized nationally as a "city of innovation," the outgoing mayor said, propped up by education, medicine and technology, and \$12 billion in new investment in the last eight years since he took office

years since he took office.
But it's the same city that, after eight years of his leadership, opted to reject his bid for re-election in favor of a newcomer — Ed Gainey — a state lawmaker who told voters that the new economy, the one that Mr. Peduto sculpted and chiseled like a craftsman, wasn't benefiting everyone, and was actually leaving many behind.

So sits Pittsburgh, on the brink of swearing in a new mayor on Monday while saying goodbye to Mr. Peduto, who has been in city government for nearly three decades. It'll be left with a complicated legacy to ponder, one that Mr. Peduto's longtime friend and chief of staff, Dan Gilman, said is more than a bridge over troubled water.

It was a bridge between two stories of Pittsburgh and two generations of leaders, Mr. Gilman said — and a bridge between an economy that was "more the downtown Fortune 500 economy—the quote-unquote 'renaissance' after steel" to an economy driven by new industry.

Now, it'll be driven by new leadership.

Building blocks

Bill Peduto likes to talk in "befores" and "afters," a rhetorical preference that was flying at top speeds last week as he recalled a city — before he was elected mayor in 2013 — that was teetering dangerously close to financial ruin, in the throes of Act 47 status that he had advocated for years earlier and operating under a city government that wasn't effective or focused on equity.

He had been the longestserving member of City Council before he was elected, working for years under the worldview that effective councilors should foster relationships with the technology, universities and hospitals in their districts and try to attract young people to the city.

Councilmembers credit Mr. Peduto with helping usher in a new era on the nine-member body, assem-



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Mr. Peduto takes the oath of office administered by Judge Justin Johnson while holding his hand over a Bible that belonged to his late brother, Tom Peduto, on Jan. 6, 2014, at Heinz Hall. Holding the Bible are Max and Sue Sciullo, the parents of slain police officer Paul Sciullo.

bling a progressive coalition of community leaders and activists that would eventually be the new faces in council chambers who passed the city's first clean water act and its first campaign finance laws — all while remaining "fiscally disciplined," as Mr. Peduto recalled

He fought for issues that were important to young people, college students and young professionals, like improving public transit and protecting civil liberties and human rights — something that hadn't been seen on council, Mr. Gilman recalled

It was on those building blocks that Mr. Peduto crafted his first successful run for mayor. He had previously run twice, losing in 2005 in the Democratic primary to Bob O'Connor and dropping out of the primary in 2007 after acknowledging he was unlikely to beat Luke Ravenstahl, a new mayor at

the height of his popularity. Mr. Ravenstahl's popularity had waned by 2013, and Mr. Peduto used the administration's scandals — Mr. Ravenstahl's police chief had just resigned and was indicted, and the mayor's office was the subject of scrutiny by federal investigators — to say that corruption was tanking the public's faith in its leaders. The fresh-faced councilman had pitched a culture change on Grant Street.



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Mr. Peduto, right, Rabbi Jonathan Perlman, center, and his wife Beth Kissileff, both members of the Tree of Life synagogue, stand after listening to a song by Sara Mayo during a joint prayer service Oct. 31, 2018, at Rodman Street Baptist Church in East Liberty. The service by the East End Baptist Fellowship and Homewood Community Ministries was held to show solidarity with the Jewish community.

What he fostered, he said, was the "re-entry of Pitts-burgh economically" — not only an escape from Act 47 status but \$180 million in new revenue annually as compared to the budget he inherited in 2014.

Mr. Peduto was able to bring fiscal responsibility and security to a city that was on the brink of bankruptcy and "in dire straits," said Councilman Bruce Kraus, who was council president for six of the eight years Mr. Peduto was in office.

"Nothing, nothing, nothing could happen without the solid foundation of our financial house being in order," Mr. Kraus said. "The one thing I will always remember Bill for is how he guided us through those treacherous times."

Treachery aside, Mr. Peduto was viewed, for years, as an outsider — the darling of those who wanted

to see substantive change in government, Mr. Kraus said. As a councilman and then as mayor, Mr. Peduto had a different vision for what Pittsburgh could become and was "relentless in his pursuit of it," the councilman added.

His persistence was aimed at redefining what city government could mean to the residents; he worked to overhaul every department, bring technology to City Hall to make it run

more effectively and open up the contracting system to bring in developers from all over the country.

This was new for a city government that had been used to its "old boy political machine network," Mr. Peduto said, where only a handful of developers and companies bid on contracts.

"The system was byzantine and done in the dark," Mr. Peduto said. "We worked to change all of that."

A primary defeat

Mr. Gilman, who stuck by Mr. Peduto for years and rose through city hall as his confidant, said the mayor's vision was to create an inclusive government that would promote "pragmatic progressivism" and commonsense governing. That hasn't changed, he said; the world has. Pittsburgh's economy has shifted in the 18 years they've worked together.

But that doesn't change the fact that Mr. Peduto was ultimately booted from the mayor's office because many felt he didn't do enough to involve everyone — mainly, those in low-income communities suffering from generations of disinvestment — in the new economy, and many times, cultivated development at their expense.

Mr. Gainey, who handed Mr. Peduto the first loss for an incumbent mayor in Pittsburgh history, won by repeatedly hammering the Peduto administration on equity, asking how the city could be considered America's most livable while Black residents are leaving, there's a shortage of reasonably priced housing and a disproportionate number of arrests by the city's police force are of Black people.

Mr. Peduto countered that he's committed his career to building a more equitable Pittsburgh, and said that before he was mayor, the city had no structured investment in affordable housing, no comprehensive data on policing and was bleeding population, among other things

Democratic primary voters chose Mr. Gainey and his pledge to build a "city for

That's an admirable goal, said Mr. Kraus — but Mr. Peduto was trying to do that two decades ago, the councilman insisted. That was always Mr. Peduto's vision; it was bigger than the politics of the moment and driven by grassroots engagement, Mr. Kraus said.

Mr. Gilman said it's often overlooked how much small-scale neighborhood development the

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administration pursued, from investments in parks, mobility and infrastructure to city facilities. The large developments with private dollars got the media attention, "but our dollars have gone into rebuilding the Andick Way pathway in Beechview and Phillips Park in Carrick," Mr. Peduto's chief of staff

"I think — and it's not necessarily a bad thing that when people talk about Pittsburgh, their mind goes to the growth in the East End, Lawrenceville or East Liberty, Downtown or the Strip," Mr. Gilman said. "But that's largely private. Government itself — from the staff in public works to [Department of Mobility and Infrastructure] to the [Urban Redevelopment Authority] was working on projects in Beechview and Carrick and Observatory Hill and Swisshelm Park."

Jay Costa, the minority leader of the Pennsylvania Senate whose district includes parts of the city, said his constituents have benefited from the economic growth that Mr. Peduto fostered. Under Mr. Peduto, the neighborhoods are more vibrant, Mr. Costa said — and younger people want to move here.

Mr. Costa said Mr. Peduto transformed the relationship the city had with all levels of government and "had his hand on the pulse of economic development" on a project-by-project basis.

But Mr. Gainey's campaign echoed the groundswell of critiques from activists who accused the mayor of rubber-stamping developers while selling out neighborhoods to the wealthy. There can be development, but developers should have to carve out room for affordable units, the state lawmaker said. Mr. Peduto deemed it important to invest in both market-rate and affordable housing and promoted home ownership as a way to pass down generational wealth to communities that have seen long-term generational disinvestment.

Mr. Gainey's run—on the heels of a report by a task force that said the relationship between Pittsburgh's police officers and the community was "in need of urgent repair" — also served as a conduit for criminal justice reform advocates who had long insisted there was over-policing in neighborhoods of color and that more resources should go toward community policing initiatives and after-school programming.

Mr. Peduto had defended his record by saying progress has inarguably occurred; that the rate of homicide and violent crime has gone down over his tenure. that complaints and lawsuits against officers have declined and that his administration was the one that identified disparities and unearthed data that hadn't previously been available.

Last week, Mr. Peduto credited his administration with changing the conversa-tion in City Hall from "equal to equitable." Government used to divide resources nine ways and deem it equal; it now pours more resources into lower income areas, in many cases neighborhoods that are predominantly Black, in an effort to spend where needed, he said. Mr. Peduto also said he aimed to empower neighborhood leaders so they could work armin-arm with the city to better their own neighborhoods.

Asked what advice he has for Mr. Gainey, Mr. Peduto said it's to always "do the right thing." He also said that while some people may not want to see change, investment or development occur, it "needs to." Investments into industries that are part of the New Pittsburgh, he said, will help support projects, social programs and economic stability.

'Scarred traumatically'

As Mr. Peduto leaves office, he carries with him the memory of Pittsburgh's darkest day: Oct. 27, 2018, when a gunman massacred



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Mayor Bill Peduto walks in the Labor Day parade on Sept. 1, 2014, in Downtown.

11 worshipers at the Tree of Life synagogue in Squirrel Hill, the deadliest attack on Jews in American history.

It was a day that left Mr. Peduto "scarred traumatically," he said — it was a personal event more than it was a duty as mayor. He knew several of the affected families personally and a few of the victims.

"I think the magnitude didn't really hit until I was driving to Mercy Hospital, listening to NPR - which, of course, was all about Pitts-burgh," he recalled, "and those words came over the radio: 'The worst act of antisemitism in American his-

"Hearing them just made my gut sink — realizing that Pittsburgh would now wear that title just brought an entirely different level to an event that already had been a horror.

Reflecting on the aftermath, Mr. Peduto said he knew his first priority was to be there for the families of the victims, but that it was was also important to be there for the Jewish community and for all of Pittsburgh.

He said he came to see that there was light in the darkness — something he saw that day, when he noticed the executive board of the Islamic Center of Pittsburgh had gathered on the sidewalk next to the synagogue, while the event was still ongoing, to show their support. The Jewish community had supported them after 9/11, Mr. Peduto recalled a board member telling him — it was time to sup-

port them back. Mr. Peduto said he'd see that light again a year later in Israel while traveling with 25 mayors from across the world. When he introduced himself and his city, people would "gasp," he

said. "When I asked people why, the people would always say the same thing: 'it's not that we're not used to persecution. We've been persecuted for 4,000 years. But Pittsburgh was the first time that an entire community stood with us - where 'never again' actually meant 'never again' and we saw it. We saw everyone stand with us." Mr. Peduto recalled.

A love for cities

Like a caterpillar, Mr. Peduto is going through a metamorphosis, he said.

It's not just the career change the forced him to walk out the door this past Friday of the building he's called home for nearly three decades. It's personal. Last week, he signed the papers to put his childhood home on the market, and in October, his brother died, the last immediate family member Mr.

"I won't have that comfort of being able to sit around the kitchen table with any of them," Mr. Peduto said. "The house will be gone. I



Then-President Barack Obama greets Mr. Peduto and Allegheny County Executive Rich Fitzgerald on July 21, 2015, in Pittsburgh.



Andrew Rush/Post-Gazette Mr. Peduto hands a pen to Gianna Finnigan, 10, of Arlington, at Ormsby Community Recreation Center after the mayor signed an executive order calling for a youth bullying prevention policy for all city-run youth programs July 21 on the South Side.

won't be able to go back into this office which is one of my favorite places on Earth that I worked so hard to be able to get to. It will be gone, too. I'll be starting something new — something that I will not have a full understanding of, but something that will be different.

As 2022 hits and Pennsylvania Democrats turn their attention to important races for the U.S. Senate, Pennsylvania governor and numerous competitive U.S. House seats, Mr. Peduto's name is nowhere to be found - even though mayor of the state's second-largest city is impressive resume fodder for political attention.

Mr. Peduto said he never wanted to rise through the ranks. He's driven by a love for cities, he said, and an appreciation for Pittsburgh history that started when he was in second grade and he'd read the local section of the

Pittsburgh Press. His confidants say they never heard him speak about higher political aspirations. He wanted only to be a council member and mayor. Mr. Gilman said Mr. Peduto always had the best interest of the city in his heart, and was never in it for patronage or personal enrichment. It drew Mr. Gilman to him as a young idealist and also today as a "not so young, not idealistic" 39-year-old, he quipped.

Asked why he has no desire to run for another position, Mr. Peduto responded that he grew up in the 1970s, when Pittsburgh was in the midst of its "glory days." He recalled driving with his father down the Parkway, out of the Squirrel Hill Tunnels, only to see the mills running in full force — the smokestacks blowing fire.

Then, it all "died," Mr. Peduto said — and in 1987, he made a decision to do his best to help bring the city

"The one thing that I was willing to do was work harder than anybody else in order to have a shot — and I did. I got that shot. It took me to this office," Mr. Peduto said. "And as I leave this office, as I pack that last box and I walk out that door, I'll leave with my head high. A smile will be on my face, and I'll be able to say that we are

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Both parties can redefine themselves in Pa. in 2022

By Jonathan Tamari
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Pennsylvania is politically wide open in 2022—and it could help set the course for Democrats and Republicans in the wake of the Trump presidency.

With Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf and Republican U.S. Sen. Pat Toomey leaving office, the commonwealth is about to host sprawling primaries for both seats, forcing the parties to make choices about who should be their public faces and what messages they should carry to voters after years in which politics revolved around Donald Trump.

The results, in one of the country's most closely contested states, could have a massive impact on policy in both Harrisburg and Washington, and provide a blueprint for how to win key battle-grounds in 2024.

The Democratic Senate contest features a direct clash between the self-described populist and progressive Lt. Gov. John Fetterman, and moderate U.S. Rep. Conor Lamb, D-Mt. Lebanon, a contrast embodying the divide splitting the party in Congress. But there are also other distinctions based on identity, tone and geography. The candidates include a suburban woman, Montgomery County Commissioner Val Arkoosh, and a gay Black man from Philadelphia, state Rep. Malcolm Kenyatta.

Looming over the Republican races is the long-running quandary over how closely candidates hew to Mr. Trump, who no longer dominates the national conversation but still shadows the GOP.

The Senate race is so attractive that three of the top Republican candidates are ultra-wealthy individuals who moved back to the state to run. There's Mehmet Oz, a surgeon, TV celebrity and political newcomer whose name ID and television mastery in some ways echo the former president's; David McCormick, a hedge fund manager and veteran with ties to both Mr. Trump and



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Voters wait patiently in line in Wilkinsburg to cast ballots during the Pennsylvania primary election in June 2020.

longtime Republican insiders; and Carla Sands, a generous Trump donor whom he later named U.S. ambassador to Denmark.

Another hopeful, Montgomery County developer Jeff Bartos, argues that he can duplicate the GOP's recent path to victory in Virginia. He likes to point out that, unlike the other rivals, he was living in Pennsylvania before the Senate seat came open.

Some gubernatorial candidates are closely affiliated with the Trump brand, while others try to speak to the former president's supporters without fully wrapping themselves in his flag.

While usually these races would center on incumbents and their records, there's no such presence to anchor the 2022 campaigns, leaving both parties with a blank slate. The two contests have already lured more than 20 candidates.

The stakes are immense. In the state capitol, a Republican capture of the governor's office could give the GOP control of both the executive and legislative branches, with oversight over the mechanics of the 2024 presidential election. The Senate contest is one of a handful that could decide control of that chamber and the fate of President Joe Biden's legislation — and his judicial nominees. And the next senator will have a vote on certifying the next presidential election, after many Republicans made unproven claims about Pennsylvania's 2020 results.

National party leaders, operatives and analysts are watching closely for clues about what works and what doesn't.

"You could make the argument that Pennsylvania is arguably the most important presidential swing state now," said Kyle Kondik, an election analyst at Sabato's Crystal Ball at the University of Virginia. With Florida, in many eyes, shifting reliably into the Republican column, Pennsylvania has the most electoral votes of any other battleground.

The 2022 races will be the first time since 1958 that Pennsylvania has simultaneous senator and gubernatorial elections without an incumbent in either primary.

"It's the first major election of the post-Trump era in terms of him not being president," said J.J. Abbott, a Democratic strategist and former Wolf aide. "So it is an opportunity for the parties to define, 'What the future look like?'"

Democrats

The Democratic Senate race embodies the party's internal differences.

Mr. Fetterman's and Mr. Lamb's

contrasting ideological approaches have drawn the most attention, especially because they mirror the divides stalling Mr. Biden's agenda in Congress.

Mr. Fetterman, the former mayor of Braddock, has taken direct aim at centrists like Sens. Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., and Kyrsten Sinema, D-Ariz., who have often locked major progressive goals.

"Democrats should vote like Democrats and actually deliver for the American people," Mr. Fetterman said in early December after Mr. Manchin announced his opposition to a nearly \$2 trillion social spending and climate bill at the center of Mr. Biden's agenda.

Mr. Lamb has emphasized his more moderate credentials, and success winning tough swing districts, as the best way to flip a Republican-held Senate seat in a closely divided state. He held a fundraiser with Mr. Manchin, now seen by many liberals as one of Washington's most infuriating figures.

"Our party needs a family discussion about who can win & do the job," Mr. Lamb wrote in a December tweet criticizing Mr. Fetterman.

Some Lamb supporters have compared him to Mr. Wolf, Sen. Bob Casey and Mr. Biden, arguing that he fits the mold of a successful Democrat in Pennsylvania — while Mr. Fetterman is campaigning on the idea of breaking the mold

But personal distinctions can often weigh as heavily as ideological debates, if not more so, said David Dix, a Harrisburg-based consultant who has worked with candidates from both parties. It can be especially important in primaries, where candidates broadly agree on most issues, he said. Regional ties may be a major factor, too.

Dr. Arkoosh embodies the suburban voters, and especially women, who have been crucial to Democratic success in recent years. And while she isn't as well known as her rivals,

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States diverge on police reforms after Floyd killing

By Colleen Slevin
Associated Press

DENVER — Maryland repealed its half-century-old Law Enforcement Officers Bill of Rights. Washington state reformed use-of-force policies and created a new agency to investigate when officers use deadly force. And California overcame objections from police unions to assure officers fired in one jurisdiction can't be hired in another.

Those are some of the farreaching policing changes passed this year in response to the 2020 killing of George Floyd in Minneapolis. But the first full year of state legislative sessions since his death sparked a summer of racial justice protests produced a far more mixed response in the rest of the country.

A number of states implemented incremental reforms, such as banning chokeholds or tightening rules around use of body cameras, while several Republican-led states responded by granting police even greater authority and passing laws that cracked down on protesters.

The state action on both sides of the debate came as Congress failed to implement policing reforms aimed at boosting officer accountability. The George Floyd Justice in Policing Act passed the U.S. House without a single Republican vote and then collapsed in the evenly divided Senate.

Jim Pasco, executive director of the Fraternal Order of Police, which represents more than 356,000 law enforcement officers,

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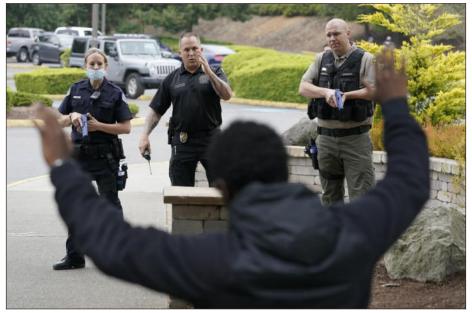
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Ken Westphal, center, an officer with the Lacey Police Department and an instructor at the Washington state Criminal Justice Training Commission, works with cadets LeAnne Cone, of the Vancouver Police Department, and Kevin Burton-Crow, right, of the Thurston County Sheriff's Department, during a training exercise in Burien, Wash.

said he thinks it's still possible for Congress to pass police reform, but perhaps only after another deadly case captures the nation's attention.

"Sadly, the only thing we know for sure, it will be a tragedy that will precipitate change," Mr. Pasco said.

He said the trend of states passing their own policing measures depending on their politics is creating more divisions in an already fractured country.

Partisan leanings were in play in Maryland, which 50 years ago became the first state to pass an officers' bill of rights that provided job protections in the police disciplinary process, measures that eventually spread to about 20 other states. This year, it became the first to repeal those rights after law-makers in the Democratic-controlled General Assembly overrode the veto of Republican Gov. Larry Hogan.

They replaced the bill of rights with new procedures that give civilians a role in police discipline. Democratic lawmakers also united to pass other reforms over Mr. Hogan's objections or without his signature, including expanding public access to police disciplinary records and creating a unit

in the state attorney general's office to investigate police-involved deaths.

"Other states can use this legislation as a blueprint for creating meaningful police reform," said Rashawn Ray, a senior fellow at The Brookings Institute.

In Washington state, an ambitious series of reforms will ban police from using chokeholds and no-knock warrants, create a new state agency to investigate police use of deadly force and change the threshold for when officers can use force. Some law enforcement officials have said they are not clear about what they're required to do, which has led to discrepancies in how to respond to some situations.

California created a statewide certification system for officers, in part to prevent police fired in one jurisdiction from getting a job somewhere else. The bill stalled in the legislature last year and struggled to gain support again this year in the face of opposition from police unions. It passed after it was amended to allow for the option of an officer's license being suspended as a lesser punishment and to include other safeguards.

"This is not an anti-police bill. This is an accountability bill," said Democratic state Assembly-woman Akilah Weber, who carried the legislation there. "Without any accountability, we lose the integrity of the badge, and the bond with the community is backen."

nity is broken."
California also required the state attorney general's office to investigate all fatal shootings by police of unarmed civilians, specified when officers have a duty to intervene to prevent or report excessive force, and increased the minimum age to become a police officer from 18 to 21.

Some states controlled fully by Republicans moved in the opposition direction and expanded the rights of police officers or cracked down on protesters.

Oklahoma Gov. Kevin Stitt signed a bill that increased penalties for blocking roadways and granting immunity to drivers who kill or injure rioters.

In Ohio, people attending a rally who are accused of violating an anti-riot law could be targeted with a provision normally used against terrorist activity under proposed GOP legislation.

'Slow-motion insurrection'

How Republicans aim to seize election power

By Nicholas Riccardi Associated Press

In the weeks leading up to the deadly insurrection at the U.S. Capitol on Jan. 6, a handful of Americans — well-known politicians, obscure local bureaucrats — stood up to block then-President Donald Trump's unprecedented attempt to overturn a free and fair vote of the American people.

In the year since, Trumpaligned Republicans have worked to clear the path for next time.

In battleground states and beyond, Republicans are taking hold of the once-overlooked machinery of elections. While the effort is incomplete and uneven, outside experts on democracy and Democrats are sounding alarms, warning that the United States is witnessing a "slow-motion insurrection" with a better chance of success than Mr. Trump's failed power grab last year.

They point to a mounting list of evidence: Several candidates who deny Mr. Trump's loss are running for offices that could have a key role in the election of the next president in 2024. In Michigan, the Republican Party is restocking members of obscure local boards that could block approval of an election. In Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, the GOPcontrolled legislatures are backing open-ended "reviews" of the 2020 election, modeled on a deeply flawed look-back in Arizona. The efforts are poised to fuel disinformation and anger about the 2020 results for years.

All this comes as the Republican Party has become more aligned behind Mr. Trump, who has made denial of the 2020 results a litmus test for his support. Mr. Trump has praised the Jan. 6 rioters and backed primaries aimed at purging lawmakers who have crossed him. Sixteen GOP governors have signed laws making it more difficult to vote. An Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll showed that two-thirds of Republicans do not believe Democrat Joe Biden was legitimately elected.

"It's not clear that the Republican Party is willing to accept defeat anymore," said Steven Levitsky, a Harvard political scientist.

Republicans who sound alarms are struggling to be heard by their own party. GOP Reps. Liz Cheney, of Wyoming, or Adam Kinzinger, of Illinois, members of a House committee investigating the Jan. 6 insurrection, are often dismissed as party apostates.

Some local officials, the people closest to the process and its fragility, are pleading for change. At a news conference in Wisconsin, Kathleen Bernier, a GOP state senator and former elections clerk, denounced her party's efforts to seize control of the election process.

"These made up things that people do to jazz up the base is just despicable, and I don't believe any elected legislator should play that game," said Ms. Bernier.

In Pennsylvania, the GOP-controlled Legislature is undertaking a review of the presidential election, subpoenaing voter information that Democrats contend is an unprecedented intrusion into voter privacy.

In Georgia, an election bill

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signed this year by the GOP governor gave the Republican-controlled General Assembly new powers over the state board of elections, which controls its local counterparts.

The law is being used to launch a review of operations in solidly Democratic Fulton County, home to most of Atlanta, which could lead to a state takeover. The legislature also passed measures allowing local officials to remove Democrats from election boards in six other counties.

In Michigan, the GOP has focused on the state's county boards of canvassers. The little-known committees' power was briefly in the spotlight in November 2020, when Mr. Trump urged the two Republican members of the board overseeing Wayne County, to vote to block certification of the election.

Michigan officials say that if boards of canvassers don't certify an election they can be sued and compelled to do so. Still, that process could cause chaos and be used as a rallying cry behind election disputes.

"They're laying the groundwork for a slow-motion insurrection," said Mark Brewer, an election lawyer and former chair of the Michigan Democratic Party.

The most prominent Trump push is in Georgia, where the former president is backing U.S. Rep. Jody Hice, who voted against Mr. Biden's Electoral College victory on Jan. 6, in a primary race against Republican Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger. Mr. Raffensperger rejected Mr. Trump's pleas to "find" enough votes to declare him the winner.

Mr. Trump also encouraged former U.S. Sen. David Perdue to challenge Gov. Brian Kemp in the GOP primary. Mr. Kemp turned down Mr. Trump's entreaties to declare him the victor in the 2020 election.

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In Michigan, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin, Democratic governors have been a major impediment to the GOP's effort to overhaul elections. Most significantly, they have vetoed new rules that Democrats argue are aimed at making it harder for people of color to vote.

Governors have a significant role in U.S. elections: They certify the winners in their states, clearing way for the appointment of Electoral College members. That raises fears that Trumpfriendly governors could try to certify him—if he were to run in 2024 and be the GOP nominee—as the winner of their state's electoral votes regardless of the vote count.

Additionally, some Republicans argue that state legislatures can name their own electors no matter what the vote tally says.

But Democrats have had little success in laying out the stakes in these races. It's difficult for voters to believe the system could be vulnerable, said Daniel Squadron, of The States Project, a Democratic group that tries to win state legislatures.

"The most motivated voters in America today are those who think the 2020 election was stolen," he said. "Acknowledging this is afoot requires such a leap from any core American value system that any of us have lived through."





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NASA could blast asteroid that once menaced Earth

By Jonathan O'Callaghan The New York Times

First it punched an asteroid. Now, a NASA spacecraft's rampage may continue, and it could blast a hole in another space rock.

The Osiris-Rex spacecraft is on its way back to Earth, having thwacked — briefly — the surface of an asteroid called Bennu last year to scoop up samples. It will arrive home in 2023, ejecting a capsule full of samples that may help eager scientists decipher the origin of Earth's water and life.

But the spacecraft will have plenty of fuel left. Its mission team wondered: Could it go somewhere else?

Yes, it turns out. And not just anywhere, but one of the most famous near-Earth asteroids: Apophis.

"We were pretty excited when we found out we could go there," said Michael Nolan from the University of Arizona, the science team chief on the mission, who presented findings this month at the fall meeting of the American Geophysical Union in New Orleans.

Apophis was once thought to be the asteroid that posed the greatest threat to Earth. After its discovery in 2004, astronomers rated its chance of hitting our planet in 2029 as high as 1 in 37, the highest in recorded history for any asteroid. At 1,000 feet across, it would not end life on Earth if it hit but would decimate an area hundreds of miles across.

"It was very scary," Mr. Nolan said.

Updated analysis later showed that the asteroid, which dances around Earth's orbit, would not impact our planet. But it will still make a close pass in April 2029 at a distance of 20,000 miles, inside the orbits of some geostationary satellites, and close enough that it



NASA/Goddard/University of Arizona via The New York Times An artist rendering shows the OSIRIS-REX spacecraft descending toward the asteroid Bennu to collect a surface sample.

will be visible to the eye in Europe, Asia and Africa.

By coincidence, if mission controllers on Earth directed Osiris-Rex to complete three flybys of the planet after dropping off its samples, it would be able to reach Apophis. When the asteroid flies through Earth's skies, Osiris-Rex would be just an hour behind, ready to sidle up in June 2029.

"It's sort of a fluke," Mr. Nolan said.

While Apophis poses no threat to Earth — at least for the next century or so studying it could tell scientists a great deal about asteroids of this size. No other mission is planned to visit Apophis in 2029, although there are proposals to do so.

Next month the Osiris-Rex team will put forward its proposal to NASA to extend the mission, with a decision expected by April. If it goes ahead, the spacecraft will spend 18 months studying Apophis after it arrives.

While orbiting Apophis, Osiris-Rex would swoop down over the surface to take high-resolution images. This would include looking for evidence of landslides caused by the gravitational tug of Earth as the asteroid flew past.

The spacecraft would also attempt to descend to the surface and use its thrusters to blast a hole in its surface.

The goal would be to expose underground material, helping to work out what the asteroid is made of.

"Apophis is compositionally the kind of asteroid that's most likely to become a hazard," Mr. Nolan said. "The material properties will help us understand what its structure is."

This in turn could inform a future mission to save Earth from Apophis or another asteroid. By working out its mass, density and structure, scientists will know how spongy or hard the asteroid is, telling them how best to deal with similar

'We really need to understand what we're dealing with," said Jim Bell, an astronomer at Arizona State University who is not involved in the Osiris-Rex mission. "Is this a solid hunk of rock? Can we change this thing's orbit? Could we destroy it, blow it up into tiny bits, if we had to take some drastic measures?"

Davide Farnocchia, from NASA's Center for Near Earth Object Studies at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California, said the close pass of Apophis was an "amazing opportunity" to observe an asteroid of this size up close. It would also lead to better understanding of whether Apophis poses a future threat to Earth.



Wide open political field with no Toomey, Wolf or Trump

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several Democratic and Republican strategists cautioned against overlooking her. She's the only woman in the field and comes from a region that produces a significant share of Democratic primary votes. Mr. Fetterman and Mr. Lamb are both from the Pittsburgh area and could split voters in that region.

In recent weeks, Dr. Arkoosh has spoken out against attempts to restrict abortion, hoping to rally Democratic voters, especially if the U.S. Supreme Court issues a drastic ruling on the issue. And her campaign says that while others tangle over ideological positioning, Dr. Arkoosh will run as the candidate who achieved real accomplishments, such as a \$15 minimum wage for Montgomery County workers.

Mr. Kenyatta represents the city whose voters, particularly Black voters, provide Democratic muscle. He argues that if Democrats really want to be the party of working people, they should nominate someone who grew up in such a family.

"I watched my mom ration insulin routinely because she had to choose to either cover the rent or get a refill," Mr. Kenyatta tweeted in December after the apparent defeat of Biden's Build Back Better Act. "I buried her when I was 26. Passing BBB isn't hypothetical to me and so many."

Either Dr. Arkoosh or Mr. Kenyatta would make history if elected to represent a state that has had 53 senators, all of them white men. Another Democratic candidate, Kevin Baumlin, points to his experience as an emergency-room doctor in Philadelphia as vital to the country's climb out of the pandemic.

The wide swath of Democratic Senate options contrasts with the party's primary for governor, where Attorney General Josh Shapiro is the only candidate and seemingly on a glide path toward the nomination.

Republicans

The GOP primaries are more crowded and less easily defined.

At least 10 people are running for governor while the Senate field is at four and likely to grow in the coming weeks. That makes it harder for individuals to stand out and distinctions less clear.

But after years in which GOP politics revolved around Mr. Trump, many Republicans this year are less directly trying to channel the former president even if they still nod to him and his supporters. Helping their cause is an argument just about all of the GOP agrees on: hammering Mr. Biden and Mr. Wolf and emphasizing conservative cultural fights against "woke" progressives.

"A lot of candidates over the years had to field a lot of questions to answer for the standard-bearer of their party on a daily basis," said Mark Dion, a Republican consultant who has frequently worked on Pennsylvania races. "This election will allow folks to get back to more traditional electioneering where they go out and try to set the message for their campaign."

Yet even with Mr. Biden in the White House, Mr. Trump still looms, especially as a potential 2024 presidential candidate. On Jan. 6, the anniversary of the Capitol riot, he's planning to address the news media as he continues to promote unproven claims about a "stolen election" and demand that other Republicans embrace the same unsubstantiated narrative. His endorsement could still hold weight in a Republican primary, although it carries risks in a general election.

Several Pennsylvania candidates are still closely associated with the former president or trying to be.

Former U.S. Rep. Lou Barletta, a longtime Trump loyalist and 2018 Senate nominee, is running for governor, and state Sen. Doug Mastriano, R-Franklin, a prominent election denier, is expected to join



Associated Press Pittsburgh Post-Gazette Neither Sen. Pat Toomey, R-Pa., **left**, nor Gov. Tom Wolf, **right**, is seeking another term in office.

the contest on Jan. 8.

In the Senate race, Ms. Sands has emphasized her work as Mr. Trump's ambassador to Denmark, seemingly angling for his endorsement after the former president's first pick, Sean Parnell, withdrew.

Others, while less explicit, have also tried to capture Mr. Trump's appeal to GOP voters. Mr. McCormick, who is soon expected to join the Senate race, has lined up some top Trump advisers, including Hope Hicks and immigration hard-liner Stephen Miller, while Dr. Oz has echoed the "America First" slogan. There's no Republican running on an explicitly anti-Trump platform, which appears unviable in a GOP primary.

But while in 2018 the Republican candidates for governor and Senate ran almost exclusively as Trump acolytes, GOP strategists are largely urging a more nuanced approach this time.

Many point to Virginia Gov.-elect Glenn Youngkin, a former businessman who scored a major upset in November. He welcomed Mr. Trump's endorsement and embraced some of Mr. Trump's ideas and political cues, but he didn't fully enmesh himself with the former president or his slashing style. Mr. Youngkin's focus on issues like school closures and how racism is taught

helped retain the massive edge Mr. Trump had in rural areas, while also winning back many of the voters who had rejected the GOP in suburbs.

"The Youngkin blueprint is one "where we don't have to bash on Donald Trump, we don't have to embrace Donald Trump, we don't have to talk about Donald Trump," said Sam Chen, a Republican consultant from the Lehigh Valley.

Mr. Bartos has explicitly cited Mr. Youngkin as a model. His campaign also argues that he has built grassroots support while traveling the state and supporting GOP candidates.

Mr. McCormick, chief executive of the world's largest hedge fund and a former Army Ranger, ticks several biographical boxes for a traditional GOP candidate. Even before formally launching his campaign he has racked up endorsements from several longtime party insiders. But aides argue that with his roots in the small town of Bloomsburg, he can "bridge the divide" between traditional GOP voters and the Trump base, as Mr. Youngkin did.

Dr. Oz, in contrast to Mr. McCormick, is presenting himself as an outsider who brings some of the same personal assets that propelled Mr. Trump: He's a wealthy television celebrity with

name recognition and no political experience, a potential benefit in a party whose voters are often skeptical of government, and even their own party's establishment.

Dr. Oz would be the first Muslim senator in U.S. history. Conservative commentator Kathy Barnette, another Senate candidate from Montgomery County, would be the first Black senator from Pennsylvania, and either she or Ms. Sands could become the first woman from the state to join the chamber.

The GOP gubernatorial field is a sprawling contrast to the one-man Democratic race. The Republican candidates include Mr. Barletta; Guy Ciarrocchi, CEO of the Chester County Chamber of Commerce; Jake Corman, the top Republican in the state Senate; Joe Gale, a Montgomery County commissioner; GOP strategist Charlie Gerow; state Sen. Scott Martin,

R-Lancaster; former U.S. Attorney Bill McSwain; Pittsburgh attorney Jason Richey; and former Delaware County council member Dave White.

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Like Mr. Mastriano, former U.S. House member
Melissa Hart, of Pittsburgh, is
expected to formally launch
her bid in early January,
which would make her the

only woman in the field.

Republicans widely expect that pack to thin early in the new year when candidates report fundraising and give a clearer picture of who has a chance and who doesn't.

An endorsement from the state party could also help provide clarity in either race, although some predict that the GOP may wind up too torn to give anyone the official nod. With so many candidates, some Republicans worry that a candidate with a relatively small but dedicated following could win with just a small percentage of a fractured vote.

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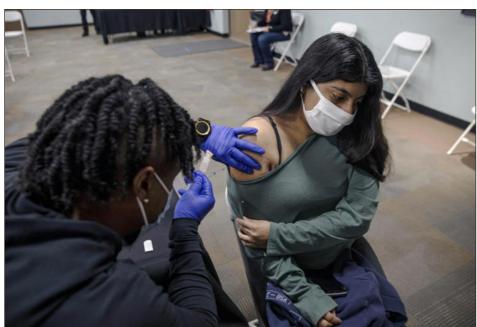
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As omicron spreads, what it means to be 'fully vaccinated'



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A patient recieves her second dose of COVID-19 vaccine in Phoenix. Although 62% of Americans currently qualify as fully vaccinated, just a third pf those have had a booster dose.





By Emily Anthes and Noah Weiland The New York Times

Goldman Sachs and Jeffries, the investment banks, are demanding that employees get booster shots. The University of Oregon and other institutions are requiring that students and staff members get boosters. New York state has said it plans to stop considering residents fully vaccinated unless they have gotten the shots.

As the highly transmissible omicron variant spreads from coast to coast, corporations, schools, governments and even sports leagues are reconsidering what it means to be "fully vaccinated."

Now federal health officials, too, have taken on the question. Although top policymakers want to encourage Americans to get three doses, some would like to avoid changing the definition of a phrase that has become pivotal to daily life in much of the country, according to officials who spoke on condition of anonymity to describe internal deliberations.

Dr. Rochelle Walensky, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said Tuesday that she and other health officials were "working through that question" now.

"There really isn't debate here in what people should do," she added. "CDC is crystal clear on what people should do: If they're eligible for a boost, they should get boosted."

With omicron's sharp rise

more than 488,000 new
cases were reported Wednesday alone — some experts think the moment for
change has arrived. "I think
the time is now," said Dr.
Georges Benjamin, executive director of the American Public Health Association. From a medical perspective, he said, receiving
that additional booster dose
"is really what we should be
thinking of as fully vaccineted."

Redefining "fully vaccinated" could lead to enormous logistical challenges, as even supporters of the idea concede, and it is likely to incite political backlash.

Tens of millions of Americans who thought of themselves as vaccinated might discover that without boosters, they could lose access to restaurants, offices, concerts, events, gatherings—any place where proof of vaccination is required to enter.

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Moreover, the change risks undermining trust in public health officials after two years of shifting recommendations, experts said. Some Americans may feel that the goal posts have been moved again and too suddenly.

The CDC currently defines "fully vaccinated" as those who have received two doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna shots or one dose of the Johnson & Johnson shot.

Although experts continue to believe that these regimens protect against hospitalization and death, the vaccines' effectiveness against infection with the vi-

rus wanes over time. What had been considered full vaccination is substantially less effective against infection with omicron, which is able to partially evade the body's antibodies.

A booster dose is likely to shore up the immune system's defenses against the variant, reducing the odds of breakthrough infections, emerging research suggests — one reason boosters have become a pressing public health priority. Israel is now testing a fourth dose, or a second booster, in health care workers.

Although 62% of Americans qualify as fully vaccinated under the CDC's current definition, just one-third of those people have also had a booster dose, including 58% of people 65 years and older, according to agency data. Only those who are 16 or older are eligible for boosters.

Changing the definition of "fully vaccinated" could leave roughly 140 million Americans who are vaccinated but not boosted in limbo about where they stand and what they are eligible to do.

Many schools, businesses, governments and other institutions have relied on the CDC's definition of "fully vaccinated" to establish mandates, requiring people to complete their primary vaccine series in order to attend school, dine out or remain employed.

The Biden administration has considered scrapping the term altogether and replacing it with language to the effect that vaccinations should be "up-to-date," a phrase that may offer more flexibility as vaccine requirements change. (It is used to describe other vaccine regimens.)

The administration was leaning toward making such a move soon, according to two officials with knowledge of the discussions.

Defining what it means to be fully vaccinated depends on defining the public health goal for vaccinations generally, said Dr. Paul Offit, director of the Vaccine Education Center at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Boosters are likely to provide the best protection against infection with omicron. But for most healthy young people, the original two-shot series — or one dose of Johnson and Johnson — should be sufficient to prevent hospitalization and death, Dr. Offit said.

If that's the purpose of vaccination, then "these vaccines continue to hold up," Dr. Offit said.

Dr. Philip Krause, a former top vaccine regulator at the Food and Drug Administration who retired last year, called efforts to redefine full vaccination a "distraction" from other public health priorities.

He added, that large vaccine efficacy studies and the CDC's own data show two doses protecting strongly against severe COVID-19.

"The place where the risk is highest — among the elderly, the immunocompromised, people with comorbidities — those are the people accounting for almost all

of the severe disease among the vaccinated," he said. "We should be concentrating on finding those people" for booster shots, in addition to getting first doses to the

unvaccinated, he added.
Changing the definition of "fully vaccinated" also is likely to intensify legal challenges to vaccination requirements, said Larry Levitt, of KFF, a nonprofit that focuses on health issues. The Biden administration's attempt to mandate that large employers require employees to be vaccinated is already bogged down in the courts.

And requiring all workers to be boosted soon may be untenable in industries that are already struggling with labor shortages, he said.

"With so few Americans boostered at this point, it would be chaos in work-places to all of a sudden require a third shot," Mr. Levitt said.

That has not stopped some companies and state officials from pressing ahead with booster requirements.

Goldman Sachs, which called most workers back to the office in June, will mandate booster shots for all eligible employees by Feb. 1. And Jefferies, the investment bank, told its staff that people returning to the New York office and attending the bank's events will be required to have boosters by the end of January.

The University of Oregon will require students, faculty and staff to get boosters by Jan. 31 or 30 days after they become eligible, joining a growing list of institutions with similar requirements. The University of Massachusetts issued a similar requirement Wednesday.

Omicron is surging in the Northeast, and Gov. Kathy Hochul, D-N.Y., has said she plans to alter the definition of "fully vaccinated" to include having a booster shot. Gov. Ned Lamont, D-Conn., said in November that residents should not consider themselves vaccinated unless they had had boosters.

But booster recommendations like those may need frequent revision as new variants appear and time passes, and it may not make sense for employers to require each new recommended shot, said Dr. Camille Kotton, an infectious-disease physician at Massachusetts General Hospital and adviser to the CDC.

And although changing the definition could encourage some Americans to get boosters, it could also harden opposition to vaccination among those who have not received any doses, experts acknowledged.

A redefinition would also lump together two very different groups: those who have received their primary shots and those who have received no doses at all, said Keri Althoff, a public health researcher at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

Ensuring that 38% of Americans who have not completed their primary vaccine series do so should remain the top priority, she said. "We cannot lose sight of that group."



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Shortly after being sworn in as a judge in Allegheny County Common Pleas Court, Judge Wrenna Watson, facing camera at left, gets a hug from President Judge Kim Berkeley Clark on Thursday in the Frick Building, Downtown. In the center, Judge Watson's father, J. Warren Watson, one of the first Black judges in the county in the 1960s, stands with District Judge Oscar Petite.

New Common Pleas judges take the bench this week

By Mick Stinelli Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Judge Wrenna Watson not only is one of the new judges on Allegheny County Common Pleas Court, but also she is the latest in a judicial family.

Judge Watson, who was sworn in Thursday, was preceded on the bench by her father, 98-yearold J. Warren Watson. He was elected in 1965 and was among the first Black judges in the county. One of her brothers, Robert C. Watson, was also appointed for a stint as a judge.

After she was elected in November, her father dug out his old law books in case his daughter needed advice, she said.

"I am here to try to make a difference," Judge Watson, 67, said after she took her oath of office. The Hill District native previously was a private attorney and mental health hearing officer.

While some candidates focused on judicial reform and rethinking criminal justice, Judge Watson said she ran her campaign based on fairness. "I'm fair," she said. "I listen to

Some changes in the criminal justice system that people have been clamoring for recently don't pertain to judicial deci-sions, she said, but every judge has the opportunity to make a difference when they take their seats on the bench.

"What every one of us can do, and needs to do, to start change happens every day — the first day you sit on the bench with every case in front of you — and that's to be fair, to listen to people and treat them with respect," she said. "And that's what I plan on

doing."

"There is not a person that [knows] Wrenna Watson that will not say, "This a woman who not only has integrity, who not only is impartial, who not only listens but treats everyone fairly and with respect," said attorney Phil DiLucente, who spoke at her swearing-in.

Mel Blount, the former Steelers cornerback, also spoke at the ceremony, saying Ms. Watson's election was a win for the whole county.

'We need more strong African American women like vou, and so we hope that you can continue to be a great leader and set good examples for all of us," he said.

Judge Watson was one of three Black women elected to the bench in November. She will serve in the court's criminal division. The other two are Nicola Henry-Taylor, a private attorney and director of diversity and inclusion at the Duquesne University School of Law, and Tiffany Sizemore, an associate professor at Duquesne's law school. They will serve in the family division.

Prominent among this year's new judges were candidates promising to take a fresh approach to justice. Judge Lisa Middleman, a public defender and former candidate for district attorney, was one of them.

After her election, she said she and others had "a vision for a reform of the system," including more accessibility and accountability for judges. She will be in family court.

Also entering family court are Jessel Costa, a private attorney; Sabrina Korbel, legal director of the Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh; and Chelsa Wagner, the former Allegheny County controller.

The family division focuses on such matters as child custody, divorce, adoption and protectionfrom-abuse orders.

Tom Caulfield, previously a

district justice, is the only new judge other than Judge Watson to be placed in criminal court. Judges Bruce Beemer and Elliot Howsie, previously appointed to fill vacancies on the bench, were officially elected in November and will continue to serve in the criminal division.

Before President Judge Kim Berkeley Clark administered the oath, she noted that her parents brought her to the swearing-in of Judge Warren Watson in 1965.

"That's a long time ago, but I still remember it because it was so important," she said.

She mentioned a photo in the Carnegie Museum of Art's Teenie Harris Archive, the vast collection of images taken by the iconic Black photographer Charles "Teenie" Harris, that shows Judge Watson and her siblings posed in her father's office shortly after he took his oath.

In the picture, she and her siblings stand behind her father, who is dressed in his black robe. Decades later, he and Judge Watson's daughter, Michelle Watson, stood with her on Thursday as she put on her own.

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Woman found shot dead on Wilkinsburg street

Allegheny County police detectives were investigating the death of a woman whose body was found on a Wilkinsburg street early Saturday.
Police said she had suffered at

least one gunshot wound. The body was discovered in the 1300 block of Wood Street shortly before 6 a.m. The woman's identity had not been released.

Police asked that anyone with information about the shooting to call 1-833-ALL-TIPS.

Man arrested for woman's death at Monroeville hotel

Allegheny County police have arrested a man in connection with a killing early Saturday at the Rodeway Inn & Suites in Monroeville.

Matthew Gribschaw, 37, was being held in the death of 49-year old Rochella Anderson.

Police were called to the Rodeway Inn about 9:30 a.m. by the hotel's manager, who had found a "large amount of blood" outside one of the rooms, according to a criminal complaint in the

Investigators found Mr. Gribschaw in the room "covered in blood" with Ms. Anderson's "badly mutilated" body, according to police.

County detectives reviewed security camera footage from the inn and saw Ms. Anderson enter the room at 2:39 a.m. From that time to the arrival of first responders, no one other than Mr. Gribschaw was seen on the footage entering or leaving the room, police documents said.

Investigators said Mr. Gribschaw was bleeding from a cut on his left hand and was treated at a hospital. Doctors asked him about the injury and he told them he had been "choking" the woman, whom he described as his girlfriend, according to the criminal complaint.

Mr. Gribschaw was being held in the Allegheny County Jail on charges of homicide, abuse of a corpse and tampering with evidence.

CITY

3 people injured in South **Side shooting after fight**

Three people were injured on the South Side early Saturday in a shooting that, according to witnesses, occurred after a fight, Pittsburgh police said.

Responding to a report of snots fired in the 1700 block of East Carson Street about 2 a.m., officers "located a male with gunshot wounds to the chest and hip" and rendered aid until he could be taken to a hospital in critical condition, police

Police learned of two additional gunshot victims nearby while securing the scene: a man who was shot in the foot and another person whose thigh was grazed by a bullet.

The investigation was ongoing.

REGION

NWS: Boom across area might have been meteor

A boom that shook the South Hills and other parts of the region Saturday morning might have been a "meteor explosion," the National Weather Service's Pittsburgh office said.

Residents across Allegheny County said the boom was so strong that it rattled their houses about 11:30 a.m.

In a post to Twitter, the weather service shared modeling data indicating a "flash that was not associated with light-

No confirmation, but this is the most likely explanation at this time," they wrote of the possibility of an exploding meteor.

Allegheny County, in a statement shortly before 1 p.m., said at that point, officials had "no explanation for the reports," but that it was not related to seismic activity or thunder.

In response to someone on Twitter who shared data from a website that suggested it was an earthquake, the county's account noted that "The actual agencies and organizations that determine seismic activity said there has not been any.

Traffic watch

Highlights from major construction projects around Pittsburgh and surrounding areas this week

1. Saxonburg Road/Fawn, Harrison: Closed indefinitely between Route 908 and Freeport Road.

2. East Carson Street/Pittsburgh: Single-lane restrictions in both directions at various locations between the Smithfield Street Bridge and 33rd Street, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. through May. Parking and sidewalk restrictions will continue on East Carson Street be-tween Smithfield Street and 33rd Street around-the-clock

3. Noblestown Road/Oakdale, Pittsburgh: Closed between Hill and Gregg Station roads until further notice.

4. Way Hollow Road/Edgeworth, Sewickley Heights: Closed indefinitely between Woodland and Backbone roads. 5. Route 136/Elizabeth: Long-term closure between Route 51 in Forward and Long Hollow Road.

6. Fifth and Forbes corridor/Pittsburgh: Pittsburgh Water and Sewer Authority working on the Forbes and Fifth Water Main Replacement Project, Work to continue until spring. Traffic disruptions throughout the area.

7. Fallowfield Avenue/Pittsburgh: Closed through April from Hampshire Avenue to Broadway Avenue in Beechview for slope work.

8. Jones Avenue/Wilkins and Turtle Creek: Work to replace Thompson Run

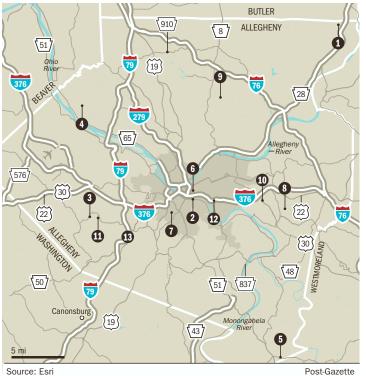
East Branch Bridge No. 2 has restarted. Northbound lane of Larimer Avenue to reopen in August and the new bridge will open in October.

9. Harts Run Road/Hampton: Slide-repair work has closed the road between Clearview Road and Fernwood Lane around-the-clock through mid-January. Detours posted.

10 Ardmore Boulevard/Forest Hills: Single-lane restrictions between Bevington Road and Kenmore Avenue, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. eastbound and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. westbound through early January. Crews conducting preliminary construc-tion activities in advance of an improvement project connecting routes 8 and 30 between Brinton Road in Wilkinsburg and Yost Boulevard in Forest Hills that will conclude in summer 2023. 11. Nike Site Road/Collier: Rehabilitation work on the bridge between Noblestown Road and Gregg Station Road will continue into 2022 because of problems discovered after the bridge deck was removed. Detours posted.

12 Parkway East/Pittsburgh: Lane restrictions westbound during daylight hours Monday through Wednesday at the Saline Street Bridge between Squirrel Hill/Homestead (Exit 74) and Oakland (Exit 73B) for maintenance

13. I-79/South Fayette, Collier, Bridgeville: Overnight lane restrictions in both directions beginning Tuesday night



between Alpine and Prestley roads through late January for drilling operations. Additionally, daylight shoulder restrictions will occur in the same area from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. through the end of January.

News Obituaries

DAN REEVES | Jan. 19, 1944 - Jan. 1, 2022

Former Dallas Cowboys running back coached 3 NFL teams

By Paul Newberry Associated Press

ATLANTA — Dan Reeves' talents off the field were recognized early on by Tom Lan-

Mr. Reeves was still suiting up for the Dallas Cowboys when Landry made him a player-coach.

Åt 37, Mr. Reeves landed his first head coaching job, pulled off a trade to acquire John Elway and built the Denver Broncos into a powerhouse that reached the Super Bowl three times in a four-year span.

At the final stop of nearly four uninterrupted decades in the NFL, Mr. Reeves guided the Atlanta Falcons to their first Super Bowl.

The only blemish on his record: four blowout losses in the big game.

Mr. Reeves, who did win a ring as a player with the Cowboys but will be remembered mostly for a long, largely successful coaching career marred by those four defeats, died Saturday in Atlanta of complications from dementia. He was 77.

Mr. Reeves was a versatile running back who played a kev role in the Cowbovs becoming an NFL powerhouse in the 1960s under Landry. But his own coaching career stretching over three teams and 23 seasons — is where he truly left his mark on the league.

Including a stint with the New York Giants, Mr. Reeves totaled 190 regular-season coaching victories — ninth most in NFL history. But he joined Marv Levy and Bud Grant as the only coaches to go 0-4 in the Super Bowl, with all of Mr. Reeves' losses by at least 15 points.

Even so, Mr. Elway called him "a winner" — words even more striking coming from a Hall of Famer whose bitter falling out with Mr. Reeves over offensive philosophy led to the coach being fired by the Broncos.

The football world lost a heckuva coach and man,'



said Mr. Elway, who now runs the football operations in Denver. "I owe a lot to him – He was instrumental in my career and growth as a quarterback. We were able to win a lot of football games together."

After taking over as Broncos coach in 1981, Mr. Reeves worked out a blockbuster trade to acquire Mr. Elway. The quarterback would become the centerpiece of a team that won three AFC titles, five AFC West crowns and earned six trips to the playoffs over the coach's 12year tenure.

But Denver never won it all under Mr. Reeves, losing 39-20 to the Giants in the 1987 Super Bowl, 42-10 to Washington in 1988, and 55-10 to the San Francisco 49ers in 1990 still the most lopsided loss in the game's history.

Despite those defeats and a bitter parting after the 1992 season, Mr. Reeves is remembered fondly in Denver, where the Broncos inducted him into their Ring of Honor in 2014.

'Coach Reeves set the foundation for the Broncos' decade of dominance in the 1980s and championship tradition for years to come," the team said in a statement.

Mr. Reeves' relationship with Mr. Elway deteriorated over the quarterback's desire to open up the offense. Believing that Mr. Elway and thenoffensive coordinator Mike Shanahan were working together to undermine his authority, Mr. Reeves fired Mr. Shanahan for insubordination after the 1991 season.

That only worsened the relationship with Mr. Elway, leading to Mr. Reeves' firing a year later.

"We may not have always seen eye to eye, but the bottom line is we won a lot of games together." Mr. Elway said in his statement. "Looking back, what I appreciate about Dan is how he gradually brought me along to help me reach my potential.

Mr. Reeves' supporters have pushed for him to be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. Fort Cherry High School graduate and University of Pittsburgh product Marty Schottenheimer is the only non-Hall of Fame coach with more wins than Mr. Reeves (200), but he never reached the Super

Mr. Grant (158) and Mr. Levy (143) never won a Super Bowl and had fewer wins than Mr. Reeves, but both have been inducted in Canton, Ohio.

Mr. Reeves took over the Giants in 1993 and led the team to the playoffs in his first season, his only postseason appearance in New York. He was fired after four seasons, but Giants co-owner and CEO John Mara remembered Mr. Reeves as "one of the finest men I have ever been around in this busi-

Mr. Reeves moved on to the Falcons, a homecoming of sorts for the Georgia na-

He brought a sense of professionalism to a team that had experienced little success for most of its history. It paid off in his second season when Mr. Reeves guided a rollicking team known as the "Dirty Birds" to a 14-2 record and their first Super Bowl.

After Mr. Reeves underwent emergency heart surgery, the Falcons beat the heavily favored Minnesota Vikings in an overtime thriller at the Metrodome to claim the NFC championship, prompting the coach to attempt the arm-flapping dance that star running back

Jamal Anderson and other players had made the team's trademark.

"My guy!" Mr. Anderson wrote on Twitter. "I am going to miss DR, a first class human, and a most excellent coach. My thoughts and prayers are with (his wife) Pam, his family. A family man first. Respect & love, RIP Coach Reeves!

Mr. Reeves again came up short of a championship, losing to Mr. Elway and the Broncos — now coached by Mr. Shanahan — 34-19.

Mr. Reeves engineered another huge trade that brought Michael Vick to the Falcons and made his final playoff appearance in 2002. Atlanta became the first road team to win a playoff game in Green Bay. But Vick was injured during the 2003 preseason. and Mr. Reeves was fired after the team won just three of its first 13 games.

He ended his coaching career — and 39 uninterrupted years in the NFL — with a record of 190-165-2. Counting his nine playoff appearances, his record was 201-174-2.

"I'm saddened to hear about the passing of my beloved Coach Dan Reeves," Vick wrote on Twitter. "He was a great husband, father and mentor to so many. I loved him like a father, and he will truly be missed.'

Mr. Reeves remained in Atlanta after his retirement, most notably serving as an adviser to Georgia State when it launched a football program that now plays in the Sun Belt Conference.

Former Giants running back Rodney Hampton praised Mr. Reeves for the way he was treated during their four years together in New York

"He taught us how to be men," Mr. Hampton said in a story on the team's website. "When I first got there, we used to always stay at hotels (the night before home games). He told us, 'You're grown men. You should know what to do to take care of yourself.' So when he got

there, we stayed at our own place, our own house.

Mr. Hampton rushed for 4,161 yards with Mr. Reeves as coach, even though the running back endured persistent knee issues.

"He took care of me," Mr. Hampton said. "He would understand that I can't lift all the weights, and I can't do all that running in practice. He would always say, 'Hey, you do what you got to do on Sundays, and I'll take care of you during the week.

Daniel Edward Reeves was born in Rome, Ga., but grew up in Americus, in the southwestern part of the state. He attended college at South Carolina, where he was a three-year starter at quarterback from 1962-64 and also played baseball.

Better known as a runner than a passer, Mr. Reeves was not drafted. He signed with the Cowboys, who initially wanted him to play safety but wound up moving him to running back.

Mr. Reeves emerged as one of the team's key players just as the Cowboys were establishing themselves as what became known as "America's Team.

He started all 14 games at halfback in 1966, leading the Cowbovs in rushing with 757 yards and eight touchdowns. Dallas made its first playoff appearance but lost to the Packers in a 34-27 shootout for the NFL championship, missing a chance to play in the first Super Bowl.

The following season, Mr. Reeves rushed for 603 yards and five TDs, again starting every game, as the Cowboys made another run to the playoffs. Again, they were thwarted by Green Bay one win shy of the Super Bowl, losing to the Packers on a touchdown in the closing seconds of the famed "Ice Bowl" at frigid Lambeau Field.

A knee injury in 1968 forced Mr. Reeves into a more limited role. Landry recognized his abilities off the field, asking Mr. Reeves to serve as a player-coach while runners such as Duane Thomas and Calvin Hill rose to prominence.

The Cowboys made their first Super Bowl during the 1970 season, losing to the Baltimore Colts. Dallas finally won the championship the following year with a 24-3 victory over the Miami Dolphins.

Mr. Reeves retired as a player after the 1972 season, becoming a full-time assistant on Landry's staff. Before heading to Denver, he took part in three more Super Bowls with the Cowboys, who won another title during the 1977 season.

As a head coach, Mr. Reeves was known for his gruff, no-nonsense approach and an offensive philosophy that favored a physical running game. But he had plenty of success with two of the game's most dynamic offensive players, Vick and Mr. Elway, defying those who labeled him as old-fashioned and out of

Mr. Reeves could be honest to a fault, such as when he spoke openly of the rift that led to his departure in Denver — and opened up a lot of old wounds — during the lead-up to the Falcons facing the Broncos in the 1999 Super Bowl.

"There's still a lot of hurt that won't ever go away," Mr. Reeves said. "You never will forget those things.'

But Mr. Reeves rarely held grudges, even with members of the media that he had clashed with. In his later years, he would gladly take phone calls to discuss the issues of the day, once joking when a reporter identified himself, "OK, what did I do wrong now?"

Mr. Reeves is survived by wife Pam, his high school sweetheart; children Dana, Lee and Laura; as well as grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. Funeral arrangements have vet to be an-

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New Year's Day bowls

SUNDAY

Arkansas runs past PSU

Razorbacks dominate third quarter against outmanned Nittany Lions



By Jason Mackey Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

TAMPA, Fla. — When the Penn State football team adjourned to its locker room at halftime of the Outback Bowl, things looked relatively promising. Its defense, depleted by opt-outs, had held Arkansas mostly in-check. Meanwhile, Jahan Dotson's decision to skip Saturday's game did not seem to hinder the offense as much as originally expected.

Unfortunately for the Nittany Lions, who were hoping to close their season on a positive note after dropping five of seven down the stretch, the Razorbacks found their game in the second half and used a dominant third quarter to power their way to a 24-10 victory

against Penn State at Raymond James Stadium.

The loss ended Penn State's season at 7-6 after the Nittany Lions lost a bowl game for the fourth time in their past six tries.

Pinpointing the difference here wasn't terribly difficult, as No. 22 Arkansas ran for 361 yards — the

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Julio Aguilar/Getty Images

Ouarterback KJ Jefferson ran for 110 yards, helping Arkansas pile up 353 in its Outback Bowl win against Penn State.



Twelve games. One field. One legacy. A lifetime of memories.

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ifteen years, Mike Tomlin was saying on Tuesday. "I've experienced 15 years of Hall of Fame-caliber play as it pertains to Ben."

A lot of us have been even luckier.

We've had the pleasure of watching Ben Roethlisberger play quarterback for the Steelers for 18 seasons.

It's hard to believe it's almost over.

Roethlisberger confirmed Thursday that he almost certainly will play his final game at Heinz Field Monday night against the Cleveland Browns. Wasn't it just yesterday that he joined the Steelers out of Miami (Ohio) as their No. 1 draft choice in 2004? Now he's about to retire?

Where does time go?

It seems appropriate Roethlisberger will play his final home game against the Browns. He has owned that team in Cleveland, where he has a 12-2-1 record, and at Heinz Field, where he has never lost a regular season game to them. He is 12-0 against the Browns as a starter at home, 13-0 if you count the game in 2015 when he came off the bench on a bad foot to relieve an injured Landry Jones and throw for 379 yards and three touchdowns.

Conveniently, we won't mention what happened at Heinz Field last January.

Roethlisberger has loved each of his wins against the Browns. He has never forgotten that they bypassed him — a hometown

kid from nearby Findlay, Ohio — in the 2004 draft when they took Miami (Florida) tight end Kellen Winslow with the No. 6 pick. He has been making them pay ever since for that franchise's worst personnel decision since it came back into the NFL in 1999.

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MONDAY NIGHT • STEELERS VS. BROWNS • 8:15 P.M. • HEINZ FIELD • TV: WTAE & ESPN

Slim playoff hopes likely hinge on stuffing Browns run game

By Ray Fittipaldo Plttsburgh Post-Gazette

It feels like the Steelers have been in must-win mode since Thanksgiving, given their penchant for hanging around the NFL's middle all season. For most of the past six weeks they've lived on the fringe of the AFC playoff picture, bouncing between in and out given the results of the previous week.

But now, after losing to Kansas City last week, the Steelers truly are in must-win mode. The jumbled AFC

playoff field is coming into clearer focus, and the Steelers will know by Sunday night what the stakes are in Monday night's game against the

If either the Ravens, Dolphins, Chargers or Raiders win on Sunday, the Steelers will be eliminated with a loss to the Browns.

'We've been treating every game like it's been an elimination game all year," linebacker T.J. Watt said

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Penguins return

Game: Penguins vs. San Jose Sharks, the Penguins first game since Dec. 19, PPG Paints Arena.

When: 1 p.m. Sunday. TV: AT&T SportsNet. Of note: The Penguins carry a seven-game winning streak into the game and have not lost since Nov. 29 in Calgary. They had five games postponed because of COVID. More, Page B-9

DeSmith likely to be in goal for first Penguins game since Dec. 19

By Matt Vensel Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

When the door to the bench swung open Saturday for the initial Penguins practice of 2022, Casey DeSmith was the first to step onto the PPG Paints Arena ice.

He would eventually be followed by John Marino, Mike Matheson and Dominik Simon — the latest Penguins to be cleared from the NHL's COVID-19 protocol. That means four of the nine players who went on the COVID list this past week will be available Sunday when the team plays host to the San Jose Sharks at the arena.

But Tristan Jarry is still sidelined after it was announced Monday that he had been placed on the COVID list. So DeSmith will start in goal against the Sharks.

"It's just business as usual next-man-up mentality," DeSmith said. "I'm always thrilled to get the

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A New Year's tradition

Wild and Blues deal with briutally cold weather at Target Field. Page B-8

No. 1 Baylor wins

Baylor outlasts No. 8 Iowa State in Big 12 battle of unbeatens. Page B-11

A difference-maker

John Madden forever changed the way America watches the NFL. Page B-3

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STEELERS: Join the Steelers-Browns ingame chat Monday. HIGH SCHOOLS: Basketball rankings are updated weekly.

AROUND THE LEAGUE

STANDINGS

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SCHEDULE

SUNDAY'S GAMES Atlanta at Ruffalo 1 n m

Atlanta at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at New England, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Cincinnati, 1 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Baltimore, 1 p.m.
Las Vegas at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Miami at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Philadelphia at Washington, 1 p.m.

x-clinched playoff spot; y-clinched division

Tampa Bay at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m.
Houston at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Arizona at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.
Carolina at New Orleans, 4:25 p.m.
Detroit at Seattle, 4:25 p.m.
Minnesota at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m.

MONDAY'S GAME

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

LOVE IT AND LIST IT

Andy Reid joins yet another exclusive NFL coaching club when the Chiefs take on the Bengals: Men to coach 400 NFL games. Leaders in games coached, including playoffs:

Coach	Games	W	L	T	Pct.
Don Shula	526	347	173	6	.665
George Halas	506	324	151	31	.671
Bill Belichick	474	320	154	0	.675
Tom Landry	454	270	178	6	.601
Andy Reid	399	249	149	1	.625

GAME-DAY NOTES

Facts, figures and storylines for Week 17:



game in the history of the Packers-Vikings rivalry was played Dec. 10, 1972, in -2 degree weather. Sunday night's low in Green

THE COLDEST

Bay, where the teams meet for the 123rd time (8:20 p.m., WPXI), is expected to reach 0.

WITH A WIN against Cincinnati (1 p.m., KDKA), the Chiefs would become the fifth team in NFL history to record at least 12 victories in four consecutive seasons.

THE MATCHUP between 44-yearold Tom Brady and 22-year-old Zach Wilson marks the largest age gap between starting quarterbacks since at least 1950 when the Buccaneers visit the Jets.

ON THE AGE thing, as a visiting QB vs. the Jets, Tom Brady might have more experience playing at MetLife Stadium than the majority of the Jets starting defense. Consider: He has been in the NFL for 22 seasons. The Jets starting defense has 29 years of NFL experience combined.



EVEN AS Ben Roethlisberger prepares to play what likely is his final home game after

18 seasons, life goes on. San Francisco rookie QB Trey Lance will make his first home start vs. Houston.

WITH FIVE receptions vs. Baltimore (1 p.m., WPGH), Rams WR Cooper Kupp would pass Julio Jones (136 in 2015) and Antonio Brown (136 in 2015) and move into third place on the NFL all-time single-season recep-



Zach Wilson Half Tom Brady's age

tions list. Michael Thomas holds the record with 149 in 2019.

GOING INTO their game vs. Arizona (4:25 p.m., WPGH), the Cowboys lead the NFL in scoring (30.5 ppg) and takeaways (33). Only five teams have led the league in each category since 1970, with three of them making

the Super Bowl and the 1971 Cowboys winning the title.

THE TITANS can clinch a second consecutive AFC

South title with either a victory or a Colts loss. A big thing? Tennessee hasn't won back-to-back division titles since the then-Houston Oilers won the first three Eastern Division

BEARS LB Robert Quinn needs one sack vs. the Giants to break Hall of Famer Richard Dent's club record of 17½ set in 1984

crowns in the AFL (1960-62).

JUSTIN HERBERT needs two touchdown passes vs. Denver to set a single-season team record. Philip Rivers threw 34 in 2008

Around the NFL

Ground game (yes, really) will be playoff path for some



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Quarterback Jalen Hurts has run for 740 yards and 10 touchdowns to highlight a changed mindset in Philadelphia.

Eagles, Colts headline group that has gone against the grain

By Josh Dubow The Associated Press

Relying on a big-play quarterback to carve up opposing defenses in the passing game remains the best path to offensive success in the modern NFL.

But for teams that don't have an accomplished passer like Aaron Rodgers, Tom Brady or Patrick Mahomes, sticking to the ground can also work.

"If you want to establish any type of dominance, especially in the trenches, I think it is necessary," San Francisco 49ers left tackle Trent Williams said. "You got to run the ball. You got to make your opponents respect that."

The 49ers are one of several teams with less-thanelite quarterbacks that have relied on the run to get into playoff contention, along with Indianapolis, Philadelphia and New England.

Perhaps no team has transformed as much as the Eagles, who flipped their script at midseason. They ran 39% of the time in the first seven weeks, then a league-high 61% over the past nine. That has coincided with a resurgence that has taken Philadelphia from 2-5 to 8-7 and playoff contention.

"I think you're always evolving and changing to make sure you're doing the best things for your players," Eagles coach Nick Sirianni said.

Running behind a powerful offensive line and using quarterback Jalen Hurts in the run game, the Eagles became the first team since the 1985 Bears to run for at least 175 yards in seven consecutive games.

The Colts, Titans, 49ers and Eagles rank in the top eight in the league in running on first and second downs in the first 28 minutes of the game, when the game situation doesn't dictate

strategy like it might later and on third downs. "It keeps the defensive line

out of rhythm," said Falcons quarterback Matt Ryan. "When they don't have the

chance to just pin their ears back and know it's going to be drop-back pass, it makes it more difficult for them when they've got to defend both. ... This league is about slowing down those guys on the other side of the ball and finding ways to do that."

The 49ers also turned their season around with a threegame stretch when they ran the ball at least 39 times each week. It started when coach Kyle Shanahan challenged his team to run the ball 40 times in a Week 10 game against the Rams that the 49ers won, 31-10.

San Francisco finished with 44 rushes thanks in part to the defense generating turnovers, efficient third-down passing from Jimmy Garoppolo, and a tone-setting opening 18-play drive that featured 14 runs.

"I don't want to say it took their soul away, but it definitely did something," Garoppolo said.

While that opening drive

may have set the tone, maintaining that approach all game is only possible when playing with a lead. Passing is still overall more efficient and necessary if teams are forced into catch-up mode.

Even as offense has regressed a bit this season, passing the ball on average still generates more yards, with teams averaging 6.26 yards per drop back compared to 4.31 per rush.

While the pass leads to more explosive plays that have a big influence on wins and losses, running the ball does bring other elements to the game.

"The data will tell you that you don't need a run game to play pass. You don't need that," Chargers coach Brandon Staley said. "But what the running game does for you, it brings a physical dimension to the football game. What the running game does that the passing game does not, is the running forces the defense to play block and to tackle."

But differentiating between runs and passes isn't as clear as it used to be with teams using more RPOs than ever, when the play call includes both a pass and run option and the quarterback determines which to do based on how the defense reacts at the snap.

The RPO percentage has risen from 6% in 2020 to 9.5% this season, according to Sportradar, with teams passing on about 45% of those plays.

"Because we have Jonathan Taylor and the offensive line we have, teams get very creative with run blitzes and in heavy boxes," Colts coach Frank Reich said. "So, one of the ways to combat that is formationally to do things, and another way is RPOs."

Taylor leads the NFL with 1,626 yards rushing and has the Colts in position to seize an AFC wild-card spot.

The run game has also been a major part of New England's resurgence with the Patriots running at a higher rate this season with rookie Mac Jones at quarterback than they did in any of Brady's last 12 seasons. That was never more evident than a 14-10 win three weeks ago in Buffalo when the Patriots threw only three times on a windy night and ran it 46 times for 222 yards.

Wentz out of protocol, could play Sunday

The Associated Press

The Indianapolis Colts activated quarterback Carson Wentz from the reserve/COVID-19 list Saturday and he should be able to start Sunday against Las Vegas.

Wentz, who is unvaccinated, must have a negative test Sunday to be allowed to play under new protocols adopted by the NFL and the players union this week. He went on the COVID-19 list Tuesday and was required to isolate for five days.

NFL notebook

Buccaneers

Tampa Bay (11-4) said Saturday that Bruce Arians will coach in the game at the New York Jets. Arians was in COVID-19 protocols earlier in the week.

Chiefs

Kansas City downgraded running back Clyde Edwards-Helaire to out of Sunday's game in Cincinnati. Edwards-Helaire hurt his shoulder in last weekend's romp over the Steelers. He did

not participate in practice this week and was listed as questionable on the final injury report before being downgraded Saturday. The Chiefs have clinched the AFC West Division but could earn the No. 1 seed. The Bengals can clinch the AFC North Division with a win.

Elsewhere

Dan Reeves, a former Dallas Cowboys halfback who, as a coach, guided teams to four Super Bowls, died Saturday at his home in Atlanta. He was 77. Obituary, Page A-23.

GERRY DULAC'S WEEK 17 FORECAST

LAST WEEK'S RECORD: 12-4 (.750) · SEASON RECORD: 144-95 (.603)

L.A. Rams (11-4) at Baltimore Ravens (8-7): 1 p.m. ... The Ravens once looked in control of the AFC North. But four consecutive losses have them on the brink of elimination. Conversely, the Rams are surging with four consecutive wins and have jumped past the Cardinals to lead the NFC West. Prediction: Rams, 31-30

Kansas City Chiefs (11-4) at Cincinnati Bengals (9-6): 1 p.m. ... The Chiefs have won eight in a row and are looking like a team that will make its third consecutive appearance in the Super Bowl. But beware the Bengals. They can throw it, they can run it and they can pressure the quarterback. **Prediction:** Bengals, 37-34

Atlanta Falcons (7-8) at Buffalo Bills (9-6): 1 p.m. ... The Bills have caught the Patriots in the AFC East and have an easier path to the division title. Don't discount them as a possible Super Bowl team. Speaking of believe it or not, the Falcons still have a shot at an NFC wild card. Prediction: Bills, 34-15

Las Vegas Raiders (8-7) at Indianapolis Colts (9-6): 1 p.m. ... The Raiders kept themselves in decent shape for a wild card with a victory vs. the Broncos, even though they are one of the most deficient point-producers in the league. That is not the case with the Colts. **Prediction:** Colts, 24-13

Miami Dolphins (8-7) at Tennessee Titans (10-5): 1 p.m. ... The Dolphins don't have an easy path to the postseason, not with this game and the season finale vs. the Patriots. Then again, they didn't have an easy path when they were 1-7, either. **Prediction:** Dolphins, 23-21

N.Y. Giants (4-11) at Chicago Bears (5-10): 1 p.m. ... Here's a rarity: an NFC game where neither team has any playoff possibilities. The Bears have a little momentum after Nick Foles brought them back from a 10-point deficit in Seattle. The Giants have little of either — momentum or a QB. Prediction: Bears, 28-13

Jacksonville Jaguars (2-13) at New England Patriots (9-6): 1 p.m. ... Jacksonville's latest shame game came just last week when it allowed the Jets — the Jets, mind you — to rush for 273 yards. I'm guessing Bill Belichick gives Josh McDaniels his best frog imitation and tells him, "Run it, run it." **Prediction:** Patriots, 34-0

Tampa Bay Buccaneers (11-4) at N.Y. (4-11): 1 p.m. ... The Buccaneers haven't allowed a TD in the past two games and are still hoping to claim the NFC's No. 1 seed. The schedule gives them a fighting chance with another game remaining vs. the team they hammered last week: Carolina. Prediction: Buccaneers, 30-13

Philadelphia Eagles (8-7) at Washington Football Team (6-9): 1 p.m. ... After three consecutive victories in which they won by an average of 31-15, the Eagles are in the playoffs as a wild card. Washington is still trying to lick its wounds after allowing 56 points to the Cowboys. Prediction: Eagles, 31-15

Deriver Broncos (7-8) at L.A. Chargers (8-7): 4:05 p.m. ... A loss to the Raiders damaged whatever playoff hopes the Broncos had. They can keep themselves breathing by beating the Chargers, who just suffered the second-most embarrassing loss in the NFL in 2021 — losing to the Texans. Prediction: Chargers, 27-20

Houston Texans (4-11) at San Francisco 49ers (8-7): 4:05 p.m. ... The Texans are coming off back-to-back victories in which they have averaged 35.5 points. Despite their loss in Tennessee, the 49ers remain one of the NFC wild-card teams. They should hold on to that for another week. **Prediction:** 49ers, 31-17

Arizona Cardinals (10-5) at Dallas Cowboys (11-4): 4:25 p.m. ... The Cardinals have tumbled from the NFC's No. 1 seed with three consecutive losses in which their offense has gone as dry as a desert cactus. The Cowboys are going the other way with four consecutive victories. **Prediction:** Cowboys, 34-24

Carolina Panthers (5-10) at New Orleans Saints (7-8): 4:25 p.m. ... Without their top two quarterbacks, all the Saints could manage with lan Book at QB was one measly field goal vs. Miami. At least the Panthers managed two field goals against the Buccaneers. **Prediction:** Saints, 9-6

Detroit Lions (2-12-1) at Seattle Seahawks (5-10): 4:25 p.m. ... If the Seahawks can blow a 10-point, fourth-quarter lead against the Bears at home, they are capable of losing to the Lions, as well. That's how they have declined this season, even with Russell Wilson back. **Prediction:** Seahawks, 23-16

Minnesota Vikings (7-8) at Green Bay Packers (12-3): 8:20 p.m. ... The Packers have won four in a row, are the league's only unbeaten at home (7-0) and have control of the NFC's No. 1 seed. That is not good news for the Vikings, who need even more help than just beating the Packers. **Prediction:** Packers, 30-20

Steelers will try to stuff Browns runs

STEELERS, FROM B-1

following Saturday's practice. "Obviously, we haven't been able to get the results that we've wanted. So it's not like we can try any harder. It's just finding ways to win games.

'Obviously, it's a huge game. I don't think it's a secret for either team. It's a must-win.'

The Steelers, according fivethirtyeight.com, enter Sunday's game with a 12% chance of making the playoffs. But as bleak as things seem at the moment they brighten considerably if they beat the Browns and the Ravens in the regular-season finale in Baltimore.

Their chances rise to 62% if that happens. And if the Raiders, Ravens, Chargers and Dolphins all lose Sunday, the Steelers will be in a winand-in scenario in Baltimore if they beat the Browns.

Of course, beating the Browns on Monday night largely hinges upon whether the Steelers can stop their

high-powered running game. The Browns enter the game with the NFL's thirdranked running game. And unlike the first matchup against the Steelers, the Browns will have Nick Chubb and Kareem Hunt as options in the backfield. In the meeting in Cleveland, Hunt missed due to an injury and it was Chubb's first game

back after an injury The Steelers, in their best performance against the run all season, held Chubb to 16 yards on 16 carries. They held the Browns to 96 yards total

on the ground. It was the last time the Steelers held an opponent to under 100 yards. The run defense has been in shambles ever since. They've allowed 200 yards three times in the past eight games and 150 yards to all but two oppo-

nents in that span. "It's one of those things where we haven't been able to stop the run so we feel like every week teams are going to try to run the ball," Watt said. "It's just a matter of how quickly and how effectively we can stop it so we can pin our ears back and get after the passer.

We've been singing the



Game: Steelers (7-7-1) vs. Cleveland Browns (7-8),

Heinz Field.

When: 8:15 p.m. Monday.

TV: ESPN & WTAE. Favored: Browns by 31/2. The skinny: Cleveland's Nick Chubb is third in the NFL in

rushing. The leaders: Player, team	Yards
Jonathan Taylor, Colts	1,626
Joe Mixon, Bengals	1,159
Nick Chubb, Browns	1,143
Dalvin Cook, Vikings	1,067
Naige Harris Steelers	98/

same song for a couple of weeks now. We have to stop the run game as soon as possible because it's gotten away from in a couple of games. It's not a good situation to be in as a defensive player if you

can't stop the run.' In the first game in Cleveland, the Browns had just 23 running attempts compared to 31 passing attempts. With Hunt back in the fold, the Steelers are expecting a

heavy dose of the run game. "I think Chubb is the best running back in the league, defensive coordinator Keith Butler said. "He does a great job of seeing. He's got great vision. He does a great job accelerating through holes when he sees the hole. It'll be a challenge for us, big time challenge for us.'

The Lions, Vikings and Titans have rushed for over 200 yards against the Steelers in recent weeks. Injuries have ravaged the Steelers front seven, but Watt said he feels confident that he and his teammates can have a repeat performance against the Browns.

"It's game plan and execu-n," Watt said. "Getting 11 hats to the ball at all times. When it comes to stopping the run, a lot of it is just guys defeating blocks and making plays. It sounds very simple, but at times it can be difficult. I feel confident this week we have it figured

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Steelers move to bolster depth at inside linebacker

By Ray Fittipaldo Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

With only three healthy inside linebackers on the 53man roster, the Steelers signed Tegray Scales off the Bengals practice squad and added him to the roster on Saturday.

Scales previously spent time with the Steelers and played in four games for them last season. He joins Robert Spillane, Marcus Allen and Ulysees Gilbert as the only healthy inside linebackers on the active roster.

Starters Joe Schobert and Devin Bush are on the COVID-19 list and reserve Buddy Johnson was ruled out on Saturday because of a foot injury.

Bush has been on the COVID list since Dec. 22. If he clears protocols he can return to the roster before Monday night's game against the Browns. Schobert theoretically could return under the new protocols, but he's more of a long shot given he went on the list on Friday

But if Bush and Schobert don't clear protocols, the Steelers likely will go with Spillane and some combination of Allen and Gilbert and perhaps Scales at the other

The Steelers did get some good news on the COVID front on Saturday, Defensive lineman Isaiah Buggs was

Steelers notebook

added back onto the active

Green questionable

Rookie center Kendrick Green was a limited participant in practice on Saturday and is officially listed as questionable with a calf injury. Green did not practice Thursday or Friday.

Green started the first 15 games at center. If he can't play, J.C. Hassenauer will replace him in the starting

Rookie punter Pressley Harvin is also listed as questionable. Harvin has been away from the team for a week after his father's death. Corliss Waitman will handle the punting duties again if Harvin does not play.

Freiermuth returns

Rookie tight end Pat Freiermuth, who missed the Chiefs game with a concussion, was a full participant in all three practices this week and is expected to return to the starting lineup.

Browns secondary

The Browns ruled out starting safeties John Johnson and Ronnie Harrison as well as slot corner Troy Hill. Defensive lineman Malik Jackson and running back Kareem Hunt are listed as questionable.

Remembering John Madden



John Madden worked for all four networks in his 30-year broadcasting career. But it was next to Pat Summerall, first with CBS and then for Fox, that he made his greatest impact.

Beloved Professor

A man who changed how NFL football came into our homes

By David Jones pennlive.com

The entertainment business is full of calculating executives with no sense for art or humor or craft.

They tell musicians to copy the million-seller they wrote for the last album and release it for the new one. They construct replica scripts of movies that sold out theatres and recruit the same stars to reprise their

They mold sportscasters around established personalities. That's how you get a business full of guys doing shticks.

Which makes the ascent of John Madden a generation ago from Super Bowl champion coach into the most beloved analyst in the history of televised sports all the more remarkable. He told the truth as he saw it, spiced with funny stories and metaphors and tangents and goofy sound effects.

Maybe by the end of a 30season broadcast career, it had become something of a stage act. But in the beginning, it was just an original man being himself. He coined phrasings without trying. He embodied a persona that was wholly his own. His technique wasn't one at all, but a stream of consciousness unburdened by others' instructions and bounded by nothing other than the limits of his curious mind.

John Madden wanted to be thought of as a coach first, foremost and always. He later introduced football to an entire worldwide generation who had no idea he had been one.

But his lasting impact on the game of football was as a teacher to the public, the greatest favorite professor televised sports has ever known.

When compared to the fabricated pretenders on sports television who followed him — yelling hot takes, attempting to "build brands" — you could probably rationalize that John Madden unleashed them all.

Madden might seem like an anachronism now in the age of ever more datasteeped and sober analysis. But he never was and never will be. He is best explained by the philosophy of his original career, as coach of Al Davis' band of outlaws and outcasts in Oakland:

These are the greatest athletes in the world. And if you take their creativity away from them by making them robotic, then they're going to play like robots. If you give them some freedom and individuality, then they can play the way they are.



It's possible that many younger viewers weren't even aware that John Madden won a Super Bowl as a coach

Madden wanted nothing but that from himself and everyone around him.

Matt Millen joined the Raiders the year after Madden retired. Still, the man hired by Al Davis as the youngest head coach in pro football at 32 in 1969 remained close to his old team. Madden loved Millen's style.

The two became close. Millen was eventually anointed as Madden's broadcast successor before quitting at his peak, just as Madden had as a coach, to take an ill-fitting job as Detroit Lions president and CEO. They kept in touch to the end, Millen calling him to chat before Christmas,

two weeks before his death. "He liked people," Millen said Wednesday. "He liked everyday people. He'd make observations about people and jobs: 'See that farmer over there? He's spreading manure on that field. Ever see a manure spreader?' And you'd say: 'Nooo.' "Millen laughed. "But he was just like that."

That curiosity about the world and appreciation for doing the best job at any job made his third career possi-- as a businessman. It was that inquisitive acumen that got him involved with a fledgling computer game company called Electronic Arts and eventually to lend his name to the greatest long-running video game franchise in historybut only after they developed the platform and wrote the code necessary to make it resemble real football.

That took two years. Many have heard the story of EA Sports founders Trip Hawkins and Don Traeger

pitching their game to Madden in 1987 with only seven players on a side. "Seven-onseven is not football," was his response. It took until 1989 before the first Madden game was introduced for the Apple 2 home computer. Several quantum leaps in graphics later. Madden has fended off different competitors and remains at the top of the genre.

But that's only the tip of Madden's business savvy. Only the beginning of an insatiable appetite to learn.

In a 1990 Sports Illustrated takeout, NFL writer Peter King told a story of his trip in the MaddenCruiser, the supremely appointed hus that Grevhound gave him so that he could ride across the country rather than fly — and avoid his claustrophobic aversion to spending hours in a metal tube at 35,000 feet. They were rolling from San Francisco to New York and passed through a field of wildflowers in Nebraska that Madden wanted to identify. He had just the book handy in the rolling bus: Wildflowers Across America. Turns out they were spotted knap-

And Madden loved to teach what he knew. Not to prove his knowledge, but to share it. Ted Shaker, a CBS Sports coordinating producer through much of the 1980s and 1990s, told me a story Thursday afternoon from his home in New York of how Madden fostered a love for gathering info throughout the network operation — photographers, producers, graphics person-

"He showed his joy in

being around the game. You looked forward to seeing

"So, it wasn't just John up there talking and then all of a sudden everyone knew what to do. He had meetings with the camera crews every week. And they learned from him what to look for, who to look for. Same with the videotape guys for replay. Same with the guys in the graphics trailer. He taught not just the viewing public the game, he taught his production team.

Shaker said Madden no less than revolutionized network coverage by suggesting that the entire CBS team meet in that week's city by midday Friday rather than Saturday. That way, he and everyone else involved in reporting the game could talk to personnel from the home team on Friday evening, then meet with the visiting team on Saturday when they arrived at the hotel.

'That all made the broadcast far more insightful, said Shaker.

Everyone went along with the extra day of prep because Madden spent time with everyone to get to know them personally, Shaker said:

"The crew loved him. He's one of the most important people in my life. His family got to know my family. He was friends with my wife."

And so, Madden forged personal connections that spawned long-running inside jokes. As in when Shaker and wife Sheryl had their first child, Madden conversationally asked the gender of the baby. For some neurolinguistic reason only Shaker knows, he blurted out: "Woman." Which sent Madden into convulsive laughter. For year after year, he'd then greet Shaker with the salutation about his young daughter: "How's the little woman?"

Madden finally retired from broadcasting 13 years ago after a career that spanned three decades and all four major networks CBS (1979-1993); FOX (1994-2001); ABC (2002-2005) and NBC (2006-2008). That's at once an unheard of sphere of influence and a confirmation of the executive mantra: copy what works. Most of those who hired him had no idea why John Madden connected with the public, only that because he did, he was a valuable commodity.

They're planning moments of silence in games across the NFL this weekend in his honor. Which is ironic enough in a way. The ones that need silencing are his imitators. They'll never understand.

BEN ROETHLISBERGER STATS AT HEINZ FIELD 32,496 Yards Passing 2,695

91-31 Win-Loss Record

4,138
Passes Thrown

98.6

Big Ben wrote Heinz Field legacy



Matt Freed/Post-Gazette

Christmas came just in time for Antonio Brown and the Steelers in 2016 — a 4-yard Ben Roethlisberger touchdown pass with nine seconds to play that pulled out a 31-27 win against the hated Ravens.

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Cleveland's loss definitely was Pittsburgh's gain.

Some of Roethlisberger's better wins at Heinz Field came against the Browns. He brought the Steelers back from a 21-9 halftime deficit in 2007, throwing two touchdown passes and — get this scoring on a 30-yard run. He had his first career 400yard passing game against them in 2009. He beat them in 2010 in his first game after his four-game NFL suspen-

The memories.

Roethlisberger has a 91-31 regular-season record at Heinz Field. It is almost impossible to narrow his top home performances to 10 or, in this case, 12. But I have tried. Somebody had to do it, right?

10. Tennessee • 2011

Playing on a sprained left foot, Roethlisberger threw five touchdown passes in a 38-17 win. His final scoring pass went to Mike Wallace, the 10th time they combined for a touchdown of at least 40

"He's an A-player," Tomlin said of Roethlisberger.

9. Kansas City • 2016

Roethlisberger threw touchdown passes on three of the Steelers' first six snaps and finished with five touchdown passes in a 43-14 win. It was his 40th consecutive game with at least one touchdown pass, a streak he would extend to 45 in 2017.

'When you've got a Hall of Fame quarterback, it looks good like that," Maurkice Pouncey said.

8. New England/ Philadelphia • 2004

Roethlisberger, then a rookie, outplayed Tom Brady in the first game to end the Patriots' 21-game winning streak, including playoffs, with a 34-20 win. He threw two touchdown passes to Plaxico Burress in the Steelers' 21point first quarter.

"You can't describe his effort," Hines Ward said. "He's earning a lot of respect on this team. The guys on this team are fighting hard for him.'

Roethlisberger was back at it the next week, leading the Steelers to a 27-3 win against the previously unbeaten Eagles. The Steelers became the only team in NFL history to beat unbeaten teams in consecutive weeks after each had won at least six games.

"He's remarkable," Eagles linebacker Mark Simoneau said of Roethlisberger. "Look at him on the field. He doesn't look like a rookie. He looks like a guy who's been around four or five years."

7. Baltimore • 2007

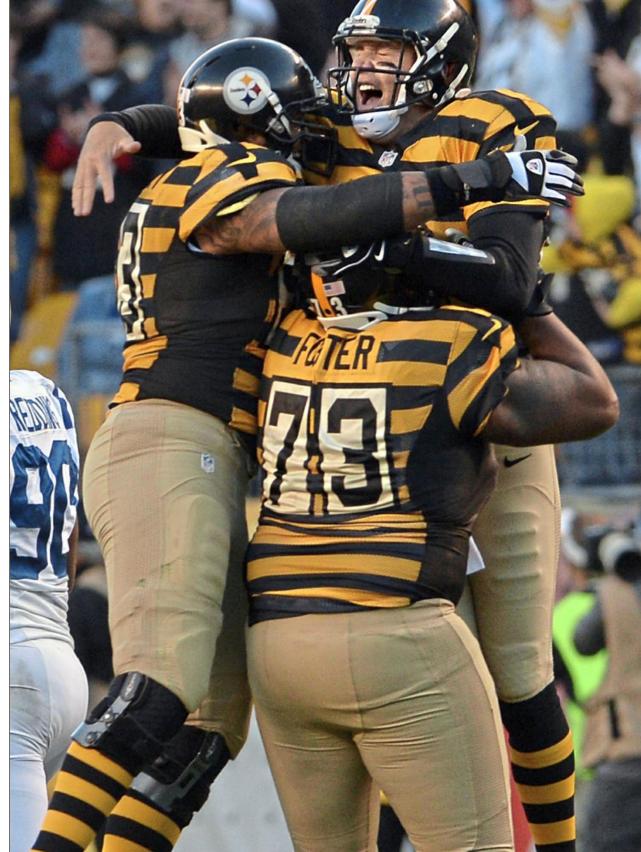
Roethlisberger threw five first-half touchdown passes and finished the Steelers' 38-7 rout with a perfect 158.3 passer rating. Tomlin, then in his first season as coach, was among the many impressed by Roethlisberger.

"He has all the physical talent. He's big. He's strong. He's mobile. He can make any throw on the field. He's a smart guy.

'He looks like the 11th pick in the draft. Those guys have all the physical skills. Then the question is: Do they have the intangibles? That's what I was interested in and that's what I've been impressed with thus far from him.'

6. Carolina • 2018

Roethlisberger threw five



Matt Freed/Post-Gazette

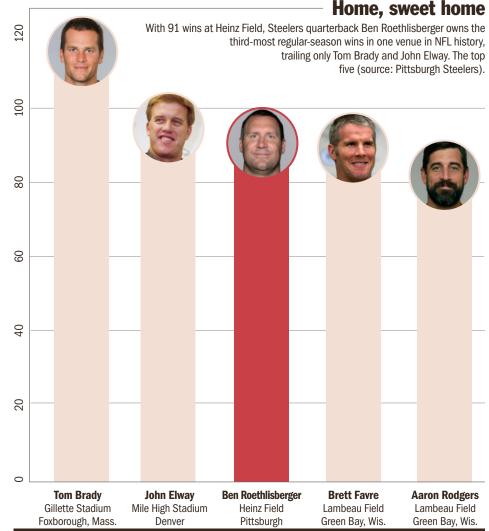
Over two Sundays in 2014, Roethlisberger had arguably the greatest stretch of quarterbacking in NFL history, throwing for 862 yards and 12 touchdowns in wins against the Colts and Ravens.

Smith-Schuster on the Steelers' first snap, in a 52-21 blowout. It was the sixth time he had at least five touchdown passes. He also had his fourth and most recent perfect 158.3 passer rating.

"He's pretty amazing," David DeCastro said. "It's been a lot of fun to play for him. I'll remember these games for a long time. A special player, a special team-



Roethlisberger and Plaxico Burress came together to help end the New England Patriots 21game winning streak on Halloween night in 2004.



Big Ben's 12 fantastic games at Heinz Field

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5. Baltimore • 2017

This 39-38 win meant as much to Roethlisberger as just about any in his career. Not so much because of his amazing statistics, including 506 passing yards. Not so much because of the way he brought the Steelers back from an 11-point deficit in the fourth quarter, throwing a 57yard pass to Antonio Brown to set up a touchdown and a 34yard pass to Brown to set up Chris Boswell's winning 46yard field goal. Not even so much because the Steelers clinched the AFC North title.

No, this game meant the world to Roethlisberger and the other Steelers because it came the week after Ryan Shazier's serious spinal-cord injury in Cincinnati.

We wanted to get this win for him," Roethlisberger said in the Steelers joyous locker room. "We were FaceTiming with him. There was a lot of hollering. We gave him the game ball."

4. Green Bay • 2009

Roethlisberger threw a 19yard touchdown pass to Wallace on the final play to give the Steelers a 37-36 win. Roethlisberger passed for 503 yards, becoming the first Steelers quarterback to reach that magic number. He has thrown for at least 500 yards in three games, an NFL record.

'You lose on a last-second play with a spectacular throw and catch, it's tough," Packers linebacker Clay Matthews

"That's just Ben," Wallace said. "That's all I can say. That's just Ben.'



This 19-yard pass to Mike Wallace gave the Steelers a last-second 37-36 win against Green Bay in 2009 and allowed Ben Roethlisberger to ecipse 500 yards passing in a game for the first time in his career.

3. Baltimore Playoffs •2010

The Steelers won the divisional playoff game, 31-24, and moved on to the AFC championship, thanks to Roethlisberger's 58-yard pass to Brown on a 3rd-and-19 play from the Steelers 38. Brown pinned the ball against his helmet to set up Rashard Mendenhall's winning touchdown. The Steelers came all the way back from a 21-7 halftime deficit, thanks to Roethlisberger touchdown passes to Heath Miller and Ward.

'Let's send him. Let's just chuck it deep," Roethlisberger said he told offensive coordinator Bruce Arians before the big play to Brown. "I just threw it as far as I could."

"He may not be Brady or all those other guys, but when I see him in the huddle, I know we've got a chance to win,' Ward said of Roethlisberger. "He's a proven winner. And history shows he's a proven winner against Baltimore."

2. Baltimore • 2016

Roethlisberger did the Ravens dirty again — on Christmas Day, no less — bringing the Steelers back from 20-10 and 27-24 deficits in the fourth quarter to win, 31-27, and clinch the AFC North. He overcame two earlier interceptions by throwing a 4vard touchdown pass to Brown with 9 seconds left. If Brown hadn't fought through tackle attempts by safety Eric Weddle and linebacker C.J. Mosley at the 1 and extend the ball over the goal line, time would have run out.

"It's pretty special the way we won it," Roethlisberger said. "Especially after feeling the way I felt at a certain point in that game and feeling like you let guys down and you blew it.

1. Indianapolis/ Baltimore • 2014

Two more terrific Roethlisberger performances in consecutive games.

Arguably, the best back-toback performances by a quarterback in NFL history.

Roethlisberger threw for 522 yards and six touchdowns in a 51-34 win against the Colts and 340 yards and six touchdowns in a 43-23 win against the Ravens. His 12 touchdown passes in consecutive games

broke the NFL record of 11 held by Tom Flores and

Roethlisberger was humble about all of it when he spoke to me in a quiet Heinz Field hallway after the Ravens game.

"I have no clue what's going on out on the field. I can't even tell you who scored the touchdowns tonight. You know me. I'm not a stats guy. I've never been a stats guy. All I care about is wins and Super Bowls....

"This is the ultimate team sport. I've told guys before: 'When you can score a touchdown on the football field by yourself, then you can celebrate and be that guy.' It's impossible to do. It's a team game. It's just fun for me to go out there and play ball with these guys.'

The best ball of Roethlisberger's Hall of Fame career,

Really, how lucky have we been to watch all of it?

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For The Record ...



Ben Roethlisberger's first career start at Heinz Field came on Oct. 3, 2004, vs. the Cincinnati Bengals. Some other firsts from that Sunday afternoon:

The Data

First play: Handoff to Duce Staley for 1 yard.

First pass attempt: Third play of opening drive, a 7-yard completion to Hines Ward.

First scoring drive: Five plays, 54 yards capped by a Jerome Bettis 2-yard touchdown run, 5:56 remaining first quarter. First touchdown pass: To Verron Haynes, 11 yards, 14:19 re-

First win: Steelers 28, Bengals 17.

First line: 17 for 25, 174 yards, 1 TD, 0 INT, 101.1 QBR.

The Commentary

maining second quarter.

t was just the kind of tight, divisional game where a young quarterback - making his first start at Heinz Field and trying to rally his team with only minutes remaining — might be expected to crumble under the pressure and make the wrong pass at the wrong time and cost his team a chance at victory.

And, sure enough, he did. But the quarterback in question wasn't, as some had feared. Ben Roethlisberger.



In a matchup yesterday of acclaimed first-round draft choices, it was Roethlisberger, the 11th selection of the 2004 draft, who kept his cool and the Cincinnati Bengals' Carson Palmer, the first selection of the 2003 draft, who did not.

When the pressure was the heaviest, when the game was there for the taking, Roethlisberger, in his second NFL start, coolly led his team on a 13-play, 89-yard touchdown drive that gave the Steelers the lead midway through the fourth quarter.

And when the pressure was heaviest on Palmer, who was trying to rally the Bengals from a four-point deficit in his fourth NFL start, he threw an interception to Troy Polamalu that was returned for a touchdown with little more than two minutes remaining that sealed a 28-17 Steelers victory.

And so it is that Roethlisberger continues to make a lie out of the belief of many that the Steelers would come apart without Tommy Maddox at quarterback and a rookie starting in his place. Roethlisberger is 2-0 as an NFL starter and nicely growing into

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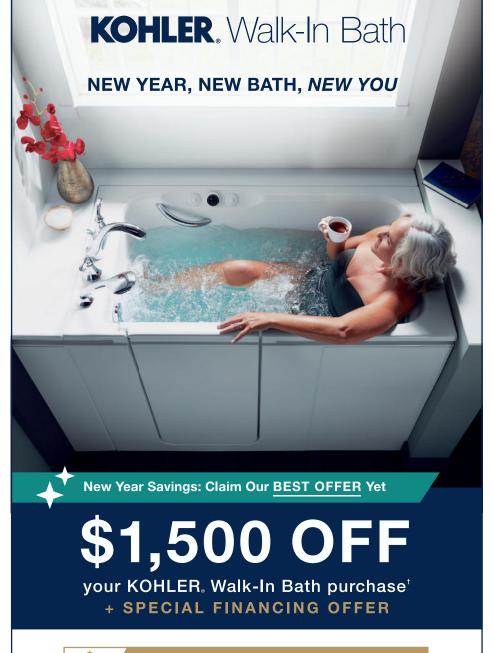
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College Football

CFP championship

Repeat or revenge? Rematch will decide

Alabama will try to defend title vs. Georgia team it routed to win SEC

By Tim Reynolds The Associated Press

Alabama has a chance to repeat. Georgia has a chance for revenge

The rematch is set, and it will decide the College Football Playoff national championship. After a pair of easy wins Friday night in the semifinals, the Crimson Tide and the Bulldogs — the only two teams to be ranked No. 1 in the AP Top 25 this season will meet again to decide the title Jan. 10 in Indianapo-

Alabama will be seeking a seventh national championship in the past 13 years under coach Nick Saban. Georgia is playing with hopes of claiming its first national

title since Herschel Walker led the Bulldogs to the title in the 1980 season.

"I think we're good enough," Georgia quarterback Stetson Bennett said in the din of the Orange Bowl postgame celebration. "Obviously, they're a great team. But we're going to enjoy this one tonight and start preparing for them tomorrow.

This matchup comes after Alabama had little trouble in what became a 41-24 win over Georgia in the SEC championship Dec. 4, costing the Bulldogs a chance at an undefeated season and giving the defending national champion Crimson Tide a trip back into the playoff mix.

Alabama needed that win. Weirdly, Georgia felt it

needed that loss.
"For our team, it was a wake-up call," Georgia offensive lineman Jamaree Salyer said that night. "I think we needed one. We got a wake-up call from a really good team. If we get a chance in the playoffs, I think that wake-up call

will help propel us forward." Oh, the Bulldogs were awake Friday night.

They blew out Michigan, 34-11, in the Orange Bowl, taking the field not long after Alabama had little trouble dismissing Cincinnati, 27-6, in the other CFP semifinal at the Cotton Bowl.

"To have another opportunity to play for a national championship ... it's like a dream come true," Alabama running back Brian Robinson Jr. said after the Cotton

Predictably, the Tide didn't do much talking about Georgia following their win.

Most teams would never go down that road, talking about an opponent in tournament play before the next matchup is actually set. But Georgia, playing the later game on Friday, probably could have let Alabama begin entering its thoughts probably somewhere around halftime when the Bulldogs had a 27-3 lead over the Wolverines.

"We've got a lot of things to fix," Georgia coach Kirby Smart said after the Orange Bowl. "We got to fix some of them over the break. They got about a five-, six-hour head start on us. We've got to get back and get to work for what is a really good football team."

With all due respect to Michigan, by then, it was clear: The All-SEC rematch was happening. The first CFP title game saw Ohio State defeating Oregon. All seven editions since have featured at least one SEC team — Alabama six times, LSU once and now Georgia twice.

"Well, the team has an opportunity to win the national championship," Saban said Saturday in an appearance on ESPN's "College on ESPN's "College GameDay." "So you expect to play a good team.'

Alabama has gone 3-2 in its previous CFP title game appearances, alternating wins and losses every time. Nobody in the CFP era has won back-to-back titles; Alabama is 0-2 in its opportunities to do

Georgia can only hope the trend continues.

Not only is this an SEC title game rematch, but it's also a rematch of the best — or at least, closest and arguably most dramatic — title game of the CFP era, now in its eighth season.

Alabama and Georgia played for the CFP crown in Atlanta to close the 2017 campaign. Georgia led 13-0 at the half, but Tua Tagovailoa came off the bench and threw a game-ending 41-yard touchdown pass to DeVonta Smith that capped the Tide's 26-23 overtime win.

The title game has been nothing but routs since: Clemson beating Alabama, 44-16, LSU beating Clemson, 44-25, Alabama beating Ohio State, 52-24, last season.

Oddsmakers don't expect a blowout this time around: Georgia was quickly established as a 2½-point favorite over Alabama by FanDuel Sportsbook, that line being set before the Bulldogs-Michigan game had even gone fi-

"We think we play in the greatest conference in the world," Smart said. "We've got an opportunity to play a really good football team in Indianapolis."



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most for any team against Penn State this season — with 256 of those coming after halftime. In the third quarter alone, the Razorbacks scored 17 points, piled up 10 first downs (nine rushing) and leveraged a bunch of zone-reads by quarterback KJ Jefferson to crank out 176 rushing

"It was tough," defensive end Nick Tarburton said, shaking his head. "They ran a great scheme. The zone-read

Deciphering how the Razorbacks outmuscled the Nittany Lions on Saturday was equally as simple as explaining why it all happened and it was bigger than just schematics, although credit to Arkansas for sticking to what

No college football team in the country had been hit harder than Penn State when it came to bowl opt-outs, including five starters on defense. Brandon Smith, Ellis Brooks, Jaquan Brisker, Arnold Ebiketie and Derrick Tangelo had all made announcements on social media leading up to the game, plus Dotson on the other side of the

Another problem surfaced during warm-ups when cornerback Tariq Castro-Fields was out of uniform, meaning Penn State's defense would try and challenge the 12th-best running team in the country with six starters out.

Opportunity was plentiful for younger players on Penn State's roster, but so were soft spots and fatigue, with Arkansas leaning hard on that zoneread and also wearing down a bunch of well-intentioned underclassmen who simply weren't used to playing this

While it was encouraging that defensive end Smith Vilbert came out of nowhere to notch three sacks—matching his tackle total for the entire season — and Ji'Ayir Brown picked off a pair of passes, the Nittany Lions couldn't sustain the success they experienced in the first half.

"Obviously we had a depth situation," coach James Franklin said. "We had a bunch of guys who played a bunch of football [Saturday] who really hadn't played a bunch of football all year

Arkansas wound up averaging 6.2 yards per carry and centered its attack around the mobile Jefferson, who drew a few Cam Newton comparisons from Penn State players this week. Jefferson had a team-high 110 on 20 carries, plus a touchdown. Dominique Johnson added 85 on 11. Raheim Sanders ran 13 times for 79 yards and a pair of scores.

The rushing total ranked second in Outback Bowl history (Wisconsin, 400 in 2015).

They had too many rushing yards," linebacker Jesse Luketa said. "That's the area we need to be better."

Picking apart Saturday's game on face-value could certainly lead to some frustrating stuff for Nittany Lions fans.

Again the running game was an issue, where Penn State totaled just 125 yards although that does qualify as an improvement over the regular season (106.4 yards per game). No running back reached 100 yards.

The oddest part of Penn State's rushing attack might have been this: Keyvone Lee picked up 25 yards to start a second-quarter drive but carried the ball just once more early in the fourth quarter, as Penn State tried to get back into the game.

Franklin Moreover, seemed ... well, not pleased that the offense got away from Lee or others having success.

"We need to run the ball more consistently," Franklin said. "There's no doubt about that."

Penn State had a 10-7 lead at halftime, the Nittany Lions scoring their touchdown when Sean Clifford found a wide-open KeAndre Lambert-Smith in the end zone. But Arkansas' 17-point third quarter was the difference, with Jefferson scoring from 8 yards at 12:42 and Sanders scoring from 1 yard after an Arkansas field goal.

Clifford, who left with an injury in the fourth quarter, bought time with his legs and gave a gutsy effort, but was also a tick off on several throws, including an interception at the Arkansas 10 early in the fourth quarter that

The drive was oddly symbolic of the afternoon where Penn State enjoyed a few positive signs, with young guys stepping into prominent roles and doing OK, but ultimately Arkansas proved to be too tough of a test.

"It was a big learning experience for everybody," said Parker Washington, who had seven catches for 98 yards while stepping up to replace Dotson. "We have to take any momentum we have from this game, fix our mistakes and build off of that.





Chris O'Meara/Associated Press photos

Penn State's Parker Washington makes a one-handed catch, beating the coverage of Arkansas defender Greg Brooks Jr. Saturday in the Outback Bowl in Tampa, Fla.

Defensive end stands out in first start

By Andrew Destin Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

TAMPA, Fla. — Smith Vilbert is no stranger to unexpectedly bursting on the

Penn State's redshirt sophomore defensive end tied an Outback Bowl record with three first-half sacks in the Nittany Lions' 24-10 loss to Arkansas on Saturday afternoon. Based on the impressive showing from his first career start, one might conclude the 6-foot-6, 263pounder is a seasoned pass

Yet Vilbert's athletic background is in basketball - he's only been competing on the gridiron since his junior year at St. Joseph's Regional High School in New Jersey. Before sparring with the Razorbacks, Vilbert had racked up just four tackles in two years as a Nittany Lion.

With defensive linemen like Arnold Ebiketie and Derrick Tangelo having declared for the NFL draft, Vilbert was quickly pressed into a more significant role.

'He was just so locked in," fellow defensive end Nick Tarburton said. "He knew he had an opportunity this week. He took to it, did ev-

erything he could. During Vilbert's earlier days with the program, he frequently leaned upon Tarburton to help break down plays and make them easier to understand. Though basketball guided the for the Monsey, N.Y., native early in his college career by gifting



Penn State's defense had Arkansas quarterback KJ Jefferson on the run through much of the first half Saturday.

him with his agility, he quickly learned he'd need more than athleticism to compete in the Big Ten.

In addition to Tarburton, graduate assistant and former defensive lineman Deion Barnes has served as a guiding presence.

"[Barnes] has helped my game tremendously with hand coordination, how to set tackles up and stuff like that," Vilbert said. "He's been a truly inspiring

Though Saturday's spectacle was the first time Penn State fans got to see what Vilbert is capable of first-hand, linebacker Curtis Jacobs is used to seeing the former three-star recruit show out in practice. Following Wednesday's practice. Jacobs referenced how Vilbert was somebody he was excited to see step up in an enhanced

While Penn State dropped to 7-6 on the season with the loss, all in attendance and watching at home got a glimpse of what Jacobs frequently witnesses.

"He's obviously a physical, fast guy, quick, twitchy," Jacobs said. "He's obviously tall, lengthy. That really works to his favor."

Vilbert may have had a record-setting first half, but the final 30 minutes were less fruitful for him and the Nittany Lions defense. After bringing down Arkansas quarterback KJ Jefferson three times in the opening two quarters, the Outback Bowl MVP would have the last laugh, rushing for more than 100 yards and a

touchdown.

"I ain't ever seen a quarterback like that," Vilbert said of the 6-foot-3, 245-pound Jefferson. "His size and speed at the same time, he was a unique type of player.'

Regardless of Vilbert's quiet second half, coach James Franklin is optimistic about what he saw from the edge rusher. Barring another transfer injecting himself into defensive line coach John Scott Jr.'s group as Ebiketie did with his arrival from Temple, Vilbert has as good of an opportunity to continue starting for Penn State in 2022 as any Nittany

At the very least, Vilbert helped his cause with his takedowns of Jefferson.

"Obviously, that's promising for our future," Franklin said. "It's going to be really, really important that he continues to grow and continues to develop.'

Hybrid defensive lineman and linebacker Jesse Luketa, who announced after the Outback Bowl's conclusion that he had declared for the NFL draft, has high hopes Vilbert can carry the torch.

'This is exactly who [Vilbert] is going to be moving forward," Luketa said. "He's an extremely talented player. I'm excited he's been able to come into himself and display that. He can be as dominant as anyone in the country.

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College Football

New Year's Day bowls

Buckeyes soar to aerial highs

QB-WR combo breaks records in win vs. Utah

By Greg Beacham
The Associated Press

PASADENA, Calif. — C.J. Stroud and Jaxon Smith-Njigba put on a passing performance that obliterated a multitude of records during one of the biggest offensive days in Ohio State's storied history.

The Buckeyes still barely did enough to hold off resilient Utah and its backup quarterback in one spectacular Rose Bowl Game.

Stroud capped his recordsetting offensive day by leading a 56-yard drive ending in Noah Ruggles' 19-yard field goal with nine seconds to play, and No. 7-ranked Ohio State beat No. 10 Utah, 48-45, Saturday night in the wild 108th edition of the Rose Bowl.

Stroud passed for a school-record 573 yards and a record-tying six touchdowns for the Buckeyes (11-2), who won the Granddaddy of Them All for the second time in four years while toppling one long-standing offensive record after another. Stroud's yards passing and touchdowns both are Rose Bowl records, and he finished 3 yards shy of the record for yards passing in any bowl game.

Jaxon Smith-Njigba set the record for any FBS bowl game with 347 yards receiving while catching a school-record 15 passes and scoring three touchdowns. Marvin Harrison Jr. also caught three touchdown passes for the Buckeyes, who set a Rose Bowl and school bowl record with 683 total yards.

"It's emotional for me," said Stroud, from nearby Rancho Cucamonga. "It's like I'm dreaming right now. I was able to come home and win the Rose Bowl like this."

Ohio State still had to rally from 10 points down late in the third quarter to get past the Pac-12 champion Utes (10-4), who got off to an electrifying start in their school's first trip to the Rose Bowl. They even stayed competitive after star quarterback Cameron Rising went down with an injury while getting sacked with 9.56 to play.

The Utes had to turn to backup Bryson Barnes, who grew up on a pig farm in central Utah and had never thrown a collegiate pass, but he led the Utes on a tying drive capped by a 15-yard touchdown pass to Dalton Kincaid with 1:54 left.

Stroud coolly drove the Buckeyes back downfield in the waning seconds, and Ruggles hit his easy field goal. Ohio State kicked off to Britain Covey, who already had a 97-yard kickoff return for a touchdown earlier, but the Buckeyes smothered his cutback as time ran out.

"All we needed was 30 more seconds, if that," Barnes said. "Get down the field, tie it and head to OT. But we didn't get enough time. ... We've been through the lowest of lows and highest of highs, but we made Utah football history to-



Sean M. Haffey/Getty Images guarter of the Buckeyes 41

Ohio State's Jaxon Smith-Njigba pulls in his third touchdown pass of the game late in the fourth quarter of the Buckeyes 41-38 win in the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. Smith-Njigba finished with 15 receptions for an FBS all-bowls record 347 yards.

Roundup

Oklahoma State squeaks by Irish

Notre Dame QB Coan throws for over 500 yards

The Associated Press

A promising young coach, a souped-up passing game and a couple of turnover gifts from Oklahoma State's offense weren't enough to end Notre Dame's January misery. The Irish built a 21-point lead in the first half of the Fiesta Bowl only to watch it slowly evaporate in a 37-35 loss to Oklahoma State Saturday at State Farm Stadium in Glendale, Ariz. Notre Dame has lost 11 of its past 12 postseason games played in January dating to 1995.

The fifth-ranked Irish (11-2) couldn't get the win in Marcus Freeman's head coaching debut despite a huge day from senior Jack Coan, who threw for a career-high and Fiesta Bowlrecord 509 yards and five touchdowns in his final game. The big numbers were overshadowed by two fruitless offensive drives in the fourth quarter after a pair of Oklahoma State turnovers.

"At the end of the day, we didn't execute when it mattered most," Freeman said.

Coan was nearly flawless in the first half with 342 yards passing and four touchdowns but the production waned after halftime. No. 9 Oklahoma State



Associated Press

Oklahoma State's Jaden Bray has just enough to get past Notre Dame's Jack Kiser to score a touchdown Saturday in the Fiesta Bowl in Glendale, Ariz.

certainly gave the Irish a couple juicy opportunities.

Trailing, 34-28, Notre Dame got a huge break when Cowboys receiver Brennan Presley fumbled at the 1-yard line early in the fourth quarter, which the Irish recovered in the end zone for a touchback. The Notre Dame offense was driving after the momentum swing, but Oklahoma State's Malcolm Rodriguez intercepted Coan's pass, squashing the potential go-ahead drive.

Coan said Oklahoma

State's defense — which came into the game at No. 3 in total defense in the nation — simply played better after the break.

Other game

Citrus: Chris Rodriguez scored on a 6-yard touchdown with 1:48 to play and Kentucky rallied in the fourth quarter to beat lowa in Orlando, Fla. Kentucky (10-3) was forced to rally after blowing a 10-point lead in the second half. Wan'Dale Robinson set up the winning score when he caught a 52-yard pass from Will Levis to get to the 1. DeAndre Square intercepted Spencer Petras' pass with 48 seconds to seal it. Iowa finished

District bowl summary

ARK—Sanders 3 run (Little kick), :00.

Second Quarter

PSU Lambort Smith 42 page

PSU–Lambert-Smith 42 pass from S.Clifford (Pinegar kick), 10:53. PSU–FG Pinegar 33, 5:19.

Third Quarter

ARK—Jefferson 8 run (Little kick), 12:42. ARK—FG Little 36, 6:29. ARK—Sanders 1 run (Little kick), 2:08.

	TEAM STATISTICS	
PSU		ARK
18	First downs	25
323	Total Net Yards	451
28-125	Rushes-yards	58-353
198	Passing	98
2-23	Punt Returns	1-8
0-0	Kickoff Returns	0-0
2-0	Interceptions Ret	2-0
15-35-2	Comp-Att-Int	14-20-2
2-23	Sacked-Yards Lost	5-24
5-39.4	Punts	5-44.4
1-0	Fumbles-Lost	2-0
3-10	Penalties-Yards	6-40
24:13	Time of Possession	35:47
3-10	Penalties-Yards	6-40

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING-Penn St., S.Clifford 12-46, Lee 4-35, Cain 5-28, Washington 2-12, Ford 1-4, Veilleux 2-3, (Team) 2-(minus 3). Arkansas, Jefferson 20-110, Sanders 13-79, DJohnson 11-77, Hornsby 4-67, Green 4-26, Smith 2-6, Warren 2-(minus 6), (Team) 2-(minus 6)

PASSING—Penn St., S.Clifford 14-32-2-195, Veilleux 1-2-0-3, Stout 0-1-0-0. Arkansas, Jefferson 14-19-1-98, Thompson 0-1-1-0.

RECEIVING—Penn St., Washington 7-98, Lambert-Smith 3-74, Cain 2-12, Lee 1-15, Warren 1-0, Strange 1-(minus 1). Arkansas, Warren 3-33, Morris 3-32, Stephens 3-5, Knox 2-11, Thompson 1-12, Kern 1-8, DJohnson 1-(minus 3) MISSED FIELD GOALS—Penn St., Pinegar

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The conferences

Record by conference for the 2021-22 bowl season:

Conference	W-L	Pct.
Mountain West	5-1	.833
American	3-1	.750
Sun Belt	3-1	.750
Big Ten	6-4	.600
Big 12	3-2	.600
Southeastern	5-5	.500
Conference USA	3-5	.375
Mid-American	3-5	.375
Atlantic Coast	2-4	.333
Pacific-12	0-5	.000

Top performers

Individual bowl standouts for the 2021-22 bowl season:

➤ Passing

Player, team	Yards		
C.J. Stroud, Ohio State	573		
Aidan O'Connell, Purdue	534		
Jack Coan, Notre Dame	509		
Bailey Zappe, W. Kentucky	422		
Hendon Hooker, Tennessee	378		

➤ Rushing Player, team

Player, team	Yards
Brian Robinson, Alabama	204
Levi Williams, Wyoming	200
Tyler Allegeier, BYU	192
DeWayne McBride, UAB	183
Kevin Harris, South Carolina	182

➤ Receiving

Player, team	Yards
Jaxon Smith-Njigba, Ohio State	347
Broc Thompson, Purdue	217
Jerreth Sterns, W. Kentucky	184
Jesse Matthews, San Diego Stat	e 175
Brandon Lewis, Air Force	172

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Penn State lands 4-star recruit from Md.

From local and wire dispatches

Penn State ended 2021 with a bang on the recruiting trail, picking up a four-star recruit from Good Counsel (Md.) in Neeo Avery, who announced his commitment a little after 7 p.m. Friday via Instagram Live.

Avery is ranked No. 208 in 247Sports' composite rankings, No. 3 in Maryland. He also had offers from Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan State, Mississippi and Pitt, per ESPN's recruiting profile of Avery.

Penn State now has six players in its Class of 2023, headlined by Broad Rum (Va.) offensive lineman Alex Birchmeier, who's a five-star recruit and ranked 32nd in the class by 247Sports. That outlet ranks Penn State's 2023 class

Notebook

fourth in the country and No. 1 in the Big Ten.

Where Avery (6 feet 5, 230 pounds) plays should be interesting, as he bounced around quite a bit for Good Counsel, which plays in the highly competitive WCAC around Washington, D.C.

North Carolina

Quarterback Sam Howell is forgoing his senior season to enter the NFL draft. Howell's decision was not surprising, but he made it official Saturday. He is considered a potential first-round draft pick.

Utah

Pac-12 champion Utah played Saturday in the Rose Bowl — but was honored Friday night at the Orange Bowl, where No. 2 Michigan faced No. 3 Georgia. The Orange Bowl and the Football Writers Association of America combine to present an annual Courage Award, which this year went to the Utes in tribute to how the team fought through the deaths of players Ty Jordan and Aaron Lowe.

The award, now in its 20th season, has been presented to teams twice previously: Tulane in 2005 and Connecticut in 2009.

Jordan led all freshmen in rushing yards per game last season before his death Dec. 26, 2020 in what police have concluded was an accidental shooting. He wore No. 22 for Utah; Lowe, as a tribute to his friend, changed his number from 2 to 22. Lowe died Sept. 26, the victim of a shooting at a house party.



Around the NHL

Blues sizzle in second despite record chill

Below-0 temperature was a first for NHL in 33 outdoor games

By Dave Campbell The Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Jordan Kyrou had two goals and two assists in a five-goal second period for St. Louis, and the Blues cruised through the coldest outdoor game in NHL history to beat the host Minnesota Wild, 6-4, Saturday night in the Winter Classic at Target Field.

The official faceoff temperature was minus-5.7 degrees, the first of 33 outdoor games the league has played with a temperature below 0.

David Perron got the Blues on the board in the first period. Vladimir Tarasenko, Ivan Barbashev and Torey Krug joined Kyrou by scoring in the second, and Robert Thomas pitched in with two assists. Jordan Binnington made 29 saves for the Blues, who are 11-1-2 in their past 14 games against the rival Wild.

Kirill Kaprizov had a goal and two assists and Ryan Hartman had a goal and an assist for the Wild, who trailed 6-2 at the second intermission and benched goalie Cam Talbot after 22 saves in two periods in favor of Kaapo Kahkonen

Rem Pitlick and Kevin Fiala also scored for the Wild, who pulled within 6-4 on Fiala's 6-on-5 goal with 5:38 remaining after Kahkonen was pulled for the extra skater.

Talbot, who posted an outdoor shutout for Edmonton in the Heritage Classic in 2016, wore a forest green stocking cap on top of his mask to match Minnesota's jerseys. He didn't have much

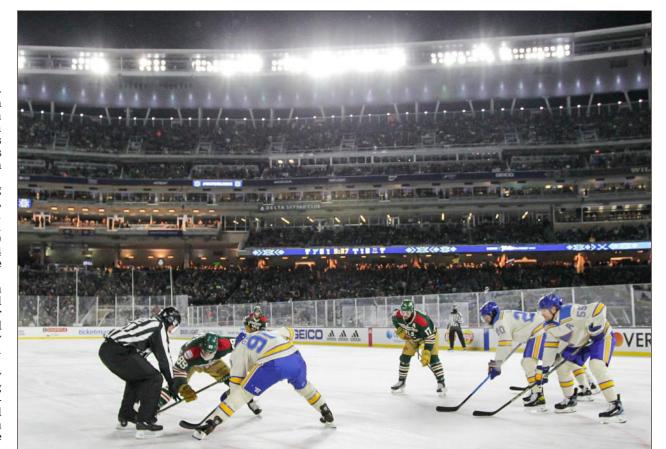
The Wild were missing their two best defensemen, captain Jared Spurgeon (lower-body injury) and Jonas Brodin (COVID-19 protocols), and allowed 14 shots on goal in each of the first two periods.

Due to virus outbreaks on other teams, the Wild had four games postponed over the past three weeks and had not played in 12 days. They have allowed 22 goals in their past four games.

The Blues were naturally the sharper team, having beaten Edmonton, 4-2, Wednesday behind a goal and two assists from Kyrou in his return from a four-game absence due to an upperbody injury.

Perron deposited a rebound past Talbot's blocker with 5:31 left in the first period after Ryan O'Reilly's shot deflected off the skate of Wild defenseman Jon Mer-

Kaprizov tied the score 25 seconds later by banking the puck off Blues defenseman Niko Mikkola's skate, but Kyrou put St. Louis in front for good 27 seconds into the second period on yet another bad-bounce goal that



David Berding/Getty Images

The St. Louis Blues and Minnesota Wild played in historically cold temperatures in this season's Winter Classic Saturday night at Target Field in Minneapolis. The temperature was minus-5.7 degrees at gametime.

glanced off Hartman. Kyrou's four points are the most in 13 editions of the Winter Classic, the outdoor event the NHL made for TV on New Year's Day.

Pitlick added to the highlight reel with his behindthe-net shot that clinked off the side of Binnington's mask to cut the lead to 5-2

late in the second period.

Dressed for success

The Blues left their hotel looking as though they were off to the beach, with players walking to their bus in shorts, Hawaiian shirts and flip-flops. Defenseman Marco Scandella carried a cooler in one hand and a cup

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4. Toronto, Nylander 14 (Dermott, Ker-

5. Toronto, Mikheyev 2 (Kase, Spezza)

6. Toronto, Nylander 15 (Tavares, San-

Penalties - Batherson Ott (high-stick-

ing) 13:43; Holl Tor (roughing) 18:23.

Goal — Ottawa: Murray (L, 0-6-0). To-

ronto: Campbell (W, 16-5-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Ottawa:

Referees - Reid Anderson, Eric Furlatt.

Linesmen — Michel Cormier, Scott

Attendance — 989 at Toronto

ST. LOUIS 6, MINNESOTA 4

1. St. Louis, Perron 8 (O'Reilly, Scan-

2. Minnesota, Kaprizov 13 (Hartman)

Penalties — Binnington StL (tripping) 11:38; Brown StL (tripping) 15:36; Kuli-

3. St. Louis, Kyrou 11 (unassisted) 0:27. 4. St. Louis, Tarasenko 14 (Kyrou,

5. St. Louis, Barbashev 12 (Kyrou, Buch-

6. St. Louis, Kyrou 12 (Thomas) 17:58. 7. Minnesota, Pitlick 6 (Rask, Bjugstad)

8. St. Louis, Krug 5 (Barbashev) 19:19.

Penalties — Mikkola StL (interference)

9. Minnesota, Hartman 15 (Zuccarello,

10. Minnesota, Fiala 7 (Kaprizov, Goli-

Penalties — Pitlick Minn (tripping) 3:15; Parayko StL (elbowing) 12:04.

Referees - Chris Rooney, Chris Lee.

Attendance - 38,619 at Minnesota.

Linesmen - Ryan Galloway, Kiel Mur-

6 9 18 -33

9:03; Sturm Minn (slashing) 12:47.

kov Minn (interference) 15:54.

Second Period

foot) 13:41.

14:42 (pp).

din) 17:14.

Toronto

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First Period

della) 14:29.

Second Period

Thomas) 8:55.

Kaprizov) 8:40.

Shots on goal by

goski) 14:22.

St. Louis

18:38.

nevich) 14:46 (pp).

Shots on goal by

0-3; Toronto: 1-6.

of coffee in the other, with a white shirt fully unbuttoned. The conditions for the top

two teams in the Central Division were cruelly cold, though the novelty of playing in the event after a year delay by the pandemic surely helped block out the brisk air. Wild defenseman Calen Addison was shown at one stoppage getting heating lotion applied to his frostbitten ears.

This was the 11th time in the 33 outdoor games — and seventh time in the 13 Winter Classics — that the NHL played at a baseball venue. The announced attendance was a sellout of 38,619.

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION								
	GP	W	L	OL	SL	GF	GA	Pt

METROPOLITAN DIVICION								
Montreal	34	7	23	4	0	73	123	1
Ottawa	29	9	18	2	0		107	2
Buffalo	33	10	17	5	1	89	116	2
Boston	27	15	10	1	1	75	72	3
Detroit	32	15	14	3	0	89	107	3
Toronto	31	21	8	1	1	104	76	4
Florida	32	21	7	2	2	122	95	4
Tampa Bay	33	21	- 7	2	3	109	97	4

	GP	W	L	0L	SL	GF	GA
Carolina	31	23	7	1	0	106	66
Washington	33	20	6	6	1	116	85
NY Rangers	32	20	8	3	1	93	84
Pittsburgh	30	17	8	1	4	91	76
Philadelphia	31	13	12	3	3	82	100
Columbus	30	15	14	0	1	99	105
New Jersey	32	12	15	1	4	92	113
NY Islanders	28	10	12	3	3	64	80
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CENTRAL I	NIVI	SIC	M				

	GP	W	L	OL	SL	GF	GA	
St Louis	33	19	9	3	2	116	91	
Nashville	33	20	11	1	1	101	89	
Minnesota	31	19	10	0	2	116	98	
Colorado	27	17	8	2	0	115	91	
Winnipeg	30	14	11	2	3	90	87	
Dallas	29	15	12	1	1	82	85	
Chicago	31	11	16	4	0	73	103	

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	SL	GF	GA	Pt
Vegas	34	22	12	0	0	123	102	44
Anaheim	34	17	10	4	3	105	94	41
Calgary	29	16	7	6	0	93	66	38
Edmonton	32	18	12	2	0	110	103	38
San Jose	32	17	14	0	1	89	94	35
Los Angeles	32	15	12	4	1	85	86	35
Vancouver	33	15	15	1	2	84	93	33
Seattle	32	10	18	3	1	90	117	24
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two points a	and	a vi	cto	y in	the	e W	col-	
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Saturday's Games Boston 4 Buffalo 3 (OT) Carolina 7 Columbus 4 Florida 5 Montreal 2 N.Y. Islanders 3 Edmonton 2 (OT) Nashville 6 Chicago 1 Toronto 6 Ottawa 0 Vancouver at Seattle

Philadelphia at Los Angeles **2022 NHL WINTER CLASSIC**

At St. Paul. Minn. St. Louis 6 Minnesota 4 Friday's Games

New Jersey 6, Edmonton 5 (OT) Vegas 3 Anaheim 1 N.Y. Rangers 4 Tampa Bay 3 (SO) Washington 3 Detroit 1 Colorado at Dallas (ppd., virus) Pittsburgh at Ottawa (ppd., virus) Winnipeg at Calgary (ppd., virus) Sunday's games

Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, 12:30 p.m. Boston at Detroit, 1 p.m. San Jose at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m. New Jersey at Washington, 3 p.m. Anaheim at Colorado, 3 p.m. Winnipeg at Vegas, 4 p.m. Calgary at Chicago, 7 p.m. Dallas at Arizona (ppd., virus)

SATURDAY

FLORIDA 5, MONTREAL 2

First Period 1. Florida, Bennett 10 (Duclair, Huberdeau) 0:32. 2. Montreal, Drouin 6 (Niku, Savard)

Penalties - Pezzetta Mtl. Gudas Fla (fighting) 4:48; Montour Fla (slashing)

GP W L OL SL GF GA Pt

Second Period

deau) 15:02 (pp).

5. Florida, Vatrano 8 (Reinhart, Tippett) Penalties — Savard Mtl (hooking) 5:41; Savard Mtl (tripping) 8:24; Ekblad Fla

3. Montreal, Suzuki 7 (Ylonen, Niku)

4. Florida, Barkov 12 (Reinhart, Huber-

(interference) 8:39: Schueneman Mtl (hooking) 13:56; Clague Mtl (high-stick-Third Period

6. Florida, Bennett 11 (Weegar, Huberdeau) 0:15. 7. Florida, Marchment 2 (Lundell) 13:04.

Penalties — Savard Mtl (slashing) 0:53; Gudas Fla (high-sticking) 4:17.

6-2). Florida: Bobrovsky (W, 14-3-2). Power plays (goals-chances) - Montreal: 0-3; Florida: 1-5.

Referees - TJ Luxmore, Corey Syvret. Linesmen - Andrew Smith, Ryan Gibhons. Attendance - 13,584 at Florida.

30 6 21 0 3 63 117 15 CAROLINA 7, COLUMBUS 4 **First Period**

1. Columbus, Werenski 6 (Roslovic, Bemstrom) 6:54. 2. Columbus, Bogvist 7 (Nyquist) 12:30.

3. Columbus, Nyquist 6 (Texier) 18:04 **Penalties** — Gavrikov Clb (slashing)

17:08; Svechnikov Car (unsportsman-like conduct) 19:00; Nyquist Clb (interference) 19:45. Second Period 4. Columbus, Texier 11 (Robinson) 8:39.

5. Carolina, Lorentz 4 (DeAngelo, Ste-6. Carolina, Skjei 2 (Svechnikov, Jarvis)

14:05. Penalties — Stepan Car (tripping) 5:59; Cole Car (tripping) 11:25; Jenner Clb (slashing) 15:48.

7. Carolina, Skjei 3 (Pesce, Trocheck)

8. Carolina, Niederreiter 10 (Cole, Andersen) 10:34. 9. Carolina, Bear 2 (Necas, Kotkaniemi)

10. Carolina, Lorentz 5 (Jarvis) 11:59. 11. Carolina, Svechnikov 10 (Trocheck) 17:30 (en). Penalties - None.

Shots on goal by Carolina

Columbus Goal — Carolina: Andersen (W, 17-5-0), Raanta (9 shots, 6 saves). Columbus: Merzlikins (L, 12-8-1), Tarasov (33 shots, 31 saves). Power plays (goals-chances) — Caro-

lina: 0-3; Columbus: 0-3. Referees - Kelly Sutherland, Jake Brenk. Linesmen - Dan Kelly, Travis Attendance - 15.736 at Columbus

BOSTON 4, BUFFALO 3 (OT) First Period 1. Buffalo, Hinostroza 6 (Murray, Dahlin)

Penalties — Tuch Buf (cross-checking) 0:13; Bjork Buf (boarding) 7:07. **Second Period**

2. Boston, Smith 3 (Marchand, McAvoy) 3. Buffalo, Skinner 10 (Tuch, Thompson)

4. Buffalo, Tuch 1 (Krebs, Thompson)

| **Penalties** — Skinner Buf (tripping) 0:31; | Haula Bos (stick holding) 4:19; Nosek Bos (tripping) 5:33; Tuch Buf (interference) 14:17; Smith Bos (hooking) 18:25.

Third Period 5. Boston, Foligno 1 (DeBrusk) 3:24. 6. Boston, Hall 6 (Grzelcyk, McAvoy)

Overtime 7. Boston, Coyle 8 (Marchand, McAvoy)

0:34. Penalties — None.

Goal — Buffalo: Luukkonen (L, 2-3-2). Boston: Ullmark (W, 8-5-0). Power plays (goals-chances) — Buffalo:

holm) 1:02.

3. Nashville, Cousins 5 (Ekholm, Tomasino) 19:13 (pp).

duct) 4:44; Josi Nash (holding) 9:28; Myers Nash (interference) 13:19; Strome Chi (tripping) 17:27.

ene) 5:34 (pp). strom) 17:25.

nin) 0:53.

3:13; Myers Nash (hooking) 16:32. Shots on goal by Chicago

Nashville 7 12 6 -25 **Goal** – Chicago: Delia (L, 0-1-0), Soder-blom (18 shots, 15 saves). Nashville:

Referees - Steve Kozari, Dan O'Rourke. **Linesmen** — Mark Shewchyk, Kyle Flemington.

(OT) **First Period**

1. NY Islanders, Lee 10 (Bellows, Dob-

8:42; Nurse Edm (tripping) 16:26.

3. Edmonton, Nurse 2 (Hyman, McDa-

Penalties — None. **Third Period**

4. NY Islanders. Beauvillier 5 (Czarnik.

Overtime i. NY Islanders, Dobson 5 (Barzal, Pelech) 3:52.

Shots on goal by

New York 8 5 14 2-29 Goal – Edmonton: Koskinen (L, 12-6-1). FRIDAY New York

4:49.

Shots on goal by 9 9 1–24 2. Toronto, Mikheyev 1 (Kerfoot, Brodie) 13 13 14 1-41 Boston

Montreal 15 6 10 -31 Referees - Brand Meier, Brandon Florida 15 21 12 -48 Goal - Montreal: Montembeault (L, 1-6-2), Florida: Robrovela (Markette Linesmen) - Jesse Marquis, Ben O'Quinn.

Attendance - 17,850 at Boston

NASHVILLE 6, CHICAGO 1

holm) 5:53.

Penalties — Jones Chi (slashing) 4:44; McCarron Nash (unsportsmanlike con-

Second Period

Penalties — Hagel Chi (high-sticking)

7. Nashville, Jeannot 10 (Benning, Tre-**Penalties** — McCarron Nash (hooking)

15 11 12 -38

Power plays (goals-chances) — Chicago: 0-4; Nashville: 2-3.

18 15 16 -49 **Attendance** - 17,504 at Nashville

son) 16:40 (pp). Penalties - McDavid Edm (hooking)

vid) 17:13.

Johnston) 2:23. Penalties - Barrie Edm (slashing) 8:42; Bellows NYI (cross-checking) 8:42.

Penalties - None.

NY Islanders: Sorokin (W, 8-7-5). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Edmonton: 0-0; New York: 1-2. Referees - Dean Morton, Wes McCauley. Linesmen — Shandor Alphonso,

Bevan Mills.

First Period

14:33 (sh).

(sh).

Penalties — Smith Bos (tripping) 13:27.

First Period 1. Nashville, Forsberg 15 (Duchene, Ek-2. Nashville, Johansen 10 (Forsberg, Ek-

4. Nashville, Jeannot 9 (Sissons, Trenin)

5. Nashville, Josi 11 (Johansen, Duch-6. Chicago, Kurashev 2 (de Haan, Borg-

3:23; Dach Chi (holding) 3:54. Third Period

NY ISLANDERS 3, EDMONTON 2

2. Edmonton, Draisaitl 25 (Keith, Ceci)

Goal - St. Louis: Binnington (W, 10-6-3). Minnesota: Kahkonen (4 shots, 4 saves), Talbot (L, 15-8-1). Power plays (goals-chances) — St. Louis: 1-3: Minnesota: 0-4.

6 11 2 0-19

NEW JERSEY 6, EDMONTON 5 (OT)

First Period 1. New Jersey, Hughes 7 (Hamilton, Bratt) 1:38 (pp). 2. Edmonton, McDavid 18 (McLeod,

Ceci) 2:48. 3. New Jersey, Hischier 4 (Boqvist, Graves) 3:05.

4. Edmonton, Yamamoto 6 (Koekkoek, 1. Toronto, Holl 1 (Kampf, Brodie) 14:06 Nugent-Hopkins) 6:00. 5. New Jersey, Mercer 9 (Johnsson, Severson) 11:10.

Penalties — Puljujarvi Edm (holding) 1:27.
Second Period Penalties — Sanford Ott (holding) 0:47; 6. Edmonton, McDavid 19 (Keith, Yama-Gaudette Ott (hooking) 4:23; Rielly Tor

> Penalties — Nurse Edm (roughing) **Third Period**

Penalties — Holden Ott (tripping) 0:47; 7. New Jersey, Kuokkanen 5 (Johnsson, Sanford Ott (cross-checking) 4:05; San-Mercer) 5:14. 8. Edmonton, Shore 2 (McLeod, Lagesson) 7:06.

9. Edmonton, Yamamoto 7 (Draisaitl, 10. New Jersey, Sharangovich 6 (Hamilton, Hughes) 19:28. Penalties — Sharangovich NJ (delay of

game) 15:13. Overtime 11. New Jersey, Hughes 8 (Bratt, Severson) 2:55.

Penalties — None. Shots on goal by 11 15 14 -40 Edmonton 13 9 14 1-37 14 11 13 3-41 New Jersey Goal - Edmonton: Smith (L, 2-1-1). New Jersey: Blackwood (W, 7-6-3).

Power plays (goals-chances) - Edmonton: 0-1; New Jersey: 1-2. Referees - Francois St.Laurent, Dean Morton. Linesmen - Bevan Mills, Ben

Attendance - 13,044 at New Jersey.

VEGAS 3, ANAHEIM 1

First Period 1. Vegas, Roy 7 (Hutton) 11:15. 2. Vegas, Brooks 2 (Coghlan, Stephen-

son) 18:25. Penalties - Drysdale Ana (hooking) 14:24. **Second Period** 3. Vegas, Janmark 4 (unassisted) 4:39. **Penalties** — Deslauriers Ana (tripping)

2:17; Getzlaf Ana (roughing) 11:53; Deslauriers Ana (misconduct) 14:04: Kolesar VGK, Getzlaf Ana (fighting) 14:04; McNabb VGK, Grant Ana (fighting) 14:10; Grant Ana (cross-checking, served by Terry) 14:10; McNabb VGK, Carrick Ana, Amadio VGK (roughing) 14:10. **Third Period**

4. Anaheim, Getzlaf 2 (Milano, Lettieri) 19:48 (pp). **Penalties** — Lindholm Ana (tripping) 7:08; Deslauriers Ana (roughing) 13:37; McNabb VGK (interference, served by Amadio) 18:38; McNabb VGK, Carrick

Shots on goal by 4 6 6 -16 18 11 -Anaheim Vegas 45 Goal — Anaheim: Gibson (L, 11-8-6). Vegas: Brossoit (W, 8-3-0). Power plays (goals-chances) — Ana-

Ana (fighting) 18:38.

Palat) 18:21 (pp).

heim: 1-1; Vegas: 0-6. Referees - Trevor Hanson, Ghislain Hebert. Linesmen – Julien Fournier, James Attendance - 18,022 at Vegas

NY RANGERS 4, TAMPA BAY 3 (SO) First Period 1. Tampa Bay, Stamkos 16 (Hedman,

Penalties — Rutta TB (holding) 6:11; Hunt NYR (hooking) 10:22; Reaves NYR

Second Period 2. NY Rangers, Lafreniere 7 (unassisted) 3. NY Rangers, Goodrow 5 (McKegg)

14:30 (sh). 4. Tampa Bay, Colton 4 (Point, Killorn) Penalties — 7ihaneiad NYR (high-sticking) 0:12; Killorn TB (holding) 11:09;

Kakko NYR (interference) 12:43; Perry TB (tripping) 19:14.
Third Period 5. NY Rangers, Goodrow 6 (Panarin,

Miller) 13:35. 6. Tampa Bay, Perry 8 (Stamkos, Palat) Penalties — Hunt NYR, Katchouk TB (roughing) 6:59; Sergachev TB (delay of

game) 18:46. Overtime No Scoring. **Penalties** — None.

Tampa Bay

Tvson Baker.

Second Period

NY Rangers: Kakko miss. Panarin miss. Zibanejad goal. Tampa Bay: Hedman miss, Stamkos miss. Point miss. Shots on goal by 3 12 6 2 - 23 10 10 8 0 - 28

Shootout - NY Rangers wins 1-0

Goal - NY Rangers: Shesterkin (W, 14-4-2). Tampa Bay: Elliott (SOL, 3-2-2). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — New York: 0-4; Tampa Bay: 1-4. Referees — Graham Skilliter, Corey Syvret. Linesmen — Matt MacPherson,

Attendance — 19,092 at Tampa Bay **WASHINGTON 3, DETROIT 1**

First Period No Scoring. Penalties - Orlov Wash (tripping) 19:41.

1. Detroit, Suter 6 (Gagner, Namestni-2. Washington, Kuznetsov 11 (Johansen, Irwin) 15:53. Penalties - Seider Det (holding) 4:19;

Wilson Wash (roughing) 11:57. Third Period 3. Washington, Ovechkin 23 (Kuznetsov, Backstrom) 17:10. 4. Washington, Ovechkin 24 (Hathaway,

Carlson) 19:19 (en). **Penalties** — Lindstrom Det (tripping) 1:54; Dowd Wash, Seider Det (unsportsmanlike conduct) 10:10; Fabbri Det (in-

terference) 15:10; Wilson Wash (trip-Shots on goal by Washington 5 9 13 - 27 11 4 5 - 20 Goal - Washington: Samsonov (W, 13-

2-2). Detroit: Greiss (L. 6-7-0).

Power plays (goals-chances) — Washington: 0-3; Detroit: 0-3. Referees — Conor O'Donnell, Justin StPierre. Linesmen - Michel Cormier,

Attendance – 17,721 at Detroit **NHL SCORING LEADERS**

Not including Saturday's games G A 52 51 Connor McDavid, Edm 33 27 Leon Draisaitl. Edm Alex Ovechkin, Wash Steven Stamkos, TB

Nazem Kadri, Col Jonathan Huberdeau, Fla Kirill Kaprizov, Minn Artemi Panarin, NYR 24 19 J.T. Miller, Vcr 11 Sebastian Aho, Car

Hockey

Hockey notebook

Canucks staffer credits fan with saving life

The Associated Press

Brian "Red" Hamilton was in the middle of moving equipment on the Vancouver Canucks bench in between periods on Oct. 23 in Seattle when he noticed a woman behind the bench pressing her phone against the plexiglass.

The message on her phone was written in a large font and caught the attention of Hamilton, the assistant equipment manager for the Canucks. The message expressed Nadia Popovici's concern that she believed a mole on the back of Hamilton's neck was cancerous and that he needed to get it checked

It turned out she was right. "I felt bad at the moment

because I'm walking off the bench and she put her phone up to the glass and on the phone it said the mole on the back of your neck is cancer. And it threw me off," Hamilton recalled on Saturday before the Canucks played their second game of the season in Seattle. "So I kind of just shrugged and kept going. My initial response when I found out was I felt bad because I felt like I didn't really give her the time of day. I'm excited that she knows because she needs to know."

The Canucks posted a letter from Hamilton on Saturday retelling the story of how all this played out and expressing his thanks and desire to meet the woman in question. Within barely an hour, both the Canucks and Seattle Kraken said the 22year-old Popovici had been contacted after spending New Year's Eve working at a crisis hotline. The pair were able to meet about 90 minutes before the Kraken and Canucks played on Saturday night.
"The fact that I got to look

him in the eye and hear what happened from his perspective," said Popovici, who graduated from the University of Washington and intends to attend medical school in the next year. "Imagine how jarring that is to for you to be at work and someone just kind of looks at you and says, 'Hey, maybe you go see a doctor.' That's not what you want to hear.'

Hamilton has been with the Canucks for nearly 20 years. Amid the chaos that happens around the bench of an NHL game, Hamilton said he was amazed Popovici was able to even notice a mole he had no idea existed.

"How she saw it boggles my mind," Hamilton said. "It wasn't very big.'

Popovici said she's done a lot of volunteer work in hospitals including a stint helping in an oncology ward.

"I was like, wow, that is a picture-perfect example of what a melanoma looks like."

The game in Seattle was the final stop on the Canucks' opening road trip. Within a couple of days of being back in Vancouver, Hamilton had team doctors look at the

mole. When they expressed concern, Hamilton had it removed a few days later and sent off to be biopsied.

The biopsy results came back showing there were cancerous cells in the mole. A larger area of skin around the mole was then removed to be examined and Hamilton said that came back negative.

Hamilton was told by his doctors the cancer in the mole could have become lifethreatening in a few years if it had not been addressed.

"She saved the life. ... She needs to know her efforts were valid and bang on," Hamilton said.

Elsewhere

Forward Hilary Knight. 32, was selected for a USA

Hockey record-tying fourth Olympics, one of 15 players with prior Winter Games experience on the team seeking to defend its gold medal in Beijing next month. The final 23-player roster was announced at the second intermission of the NHL's Winter Classic game in Minneapolis, where the players stood on mini-rinks next to the main ice for an introduction to the crowd at Target Field. Brianna Decker and fellow forwards Kendall Coyne Schofield and Amanda Kessel and defenseman Lee Stecklein were all named to their third Olympic team. The most notable player left off the roster was defenseman Kali Flanagan, who played in all five games in South Korea.

NHL roundup

Carolina scores seven m a row

Two-goal deficit vanishes quickly

The Associated Press

Brady Skjei and Steven Lorentz each scored twice and Carolina had the final seven goals to beat host Columbus, 7-4, Saturday.

The Hurricanes scored four times in a 3:57 span of the third to overcome a 4-2 deficit. They had five goals in the period. Ethan Bear scored at 10:50 of the third make it 5-4 and Lorentz made it 6-4 at 11:59 as part of the spurt. Andrei Svechnikov scored into an empty net at 17:30 for the final score.

Nino Niederreiter also scored, and Seth Jarvis and Vincent Trocheck had two assists for the Hurricanes.

Gustav Nyquist, playing in his 600th NHL game, scored shorthanded and had an assist for the Blue Jackets (15-14-1). Alexandre Texier had a goal and an assist.

Islanders 3, Oilers 2: Noah Dobson scored 3:52 into overtime to give host New York a win over slumping Edmonton. Ilya Sorokin stopped 17 shots to help New York improve to 3-0-1 in the past four games. Leon Draisaitl had his NHL-leading 25th goal for Edmonton. The Oilers lost in overtime for the second day in a row and fell to 2-7-2 in their past 11 after starting the season 16-5-0.

Bruins 4, Sabres 3, OT: Charlie Coyle scored on a wrist shot from the slot 34 seconds into overtime and host Boston completed a comeback victory in its first game in 16 days. The Bruins erased a 3-1 deficit when Nick Foligno and Taylor Hall scored early in the third period. Craig Smith also scored for Boston, and Linus Ullmark stopped 21 shots.

Predators 6, Blackhawks 1: Tanner Jeannot scored twice, Filip Forsberg and Ryan Johansen each had a goal and assist for host Nashville. Philipp Kurashev scored for Chicago in its first game since Dec. 18. Mattias Ekholm had three assists and Juuse Saros made 37 saves for Nashville.

Panthers 5, Canadiens 2: Sam Bennett scored twice, Sergei Bobrovsky made 29 saves and host Florida won its third consecutive game. Jonathan Huberdeau tallied three assists.

Maple Leafs 6, Senators 0: Justin Holl and Ilya Mikheyev scored on the same first-period penalty kill for their first goals of the season for host Toronto at fan-less Scotiabank Arena. The team decided to exclude fans after the Ontario government announced new attendance limitations.



Mary Schwalm/Associated Press

TRANSACTION WIRE A young fan arrived at TD Garden prepared to deal Saturday as the Boston Bruins and Buffalo Sabres opened the new year in Boston. At right is Bruins star Brad Marchand.

Penguins layoff ends Sunday

PENGUINS, FROM B-1

opportunity to play [but] I wish it was under different circumstances. Obviously, don't love [Jarry] having COVID or anything."

Jarry, arguably the NHL's hottest goalie before the Christmas break, is one player who has had mild symptoms. As of Saturday, the Penguins were not sure if he will be cleared before their back-to-back games Wednesday and Thursday.

And given that Jarry has not practiced since before Christmas, it appears there is a decent chance he sits out the next three games, leaving the crease to DeSmith and Louis Domingue, the latter of whom was promoted from the taxi squad.

DeSmith, one way or another, figures to start at least two of the next three maybe more after that depending on how long it takes Jarry to get back into game shape. After playing Thursday in Philadelphia, the Penguins visit Dallas two days

Coach Mike Sullivan said he is confident that DeSmith

will get the job done. "He's had the net for stretches of time during my time here and he's per-formed extremely well," he said. "We believe in him. We know he's a high-quality goalie. He's a competitive guy. He embraces the challenge. He gets excited about it. We have complete faith that Casey's going to make the timely save for us.'

With the exception of last April, when DeSmith got rocked in two consecutive games, he typically performed well when given a chance to string together



Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Fans should expect to see a lot of backup goalie Casey DeSmith in goal this week.

starts.

As a rookie, the undrafted goalie won three of four while Matt Murray took leave following the death of his father. In 2018-19, DeSmith started 17 times in a span of 22 games and went 9-6-2 with a .924 save percentage. More recently, he had a .963 save percentage while getting three games in nine days last March.

In these instances, DeSmith's approach doesn't really change, said Marino.

"I think he's pretty consistent and steady. He's one of the most competitive guys at practice and he always does the right things on and off the ice," he said.

For DeSmith, Sunday will be his first game action since he stopped all 33 shots he faced in a 1-0 win against the Anaheim Ducks on Dec. 11. That's 22 days.

But he believes five practices in six days, including a lot of work with goalie coach Andy Chiodo, knocked off the rust. He felt sharp at Saturday's practice.

"It was a good opportunity to come off of the extended break with the COVID [postponements],' he said. "Get back and pick up where we left off hopefully and personally also. ... Build on a couple good games I had before the

DeSmith, who allowed only one goal while winning both December starts, checked in with Jarry recently to see how his longtime Penguins teammate

felt.
"Thankfully, he's not deathly ill or anything. He's definitely sick, under the weather, but nothing too crazy. Hopefully it's not that long of a road back," he said.

In addition to Jarry, the Penguins on the COVID list are forwards Jeff Carter, Kasperi Kapanen and Teddy Blueger and reserve blue-

liner Pierre-Olivier Joseph. Center Brian Boyle will be out Sunday, excused because of a personal matter.

But the activation of Marino and Matheson means all three of the Penguins' defensive pairs will be intact. Front-line wingers and power-play regulars Jake Guentzel and Bryan Rust are both expected to play against the Sharks, offsetting the loss of the others. And while Simon has just one goal so far, he's at least an NHL player.

So, all things considered, Sullivan and the Penguins should still be able to send out a solid lineup Sunday in what will be their first game in 14 days. But the Sharks already have played two games since the Christmas break, winning

The Penguins will need to be ready from the jump, starting with the guy in

"We've done a lot of stuff in practice over the last week to try to mitigate [it] and put ourselves in the best position possible," he said. "It's important to have a good start. First period, not be on our heels. Be on our toes and go after them.

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Penguins report



Next

Game: Penguins (17-8-5) vs. San Jose Sharks (17-

14-1), PPG Paints Arena. When: 1 p.m. Sunday. TV, Radio: AT&T SportsNet;

WXDX-FM (105.9).

The skinny: Penguins play for the first time since Dec. 19. ... The Penguins are 8-5-2 at home. ... The Sharks play the first game of a four-game road trip. They arrive off a 3-2 OT win Thursday night vs. Philadelphia. ... Tomas Hertl has 16 goals to lead the Sharks.

Statistics

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9 Rodrigues	30	10	13	23	8	0
58 Letang	26	1	19	20	9	20
87 Crosby	18	4	14	18	1	4
77 Carter	27	9	8	17	-1	20
42 Kapanen	30	7	9	16	6	6
43 Heinen	30	9	5	14	5	10
53 Blueger	30	7	5	12	4	2
6 Marino	30	1	11	12	-2	6
5 Matheson		3	9	12	2	8
23 McGinn		8	4	12	4	8
16 Zucker	30	4	7	11	1	10
17 Rust	12	2	7	9	1	4
12 Aston-Reese	28	1	7	8	4	18
28 Pettersson		1	6	7	9	16
8 Dumoulin		1	5	6	2	10
10 O'Connor		3	2	5	1	4
49 Simon	24	1	4	5	-2	8
52 Friedman		0	4	4	3	6
11 Boyle		3	0	3	0	9
2 Ruhwedel		0	3	3	1	2
18 Lafferty		0	1	1	-1	12
50 Riikola		0	1	1	2	2
73 Joseph	4	0	0	0	-2	2

GOALIES......GP MINS GAA W L OTL 35 Jarry 24 1462 1.93 15 1 DeSmith 6 355 3.03 2

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1/15	Sharks	10:30	ATT
1/17	Knights	10	ATT
1/20	Senators	7	ATT
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1/23	Jets	1	ATT

Pro Basketball

Around the NBA James 1s, at 37, not ready to slow down

Even he says he's still at a high level

> By Dan Woike Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — To watch him is to constantly be surprised when he delivers what you expect.

They said he was chosen before he ever arrived in the NBA, and he has spent 19 seasons proving that selection correct. He has changed the key words, graduating from hype to greatness to greatest in front of worldwide wit-

As of this past Thursday, LeBron James is a year older than he was a day earlier; one day closer to the moment when his muscles and tendons will start to erode and his skills start to transform into memories. But not yet.

James is 37 — a number that means something to almost every basketball player before him yet nothing to him. When he entered the NBA as a teenager, James played with a physicality and a maturity that contradicted his years. Now, as he's running through defenses around the league, he's playing with an energy and spring in his legs that again defies time.

Slow down? Why?

"Where I'm at with it, I'm still playing at such a high level, I haven't given it too much thought," James said. "But I'm in Year 19 and I'm not going to do another 19, so I'm definitely halfway into my career. I'm on the other side of the hill. So, we'll see where the game takes me. We'll see where my body takes me and my mind. As long as my mind stays fresh and my body stays with that, I can play the game. But at the end of the day, the game will tell you, your body will tell you, your mind will tell you. I've put in enough hours and punched enough clocks where when that time comes, I'll be OK with it."

The end is coming — it's closer now than it was the previous time he took the court. Between the regular season and the playoffs, he has played almost 62,000 minutes, that's more than 43 continuous days of basketball, combining the explosiveness of Michael Jordan with the all-around game of Magic Johnson and the brute force of Shaquille

"He's the blueprint of success," Dallas coach Jason Kidd said.

While the Lakers are off to a disappointing start this season. James has been on a tear. scoring 30 or more points in 13 of the 23 games he has played. He went into Friday night's



Justin Ford/Getty Images

LeBron James turned 37 last month. He celebrated by scoring his 36,000th point and becoming the oldest in NBA history to record a 30-point triple-double.

home game against the Trail Blazers averaging 28.0 points, 7.2 rebounds and 6.8 assists. He added 43 points, 14 rebounds and 4 assists to his total in a 139-106 victory.

"He's a robot, man," Malik

Monk said. "He can do whatever he wants to.'

History tells us that James should have a significant dip in production awaiting him just around the corner something that happened to most of the NBA legends lucky enough to play into their late 30s. A handful of players, such as Karl Malone and Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, managed to stay productive. Uncoincidentally, those are

the two players James is chasing on the NBA's all-time scoringlist.

Provided James stays healthy — and that's no safe bet after ankle and abdominal injuries have already cost him time this year—he could pass Malone for No. 2 on the scoring list by the end of the season. Around 20 points a game for the next 45 games would get that done.

To catch Abdul-Jabbar, James will need to score about 2,400 more points. It's easy to imagine him averaging 20 points for a 120-game stretch, putting him on track in 2024 to become the league's scoring king. He'll have to avoid freak accidents, like the one that cost him 20 games last season, and some of the natural soft-tissue injuries that are likely to surface.

It's never been the metric James has measured his game by — scoring is just a part of the puzzle. It is, though, the NBA's crowning individual achievement and a logical place for the player with the longest stretch of sustained greatness to eventually land.

Just this month, James reiterated that individual statistics are meaningless without winning, and the Lakers' path forward for the latter could really be rocky. Yet you know James' accomplishments aren't lost on him.

After every major milestone, James' Instagram story becomes littered with highlights and graphics celebrating the latest achievement. It's not lost on anyone around the Lakers, with his coach occasionally forced to just sit back in disbelief.

"It's still—I shouldn't say it surprises me — but it's just incredible for him to play at such a high level," Frank Vogel said earlier this month after James scored 33.

In the weeks since, he has been better.

James has benefited from a combination of factors to make this possible. Obviously, he was blessed athletically. He has the kind of unending energy that helped separate Jordan from every imitator, and James uses it by investing time and money into strength training, injury prevention, recovery and overall health.

He has been lucky enough to compete at a time when aging norms are shifting, when Paul Rudd can be People's Sexiest Man Alive despite being more than 2 years older than actor Wilford Brimley was in the movie Cocoon. Tom Brady can be a Super Bowl favorite at 44 and James, along with peers like Chris Paul, can lead NBA teams deep into their late 30s.

"Age today is not the same as when I first came into the NBA," Carmelo Anthony, 37,

It doesn't look like it, especially when James plants his feet and explodes toward the rim. That's not gone yet. When it does, he believes his days of an effective basketball player won't be over.

"I don't have to score the ball to be effective out on the floor. I know how to get my teammates open," he said. "I know how to read defenses. I know everything that our offense needs in order for us to be successful. And in a makeor-miss league, sometimes when you don't have it going offensively, you have to be able to still make an impact. ...

James knows what 37 usually means in basketball. It normally doesn't mean having this kind of a season in a league filled in part by your son's former high school teammates. It normally doesn't mean being looked to as a team's best hope for a title. It normally doesn't mean expectations like this. But as time has passed, James made one thing clearer than all others—he'll probably deliver.

NBA notebook

G League woman official gets called up

Hawks' McMillan forced to virus list

The Associated Press

Another G League referee was called up by the NBA to work a game Saturday and another head coach entered the league's health and safety protocols as it continued finding ways to play through the latest coronavirus outbreak.

Ref Sha'Rae Mitchell was assigned the San Antonio-Detroit game. She becomes the fourth G League referee called up in a span of two days -three others worked games Friday — and now is the 15th woman in league history picked to work a regular-season game.

Mitchell has worked in the G League since 2018. Her callup comes as the NBA's referee corps continues dealing with several officials who have either virus-related issues or injuries. So the refs, like most teams, have looked to the G League for help.

NBA teams saw 544 players get into at least one game in December alone, the most for any month — and any previous season — in league history. The single-season mark entering this year was 540, set last season; the NBA's total this season entering Saturday

The league has had 11 head coaches in protocols at times this season, with the latest entry coming Saturday when Atlanta's Nate McMillan joined the list. He's the eighth head coach currently in protocols.

Los Angeles Lakers coach Frank Vogel rejoined his team Friday after a six-game absence and said it was a strain mentally and physi-

The Hawks took six of what had been their league-high 12 players in protocols off the list Saturday, including Kevin Huerter and Danilo Gallinari.

And while eight teams started the day with at least five players apiece in various stages of the league's health and safety protocols related to the coronavirus, the number of players on the list was trending downward.

By late Saturday, the number of players revealed by teams to be in the protocols was around 100, about a 20% dip from the highest known figure the NBA was dealing with earlier in the week. The numbers fluctuate on almost an hourly basis; some players are closer to a return than others. Among the big names coming off the list: Dallas' Luka Doncic, who hasn't played since Dec. 10 — a 10game absence so far, five with ankle issues and the others after being put into protocols.

NBA roundup

Bucks' Antetokounmpo nets triple-double

The Associated Press

Giannis Antetokounmpo had 35 points, 16 rebounds and 10 assists for his second triple-double of the season and the Milwaukee Bucks won their sixth game in a row, beating the New Orleans Pelicans, 136-113, Saturday night at Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee.

In four games since returning from COVID-19 protocols that caused him to miss five games. Antetokounmpo has averaged 33 points, 11.5 rebounds and 6.5 assists.

The two-time MVP got his 10th assist of the game by finding Grayson Allen for a 3pointer that put the Bucks ahead, 117-97, with 6:55 left. Antetokounmpo hit a 3pointer 26 seconds later.

Antetokounmpo's other triple-double this season came Dec. 12, when he had 20 points, 11 assists and 10 rebounds in a 112-97 victory

over the New York Knicks

Other games

Bulls 120, Wizards 119: DeMar DeRozan hit a 3pointer at the buzzer for the second game in a row to give visiting Chicago a victory against Washington.

Pistons 117, Spurs 116: Saddiq Bey hit a 3-pointer with 1.9 seconds left in overtime and finished with 21 points, leading host Detroit past San Antonio. Hamidou Diallo had 34 points and 13 rebounds to lead Detroit. Clippers 120, Nets 116:

Eric Bledsoe scored a season-high 27 points and shorthanded Los Angeles, playing on the second night of a back-to-back, rallied to beat host Brooklyn.

Nuggets 124, Rockets 111: Facundo Campazzo had 24 points, 12 assists and 4 rebouncs as visiting Denver scored 47 second-quarter points en route to victory.

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Saturday's results Milwaukee 136, New Orleans 113 Chicago 120, Washington 119 Detroit 117, San Antonio 116, OT

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Phoenix at Charlotte, 7 p.m.

Dallas at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.

Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

MILWAUKEE 136, NEW ORLEANS 113 **NEW ORLEANS (113)**

Jones 6-13 0-0 14. Temple 5-12 0-0 14. Hernangomez 4-9 3-5 11, Graham 4-13 2-2 14, Hart 5-13 3-9 14, Clark 1-2 0-0 3, Marshall 0-2 0-0 0, Murphy III 0-0 2-2 2, Hayes 9-12 5-5 23, Alexander-Walker 4-16 1-3 13, Alvarado 0-1 0-0 0, Satoransky 1-2 3-4 5. Totals 39-95 19-30 113.

MILWAUKEE (136)

Connaughton 3-6 0-0 9, G.Antetokounmpo 12-18 9-12 35, Portis 5-11 0-0 14, Allen 6-14 0-0 16, Holiday 8-14 4-4

21. Nwora 9-11 0-0 23. Mamukelashvili 1-1 0-0 3, Hood 0-2 0-0 0, Cousins 2-6 0-0 5. Del aurier 0-0 0-0 0. Hill 2-4 2-2 8. Matthews 1-4 0-0 2, Smart 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 49-92 15-18 136. 24 32 26 31 113 New Orleans

Milwaukee 27 37 32 40 136 3-Point Goals—New Orleans 16-51 Temple 4-9, Graham 4-11, Alexander Walker 4-13, Jones 2-6, Clark 1-2, Hart 1-6, Marshall 0-2), Milwaukee 23-48 (Nwora 5-7, Portis 4-6, Allen 4-12, Connaughton 3-6, Hill 2-2, G.Antetokounmpo 2-4, Cousins 1-3, Holiday 1-3, Matthews 0-3), Fouled Out—None, Rebounds-New Orleans 50 (Hart 11), Mil-

waukee 48 (G.Antetokounmpo 16). Assists—New Orleans 28 (Hart 9), Milwaukee 27 (G.Antetokounmpo 10). Total Fouls-New Orleans 16, Milwaukee 20. A-17,341 (17,500) **CHICAGO 120, WASHINGTON 119**

CHIACGO (120) DeRozan 10-22 7-10 28, Jones Jr. 2-2 3-4

9, Vucevic 9-15 1-1 22, LaVine 11-22 6-6 35, White 7-14 2-2 20, Brown Jr. 1-2 0-0 2. Cook 0-0 0-0 0. Dosunmu 1-3 2-2 4. Thomas 0-4 0-0 0. Totals 41-84 21-25

WASHINGTON (119) Caldwell-Pope 5-14 0-0 13, Kuzma 12-18

3-5 29, Gafford 9-10 1-2 19, Beal 8-20 11-.3 27, Kispert 4-8 2-2 10, Avdija 4-9 2-2 10. Gill 3-6 2-2 9. Johnson 0-0 0-0 0. Waters 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 46-87 21-26 119. 25 27 34 34 120 32 32 24 31 119 Chicago Washington -Point Goals-Chicago 17-34 (LaVine 7-12. White 4-8, Vucevic 3-7, Jones Jr. 2-, Thomas 0-4), Washington 6-27 (Cal-

dwell-Pope 3-10, Kuzma 2-5, Gill 1-2,

Kispert 0-2, Avdija 0-4, Beal 0-4). Fouled

Out-Chicago None, Washington 1 (Avdija). Rebounds-Chicago 44 (Vucevic 12), Washington 43 (Kuzma 12). Assists-Chicago 17 (DeRozan, White 5), Washington 26 (Beal 17). Total Fouls-Chicago 24, Washington 22. A-19,043

DETROIT 117, SAN ANTONIO 116

SAN ANTONIO (116) Johnson 4-18 2-4 12, Vassell 7-16 0-0 19,

Poeltl 6-11 3-6 15, Jones 6-10 3-3 15, White 5-13 8-10 18, Eubanks 0-0 0-0 0, Wieskamp 0-1 0-0 0, Landale 3-4 2-2 8, Primo 1-7 0-0 2, Forbes 10-22 2-3 27. To tals 42-102 20-28 116.

DETROIT (117)

Bey 7-23 5-6 21, H.Diallo 13-32 8-9 34, Garza 7-12 5-8 20, Stanley 6-8 4-4 19, Walton Jr. 3-11 4-4 11. Pickett 0-0 0-0 0. Potter 2-5 0-0 4, Paige 0-3 0-0 0, Robinson 3-7 0-2 8, Sirvydis 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-101 26-33 117.

29 30 22 24 11 116 San Antonio Detroit 20 32 33 20 12 117 3-Point Goals—San Antonio 12-40 (Forbes 5-10, Vassell 5-12, Johnson 2-6, White 0-4. Primo 0-5), Detroit 9-35 (Stanley 3-4, Robinson 2-4, Bey 2-12, Garza 1-2, Walton Jr. 1-5, Paige 0-2, Potter 0-2, H.Diallo 0-4). Fouled Out— None. Rebounds—San Antonio 48 (Poeltl 12), Detroit 63 (Bey 17). Assists—San Antonio 30 (White 14), De-troit 18 (Walton Jr. 6). Total Fouls—San

L.A. CLIPPERS 120, BROOKLYN 116 L.A. CLIPPERS (120)

Coffey 5-9 1-2 14, Mann 7-12 2-4 19, Ibaka 2-7 0-0 4, Bledsoe 8-12 7-9 27,

Antonio 27, Detroit 23. A-18,911

Jackson 7-15 2-2 19, Ennis III 3-7 4-4 10, Gabriel 2-3 2-4 7, Winslow 4-7 3-4 11, K.Johnson 0-3 1-2 1, Moon 4-11 0-0 8. Totals 42-86 22-31 120.

BROOKLYN (116) Brown 1-5 0-0 2, Durant 11-24 4-5 28,

Aldridge 5-13 0-0 10, Harden 9-22 13-15 34, Mills 6-10 0-0 17, Bembry 2-7 3-3 7, Griffin 0-3 0-0 0, J.Johnson 2-5 0-0 5. Claxton 6-8 1-2 13. Totals 42-97 21-25 116.

L.A. Clippers 29 20 31 40 120 Brooklyn 30 23 34 29 116 3-Point Goals—L.A. Clippers 14-36 (Bledsoe 4-6, Coffey 3-5, Mann 3-6, Jackson 3-9, Gabriel 1-2, Ennis III 0-2, Winslow 0-2, Moon 0-3), Brooklyn 11-33 (Mills 5-9, Harden 3-11, Durant 2-6, J.Johnson 1-3, Aldridge 0-2). Fouled Out-L.A. Clippers None, Brooklyn 1 (Mills), Rebounds—L.A. Clippers 40 (Coffey 8), Brooklyn 57 (Harden 12). Assists—L.A. Clippers 23 (Coffey 5), Brooklyn 26 (Harden 13). Total Fouls-L.A. Clippers 19, Brooklyn 20. A-17,732 **DENVÉR 124, HOUSTON 111**

DENVER (124)

A.Gordon 7-15 2-4 16. Barton 5-12 1-1 12, Jokic 8-12 7-9 24, Campazzo 7-11 5-5 22, Rivers 3-10 0-0 7, Cancar 5-7 0-0 11, Cornelie 1-1 0-0 3, Bol 5-7 1-2 11, JaM.Green 3-6 4-4 11, Jones 0-1 0-0 0, Reed 1-3 2-2 4, Tucker 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 46-86 22-27 124.

HOUSTON (111)

Nwaba 2-3 0-0 5, Tate 3-10 2-2 8, Theis 3-8 2-2 8. Jal.Green 6-13 12-14 29. K.Porter Jr. 3-5 0-0 8, Garuba 1-2 0-0 2, Martin Jr. 7-12 0-0 15. Wood 0-4 0-0 0. Brooks 2-6 0-0 6, Christopher 2-10 2-2 7, Nix 5-6 1-2 13, Queen 3-6 2-2 10. Totals 37-85 21-24 111.

30 47 22 25 124 Houston 31 24 19 37 111 3-Point Goals-Denver 10-32 (Campazzo 3-5. JaM.Green 1-2. Jokic 1-2. Cancar 1-3, Barton 1-6, Rivers 1-8, A.Gordon 0-3), Houston 16-42 (Jal.Green 5-8. Nix 2-3. K.Porter Jr. 2-4. Oueen 2-4. Brooks 2-6, Martin Jr. 1-3, Christopher 1-5. Theis 0-2. Tate 0-3. Wood 0-3). Fouled Out-Denver None, Houston 1 (Tate). Rebounds-Denver 46 (Jokic 11), Houston 36 (Martin Jr. 7). Assists—Denver 33 (Campazzo 12), Houston 20 (Brooks 4). Total Fouls-Denver 23, Houston 24. A-18,055 (18,500) **GOLDEN STATE 123.3 UTAH 116**

GOLDEN STATE (113) Porter Jr. 9-14 0-0 20, Wiggins 9-19 3-7

25, Looney 4-7 0-0 8, Curry 8-18 6-7 28, Payton II 5-10 0-1 12, Bjelica 1-1 2-2 4, Kuminga 1-2 0-0 2, Toscano-Anderson 1-2 0-0 2, Iguodala 5-7 0-0 12, Poole 3-6 3-4 10. Totals 46-86 14-21 123.

UTAH (116)

Bogdanovic 7-14 2-2 20, O'Neale 5-7 3-4 15, Gobert 9-10 2-4 20, Conley 4-13 2-4 12, Mitchell 4-19 10-11 20, Gay 2-8 3-3 7, Ingles 1-7 0-0 2, Clarkson 8-14 0-0 20. Totals 40-92 22-28 116. 29 35 22 37 123 Golden State 24 26 41 25 116

3-Point Goals—Golden State 17-32 (Curry 6-12, Wiggins 4-6, Iguodala 2-3, Porter Jr. 2-4, Payton II 2-5, Poole 1-2), Utah 14-44 (Clarkson 4-7, Bogdanovic 4-10, O'Neale 2-4, Conley 2-6, Mitchell 2-9, Gay 0-2, Ingles 0-6). Fouled Out-Golden State 1 (Looney), Utah None. Re bounds-Golden State 40 (Iguodala, Looney, Porter Jr. 7), Utah 45 (Gobert 19). Assists-Golden State 39 (Curry 9), Utah 19 (Mitchell 9). Total Fouls Golden State 24 Htah 21 A-18 306

College Basketball

Top 25 roundup

No. 1 Baylor wins battle of unbeatens

No. 8 Iowa State shows mettle vs. national champs

The Associated Press

Baylor has a new cast of players, but its depth and defense showed up as usual in one of the most anticipated games of the season so far.

James Akinjo scored 16 points, LJ Cryer had 10 of his 13 in the second half, and the top-ranked Bears beat No. 8 Iowa State, 77-72, Saturday in Ames, Iowa, to hand the Cyclones their first loss.

Baylor (13-0, 1-0 Big 12) never trailed in only the fourth Division I matchup of 12-0 teams in 40 years and the first game between top-10 teams at Hilton Coliseum since 2014.

The defending national champions got the tough game they expected and had to overcome 19 turnovers and foul trouble.

"First and foremost, it shows we have a great rotation," coach Scott Drew said. "Different people stepped up at different times, and you need that because not everybody has great shooting nights and great games."

The Bears extended their win streak to 19 games and are among three remaining unbeaten teams. Southern California and Colorado State are the others.

Tristan Enaruna scored a career-high 23 points for the

Cyclones (12-1, 0-1), who were off to the second-best start in program history under first-year coach T.J. Otzelberger after winning two games last season.

The Cyclones managed to turn in a game effort on a day they shot 1 of 14 on 3-pointers and Gabe Kalscheur, their second-leading scorer for the season, was held without a point and committed six of the Cyclones' 17 turnovers.

"The areas we talk about after every game, when they show up to the best of our ability, I don't think anybody can beat us," Otzelberger said. "Our ball pressure wasn't at the level if needed to be, we got outrebounded and our ball toughness wasn't where it needed to

Izaiah Brockington added 18 points for the Cyclones, who dropped their 24th consecutive Big 12 game, the longest conference losing streak among Power Five teams. Four of their next five games are against ranked opponents.

"We understood the magnitude of the game," Otzelberger said. "What I'm more interested in with our group is how we respond, how we bounce back, how we come to the practice floor, how intentional we are and how excited we are to continue improving and getting better."

Baylor was up, 41-33, at halftime and built its lead to 14 points in the second half. The Cyclones wouldn't fold,



Iowa State's Tyrese Hunter, left, looks to pass under pressure from Baylor's Jonathan Tchamwa Tchatchoua Saturday in a Big 12 game in Ames, Iowa. No. 1 Baylor defeated No. 8 Iowa State, 77-72.

cutting it to 5 points three times in the final three min-

"It was really loud," Cryer said. "Every time they made a big play, you could barely hear yourself talk. It was really energetic in the building."

Other games

Kansas 76, George Mason 67: Jalen Coleman-Lands came off the bench to hit five 3-pointers and score 20 points for host No. 6 Kansas (11-1). The game was put together earlier this week when Kansas had its Big 12 opener against TCU postponed due

to a COVID-19 outbreak. George Mason (7-6) was willing to play anywhere after it had four consecutive games canceled or postponed.

Villanova 73, Seton Hall 67: Justin Moore hit a goahead jumper with 1:36 to play and visiting No. 22 Villanova (9-4, 2-1 Big East) beat short-handed but gutsy Seton Hall (9-3, 0-2). Collin Gillespie scored 21 points for the Wildcats. Jermaine Samuels added 11 points and 11 rebounds for Villanova, which dominated the boards, 42-28, with No. 15 Seton Hall missing two key

big men because of COVID-19. Backup guard Bryce Aiken had 22 points to lead Seton Hall, which has lost the last two games playing with only eight players because of COVID-19 issues.

Providence 70, DePaul 53: Aljami Durham scored 17 points for the visiting No. 21 Friars (13-1, 3-0 Big East), who grabbed a 25-point halftime lead on the way to their eighth consecutive win. Javon Freeman-Liberty led DePaul (9-3, 0-2) with 22 points. Providence is off to its best start since the 2015-16 team won 14 of its first 15 games.

District roundup

stopped by Texas

Big 3-pointer late lifts RMU women

From local and wire dispatches

Marcus Carr scored 20 points and No. 17 Texas defeated short-handed West Virginia, 74-59, Saturday in the Big 12 Conference opener, snapping the Mountaineers' eight-game winning streak.

West Virginia (11-2, 0-1) played without starting guard and leading scorer Taz Sherman (20.9 ppg) along with reserves Gabe Osabuohien and Kobe Johnson. All three are in COVID-19 protocols.

Texas (11-2, 1-0) finished the first half with a 25-6 run for a 39-20 lead. West Virginia scored 10 points in the final 15 minutes of the half.

Jalen Bridges led West Virginia with 18 points, and Malik Curry scored 14. Sean McNeill had 12 points.

"We're a much better team when we have Taz," West Virginia coach Bob Huggins said. "Takes a lot of pressure off Sean."

Texas forced 12 turnovers in the first half.

"We run around like we don't know what's going on,' Huggins said.

District women

Robert Morris 52, Purdue Fort Wayne 48: Simone Morris hit a 3-pointer with just over a minute left to give the Colonials (5-6, 3-3 Horizon League) a 49-42 lead against the visiting Mastodons (2-9, 1-3).

Richmond 82, Duquesne 76: The Dukes (5-8, 0-1 Atlantic 10) trailed the Spiders (10-4, 1-0) by 23 points before rallying to within 5 in the final

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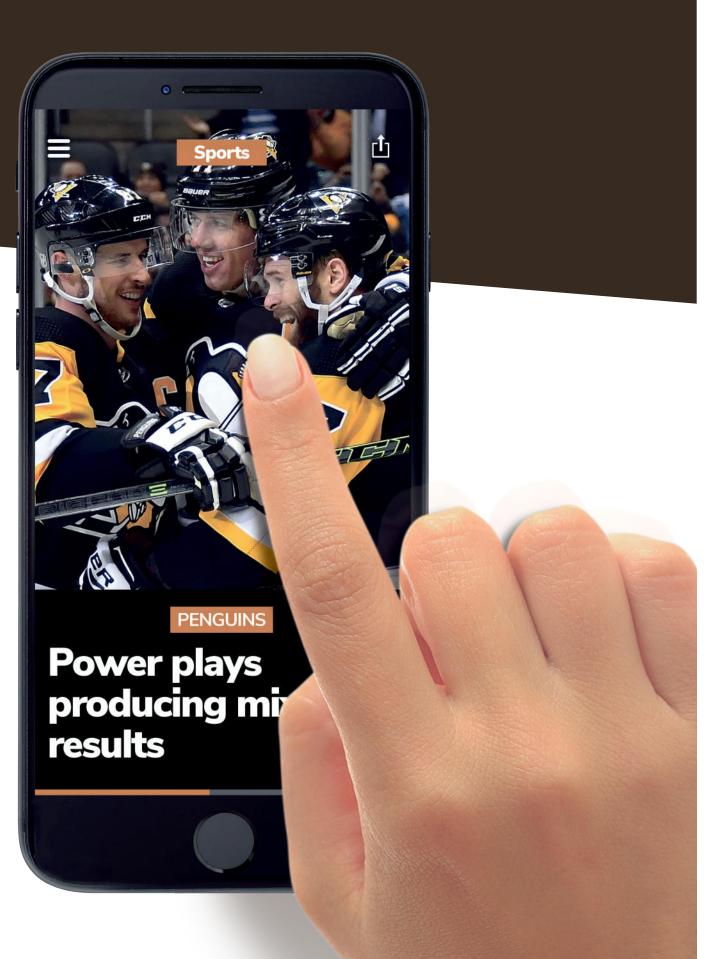
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Sports

Figure skating championships

American pairs rose amid friendly rivalry

By Barry Wilner The Associated Press

They train at the same complex in Montreal under the same coaches.

They've had a long-term rivalry that's taken them

around the world. Hey, even the women's first names are the same.

And when they take the ice in Nashville, Tenn., next week for the U.S. Figure Skating Championships, they will be heavy favorites to qualify for the Olympics — and will carry solid medals credentials to the Beijing Games.

Meet Madison Hubbell and Zach Donohue, and Madison Chock and Evan

"It is an absolute honor to be a U.S. ice dancer and go out on an Olympic stage and an international stage to represent our country,"

said Chock, who along with Bates, her partner on and off the ice, has won two American titles and two world championships medals. They finished ninth at the 2018 Pyeongchang Games.

"I think it is a huge testament to those who have come before us: Tanith [Belbin] and Ben [Agosto]; Meryl [Davis] and Charlie [White]; even Peter [Tchernyshev] and Naomi [Lang]. Ice dance has a very rich history now and it is a legacy we are so proud to be a part of."

As are Hubbell and Donohue, who are three-time U.S. champs and three-time med-alists at worlds who barely missed the podium in South Korea, finishing fourth. This is their final season of competition — Chock and Bates are non-committal but seem intent on continuing beyond the 2022 Olympics—and they



Looking ahead

What: U.S. Figure Skating Championships, Bridgestone Arena, Nashville, Tenn.

When: Monday-Jan. 9. TV: Peacock and WPXI.

Of note: Two-time champion Bradie Tennell withdrew Saturday because of a right foot injury. She can still make the Olympic team by petitioning for a spot.

Highlighted events: Women's free skate, 7:30 p.m. Friday; Pairs free skate, 6:45 p.m. Saturday; Dance free skate, 8:25 p.m. Saturday; Men's free skate, 12:15 p.m. Jan. 9.

seem comfortable with their

"I definitely feel less pressure," Hubbell said. "Every-body deals with it differently. Certainly if I chose to carry it as my last chance to be a national champion or my last chance to be an Olympic medalist, that could be very heavy. But with experience I also know that no outcome is really that bad.

"I have been fourth at the Olympics, I know what that feels like now. I have been first, second and third at national championships and I know what that feels like."

Added Donohue:

"It is quite simple, really, right now the job is a lot bigger than the 'daunting,' if you want to call it that, feeling of this being our final season. We have so much we are pushing for, right to the end, there isn't a moment we are kind of resting or riding it

It's not a unique situation to have friendly duos in U.S. ice dance, which once was the ugly stepchild of the sport in this country. Then the previous duos Chock mentioned stepped it up, literally and figuratively, while remaining close friends and training partners. In the new millennium, the United States became a power, including Davis and White winning gold at the 2014 Sochi Olym-

Belbin, who is married to White, believes these remain impressive times for the sport, thanks to the two American duos.

"For as much as we spend comparing these two incredible dance teams," she said, "it's also worth taking a moment just to celebrate their outstanding collective achievements, which they may not have earned without having the other pushing them for so many years."

Chock hopes that both

couples make the Olympic squad, which is almost a lock, and then get to do something special in Beijing. The team competition, in which the Americans have gotten bronze for the last two Games, precedes the individual events. Splitting duties for the rhythm dance and free dance is an option she particularly likes.

"Of course, we are not the ones who make that final decision," Chock said. cision," Chock said. "Between us and Maddy and Zach, we have talked about it. And there is no question we would love to share the event. We feel such a special bond with them and we have bonded over so many things over the years, and we really feel it would be a good tribute to our friendship and to the environment that our school has cultivated for us to be able to share the event."

College Sports: Analysis

Beleaguered NCAA is at a crossroads

By Ralph D. Russo The Associated Press

From court losses to political pressure to questions about how—and if—athletes should be compensated, the NCAA and college sports have faced all sorts of potential existential threats for more than

The difference in 2021 was volume. It was as if a century's worth of issues fell on college sports all at once.

Lawmakers took aim at the NCAA, undercutting its ability to govern. The Supreme Court issued a scathing rebuke of the so-called collegiate model. Internally, a new era of athlete empowerment was clumsily ushered in with all sorts of unintended consequences. Another wave of conference realignment swept through college sports, causing disruptions and distrust among its leaders.

'I think it is unquestionably an unprecedented potential crisis the NCAA is facing today," said Gabe Feldman, director of Tulane University's sports law program.

If 2021 was about upheaval in college sports, 2022 will be largely defined by reform. College sports leaders will attempt to redefine the NCAA. The goal is to shift power away from the national governing body to conferences and schools, while still maintaining the association; to be more accommodating to the wide-ranging goals and needs of a wildly diverse membership, while still remaining tethered through competi-

"I see value in the national association," Southeastern Conference commissioner Greg Sankey said. "I see value in the big tent. But we're challenged in new ways.'

Sankey has been appointed co-chairperson of the NCAA's Division I Transformation Committee, along with Ohio University athletic director Julie Cromer.

That group will begin its work after the NCAA convention in late January, when a new pared-down constitution is expected to be ratified by membership. That will open the door for each of the NCAA's three divisions to create governance structures.

For Divisions II and III that will mean little change. In Division I, which is comprised of 350 schools that compete in the NCAA's biggest championship events — such as the March Madness basketball tournaments — the transformation could be radical.

"What does that mean about the structure and governance? What does it mean about enforcement? What

does it mean about how we think about eligibility? What does it mean about NIL? You could go on and on and on down the list," said Baylor president Linda Livingstone, a former college basketball player who has become deeply involved in the NCAA.

NIL is shorthand for name, image and likeness. After decades of prohibiting athletes from earning money from their fame, the NCAA loosened those restrictions close to the point of total deregulation this past summer.

For the vast majority of athletes, the endorsement deals have produced modest financial gains with little attention paid. According to data compiled by Opendorse, a company that works with schools on various NIL issues, the average NIL compensation for Division I athletes between July 1 and Nov. 30 was approximately \$250 per month.

The NCAA has pleaded with Congress to pass federal NIL legislation to override state laws that have forced a patchwork of rules and seemingly no enforcement.

Congressional help appears nowhere in sight, and the lawmakers who seem most motivated to get involved in college athletics do not want to stop at NIL.

A restructuring or reimagining of the NCAA and its top division is in many ways a chance for the leaders of college sports to prove to lawmakers, judges, athletes and to some extent — each other that college sports can manage its own house.
"There's a desire to have

federal intervention so that the NCAA can protect college sports," Feldman said. "But I think there's also a desire from Congress to see a plan to protect college sports before intervening.

Sankey, Livingstone and others who will be part of the transformation committee say they enter the process with open minds, ready to share ideas and facilitate solutions

Things could get testy.

Core questions need to be asked about what schools should be in Division I. Is there a need for a new division that provides even more autonomy and power to the wealthiest schools and conferences? And if so, will smaller schools be squeezed out of the marquee championship events by shrinking access or the inability to keep up as the most powerful schools play by their own rules? Or both?

There is concern the powerful will grab more power, the wealthy will claim more of the revenue. Those at the top of the college sports food chain insist that is not the goal.



In addition to being sisters and best friends, Nelly, left, and Jessica Korda were teammates in the Solheim Cup in September.

Kordas have perfect cure for loneliness on LPGA Tour

Jessica and Nelly are 'built-in

By Ben Morse

Playing on a professional golf tour can be a lonely place for players, traveling all over the globe with often very little time spent at home.

But for sisters Jessica and Nelly Korda, they have a "built-in best buddy" who comes with them to keep them company — each other — as they travel to events far and wide.

The two are both winners on the Ladies Professional Golf Association Tour and often find themselves battling one another near the end of tournaments.

But they really feel the importance of having one another in the times away from the course.

We've always said it's like a built-in best buddy," Nelly said. "An automatic dinner buddy.

"Because life gets pretty lonely out here, traveling destination to destination. So it's fun to have someone in the same hotel and have automatic practice rounds together, too. So it's a lot of fun and it definitely makes life a lot easier as well.

Jessica admits that given they've grown up and there is only five years between them, it's "really cool" that they still "genuinely do like each other.

"We are best friends and there's nothing I don't share with her," she said. "And then it's just so nice,

too, when we were standing

best buddies' when on the road in line at Avis the other day and the line was like an hour long and just standing there by yourself stinks, but

you have somebody else, so you can talk to someone and have fun and just be normal together. So I think that part is really fun for us."

Sport is quite literally in the Korda sisters' blood.

Their father, Petr, capped a fine tennis career in 1998 by winning the Australian Open. His wife, Regina Rajchrtová, was also a pro tennis player.

Even their younger brother, Sebastian, is one of the hottest tennis prospects on the tour at the moment.

Jessica remembers because she was such a "high energy child," she was thrown into a variety of sports, from "gymnastics to figure skating, to ballet to tap dance, tennis, golf.

'Anything that I could get energy out, I did it. I didn't do it for long, obviously because as a kid you're like: 'No, I don't like that. I don't want to go there anymore.' But golf always just, I mean, I just felt really at home with golf."

Their future success in the professional sports of their choice may have been fired in the forges of childhood Monopoly games between the family, as Nelly remembers some particularly "competitive" battles

between herself and Sebastian over the board game.

Perhaps that's because, even though they are the children of two former tennis stars, Nelly recalls their family spending more time together playing golf, as it is easier to do as a group.

And that competitive upbringing seems to have stood the two in good stead in their golfing careers, with both of them multiple-time winners on professional golf tours, despite being just in their twenties.

Jessica, 28, has won six times on the LPGA Tour, with her best finishes at any of the majors being tied for fourth at the ANA Inspiration and the Women's PGA Championship in 2018.

Nelly meanwhile has enjoyed somewhat of a breakthrough 2021.

Still only 23 years old, she has won four times on the LPGA Tour this season bringing her total victories on the tour to seven - including her debut major, finishing first at the Women's PGA Championship in June.

But possibly the crowning moment of her momentous season which she reached world No. 1 in women's golf rankings — came at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, where she won the gold medal for Team USA.

The coolest part about the experience (besides the "duffels of USA gear" they both received)? Both being able to represent Team USA together.

"Olympics was a big goal [and] to be able to share that with my sister I think was the biggest goal," Jessica remembers.

"Our mom is the only one that has competed in the Olympics and now it's like the exclusive girls club in the Korda households. And then watching Nelly win gold and the drama that unfolded over the last hour out on the golf course, with the rain delay, it was just very, very special, not only to watch it, but also play, be able to compete with literally the best players in the world and how hard it is to qualify for the United States team."

Standing on the podium with the U.S. national anthem playing with her family watching on, Nelly describes feeling a "flood of emotions."

"It's weird because for golf growing up, we didn't have Olympics in our head because it wasn't a reality until 2016," she explained.

"So growing up it was these people have trained their entire lives, swimming, track to go to the Olympics. Like that's the main goal for them. So our main goal growing up, until 2016, was winning major championships.'

Baseball

Around baseball

Hot stove just illusion during MLB lockout

Baseball and its labor problems have earned indifference of its fans

By Paul Sullivan Chicago Tribune

The problem with having a hot stove league without the hot stove is it doesn't deter baseball fans from pretending the stove still exists.

This became apparent recently when a rumor began to circulate about a certain team in a certain city having interest in a prominent free-agent shortstop

Signing this player, who was alleged to be part of a signstealing scheme that tarnished the reputations of many individuals, undoubtedly would make many of that team's fans cry for joy. He's that good of a player, and he would immediately lift the hopes of the fan base after a season of misery.

But this is no time for joy or getting your hopes up for 2022. It's time to ignore baseball, as it deserves.

As you may recall, teams have been unable to negotiate with free agents since the owners declared a lockout on Dec. 1 after an impasse in negotiations over the collective bargaining agreement. Most believe the lockout will go into February and perhaps delay the start of spring training.

In deciding to lock out players, MLB commissioner Rob Manfred said owners were "forced" to do so and a "defensive lockout was necessary because the Players Association's vision for Major League Baseball would threaten the ability of most teams to be competitive.

Whether the players

union's "vision" on the luxury tax, revenue sharing and other economic issues would hurt teams' ability to compete is debatable. But that's a story for another day.

The point is there is no real hot stove league without rumors about trades and freeagent signings, and because there's a freeze on major league transactions, it's useless to speculate now on who will wind up where.

For the sake of our sanity, it's best to stop the rumors until the sides come to an agreement on the CBA. Once that happens, speculate away.

That's impossible, of course, with so many people whose careers are invested in the offseason movement of baseball players, from beat writers to team-friendly bloggers to the clearinghouse for all baseball MLB Trade Rumors.com.

Lockout or not, they all have to make a living. Not everyone will pay you not to write, though MLB.com has had its reporters busy writing flashbacks since Dec. 1, pretending the lockout doesn't ex-

Some of us instinctively click on MLBTradeRumors.com daily anyway. And on Tuesday we learned that left-hander Ryan Carpenter signed a one-year deal with the Hanwha Eagles of the Korea Baseball Organization.

It's hard to quit cold turkey. But for the sake of future baseball fans, we must try.

MLB wants us to keep talking about the game, the players and the promise of next year. It's in the owners' best interest, financially speaking. Tickets still must be sold, of course, and it's much easier to do that when you're busy adding expensive free agents or acquiring popular stars for your roster.

In the absence of that, the next best thing for owners is to have fans believe they're going to sign big-name free agents immediately after the lockout ends. That bill for your 2022 season tickets is due soon. A certain team in a certain city has even introduced a new half-season plan, after many years of selling only fullseason packages because it could get away with it.

That's a sure sign the owners are feeling some backlash from fans after the team's dismal season. "In early Januarv, vou will receive an email with more details on timing and logistics for the season ticket on-sale," a letter to a prospective ticket buyer said.

Unless the lockout ends early, that will be a very awkward email: "Pay up — while we continue to lock out your favorite stars.

The owners of a certain team in a certain city love seeing their team linked to freeagent rumors, especially after spending the last several months labeled as cheapskates for failing to retain its biggest stars and holding the biggest sell-off in franchise

Suddenly they're big spenders during a lockout? Who knew?

It appears as though MLB owners are trying to have their cake and eat it too, pretending it's a normal offseason when there's no real news to report. The owners don't want to give up all the free



Charles Rex Arbogast/Associated Press

In keeping with the spirit of the times, we take an offseason peak at A Ballpark That Will Remain Nameless

publicity the sport receives every winter with constant rumors about trades and freeagent signings. Yet they don't want a system that forces them to spend more money on those players.

And if everyone continues to spread and consume rumors when no actual talks are going on, we're making their jobs that much easier.

The annual winter meetings, which were canceled this year because of the lockout, are one of the smartest marketing ploys of any professional sports league. The hotel lobby is always buzzing with activity, and MLB Network airs hour after hour of coverage, including interviews with executives, managers and reporters.

Teams collectively send hundreds of employees, from presidents to part-time advisers, to take part in covert meetings with agents and other teams' front offices, spending big money on travel, hotel rooms and other expenses.

But as we discovered in the month leading into the lockout, the winter meetings are an anachronism from a time before technology made them irrelevant. Almost all of the negotiating and trade talks can be done via texts, emails and phone calls. The only thing we'd miss without the winter meetings is the annual spectacle of super-agent Scott Boras holding a news conference in the lobby, citing the values of his many clients and making bad puns.

Teams spent about \$1.7 billion on free agents before the lockout, proving they don't need to congregate in a warm-weather city in

December to get things done. Many big names, including the free-agent shortstop coveted by a certain team in a certain city, are still avail-

Once the lockout ends, a frenzy of free-agent activity will take place as teams fill out their rosters for spring training or whatever version of training camp is held before the season, assuming there is one.

Until then, let's hold off on devouring rumors that often are leaked by teams or agents to create interest in players. There's plenty of other stuff on the internet to peruse, such as Atlanta Braves outfielder Joc Pederson recently tweeting: "Diving into the cyrpto [sic] world heavy."

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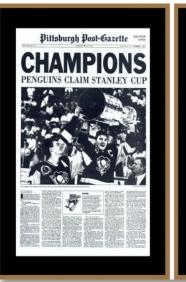




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Sports

Morning briefing

Top U.S. figure skater pulls out of nationals

From local and wire dispatches

Two-time U.S. figure skating champion Bradie Tennell, a favorite to make the Olympic team, withdrew from next week's nationals.

Tennell, 23, who has missed the season's main competitions on the road to the Beijing Games, has been dealing with a right foot injury. She still could make the American squad for February's Olympics by petitioning for a spot.

But with several other top skaters competing in Nashville, Tenn., that seems a long shot. She was a member of the 2018 Olympic team.

Her withdrawal likely leaves two-time national champ Alysa Liu—who was beaten by Tennell in 2021 for the U.S. title—2018 Olympian Karen Chen, Mariah Bell and Amber Glenn as the top contenders for the team. The national championships begin Thursday for the women.

The hottest-ever New Year's Day in London saw Arsenal fans get heated after a meltdown against Manchester City. Arsenal fans hurled plastic bottles and toilet rolls at City's celebrating players after Rodri scored a stoppage-time winner at Emirates Stadium as temperatures reached 61 degrees. City's comeback to win 2-1 and secure an 11th consecutive Premier League victory was completed in the third minute of stoppage time, prompting Rodri to rip off his jersey and slide across the field right in $front \, of \, the \, home \, support.$

 Seven Monaco players tested positive for the cor-



Bradie Tennell will not defend U.S. title this week.

onavirus, the club said Saturday on the eve of its French Cup game. The match at second-tier Quevilly-Rouen is still set to be played. Later, the team announced it fired coach Niko Kovac with the club sixth in the French league.

Greece badly missed Stefanos Tsitsipas in the singles when it was beaten by Poland, 2-1, on the opening day of the 16-team ATP Cup tournament in Sydney. Argentina's Diego Schwartzman and Spain's Roberto Bautista Agut led their respective teams to 3-0 wins over Georgia and Chile, respectively, earlier Saturday. Serbia, which is without topranked Novak Djokovic, beat Norway, 2-1. The other eight teams begin play Sunday: Russia vs. France, Italy vs. Australia, Canada vs. United States and Germany vs. Britain.

Winter sports

Francesco Friedrich of

Today on TV & Radio

College Men's Basketball

- College Men's Basketball

 St. Bonaventure at Dayton, noon, TV: CBSSN

 Central Florida at SMU, 2 p.m., TV: ESPNU

 Michigan State at Northwestern, 2 p.m., TV: Big Ten Network

 Richmond at Saint Louis, 2 p.m., TV: CBSSN

 Indiana at Penn State, 4 p.m., TV: Big Ten Network

 Houston at Temple, 5 p.m., TV: ESPN

 Loyola Chicago at Southern Illinois, 5 p.m., TV: ESPN2

 Illinois at Minnesota, 6 p.m., TV: Big Ten Network

 Ohio State at Nebraska, 8 p.m., TV: Big Ten Network

 High School Football

 Under Armour All-American Game. 2 p.m., TV: ESPN
- Under Armour All-American Game, 2 p.m., TV: ESPN
- Pacers at Cavaliers, 6 p.m., TV: NBA TV

- Chiefs at Bengals, 1 p.m., TV: KDKA
 Rams at Ravens, 1 p.m., TV: WPGH
 Cardinals at Cowboys, 4:25 p.m., TV: WPGH
 Vikings at Packers, 8:20 p.m., TV: WPXI
- NHL Sharks at Penguins, 1 p.m., TV: AT&T SportsNet, Radio: WXDX-FM (105.9)

- Everton vs. Brighton & Hove, 9 a.m., TV: USA
 Chelsea vs. Liverpool, 11:30 a.m., TV: USA
 College Women's Basketball
- Temple at Central Florida, noon, TV: ESPNU
 Louisville at Georgia Tech, noon, TV: ACC Network
 Tennessee at Arkansas, 1 p.m., TV: SEC Network
 Miami at Virginia, 2 p.m., TV: ACC Network

- Maryland at Indiana, 3 p.m., TV: ESPN2
 Georgia at Florida, 3 p.m., TV: SEC Network
- West Virginia at Iowa State, 4 p.m., TV: ESPNU
 Virginia Tech at Wake Forest, 4 p.m., TV: ACC Network
 Auburn at Alabama, 5 p.m., TV: SEC Network

• Clemson at North Carolina, 6 p.m., TV: ACC Network

Germany had his 21-race bobsled World Cup winning streak snapped in Sigulda, Latvia, after his worst finish in more than four years. Rostislav Gaitiukevich of Russia was the surprise winner of a two-man race, teaming with Mikhail Mordasov to prevail in 1 minute, 39.23 seconds. Friedrich couldn't overcome trouble at the top of the track in both runs, and he and brakeman Alexander Schuller finished 12th in 1:39.84. It matched

Friedrich's worst finish in any World Cup race since Nov. 24, 2017.

· Johannes Ludwig of Germany won his fourth luge race of the season in Winterberg, Germany, and further padded his lead in the World Cup overall standings. Ludwig leads Austrian Wolfgang Kindl by 124 points.

Horse racing

Newgrange won the \$100,000 Sham Stakes by 23/4 lengths ahead of stablemate

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Steelers · 412-323-1200/ 3600-1200 Jan. 3: Browns, 8:15 p.m., Heinz Field Penguins 800-642-7367/penguins.nhl.com

Jan. 2: Sharks, 1 p.m., PPG Paints Arena

Jan. 5: Blues, 7:30 p.m., PPG Paints Arena Jan. 6: Flyers, 7 p.m., Wells Fargo Center, Philadelphia

Jan. 8: Stars, 2 p.m., American Airlines Center, Dallas

Pitt basketball · 800-643-7488/pittsburghpanthers.com Jan. 5: Louisville, 7 p.m., KFC Yum! Center, Lousiville, Ky.

Jan. 8: Boston College, 4 p.m., Petersen Events Center

Women's basketball

Jan. 6: Louisville, 7 p.m., KFC Yum! Center, Louisville, Ky.

Penn State basketball · 800-648-8269/gopsusports.com Jan. 2: Indiana, 4 p.m., Bryce Jordan Center, University Park, Pa. Jan. 5: Northwestern, 9 p.m., Welsh-Ryan Arena, Evanston, III.

Jan. 8: Purdue, noon, Bryce Jordan Center, University Park, Pa. Women's basketball Jan. 7: Maryland, 6 p.m., Xfinity Center, College Park, Md.

West Virginia basketball · 800-988-4763/wvusports.com Jan. 8: Kansas State, 2 p.m., WVU Coliseum, Morgantown, W.Va.

Women's basketball Jan. 2: Iowa State, 4 p.m., Hilton Coliseum, Ames, Iowa

Jan. 5: Kansas, 8 p.m., Allen Fieldhouse, Lawrence, Kan. Jan. 8: Kansas State, 4 p.m., WVU Coliseum, Morgantown, W.Va.

Duquesne basketball· 412-232-3853/goduquesne.com Jan. 5: George Washington, 7 p.m., UPMC Cooper Fieldhouse Jan. 8: Massachusetts, noon, William D. Mullins Memorial Center,

Amherst, Mass Women's basketball

Jan. 5: VCU, 6 p.m., Siegel Center, Richmond, Va. Jan. 8: St. Bonaventure, UPMC Cooper Fieldhouse

Robert Morris basketball · 412-397-4949/rmucolonials.com Jan. 5: Youngstown State, 7 p.m., UPMC Events Center Jan. 7: Cleveland State, 7 p.m., UPMC Events Center Women's basketball

Jan. 7: Western Kentucky, 7 p.m., E.A. Diddle Arena, Bowling Green, Ky.

Rockefeller at Santa Anita in Arcadia, Calif., giving trainer Bob Baffert two Kentucky Derby prospects. Baffert earned his third consecutive win in the Grade 3 Sham for

3-year-olds and his eighth overall. John Velazquez aboard Newgrange and Flavien Prat on Rockefeller hustled their mounts from the starting gate.

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Monday's Games Charlotte at Washington, 7 p.m. Houston at Philadelphia, 7 p.m. Memphis at Brooklyn, 7:30 p.m. Detroit at Milwaukee, 8 p.m. Orlando at Chicago, 8 p.m. Utah at New Orleans, 8 p.m. Denver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m. Atlanta at Portland, 10 p.m. Miami at Golden State, 10 p.m. Minnesota at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m. Tuesday's Games

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y-Dallas	11	4	0	.733	457	307
Philadelphia	8	7	0	.533	398	318
Washington	6	9	0	.400	297	407
e-N.Y. Giants	4	11	0	.267	248	365
NORTH						
y-Green Bay	12	3	0	.800	383	324
Minnesota	7	8	0	.467	384	372
e-Chicago	5	10	0	.333	265	373
e-Detroit	2	12	1	.167	259	386
SOUTH						
y-Tampa Bay	11	4	0	.733	442	312
Atlanta	7	8	0	.467	278	400
New Orleans	7	8	0	.467	316	305
e-Carolina	5	10	0	.333	277	345
WEST						
x-L.A. Rams	11	4	0	.733	416	326
x-Arizona	10	5	0	.667	394	306
San Francisco	8	7	0	.533	377	334
Seattle		10	0	.333	306	307
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e – eliminated from playoff contention. WEEK 17 Sunday's Games Atlanta at Buffalo, 1 p.m. Carolina at New Orleans, 1 p.m. Jacksonville at New England, 1 p.m. Kansas City at Cincinnati, 1 p.m. Las Vegas at Indianapolis, 1 p.m. Miami at Tennessee, 1 p.m.

N.Y. Giants at Chicago, 1 p.m. Philadelphia at Washington, 1 p.m. Tampa Bay at N.Y. Jets. 1 p.m Denver at L.A. Chargers, 4:05 p.m. Houston at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m. Arizona at Dallas, 4:25 p.m. Detroit at Seattle, 4:25 p.m. L.A. Rams at Baltimore, 4:25 p.m. Minnesota at Green Bay, 8:20 p.m. Monday's Games Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 8:15 p.m.

COLLEGE SPORTS

BASKETBALL AP TOP 25 MEN'S SCHEDULE No. 18 Kentucky 92 High Point 48

Saturday's Games No. 1 Baylor 77 No. 8 Iowa St. 72 No. 2 Duke at Notre Dame, ppd.
No. 4 Gonzaga at Loyola Marymount, ppd No. 6 Kansas 76 TCU 67

No. 22 Villanova 73 No. 15 Seton Hall 67 No. 17 Texas 74 West Virginia 59 No. 21 Providence 70 DePaul 53 No. 25 Texas Tech vs. Oklahoma St., ppd. Sunday's Games No. 10 Michigan St. at Northwestern, 2 p.m. No. 12 Houston at Temple, 5 p.m.

No. 13 Ohio St. at Nebraska, 8 p.m. Monday's Games No. 3 Purdue vs. No. 24 Wisconsin, 7 p.m. No. 9 Arizona vs. Washington, 8 p.m.

AP TOP 25 WOMEN'S SCHEDULE No. 9 Michigan 90, No. 25 Ohio St. 71 No. 2 Stanford at Washington, ppd. No. 4 Arizona at USC, ppd. No. 11 UConn at DePaul, ppd.

Saturday's Game No. 18 BYU vs Portland, ppd. Sunday's Games No. 1 South Carolina vs. Mississippi, 1 p.m. No. 2 Stanford at Washington St., 3 p.m. No. 3 Louisville at No. 16 Georgia Tech, Noon No. 6 Maryland at No. 8 Indiana, 3 p.m.

9 6 0 .600 388 260 **No. 7** Tennessee at Arkansas, 1 p.m. 8 7 0 .533 305 315 **No. 10** Baylor at Kansas St., 2 p.m. 4 11 0 .267 276 449 **No. 12** Texas at Oklahoma St., 3 p.m.

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Friday's Games GATOR BOWL At Jacksonville, Fla.

No. 20 Wake Forest 38 Rutgers 10 (No. 23

ARIZONA BOWL At Tucson, Ariz. Central Michigan vs. Boise State (ccd., Boise

ORANGE BOWL (CFP SEMIFINAL) At Miami Gardens, Fla. No. 3 Georgia 34 No. 2 Michigan 11

At Tampa, Fla. No. 21 Arkansas 24 Penn State 10 CITRUS BOWL At Orlando, Fla. No. 25 Kentucky 20 No. 15 Iowa 17

At Glendale, Ariz. ROSE BOWL At Pasadena, Calif.

SUGAR BOWL Tuesday, Jan. 4

LSU (6-6) vs. Kansas State (7-5), 9 p.m. Monday, Jan. 10 CFP CHAMPIONSHIP

PRO HOCKEY

ATLANTIC DIVISION

CENTRAL DIVISION

St. Louis

Colorado

Florida	32	21	7	4	46	122	95
Toronto	31	21	8	2	44	104	76
Detroit	32	15	14	3	33	89	107
Boston	27	15	10	2	32	75	72
Buffalo	33	10	17	6	26	89	116
Ottawa	29	9	18	2	20	79	107
Montreal	34	7	23	4	18	73	123
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EASTERN CONFERENCE GP W

WESTERN CONFERENCE

At El Paso, Texas Central Michigan 24 Washington State 21

COTTON BOWL (CFP SEMIFINAL) At Arlington, Texas No. 1 Alabama 27 No. 4 Cincinnati 6

FIESTA BOWL No. 9 Oklahoma State 37 No. 5 Notre Dame

No. 7 Baylor (11-2) vs. No. 8 Mississippi (10-

TEXAS BOWL

L OT Pts GF GA Tampa Bay 33 21 7 5 47 109 97

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27 17

No. 22 South Florida vs. Memphis, ppd.

No. 24 North Carolina vs. Clemson 6 p.m.

9 6 0 .600 420 316 4 11 0 .267 248 401 2 13 0 .133 217 396 No. 26 Ohio St. vs. Penn St., ppd.

(Note: College Football Playoff rankings listed)

Texas A&M withdrew due to insufficient

OUTBACK BOWL

lo. 6 Ohio State 48 No. 11 Utah 45

At Indianapolis No. 1 Alabama (13-0) vs. No. 3 Georgia (13-

Dallas

PACIFIC DIVISION L OT Pts GF GA GP W L OT Pts GF GA 34 22 12 0 44 123 102 3 102 34 17 10 7 41 105 94 29 16 7 6 38 93 66 32 18 12 2 38 110 103 32 17 14 1 35 89 94 32 15 12 5 35 85 86 33 15 15 3 3 33 84 93 32 10 18 4 24 90 117 118 67 2 34 10 20 20 118 67 Anaheim Calgary Edmonton San Jose Los Angeles Vancouver

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for Overtime loss.
Friday's Games
New Jersey 6, Edmonton 5, OT
Vegas 3, Anaheim 1
N.Y. Rangers 4, Tampa Bay 3, SO Washington 3, Detroit 1 Pittsburgh at Ottawa, ppd. Colorado at Dallas, ppd. Winnipeg at Calgary, ppd. Saturday's Games Boston 4, Buffalo 3, OT Carolina 7, Columbus 4 Florida 5, Montreal 2

ville 6, Chicago 1 N.Y. Islanders 3, Edmonton 2, OT Toronto 6, Ottawa 0 St. Louis vs. Minnesota at Target Field Vancouver at Seattle Philadelphia at Los Angeles Sunday's Games Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, 12:30 p.m. Boston at Detroit, 1 p.m. San Jose at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m. Anaheim at Colorado, 3 p.m. New Jersey at Washington, 3 p.m. Winnipeg at Vegas, 4 p.m. Calgary at Chicago, 7 p.m. Dallas at Arizona, ppd.

Edmonton at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

SOCCER

EPL

Carolina at Toronto, ppd.

Minnesota at Ottawa, ppd.

Monday's Games

Everton 18 36 16 22 36 13 Leeds Watford Burnley 8 7 15 24 11 Newcastle Norwich 4 13 Note: Home teams listed first; three points awarded for a win one for a draw. Saturday's results
Arsenal 1 Manchester City 2

Leicester vs. Norwich (ppd.) Sunday's matches Brentford vs. Aston Villa, 9 a.m. Everton vs. Brighton, 9 a.m. Leeds vs. Burnley, 9 a.m. Chelsea vs. Liverpool, 11:30 a.m. Southampton vs. Newcastle (ppd.) Monday's match Manchester United vs. Wolverhampton,

Watford 0 Tottenham 1

12:30 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

GP W L OT Pts GF GA CHICAGO BULLS - Signed G Mac McClung to 33 20 11 2 42 101 89 32 18 9 5 41 110 87 30 19 9 2 40 112 92 a 10-day contract. PHOENIX SUNS - Signed C Bismack Biyombo to a 10-day contract.

29 15 12 2 32 82 85 31 11 16 4 26 73 103 30 6 21 3 15 63 117 NFL ARIZONA CARDINLS — Activated LB Tanner Vallejo from the injured reserve/designated for return list. Elevated DL Josh Mauro and CB Kevin Peterson to the active list as COVID-19 replacements. Elevated TE David Wells and CB Jace Whittaker to the active

roster.

CINCINNATI BENGALS — Returned QB Brandon Allen and LB Germaine Pratt to the active roster from the Reserve/COVID-19 list. Elevated CB John Brannon, QB Jake Browning and WR Trent Taylor to the active roster. Placed TE Scotty Washington on the Re-DENVER BRONCOS — Activated OLB Andre

Mintze from the reserve/COVID-19 list. Activated DL Jonathon Harris from the practice squad COVID-19 list. Activated T Quinn Baily, S Ha Ha Clinton-Dix, WR Rico Gafford, T Drew Himmelman, DE Marquiss Spencer and ILB Barrington Wade from the practice squad COVID-19 replacement. Activated CB Rojesterman Ferris from the practice squad. GREEN BAY PACKERS — Activated P Corey Bojorquez, G Ben Braden, LB Oren Burks TE Tyler Davis. TE Marcedes Lewis and LB T Summers off the reserve/COVID-19 list. Restored DL RJ McIntosh to the practice squad from the practice squad reserve/COVID-19 list. Elevated DL Abdullah Anderson and WR David Moore from the practice squad to active roster. Signed K Elliot Fry to the practice squad. Released LB Aaron Adeoye from

the practice squad. MIAMI DOI PHINS — Activated DI Adam Butler and S Brandon Jones from the reserve/COVID-19 list. Activated LB Brennan Scarlett off injured reserve. Placed CB Noah Igbinoghene and S Sheldrick Redwine on the reserve/COVID-19 list. Elevated WR Kirk Merritt and C Cameron Tom as COVID-19 replacement. Elevated DB Chris Milton. MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Flevated DT T.Y. McGill and DE Eddie Yarbrough from the practice squad. Activated S Myles Dorn, SB Tye Smith, and DE Kenny Willekes as COVID-19 replacements. Activated G Olisaemeka Udoh from the reserve/COVID-19 list. TAMPA BAY Buccaneers - Elevated RB Ken-

on Barner and WR Cyril Grayson as COVID-19 replacements. Elevated P Sterling Hofrichter and OLB from the practice squad. Activated CBs Jamel Dena and Sean Murphy-Buntin from the reserve/COVID-19 list. TENNESSEE TITANS — Activated DL Denico Autry, OLB Bud Dupree and Buster Skrine from the reserve/COVID-19 list. Restored WR Cody Hollister from practice squad reserve to practice squad. Released WR Caleb Scott from the practice squad.

BUFFALO SABRES - Activated Fs Vinnie Hinostra and Jeff Skinner from COVID-19 list. Reassigned D Oskari Laaksonen and Fs Brandon Biro, Arttu Ruotsalainen and JJ Peterka to Rochester (AHL).

COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS - Recalled G

Jean-Francois Berube from Cleveland (AHL)

and assigned him to the taxi squad. DALLAS STARS - Recalled Fs Tv Dellandrea. Riley Damiani and Rhett Gardner from the Texas Stars(AHL) and added them to the DETROIT RED WINGS - Reassigned D Dan Renouf to Grand Rapids (AHL) from the taxi

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Recalled Fs Alex ander Holtz from the Swedish National Team and Nolan Foote from Utica (AHL) and assigned them to the taxi squad. Removed G Jon Giles from COVID-19 list.

ECHL

ECHL - Suspendend C Tyler Drevitch, Wheeling, one game for actions in a game

ADIRONDACK THUNDER — Added G Brandon Kasel, D Blake Thompson, Fs Samuel Laberge and Tyler Irvine. Placed F Colin Long on reserve. Released G Dylan Pasco. ATLANTA GLADIATORS — Activated Fs Michael Turner and Aaron Ryback from the Commissioner's Exempt List. Placed F Luke Norgard on the Commissioner's Exempt List. CINCINNATI CYCLONES - Released G Evan

FLORIDA EVERBLADES - activated F Blake Winiecki from the Commissioner's Exempt

GREENVILLE SWAMP RABBITS — Added G Mark Hartig, D Alec Rauhauser from loan to Stockton (AHL). Activated F Antohny Rinaldi from the Commissioner's Exempt List. Activated F Brett Kemp from injured reserve. Place D Roshen Jaswal on injured reserve effective Dec. 16. and F Quin Foreman on injured reseerve effective Dec. 19. Released G Jack Spaulding.
IDAHO STEELHEADS — Added D Michael

Prapavessis.
IOWA HEARTLANDERS — Activated Ryan Suffner from the Commissioner's Exempt List, Released F Derek Whitmore. JACKSONVILLE ICEMEN - Signed F Alex Re-

ORLANDO SOLAR BEARS — Added G John Griffith, Activated D Richie Boyd, Placed F Jackson Keane on reserve.

READING ROYALS — Added G Matt Tendler. Loaned G Hayden Hawkey to Rocheste

SOUTH CAROLINA STINGRAYS — Added G

and removed from roster. TULSA OILERS - Released G Trevor Board-UTAH GRIZZLIES - Added G Peyton Jones, Ds Charles-Edouard D'Astous and Luke Martin. Placed D Ryan Orgel and F Brandon Cutler on reserve. Placed D Jordon Stone on

and D Joey Colatarci on the Commissioner's Exempt List. WHEELING NAILERS — Signed D Taylor Egan. Activated F Nick Mangone from reserve. Placed Fs Bobby Hampton, Jared Cockrell and Cameron Hough on the Commissioner's Exempt List.
WORCHESTER RAILERS — Released F Beau

injured reserve. Placed F Matthew Boucher

NEW YORK CITY FC - Signed M Maximiliano Moralez to a new contract. ORLANDO CITY FC — Transferred F Daryl

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OSTON	OFF	OFF		Orlando
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EVELAND	OFF	OFF		Indiana
HARLOTTE	OFF	OFF		Phoenix
(LAHOMA CI	TYOFF	OFF		Dallas
LAKERS	OFF	OFF		Minnesota

COLLEGE FOOTBALL Tuesday FAVORITE OPEN TODAY O/U UNDERDOG Texas Bowl

Kansas State 1 3¹/₂ (48¹/₂) Monday, Jan. 10 CFP National Championship Indianapolis

21/2 21/2 (521/2)

Sunday

Georgia

FAVORITE OPEN TODAY O/U UNDERDOG Philadelphia 3 4½ (44½) WASHINGTON BUFFALO 13½ 14½ (44) Atlanta 4¹/₂ 6 4 4¹/₂ 6 (361/2) CHICAGO 4½ (51) CINCINNATI 7½ (45½) Las Vegas Kansas City INDIANAPOLIS81/2 NEW ENGLAND16 161/2 (411/2) Jacksonville 13 Tampa Bay 12 $(45^{1}/_{2})$ TENNESSÉE 3 3¹/₂ (39¹/₂) 6 (46) LA Rams 3 LA CHARGERS 6 71/2 (45) Denver SAN FRANCISCO15 12½ (44) SEATTLE 9 7½ (41½) Houston Detroit DALLAS 2½ 5½ (51½) NEW ORLEANS 7 6½ (37½) Arizona GREEN BAY 61/2 131/2 (421/2)

(41)PITTSBURGH 31/2 Cleveland Home teams in capitals.
For the latest odds, go to FanDuel Sports-

book, https://sportsbook.fanduel.com/

Today

HIGH:42



Mostly cloudy, showers of rain and snow; cooler. Winds NW at 8-16 mph.

Tomorrow

Partly sunny. Winds NW at 6-12 mph.

Tuesday

at 6-12 mph.

Milder with times of

Breezy; a passing afterclouds and sun. Winds S noon shower. Winds SSW

at 10-20 mph.

Wednesday

Cloudy and colder; afternoon snow. Winds NE at 6-12 mph.

Thursday

Weather outlook

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

62/31

65/33

Mostly cloudy today with a couple of rain or snow showers. Chance of precipitation 85%. Low clouds tonight. Partly sunny tomorrow. Tuesday: times of clouds and sun. Wednesday: mostly cloudy and breezy with a passing shower in the afternoon. Chance of precipita-



Nation Cities



U.S. EXTREMES (For the 48 contiguous states yesterday) . 96 at Zapata, Texas -37 at Grand Forks, N.D.

43/23 sh

Harry Helmet

Washington, D.C.

Wheeling

41/26

32/21

Yesterday's Record

Readings from the Pittsburgh Int'l. Airport through 5 p.m. Jan 1, 2022

TEMPERATURE

Record high 69 (1985) Low 5 Normal low 2 Year ago 2
Record low7 (1968
DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL
Yesterday +24.9 Month to date +24.9 Year to date +24.9
HUMIDITY
High 100 (at 4 p.m.
Low 79 (at 1 a.m.
PRECIPITATION (inches)
24 hours ending 5 p.m yest 0.73
Month to date 0.72
Normal month to date 0.10
Departure from normal+0.63
Year to date 0.72 Normal year to date 0.10
Departure from normal+0.63

Skywatch today

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Sunrise Sunset Moonrise Moonset	5:06 p.m. 7:52 a.m.

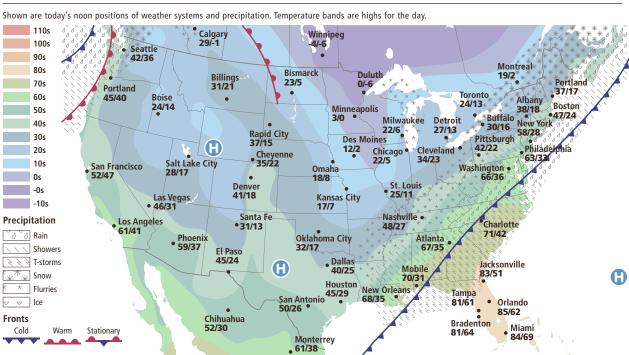
Bradford 33/23 Cleveland Meadville 35/21 Wilkes-Barre Stroudsburg Canton 37/25 53/23 Reading **57/29** 58/30 49/19 56/26 Wheeling Uniontown Philadelphia 59/29 Zanesville 41/23 43/23 59/28 Cumberland 58/29 Oakland, Md. Baltimore

Air Quality

Parkersburg







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River Stages

ALLEGHENY

Franklin, Pa 6.80 R
Parker, Pa 6.40 R
Sharpsburg, Pa 13.20 R
MONONGAHELA
Gray's Landing, Pa 12.60 R
CHEAT
Parsons, W.Va 5.60 R
WEST FORK
Clarksburg, W.Va 3.42 R
YOUGHIOGHENY
Sutersville, Pa 6.00 R
BEAVER
Beaver Falls, Pa 6.50 R
OHIO
Pittsburgh, Pa 16.30 R
Dashields Dam 16.90 R
Montgomery Dam, Pa 15.60 R
Pike Is. Lock and Dam, W.Va 19.80 R
F-Falling: M-Missing: P-Pool: R-Rising:

Moon Phases





World Cities

	Tod	ay	Tomori	ow
	Hi/Lo	W	Hi/Lo	W
Athens	64/48	S	62/50	S
Auckland	80/63	рс	80/65	рс
Baghdad	65/42	рс	55/37	sh
Beijing	35/12	рс	42/12	рс
Berlin	53/45	r	49/41	sh
Bermuda	71/68	рс	74/64	S
Bogota	69/49	рс	68/49	r
Buenos Aires	87/74	t	88/76	S
Cairo	65/55	С	67/54	рс
Copenhagen	46/42	r	45/35	r
Dublin	52/45	рс	48/36	r
Frankfurt	53/46	С	52/46	sh
Hong Kong	69/63	S	70/64	S
Jerusalem	56/50	рс	54/48	рс
Johannesburg	83/60	t	81/60	С
Kinshasa	88/74	t	85/74	t
London	54/47	r	52/44	С
Madrid	59/36	рс	58/38	рс
Manila	85/75	рс	87/75	С
Mexico City	74/41	S	71/44	S
Montreal	19/2	sn	15/8	S
Moscow	18/6	С	16/9	sn
Nairobi	81/57	S	81/56	S
Nassau	82/69	рс	82/66	S
New Delhi	67/46	рс	69/48	рс
Oslo	34/28	С	39/23	sn
Paris	57/50	С	54/50	С
Rio de Janeiro	84/75	t	85/75	С
Rome	57/47	sh	58/50	С
Seoul	36/13	S	34/18	рс
Singapore	81/75	t	84/76	t
Sydney	82/71	S	79/71	рс
Tokyo	46/37	рс	47/38	рс
Toronto	24/13	sn	24/20	рс
Vancouver	41/35	r	39/32	sn
Vienna	50/44	С	54/42	r
Warsaw	49/45	r	46/40	sh

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms,

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AMERICA'S CHOICE

What were your favorite Post-Gazette stories of 2021? We have the answers.

(Mostly) local news that had readers clicking

By Michael Pound Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

A Frey. A Fu. And the Rolling Stones, too.

One might think that COVID-19 and all things related to the pandemic would be top of mind around here in 2021. But as we look back at the Post-Gazette's top stories of the year, we see just two references to the virus.

But that's just what you folks wanted to see. And that's why this list is so interesting. When we think we have an important story, we often give it special treatment, building an interactive display for all of the story's elements. This list doesn't include those packages. It is, instead, the stories that got the most page views on post-gazette.com from Jan. 1 through Dec.

In other words, these are the stories you prioritized in 2021.

OK. Back to the list. If not COVID-19, then what could the top story possibly be?

C'mon. This is Pittsburgh. You can figure this out.

The top 10 most-read Post-Gazette stories of 2021:

1) T.J. Watt's punches confuse broadcasters, get social media buzzing, Oct. 17.

It's gotta be a Steelers story, right? The outside linebacker's attempt to separate Seattle's Alex Collins from the football drew all kinds of attention, from the broadcast team, from social media and from the game officials, who said Mr. Watt's punches connected with Mr. Collins and not the football. Mr. Watt was flagged for unnecessary roughness on the play.

2) Longtime WTAE anchor Kelly Frey leaving station, releases statement, Nov. 5.

Are other cities like this? Pittsburgh's fascination with local television personalities borders on the obsessive (see Bell, Wendy, for further proof), and the contract dispute between Ms. Frey and the station that led to Ms. Frey's departure was the talk of the town — or at least the talk of our trending stories-for days

3) Freddie Fu, pioneering orthopaedic surgeon, dies, Sept. 24.

The word "pioneer" gets tossed around a lot these days, but in the case of Dr. Fu, its use is completely warranted. He built UPMC's sports medicine program from scratch and treated world-class athletes and everyday folks from Pittsburgh with the same care and attention.



Emily Matthews/Post-Gazette

The Rolling Stones perform during their No Filter Tour on Oct. 4 at Heinz Field on the North Shore.



Pioneering orthopaedic surgeon Dr. Freddie Fu, pictured in a 2001 photo at UPMC Center for Sports Medicine, died Sept. 24.

4) An Ohio COVID patient treated with ivermectin after wife sued hospital has died, Oct. 5.

Our first mention of COVID-19,



Matt Freed/Post-Gazette

T.J. Watt storms onto the field Oct. 17 for a game against the Seattle Seahawks. He and his teammates turned in a stellar defensive

and it didn't even happen in Pittsburgh? We're hoping that it's not because we have a weird fascination with using anti-parasite meds to treat viruses.

5) Mick Jagger spent Sunday evening at a Mount Washington restaurant, Oct. 4.

One could make the case that Mick Jagger is the most famous person alive, so it would make sense that his appearance at Monterey Bay Fish Grotto while the Rolling Stones were in town for their Oct. 4 show at Heinz Field might draw some attention. We hope he got the crabcakes.

6) That vacant \$700,000 Fox Chapel home? It wasn't quite as empty as it was supposed to be,

The man who claimed to be living in that Fox Chapel home? He was charged with felony criminal trespassing after he reported to police the theft of his stuff from the house that he never actually

7) Help with finding the COVID-19 vaccine near you, Jan. 28

These days, omicron has us scrambling for at-home COVID-19 tests. Last January, though, we were all searching for those first jabs in our arms.

8) Pa. Senate GOP refuses to seat Democrat Brewster, removes Lt. Gov. Fetterman from running ses-

Jim Brewster narrowly won his state Senate election against Republican Nicole Ziccarelli, but the GOP-run Senate refused to seat him when it came time to swear in new senators in January. The debate turned raucous, resulting in a vote to remove Lt. Gov. John Fetterman, also a Democrat, from the chamber. Mr. Brewster was later sworn in, and Mr. Fetterman has since returned to his normal

9) Review: The Rolling Stones show why they're the greatest rock 'n' roll band, Oct. 5.

It's only rock 'n' roll. And, apparently, we like it.

10) Offensive coordinator Mark Whipple resigns from Pitt, takes job at Nebraska, Dec. 8

Pitt football without Kenny Pickett? We all knew it was coming. But the bigger question is this: What will Pitt's offense look like without OC Whipple?

The folks in the news business spend a lot of time poring through analytics as we try to figure out what works with our readers and what doesn't. Page views is one category we treasure; another is engagement, which is the time spent reading a particular piece. The internet has a notoriously short attention span, so we get pretty cranked up when we come across a story that you guys are actually stopping to read.

SEE **STORIES**, PAGE C-2

Region welcomes first babies of 2022

By Jesse Bunch Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

In the early hours of 2022, the region welcomed its first additions of the New Year.

Zain Bassil Daud was born at UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital at 12:25 a.m. Saturday, according to a hospital spokeswoman.

Baby Zain weighed 8 pounds, 9 ounces, born to parents Basil Daud and Maram Zayed, of the North Hills.

"I feel special having him here," Ms. Zayed said Saturday afternoon after getting to spend some time with the area's newest

Zain was due Monday, but when Ms. Zayed woke up Friday with pain in her stomach and back, it was off to the hospital at about 6 a.m. Zain showed up about 18 hours later.

Having Zain as the region's first baby of the new year is "really special" to Ms. Zayed.

'I love Pittsburgh so much, and this is just great news for the family," she said, "Everyone is so happy to have him be born on New Year's Day."

Ms. Zayed moved to the North Hills from Amman, Jordan, about five years ago after she and Mr. Daud were married.

Zain is the first of 2022 but the second January birth in his fam-- brother Adam will turn 2 on



Maram Zayed holds her newborn baby, Zain Bassil Daud, who arrived at

Jan. 19, Ms. Zayed said.

As for mom, Ms. Zayed said overall she is feeling "great" and "so, so happy.'

A close second

A little over an hour after Zain rang in the New Year, baby boy

12:25 a.m. Saturday at UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital.

Kai Michael Vigna was born at Allegheny Health Network Forbes Hospital Monroeville.

Kai arrived at 1:56 a.m. to par-

ents Crissy Marie Torres and

Matt Vigna, of Harrison City. SEE BABIES, PAGE C-2

Many convicted Capitol rioters face jail sentences

By Torsten Ove Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

Nearly a year after a mob stormed the U.S. Capitol in sup-port of then-President Donald Trump, an FBI dragnet has swept up 727 accused rioters and count-

About 20 are from the Pitts-

burgh region. Inside the federal courthouse in the District of Columbia, judgment day has arrived for some.

The first to be sentenced was Russell Peterson, 35, of Rochester, who in December got a month in jail and a \$500 restitution order for parading and demonstrating Jan. 6 in a Capitol building, a misdemeanor.

Mr. Peterson traveled to Washington with his mother and wife to protest the 2020 presidential election at Mr. Trump's urging, said his lawyer, who argued that Mr. Trump, his family and various supporters and politicians should be held accountable for speeches that incited the rioters.

Next up will be Mitchell Vukich and Nicholas Perretta, friends from Beaver County set to be sentenced Wednesday for the same crime as Mr. Peterson.

The pair breached the Capitol building and bragged about it online, just as Mr. Peterson did.

And like many other rioters, they seemed to think they wouldn't be penalized despite the fact that the world saw them on video inside the building amid a swirling crowd of Trump supporters.

After Mr. Vukich texted Mr. Perretta in April that the FBI had just questioned him, Mr. Perretta responded, "there's been over 500 people charged, we will fight this

no jail for us."
"Exactly," said Mr. Vukich. "I just can't see us getting in trou-

Mr. Perretta, using an expletive, also told his buddy that he should have told the FBI to get In the end, both pleaded guilty.

The government wants each to spend 30 days in jail and face a \$500 restitution order, the same as Mr. Peterson.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Jacob Strain said both deserve some time behind bars.

"Vukich claimed the defendants were some of the first inside," he wrote in sentencing papers. "Vukich and the others who first breached the U.S. Capitol bear a special responsibility for

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this unparalleled crime because they emboldened the rioters who came behind them and were therefore each vitally important and thus responsible for the large crowd that overwhelmed the police officers through both violence and also sheer numbers."

Mr. Vukich and Mr. Perretta also might get a rebuke from U.S. District Judge Tanya Chutkan.

Like many of her colleagues, she has not masked her outrage at the events of Jan. 6. Last month she sentenced Robert Palmer, a Florida man who attacked the Capitol while carrying a sign saying "Biden is a pedophile," to more than five years for assaulting police with a wood plank and a fire extinguisher. It's the longest sentence any rioter has received.

In a case of less serious conduct involving an Ohio couple, Judge Chatkan imposed a term even stiffer than what the prosecution had requested, giving Brandon Miller 20 days in jail and his wife, Stephanie, 14 days for breaching the Capitol.

Prosecutors had asked for probation and home detention, but the judge indicated that wasn't enough.

"The country is watching," she said. "There have to be consequences for participating in the attempted violent overthrow of the government."

Other judges have made similar statements.

The judge in the Peterson case, Amy Jackson, said it would be tough for her to show him leniency considering that he posted "I had fun lol" on Facebook.

"The 'lol' particularly stuck in my craw because, as I hope you've come to understand, nothing about Jan. 6th was funny," she told him. "No one locked in a room, cowering under a table for hours, was laughing."

While some rioters who faced misdemeanor charges have received probation, Mr. Strain, the prosecutor in the Vukich and Perretta case, said jail is still appropriate even for misdemeanors

"Indeed, the government invites the court to join Judge [Royce] Lamberth's admonition that, 'I don't want to create the impression that probation is the automatic outcome here because it's not going to be,'"

ne wrote.
Others among the Pitts-

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Russell James Peterson, of Rochester, was the first Western Pennsylvanian sentened as a result of crimes on Jan. 6.



Robert Morss, of Glenshaw, was charged with 53 counts from his actions in the rioting Jan. 6.

burgh region's accused insurrectionists likely will end up with prison sentences for assaulting police and damaging property.

Chief among them is Robert Morss, 28, a former substitute teacher in the Shaler Area School District and an ex-Army Ranger, who is charged with 53 counts, including robbery and assault. He remains in custody pending trial. Prosecutors said he led the violence Jan. 6. In response to a recent motion he filed to be let out of jail, they noted a speech he wrote to deliver to a judge at his eventual sentencing in which he said he had no regrets for what he'd done.

Another likely prison candidate is Pauline Bauer, of Kane, McKean County, who is seen on video surveillance screaming expletives for police to "bring Nancy Pelosi out here now," along with other members of Congress, so they could be hanged. When an officer in riot gear pushed her back, she yelled expletives and shoved the officer.

Her case is pending. A codefendant, William Blauser Jr., of Ludlow, McKean County, has pleaded guilty and is awaiting sentencing.

Both were charged with entering restricted grounds, engaging in disruptive conduct on re-

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stricted grounds and violent entry of restricted grounds, and Ms. Bauer also is charged with obstruction of Congress.

The pair traveled to Washington to attend the Trump rally and after his speech walked to the Capitol, pushed through the crowd and past police to enter the building through the East Rotunda doors.

Ms. Bauer and her lawyer recently filed a motion to dismiss the obstruction count on the grounds that she was exercising her First Amendment rights to protest.

"This argument is specious," wrote Assistant U.S. Attorney James Dennis Peterson, saying she "intentionally invaded" the Capitol and impeded police.

Another rioter, Peter Schwartz, is likely to spend years in prison. A welder from Kentucky living in Uniontown, he is accused of seizing Mace canisters from police and using them on officers, later boasting that he should "likely be in federal prison" for what he'd done.

Considering the violence he is accused of perpetrating, his online boasts and his prior felony record, that outcome seems certain.

The other local cases:

• Jennifer Heinl, of Ross. The wife of a Shaler police officer, she initially said she wasn't in the Capitol, but videos contradicted her. She has since pleaded guilty to entering the Capitol and is awaiting sentencing. She was identified through her association with Kenneth Grayson, of Bridgeville, who is also charged with breaching the Capitol. His case is pending.

· Debra Maimone and Phillip Vogel, of New Castle. Owners of Vera General Contracting and Cleaning Services, of McKees Rocks. they are seen on video pushing past police, forcing open a door and taking protective masks from a police bag. Both are charged with theft, knowingly entering a restricted building, and violent entry and disorderly conduct. They also bragged about their actions on social media. Their cases are pending.

• Jorden Mink, of North Fayette. He was seen in videos using a baseball bat to smash windows at the Capitol. He is charged with 10 counts, including destruction of government property and entering a restricted building with a deadly weapon. His case is pending.

• Matthew Perna, of Sharon. He entered the Capitol wearing a "Make America Great Again" sweatshirt and chanting "U.S.A." He pleaded guilty

last month. • Dale Shalvey, formerly of Bentleyville. A farmer and the owner of a woodworking business, he is accused of entering the Capitol and removing a letter from U.S. Sen. Mitt Romney, R-Utah, addressed to then-Vice President Mike Pence. He also is accused of assaulting a police officer and other offenses. Mr. Shalvey was initially indicted in April. Since then, prosecutors have filed three superseding indictments, including one last month.

• Tara Stottlemyer, formerly of Charleroi. Mr. Shalvey's wife, she is accused of storming the Capitol and was indicted with him. She and Mr. Shalvey, who is originally from Wheeling, W.Va., now live in North Carolina. She was also named in the superseding indictments, and her case is pending.

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• Jeremy Vorous, of Venango, Crawford County. On Facebook, the FBI said, he posted a photo of himself in side the Capitol Crypt wearing a "Not Today Liberal" shirt and used his phone to give live updates, saying, "bout to rush in again diff door." His case is pending.

· Samuel Fox, of Mount Pleasant. He pleaded guilty in November to disorderly conduct on Capitol grounds. Before going to Washington, he said on Facebook that he hoped Mr. Trump would start a civil war over alleged voter fraud claims and later said, "The next time I see fireworks go off in DC I want to see them attached to traitor politicians." The day after the breach, he said on Facebook that he was proud of what he did, and "Td do it again, fight me." He is awaiting sentencing.

• Julia Sizer, of Ellwood City, Lawrence County. She pleaded guilty in November to entering the building. She told the FBI she wasn't there, but videos she shot herself proved she was. She is awaiting sentencing.

• Rachel Powell, of Sandy Lake, Mercer County. She is accused of smashing a window with a pipe, climbing inside and then using a bullhorn to tell other rioters how to penetrate the building. She later gave an interview to the New Yorker describing her actions. Her case is pending.

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Harrison City residents Crissy Marie Torres and Matt Vigna welcomed Kai Michael Vigna at 1:56 a.m. at AHN - Forbes Hospital Monroeville.

First babies of the year

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According to AHN, Kai's family will receive a free year of diapers sponsored by the Western Pennsylvania Diaper Bank, as well as a gift basket of comfort items.

Ms. Torres said Kai was supposed to arrive Sunday. "I had a long process of a

"I had a long process of a labor, and that turned into a C-section — and that just happened to be on New Year's," she said in a telephone interview. "It's OK. Kai's healthy — that's the most important part."

Ms. Torres said her husband was stuck on the name Kai, which she said means "warrior" in Hawaiian culture.

"We went through a year of a miscarriage and having fertility issues, so we thought the name fit, since he's our little rainbow baby," she added.

LATEST DEATHS

The Post-Gazette's comprehensive report of recent deaths includes three types of obituaries. News Obituaries, prepared by our staff, are published at the discretion of our editors; call 412-263-1601 to suggest a news obituary. Classified obituaries are paid death notices prepared by funeral home directors; call 412-263-1371. Funeral home directors may also call 412-263-1601 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to note a death for which there is no classified obituary. Those names will be listed under other deaths.

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OTHER DEATHS BROWNE, Martha J., Oakmont



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Charity Kwamanakweenda, of Cranberry, receives a COVID-19 vaccine from Beth Quinn, director of women's health operations at UPMC Magee Womens Hospital, during a vaccine clinic for pregnant women on March 31 at the hospital in Oakland.

ing forward.
4) Reunited Black
Crowes shake their moneymaker at Star Lake, July 29.

COVID-19 has posed problems across the board,

even for developers trying

to keep their projects mov-

maker at Star Lake, July 29. This goes back to the rock 'n' roll thing, but we'll admit to be surprised that a review of a Black Crowes show got

this kind of attention.
5) Steelers legend Troy
Polamalu vows to be back
in Pittsburgh this season,

July 14.

The only surprise about *this* story is that it's not at

the top of this list.
6) Cooking a familiar

Easter meal in a unfamiliar setting, March 31.
While Easter is the set-

ting for this story about cooking in a kitchen other than your own, it's applicable to any time or occasion. Bonus: A killer recipe for biscuits.

7) PPS cuts bus seat shortage with transportation deal, April 28.

We all remember that Pittsburgh Public Schools had to delay the start of classes this fall as officials scrambled to find enough drivers for buses. We might not recall that the shortage first became apparent last spring, when the district returned to in-person classes.

8) Uniontown tow company sues ex-mayor, city on political retaliation claim, Oct. 18.

It's a little story, but an engrossing one. And we totally understand why it landed on this list.

9) Penn State gearing up for spring game with eyes on the trenches, April 15.

The questions about Penn State were about line play. And on the offensive side of the ball, those questions were never really answered.

10) Leniency probably not in the cards for many who stormed the Capitol on Jan. 6, Oct. 3.

The headline is self explanatory.



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JAMES D. ALCORN, III ESQUIRE

Age 74, of Penn Hills, passed away on Wednesday, December 29, 2021. Dear son of the late James D. and Mary (Baird) Alcorn, Jr. Brother of Patricia (Richard) Jackson, Jean A. (Gregg) Davis, and the late Jeffrey D. Alcorn. Loving companion for 36 years of Toni Miller. Jim is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. A graduate of Oakmont High School, class of 1965, he then earned a bachelor's degree and master's degree in History from Penn State, followed by his law degree from Duquesne from Penn State, followed by his law degree from Duquesné University. Jim proudly served our country in the Army during Vietnam, and worked as a self employed attorney. Friends and relatives will be received on Tuesday, January 4, 2022 from 9:30 a.m. until time of 11:30 a.m. funeral service at the BURKET-TRUBY FUNERAL HOME CREMATION & ALTERNATIVE SERVICES, INC., 421 Allegheny Ave., Oakmont. Please wear a mask inside the funeral home. Entombment will follow in The Verona Cemetery, Oakmont. Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Oakmont Carnegie Library, 700 Allegheny River Blvd., Oakmont, PA 15139 or to the Oakmont Boulevard Project, c/o The Boro Building, 767 5th St., Oakmont, PA 15139. Send condolences post-gazette.com/gb

SAM BALES



Age 84, of Pittsburgh, on Thursday, December peacefully 2021, peacefully at Montefiore Hospital. Born on May 16, 1937, in Pittsburgh, PA, he is survived by his wife, Arlene Bales of Pittsburgh, his children, Michael Bales Debbie Bales Gardner husband, Mike, his rs, Ruth Kramer and Debbie and

and Debbie Bales Gardner and husband, Mike, his sisters, Ruth Kramer and Yvette Adelsberg Levy, his stepchildren, Suzy Eppling and husband, John and Jay Goldberg and wife, Natalie along with his grandchildren, Dori Gardner and greatgrandson, Caleb. Granddaughter, Kim Eppling and grandsons, Zachery, Marco and Aden Goldberg along with other cousins, nieces and nephews. Sam was preceded in death by his first wife, Judy Bales, two sons, Scott Sheldon Bales and Steven Scott Bales, parents, Hyman Bales and his wife, Sarah Tzfanis and grandparents, Chananie Belfer and wife, Fannie Weinstein. Sam came from a proud family of immigrants from Eastern European countries of Romania and Moldova, who came to the United States to build a better future for their families. Sam graduated from Peabody High School and Connelley Trade School, where he became a Master Plumber and a founding member of AMPAC (Associated Master Plumbers of Allegheny County). He spent over fifty years employing his trade to the Pittsburgh greater metropolitan area and especially Squirrel Hill. Both his sons, Steven and Michael Bales, followed in their father's footsteps and became Master Plumbers. Michael continues the tradition to this day. As a plumber, Sam always felt that he was helping his friends, not his clients. He loved to fish, loved the opera and adored his crazy little dog, "Sweetie". In addition to his family, Sam loved his country and served six years in the United States Air Force as he was in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard in the munitions field. Graveside Service and Interment will be held on Sunday at 1 PM at Shaare Torah National Guard in the munitions field. Graveside Service and Interment will be held on Sunday at 1 PM at Shaare Torah Cemetery. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Family and friends will be received at the residence of Michael Bales, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday. In lieu of Monday the family research that th flowers, the family requests that any memorial contributions be made to UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital or Humane Animal Rescue. Arrangements entrusted SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC., family operated. www.schugar.com owned

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PATRICIA SWEENEY KNOPFEL BATES



Patricia Sweeney Knopfel Bates, age 86, of Upper St Clair, formerly of Mt. Lebanon, PA, passed away peacefully with her family by the side on December 20 her side on December 30, 2021. Born on April 22, 1935, she was the daughter of the late Mary and Paul Sweeney. Beloved wife to the late William Knopfel and David

Cherished Nana to William (Simi) Knopfel, Emily (Scott) Knopfel Gibbons, Sara Knopfel, Kyla Colcombe and Kasey (fiancée, Sadie Kiggins) Colcombe. Loving great-grandmother to Luke and Leena Knopfel and Jackson and Finley Gibbons. She was preceded in death by her sister, Janet Dickinson. Patricia was born and raised in Butler, PA. She then moved to Mt. Lebanon where she resided for 52 years and became a widow at the age of 32 with three small children. In 1979, she trained to become a travel agent and worked as a commercial travel agent for several years. Patricia worked with her second husband, David Bates, who organized and directed a Mt. Lebanon based consortium of churches program dedicated to assisting the white-collar unemployed. Their efforts were featured on network television and in local Their efforts were featured on network television and in local and national newspapers including CBS and NBC National News - The Wall Street Journal, US News and World Report, and more. Patricia was an extremely social person who enjoyed talking to her friends and family and will be dearly missed by all. A private family Mass of Christian burial will take place on Tuesday, January 4, 2021, at St. Bernard Parish, 311 Washington Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15228. Her final resting place will be at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Patricia's name to the Dementia Society of America, www.dementiasociety.org. Please view and sign the family's online guestbook at pittsburghcremation.com.



REZI D. I. BEIGI



Reza D. I. Beigi, 57 of Bay Village; beloved husband of Michelle (nee Kaczmarek); loving father of Marina and Ryan; cherished son of Judith Ismail – Beigi and Farhad (Cindy) Ismail – Beigi; son-in-law of Kenneth and Norma Kaczmarek; dear siblings Richard (Luisa) Beigi and Pari (Paul) Fields; brotherin law of Michael Kaczmarek. in-law of Michael Kaczmarek; nephew to Aunt Marilee Jane (Gary) Howard, Uncles Faramarz (Nooshin) Ismail -

Beigi and Faroud (Fahimeh) Ismail – Beigi. Passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his loving family on Monday, December 27, 2021, after a 3 year battle with ALS. Monday, December 27, 2021, after a 3 year battle with ALS. He was employed at Progressive Insurance as an Analyst for the past 14 years. He was a High School Teacher/Chairman for Laurel School in Shaker Heights and a High School Teacher for Sewickley Academy in Pittsburgh. He received his undergraduate degree in Physics at Oberlin College, his Master's degree from the University of CA-Berkley, and his Ph.D. from Case Western University. Throughout his life, he was an avid lover of classical music. He enjoyed playing the violin and viola. He loved spending time in his garden. He also enjoyed reading, cooking, hiking, and discussing politics. Reza was a devoted husband, father, son, and brother. He will be dearly missed. Memorial contributions may be forwarded to the ALS Northern Ohio Chapter 6133 Rockside Rd # 301, Independence, OH 44131. A memorial visitation will be held on March 26, 2022, from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at the BUSCH FUNERAL HOME, 163 Avon Belden Rd., Avon Lake, OH 44012. www.buschcares.com 440.933.3202 Lake, OH 44012. www.buschcares.com 440.933.3202

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JOHN WELLMAN BECKER

March 11, 1927 - December 23, 2021



Born in Cooperstown, NY, son of Clyde S. Becker, Sr. and Laura (Green) Becker, John Becker died of respiratory failure in the UMPC Passavant Hospital, McCandless, PA. John is survived by his wife of 63 years the Reverend Ruth Bosch Becker; son the Reverend Frederick Becker; daughters Susan (Peter Aziz) Margaret Strommen); five grandchildren, and dozens of nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. John's childhood was marked by

an early love of music. He studied piano with several teachers and by high school he was accompanying public teachers and by high school he was accompanying public events all over Cooperstown. John enlisted in the US Navy in 1948, serving on the U.S.S. Cascade in Japan. Returning to Otsego County after his tour, John earned a BA in business administration from Hartwick College. Moving to New York City to work at The International Paper Company, he studied organ with Searle Wright. At his teacher's suggestion, and somewhat to his father's alarm, he left I.P. to earn a Master's of Sacred Music at Union Theological Seminary. Surely, the world is richer for this choice. John shared his gifts as organist and choir master at Grace Lutheran Church, Astoria, Queens, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Buffalo, NY and Rye Presbyterian Church, Rye, NY. In 1974, he became Secretary for Church Music and the Arts in the national offices of the Lutheran Church in America. John served on the team that produced the Lutheran Book of Worship which appeared in for Church Music and the Arts in the national offices of the Lutheran Church in America. John served on the team that produced the Lutheran Book of Worship which appeared in church pews nationwide in 1978 and to which he contributed hymn settings and arrangements of service music. John moved to Pittsburgh upon his retirement in 1988. In Western Pennsylvania, he was best known as the Founding Director of the Pittsburgh Compline Choir, which continues to sing Compline on Sunday evenings in Heinz Chapel, and for whom he composed countless pieces for organ and voice. Many of these works are published by G.I.A. or Morningstar Music Publishers. John loved technology and the ways in which it connected him to others. When the internet was new, John volunteered as an online tutor for learners of English. More recently, he dove into genealogy research, back in time to Rotterdam in the 1600s, and forward to a rich network of living, newly-discovered cousins. John embodied many of the qualities he valued in others: a good sense of humor, honesty of spirit, and the ability to love and be loved. His love for humankind radiated outward and supported those around him. An in-person memorial mass is planned for Saturday, January 8 at 11:00 am at Calvary Episcopal Church, 315 Shady Ave., Pittsburgh, PA. There will be a reception afterwards. Those who attend are asked to practice social distancing and wear a mask while indoors. The service will also be offered as a live stream. Find details about the streaming option at calvarypgh.org. Gifts in John's memory may be made to the Friends of Music at Calvary Episcopal Church.

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RITA ANN BOWEN



Age 82, of Mt. Lebanon, on Tuesday, December 28, 2021. Beloved wife for 63 years of Jack R. Bowen, Jr.; loving mother of Jackie (Linda) Bowen and Torre (Kelley) Bowen; proud grandmother of Tyler, Chris, Haley, Ben and Max Bowen. Interment will be

private. laughlinfuneralhome.com

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RICHARD K. (RICH) BRANDT



Richard K. (Rich) Brandt was born in Pittsburgh, PA, on January 2, 1945, to Richard Simon Brandt and Vera Elsie Kost Brandt, the third of five children. He was raised in the North Hills and attended elementary and high school in the North Allegheny School District, graduating in 1962. He graduating in 1962. He matriculated to Allegheny College in Meadville, PA where he earned a degree in 1966 and served as Class

President, joined Delta Tau Delta Social Fraternity, and was a Distinguished Military Graduate. In the Fall of 1966, he entered the USAF and was first stationed in San Angelo, TX. From there he served as Flight Commander in Karamursel Air Station, Turkey with TUSLOG det. 94 and then as Chief, Air Force Special Security Office at the Aeronautical Chart and Information Center, St. Louis, MO. For his work he was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal in March, 1970, and posticulars as Contain In June of 1970, he march 1970, and retired as a Captain. In June of 1970, he married Kathryn Gibson (Kathy) whom he met at Saint Louis University School of Law where they each were students. He earned his J.D. degree in the Fall of 1972. After graduation the Brandt's moved to Pittsburgh where Rich launched his legal career in 1973. His admissions included Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania, Supreme Court of Pennsylvania and the United States Supreme Court. In his 48 year career, Rich had a wide range of legal experiences from working for Neighborhood Legal Services, for law firms and then a solo practice in Sewickley, PA beginning in 1991. His sense of humor and social consciousness served him well in each of these endeavors. consciousness served him well in each of these endeavors. Rich packed more activity in a day than many people would consider and as a result his regrets were few. His community activities include serving three terms on Sewickley Borough Council, President of the War Memorial Park Association, the Staunton Clinic Citizens Advisory Committee, Counsel to Sewickley NET. He was also involved with the Young Lawyer's section of the Allegheny County Bar Association, the economics of the Bar Committee and was Chairman of the Computer and the Law Subcommittee Rich taught as an the economics of the Bal Collimitee and was Chainfail of the Computer and the Law Subcommittee Rich taught as an Adjunct Professor at Robert Morris University in the School of Management where he regaled students with actual case histories as part of his methodology. His interest were many: music of all kinds from classical to rock; cars, - including helping his older brothers build and race a roadster; watches, pens, racquet sports, cannon balls off activing a motorcycle and sitting on the back. diving board, riding a motorcycle and sitting on the back porch to survey how the trees he bought "live" for Christmas had acclimated. Rich was a voracious reader across all genre. He also loved animals, especially "Taffy" and "Nugget" None of these accomplishments or affiliations capture what it was like to know Rich Brandt. He was truly interested in everyone he met. He had an effervescent way of engaging with and prioriting circums individual comportings with with and enjoying sincere individual connections with a diverse range of people. Professionally, socially, in family and in community he brought heart and intellect to every situation. His laugh, his kindness, his honesty and his genuine interest in everyday events made him easy to know and a fun person with whom to spend time. He will be and a full person with wholf to spend time. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 51 years, Kathy Brandt, their daughter, Meredith (Muffy) Brandt; his brother, Rand Brandt (Col, USAF, Ret.) Pam; sisters, Staff Sgt. USAF (Ret.) Bonnie Brandt, Cherie LeJeune (Peter); sisters-in-law, Martha Gilliland (Hugh), Marilyn Rainwater (Ben), Cindy Brown Malcelm; six penhaws four piece and countless friends Gilliand (Hugh), Mariyn Rainwater (Ben), Cindy Brown (Malcolm); six nephews, four nieces and countless friends. He was predeceased by a brother, Herman P. Brandt (Majorl USAF, Ret.) Arrangements and visitation through COLE FUNERAL HOME. Please check their website for details as they become available. If you wish to make a donation in honor of Rich Brandt's life, please consider the Sewickley Public Library or Neighborhood Legal Services of Pittsburgh,

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ARLENE M. BRACE

Age 80, a lifelong resident of Mt. Washington, passed away on Wednesday, December 29, 2021. Beloved daughter of the late Charles F. and Willetta (Alter) Brace; loving sister of Barbara A. (the late Bob) Leddy, Carol J. (the late John) McAlister, Deborah R. (the late Ed Lowen) Dodds, and the Michister, Deborah R. (the late Ed Lowen) Dodds, and the late Charles G. Brace; beloved aunt of Christopher J. (Joyce) Brace, Charles G. Brace, Jr., Edward C. (Sarah) Lowen, Gina (Mike) DeCarlo, Amanda (Seth) Rousch, Daniel Brace, and the late Charles and Jennifer Wilkel and Kimberly Mulroy. Also survived by many great-nieces and nephews. Arlene was a longtime federal employee with the National Labor Relations Board, a member of the Italian Sons and Daughters and the Dormont A.A.R.P. Family and friends welcome Tuesday and Wednesday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. WM. SLATER & SONS, INC. (412-381-3345) 301 Virginia Ave. Mt. Washington 15211 (412-381-3345), 301 Virginia Ave., Mt. Washington 15211, where a blessing service will be held Thursday 10:00 a.m. Burial to follow in Holy Souls Cemetery. Burial to follow www.slaterfuneral.com.

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STEPHEN HAILE BRADFORD



Stephen Haile Bradford was born September 11, 1953, in New Bedford, Massachusetts. to George Leroy Bradford and to George Leroy Bradford and Alice Buckingham Bradford. The family later moved to Michigan City, Indiana, where he spent most of his childhood. Stephen graduated from Western Michigan University with a degree in Aviation, and later earned a Masters degree in Commercial Aviation from Delta State University. Steve Bradford was a Professional Airline Captain with a 30 year history of demonstrated success in leadership positions. He

Bradford was a Professional Alrline Captain with a 30 year history of demonstrated success in leadership positions. He was a founding father and first president of the US Airline Pilots Association. In his professional positions, Captain Bradford established and maintained the highest professional standards for his crew and his union, especially during turbulent periods of management/labor negotiations. Captain Bradford was responsible for ensuring the timely, safe and efficient integration of three airline pilot groups during a merger that created the largest airline in the world, American Airlines. He died suddenly December 27, 2021. American Airlines. He died suddenly, December 27, 2021, in his McMurray, PA home. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Sally, their two children, Daniel and Emily, and his three sisters, Judith Druener (Ronald) of Panama City, FL, Alexa Bradford (Delton Simmons) of Santa Fe, NM, and Elizabeth Bradford of Seattle, WA.
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MELVIN JOHN CHROSTOWSKI



Creek. Maryland, passed away on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at the age of 91. Mel died peacefully his beloved Deep Creek home

Mel was born on January 14, 1930, to father Joseph Chrostowski and mother Anna (nee Koelsch). He was an accomplished accordion and organ player. He never graduated high school but his great work ethic and desire

for success made him an entrepreneur. He started and failed numerous businesses, never giving up. Mel sold music lessons door to door. He and his brothers started the Midwest Music Store. He tried and failed running the White Horse restaurant. Finally in the 1970's Mel, along with two partners, began a venture manufacturing and selling roofing materials. Mel hired, trained, and managed the sales force. He was a true leader who led by example and inspired others to their own

personal best. That company is today worldwide, continually growing and employing hundreds of people.

Mel had a natural ability to make everyone around him feel welcome and comfortable. His sense of humor kept you laughing. He was generous and considerate. A person always felt sad to leave his company and would look forward to the next opportunity to see him. Mel will be surely missed by all

next opportunity to see him. Mel will be surely missed by all who knew him.

Mel was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Jean (nee Comer); sister, Leona Warzon; and brothers, Hank and Bob. He leaves many survivors who have all been greatly touched by his love and care. His sister, Joyce Benn; daughter, Lee Ann Chrostowski of Dunedin, Florida; sons, Jan (Cate Kalkhoven) of Lanoka Harbor, New Jersey, Joel (Paula) of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, Toby (Alex) of Moorestown, New Jersey, Todd of Boston, Massachusetts; grandchildren, Chad Chrostowski (Holly), Jeffery Chrostowski (Michelle), Jamie Chrostowski, Jill Durgin (Joe), James Eastley, Kayla Ford, Griffin Chrostowski, Valen Chrostowski, Tanner Chrostowski, Kade Chrostowski, Gianna Chrostowski, and greatgrandchildren, Sean Chrostowski, Josie Chrostowski, Emma Chrostowski, Luka Chrostowski, Josie Chrostowski, Penny Durgin, and Rex Durgin; as well as countless nieces and nephews

Friends received Thursday, January 6, 2022, 12-3 and 5-8 p.m. at **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME OF CRANBERRY**, 2678 Rochester Rd., 724-772-8800. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Ferdinand Church Friday, January 7, 2022, at 11 a.m.

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LOLA A. CIANELLI



On Thursday, December 30, 2021. Wife of the late Joseph "Rich" Cianelli. Beloved mother of Joanne (Jim) Clair and Gina Cianelli. Sister of Lena Caruso and the late Robert and Reynold Caruso. Grandmother of Lecha Grandmother of Jaclyn (fiance, Chuck) and Jamie Clair. Great-grandmother of Koltin. Friends received Sunday, 2-8 p.m. at the WINTER FUNERAL HOME, PC., 4730 Friendship Avenue. Funeral on Monday at St.

Maria Goretti Parish, Immaculate Conception Church, 10 a.m. The family requests masks be worn during visitation. Send condolences post-gazette.com/gb

ELIZABETH COSTANTINO



Elizabeth Costantino, 96, of Pittsburgh, PA, passed away on Saturday, December 25, 2021. She was born on Tuesday, August 4, 1925, in Portage, PA, daughter of the late John and Helen Pollock. In addition to her parents, her loving husband, Nicholas T. Costantino and several extended family members preceded Elizabeth in death. Left to cherish her

(Debbie), Mark J. (Linda), and Kevin B. (Alyssa); two grandchildren, Stephen (Crystal) and Kevin B. (Alyssa); two grandchildren, Stephen (Crystal) and Keith (Vanessa) and four great-grandchildren, Casen, Levi, Olivia, and Jace. Funeral Arrangements and Inurnment were held privately with immediate family at ELOISE B. KYPER FUNERAL HOME, INC., and Mt. Lebanon Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that you donate to Alzheimer's Association located in Pittsburgh, PA.

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CLASSIFIED OBITUARIES

MARGARET M. DANIELS



Margaret M. Daniels, age 80, of Hampton Twp., on December 30, 2021. Wife of Michael R. Daniels. Mother of M. Daniels. Daughter of the late Norman and Rita Walsh. Sister of Elizabeth (Tom) Watters, Jack (Patti) Walsh, Nancy (Jerry) Lukanc and Mary Jo (Kim) Manu Mary Jo (Kim) Mahall. Margaret was Fashion Coordinator Coordinator at Higbee's Department Store, Cleveland,

Department Store, Cleveland, Ohio, Special Events Director for Joseph Horne Co., Pittsburgh, and Real Estate Agent for Howard Hanna Real Estate, Pittsburgh. She enjoyed trying new recipes with a bottle of Pinot Noir alongside her husband (her not too competent Sous Chef); reading the NY Times, which she read cover to cover; attending the theatre and being an "always there" mother to her son, Patrick. Visitation Wednesday, 4-8 PM, NEELY FUNERAL HOME, 2208 Mt. Royal Blvd., Glenshaw. Please wear a mask while visiting. Mass of Christian Burial Thursday 11 AM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish, St. Mary of the Assumption Church, Middle Rd. EVERYONE PLEASE MEET AT CHURCH. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorials and contributions to the M. Patrick Daniels Fund, which supports organizations and causes that were important to Margaret and Patrick. C/O The Pittsburgh Foundation, 5 PPG Place, Suite 250, Pittsburgh, PA 15222. Please visit us at neelyfuneralhome.com

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ALFRED E. "REBEL" DANNENMUELLER, SR.

Age 88, of Ross Twp., on December 29, 2021. Husband of the late Frances "Dolly" Dannenmueller; loving father of Daniel Dannenmueller (Linda), Sharlene Herndon (Gergy Renee Miles (Rick), Sharon Noonan (Kevin), Alfred "Ed" Dannenmueller, Jr. (Gwenda) and Michele Mawhinney (Paul); proud grandfather of Daniel, Matthew, Lindsay, Tiffany, Gary, Chelsea, Ricky, Kevin, Jessica, Katelyn, Edward, Ryan, Maggie, Nicholas, Luke, Blake, and Brett; treasured greatgrandfather of 23; sisters Velma Eftink, Viola Dirberger, Lavana LeGrand, Ella Dannenmueller, Bertha Lloyd, Mary Ann Dannenmueller and brothers, Cornelius Dannenmueller and Leroy Dannenmueller. THERE WILL BE NO VISITATION. A Mass of Christian Burial in St. Teresa of Avila Church (Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Parish) on Tuesday 10AM. Masks and social distancing will be required at the church and cemetery.

CYNTHIA ANN DeFRANCESCO



Age 65, of Overbrook, originally from Mt. originally from Mt. Washington, unexpectedly on Tuesday, December 14, 2021. Beloved wife for 45 years of James A. DeFrancesco; devoted mother of James A DeFrancesco, Jr., his wife Krista, and Jessica A. Shimko, her husband Robert; loving grandmother of Nico,

her husband Robert; loving grandmother of Nico, Luciano, Rome, Rocco and Maggie; daughter of Ann Louise and the late William Dalzell, Jr.; sister of the late William Jand Ronald (Janet) DeFranceso; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Affectionately known to all as 'Aunt Nee', she was an avid dog lover. The family is planning a Gathering at Laughlin Cremation & Funeral Tributes, 222 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon on Sunday afternoon, January 9, 2022, from 1:00 until 4:00. If desired, memorials may be made to Animal Lifeline of Pittsburgh.

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ARNOLD PETER "ARNIE" DeGEORGE



Age 98, of Scott Twp., on Wednesday December 29, 2021. Husband of the late Clara; father of Michael, Ron, Marlene (Bob McKee) and Suzanne Kemp (Andy); grandfather of Michael Kemp; beloved companion of Margaret Grand. "Old Arn" served in the US Army during WWII and Korea, graduated from Geneva College and worked for the Army Corps of Engineers for our 25 years. Engineers for over 35 years.

He was happiest when he was on a golf course and continued to play up until only a few months ago. When he wasn't on a golf course he was playing cards with friends. Generous and loving beyond words, he was always giving his time to his church and supporting many of his favorite charities. He had a true love of life and we will miss him greatly. Private Interment in Mt. Lebanon Cemetery. A public memorial service will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of note of their be made to a charity of one's choice.

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DAVID G. EICHENLAUB



81. of Rennerdale. formerly of Brookline, on December 27, 2021. Beloved husband of Margaret (Moore) husband of Margaret (Moore)
Eichenlaub; loving father of
Doug (Carla) Eichenlaub and
the late Devin Eichenlaub;
cherished grandfather of
Gunnar Eichenlaub; brother
of Daniel Eichenlaub; also
many nieces and nephews.
Mr. Eichenlaub was a veteran
of the U.S. Army. Friends
received Wednesday, January
5, 2022, from 2-4 and 6-8
p.m., at the WARCHOL FUNERAL
HOME, INC., 3060 Washington Pike,
Bridgeville (412-221-3333). A Mass of
Christian Burial will be celebrated



Christian Burial will be celebrated Thursday, 10 a.m., at St. Barbara Church of Corpus Christi Parish. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Rennerdale V.F.D. or Michael J. Fox Foundation. View and add condolences at: www.warcholfuneralhome.com.

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GLORIA L. FADER

Of the Village of Shadyside, died peacefully on Friday, Dec. 24, 2021, in Naples, FL, at the age of 76. She was the beloved wife of Michael G. Fader Jr.; daughter of the late Joseph and Joanne Tarquinio; stepmother of Michael E. Fader, Deborah McCormick, and Teresa Martinez; grandmother of Sarah and Erin Fader, Damien and Nick Neitzke, Marilyn Harmon and Erika Martinez. Gloria obtained her BA/MA in Education from the University of Pittsburgh and taught high school French at her alma mater. Sto-Rox HS ner BA/MA in Education from the University of Pittsburgh and taught high school French at her alma mater, Sto-Rox HS for 23 years. Friends received at McCABE BROS., INC. FUNERAL HOME, 6214 Walnut Street, Shadyside on Thursday, Jan 6, 2022, from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. A Mass of Catholic Burial will be held in St. Jude Parish, Sacred Heart Church on Friday, January 7, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Jude Parish. Condolences may be left at:

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PETER JOSEPH FEDYSHIN



Joseph Fedyshin. aged 71, passed away at his residence on December 15, 2021, after battling brain cancer with courage. Son of the late Stephanie and Peter Fedwish Pete grow up in Fedyshin, Pete grew up in Hazelwood, PA. Brother of Sylvia (Fedyshin) Nagy, Diane (Fedyshin) Vargo, Michele (Fedyshin) Vargo, Michele (Fedyshin) Schrier, and Michael Fedyshin. Beloved husband to Michele (Klein) Fedyshin. Dear father of Peter and Christopher Fedyshin and also Micah and Mitchell Klein. Pete enjoyed his grandchildren

also Micall and Michell Nelli. Pete elloyed this glandchildren too. Pete is also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. Pete was a well-educated man who attended St. Basil's Seminary where he was grounded in the classics and went on to graduate from the University of Pittsburgh and Penn State University School of Medicine. He served in the US Navy as a physician. After completing his residency in Radiology at Duke, he established the Magnetic Resonance Radiology at Duke, he established the Magnetic Resonance Imaging service at Passavant Hospital and excelled in musculoskeletal imaging. Pete embraced his role as a "healer" and worked tirelessly to diagnose his patients. He enjoyed teaching his coworkers and staff. As a man of science, Pete elected to donate his body to science to educate upcoming professionals. An avid outdoorsman, Pete skied, hiked, biked, and went scuba diving with his wife and sons. Pete traveled within the US and abroad, weaving in conferences and adventures with his family. He loved cooking and was a passionate wine connoisseur. A private Celebration of Life is planned for early Summer, 2022. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Montour Trail Council, https://montourtrail.org/help-us/donations/, or at Montour Trail Council, Suite #3, 2nd Floor, 304 Hickman Street, Bridgeville, PA 15017. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the ANTHONY M. MUSMANNO FUNERAL HOME, INC. FUNERAL HOME, INC.

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MILDRED "MILLIE" FOSTER



At age 91, Mildred "Millie" Foster peacefully passed away home, in her surrounded by her devoted

surrounded by her devoted and loving family members on Tuesday, December 28, 2021. A native Pittsburgher, Millie was the daughter of William and Ethel Foster, and she was the third of eight children. She was preceded in death by Mae "Tootsie", Allison "Slick", Donald, Wayne, Shirley "Gartzy", and Dale; and is survived by her two children, Becky Zupan (Mark) and Bob Foster (Jennifer); and two grandchildren, Adrienne Zupan (Justin laquinta) and Graceann Foster; with one great-grandchild, Warren laquinta. Millie was a hardworking typesetter for Financial Press and RR Donnelley for many years. Raising her family, Millie was a Millie was a nardworking typesetter for Financial Press and RR Donnelley for many years. Raising her family, Millie was a woman of endless love and care for her children and grandchildren that continued throughout her whole life. She was an exercise enthusiast and was going to the gym and pool well into her eighties. A lifetime animal lover, Millie loved her Irish Setter "Shiloh" and her many cats. A private memorial service for immediate family will be held at a later date. Arrangements by BALL FUNERAL CHAPEL, INC.

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BEVERLY M. GILMORE



Age 80, of Monroeville, passed away on December 25, 2021. She was born in McKeesport on June 11, 1941, to the late Herschel Ray and Grace McCombs Marshall. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandson, Alston Marshall Sanders. She is survived by her loving husband of 60 years, Dennis Gilmore; her three daughters,

Gilmore; her three daughters, Karen (Ron) Graham of Monroeville, Denine (Glen) Sanders of Grove City and Kristen (Craig) Fagan of Williamsburg, VA; seven grandchildren, Jacob (Katie) Graham, Megan (Seth) Graham Hake, Zane (Jennifer) Sanders, Logan (Dan) Sanders Flecker, Mackenzi (Drew) Sanders Blasko, Cordell (Michaela) Sanders, Marayna Sanders; and eight great-grandchildren. She graduated from Rocky Grove High School in Franklin, PA, where she met and married her high school sweetheart in 1961. She went on to attend Robert Morris Business School. Her family thanks Monroeville Rehab and Bridges Hospice for the love, support and care they provided. At her request there will be no visitation or service. Contributions may be made to Bridges Hospice. Arrangements entrusted to the GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL, INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE. www.corlfuneralchapel.com.

THOMAS A. GOMBAR



Age 94, of Moon Township, passed away on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at West Hills Health & Rehabilitation Center. Tom was born on October 3, 1927, in Throop, PA, the son of the late Andrew and Anna (Juna) Gombar. Loving husband of 69 years to his beloved late wife Amelia/Mim (Nazinskas) Gombar. He leaves behind his two children, Thomas J. Gombar of Ruffs Dale, PA and

two children, Thomas J. Gombar of Ruffs Dale, PA and Judy A. (Edward) Richer of Moon Township; two grandchildren, Taylor Gombar of Lonetree, CO and Linah Richer-Guimaraes (Thiago) of Porto, Portugal; as well as his sister, Dorothy Pisarcik of Throop, PA; and many nieces and nephews. Three brothers preceded him in death, Andrew, Francis and Edward; and one sister, Gertrude Gombar-Calichio.

Tom was a graduate of the University of Scranton, earning an Associate Degree in Engineering. He proudly served in the United States Navy during WWII where he was stationed on the USS Wren Destroyer. After his military service, he worked as a draftsman for Babcock & Wilcox, later joining Combustion Engineering as a Field Service Engineer, then working until his retirement in 1989 as Superintendent of Power Generation with Shenango, Inc. He was a proud member of the VFW in Coraopolis and the Veteran's of Foreign Wars, scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts of America at the Immaculate Conception Church, an usher for St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church and member of both the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and the American Society of Tool Engineers. In retirement, he enjoyed the outdoors, woodworking, golfing, bowling, camping, and dancing with his wife as members of the Happy Bunch Square & Round Dance Club.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Margaret Mary Church, Moon Township on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. Interment with military honors will follow in

Church, Moon Township on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, at 10:30 a.m. Interment with military honors will follow in Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in his memory be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or online at stjude.org. Arrangements entrusted to R. D. COPELAND, Moon Township.

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FANNY "FRANCINE" GELERNTER



During Shabbat, December 24, 2021, our beautiful ladybug and butterfly lovin' Fanny "Francine" Gelernter, aka "Mrs. G", of Squirrel Hill and formerly Monroeville, PA, was again required with the and formerly Monroeville, PA, was again reunited with the love of her life and husband, Simon (z"l) who preceded her in death in 1997; along with their son, David Bruce Gelernter (z"l) in 1959; and parents, Israel Olitsky (z"l), Zena (z"l) and Leon Schack (z"l).

Zena (z"l) and Leon Schack (z"l).

Survived by her children, Maureen "Mimi" and Joel Waldman and Steve and Jacki Gelernter; grandchildren, Sara and Brendon O'Connor, Dara Brown, Max Gelernter and Eli Gelernter, "bonus" grandchildren, Lindsay Kopecky, Jonathan Waldman and Margot Waldman; and extended family, Natalie and "Sir" Richard Berger. The four-legged family members, Frankie 4 Paws, Yoffi, Maya, Bjorn, Tova, and Shadow, were also a great source of joy for her.

She taught students of all ages for 45-plus years at Hebrew Institute, Temple David, Temple Sinai, Parkway Jewish Center and Rodef Shalom. She was gifted and dedicated when assisting a student in the preparation of their Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

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Upon the sudden death of Simon, Fanny decided to keep

his memory alive by continuing his practice of delivering presentations about her childhood Holocaust experience, including Kovno ghetto and Stutthof concentration camp, stating "I am the voice who speaks to you on behalf of all of the voices that have been silenced." She had a Bat Mitzvah at age 79 and later that year, returned with Steve, Jacki, Max, and Eli to her hometown of Kovno, Lithuania, as well as to Palanga, Lithuania, the beach town at which she vacationed as a young bourgeois girl. She sought to also go to Stutthof, Poland, visiting the concentration camp she didn't think she would survive. Let along return to see the later than and

Poland, visiting the concentration camp she didn't think she would survive, let alone return to see the ladybugs and butterflies that gave her hope throughout her life.

Fanny considered every day a "birth day" and brought unique perspective to every situation in her life. She always said that her children (and later her grandchildren) were her "diamonds and furs." Consistent with her belief that it is best to "give with a warm hand," she delighted in taking the family on a trip to Israel in 2007.

In lieu of a funeral, we will have a celebration of Fanny's life in the spring at a time, date, and place to be determined.

In lieu of a tuneral, we will have a celebration of Fairiny's life in the spring at a time, date, and place to be determined. To be notified of this event and/or share any story or experience as we Celebrate Fanny G, please email celebratefannyg@gmail.com.

Donations may be made in her memory to The Holocaust Center of Pittsburgh online, http://jfedpgh.org/donatehc or mailed to:

Attn: Holocaust Center, Chatham University Woodland Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15232

Fanny's kind, sweet wit, sass, humor and inspiration will be missed by all who met her. Do Svidaniya & Zei Gezunt!
Arrangements entrusted to RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC., family owned and son operated. www.schugar.com. Send condolences post-gazette.com/gb

BRAD WALTER GREMBA



Age 38, of Bethel Park, on Sunday, December 26, 2021, passed away with his loving parents by his side. Brad was the beloved and cherished son of Barbara Jo (Podolinski) and Welter E Cromba Ir. and Walter F. Gremba, Jr.; loving brother of Todd Gremba; dear uncle of Aidan Gremba; treasured nephew of Joyce (Ken) Moran, Cyndy (Steve) Carswell, Joseph

of Joyce (Ken) Moran, Cyndy (Steve) Carswell, Joseph Podolinski, Michael (Kathy) Gremba, Mary Lou (the late, Joe) Mangieri, Daniel (Brenda) Gremba, and the late Ken (Linda, surviving) Gremba. Brad is also survived by numerous cousins. Brad was a fiercely proud American, who loved his country. The family takes some solace in knowing that Brad is at peace in Heaven joining his beloved faithful companions, foxhounds Merlin and Sally. While the family greatly appreciates everyone's love, care and support; what they really need at this tragic time is the space to privately grieve the loss of their beloved son. Therefore, all services were private. Arrangements by BEINHAUERS, 2828 Washington Road, McMurray, 15317, 724-941-3211. Memorial donations are suggested to Humane Animal Rescue of Pittsburgh, https://humaneanimalrescue.org/donate/. To add and view tributes, visit www.beinhauer.com

ALEXANDER J. HADFIELD



Age 91, of Kennedy Twp., passed away Friday, becember 25, 2021, at Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh. Born April 22, 1930, in McKees Rocks, PA, he was the son of the late Alexander and Agnes he was the son of the late Alexander and Agnes Hadfield. He was a member of St. Mary's class of 1948 and a longtime member of St. Malachy Parish. For many years, he resided in St. Petersburg, FL and later Largo, FL. He returned to Pennsylvania in 2016. He was retired from Hadfield Elevator

Pennsylvania in 2016. He was retired from Hadfield Elevator Co., where he served as President for many years. Surviving is his wife of 73 years, Josephine (Schmidt) Hadfield; and children, Jean (Bill) Hollowood, Robert (Deb) Hadfield, Maryann (Hadi) Attaran, William (Cyndi) Hadfield, Alex "AJ" Hadfield, Jr.; seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Mary Elizabeth (Mae) Snizik; along with a niece and nephew. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Ruth Snizik. Donations may be made in Alexander's name to the Leo Meyer Manor, 1015 Church Ave., McKees Rocks PA 15136. Arrangements were private and entrusted to McDERMOTT FUNERAL HOME, INC.



CAROL A. (LESNANSKY) HARPER



Age 80, of Monroeville, passed away peacefully at Concordia at Ridgewood on Thursday, December 30, 2021. Beloved wife of the late James Harper. Loving sister of Dorothy (Robert) Carlisle and Beverly (Richard) Koch. Also survived by her nieces, Melanie Carlisle, Kristina (Brad) Fennell, and Samantha (Brian) Gayso; great-nephew, Garrett Fennell; and great-niece, Elise Fennell. Preceded in death by her parents

nlece, Elise Fennell. Preceded in death by her parents, George and Evelyn (Fisher) Lesnansky. Carol was a secretary for Westinghouse Electric and later owned and operated Harper's Bazaar Boutique. Friends will be received Friday, January 7, 2022, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the JOBE FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, INC., 118 Shaw Avenue, Turtle Creek (412-823-1950). Funeral Service will be held Saturday, January 8, 2022, at 11 a.m. at Hope Lutheran Church. Burial will follow at Church Hill Cemetery. The family would like to thank the entire staff of Concordia at would like to thank the entire staff of Concordia at Ridgewood Place for the love and care they provided Carol. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hope Lutheran Church, 353 Ridge Ave., Forest Hills, PA 15221 or to Concordia of Ridgewood Place - Benevolent Fund, 1460 Renton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15239.

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FRANCES T. (GAZZO) HEPLER



On Tuesday, December 28, 2021, age 80. Beloved wife of the late George W. Hepler, passed away suddenly. She was the mother of George (Leanne), Michael (Angela), Steven and Eric (Tara) Hepler; loving mimi to Rylee, Ashley, Camden and Nikky Hepler, dear sister to Jeanne (Eugene) Strycula, Albert Gazzo, Marie Peterman, and David Gazzo; loving nieces, nephews and cousins.

nephews and cousins. Anyone who knew Frances knew her love for family and especially spending time with her grandchildren. Her other passions included her devotion to the Steelers, her love for the Wizard of Oz and Wonder Woman. Friends received Sunday 1-5 p.m. at **SOXMAN FUNERAL HOMES, LTD./ROTH CHAPEL**, 7450 Saltsburg

Road (at Universal Road), Penn Hills, where a Blessing

Service will be held Monday 10 a.m.

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ROBERT S. "BOBBY" HINES

Age 62, of Northside, on Saturday, December 25th, 2021, Christmas Morning. Beloved husband of Liane Bruno-Hines. Loving father of Aaron and Adam. Son of Dorothy Hines Brother-in-law of Lisa Bruno, Julie Bruno and Josette (Richard) Newport. Also survived by nieces and nephews. Bob's passion in life was being a DJ for celebrations and later driving for Port Authority. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2022, at 11:00 am. In St. Cyril of Alexandria Church, 3854 Brighton Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

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GILBERT JOHN HOFFMANN, JR.



Age 95, of Greentree, PA, Age 95, or Greentree, PA, passed away on Sunday, December 26, 2021. He was born December 22, 1926, in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, the only son of the late Gilbert Hoffmann, Sr. and Selma Christina Vetter Gilbert is Only Soff of the late Glibert J Hoffmann, Sr. and Selma Christine Vetter. Gilbert is survived by his three children, Gilbert J. Hoffmann, III, Holly Hoffmann (Todd) Reifert, and Jeffrey K. (Mary) Hoffmann: Hoffmann: eight

grandchildren, Nicole E. Hoffmann (Randolph) Brown, Michelle (Carrie Swanson) Hoffmann, Lori E. Reifert (Michael Michelle (Carrie Swanson) Hoffmann, Lori E. Reifert (Michael Filippi) Brian J. (Jennie) Reifert, Kevin T. Reifert, Thomas C. Reifert, Steven J. Hoffmann, Brian D. Hoffmann, and four great-grandchildren. Gilbert enlisted in the Army Air Force in June of 1944, before finishing high school. He was accepted as an Air Cadet in April of 1945 and graduated from Dormont High School upon completion of basic training. When the war ended, he was Honorably Discharged, and served in the Army Air Force Reserves until his Honorable Discharge in 1948. During this time Gil received his pilot's license. He was one of the founding members of the ABC Flying Club at the Allegheny County Airport, and served as a past president. His passion for all of aviation continued throughout his life. His last flight was in August 2017. Gilbert was a home builder, then Real Estate Agent, who sold homes throughout the Greater Pittsburgh area. This gave him the opportunity to indulge his love of photography. He took photos of countless airplanes, barns in the tristate area, trolleys, steel mills, and other Pittsburgh points of interest. He was a gentle soul who loved the LORD; a longtime member of Calvary Full Gospel Church Cil is load and will be misced by his friends aspect. other Pittsburgh points of interest. He was a gentle soul who loved the LORD; a longtime member of Calvary Full Gospel Church. Gil is loved and will be missed by his friends and family. Visitation is Wednesday, January 5, 2022, from 10 am -12 p.m. Service at 12 p.m. Arrangements by BEINHAUER-FRYER FUNERAL HOME, 430 Washington Avenue, Bridgeville (412-221-3800). All are welcome to join the family in taking Gilbert to his place of rest at National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, where a service with military honors will be held 1p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are suggested to The Salvation Army Western Kentucky Disaster Fundraiser, https://give.helpsalvationarmy.org/give/166081 /#!/donation/checkout or https://www.facebook.com/donate /645874989922844/. To add and view tributes, please

visit www.beinhauer.com Send condolences post-gazette.com/gb

EWA I. HUGHES



Age 74, of Carrick, formerly of the Southside, on Monday, December 27, 2021. Loving partner of the late Michael Kurpil, Jr.; loving mother of Richard Hughes, Matthew Hughes and Heather (Mark) Matthews; cherished grandmother of Jeffrey grandmother of Jeffrey Hughes and Kristen Hughes; beloved great-grandmother of Evalynn; dear sister of Barbara (John) Reich; adored aunt of Rachel (Adam) Tash and their children Cole and

and their children Cole and Venice Tash. Ewa was a devoted cardiac nurse and a cunning herbalist for 47 years, taking care of everyone around her. Her presence will be forever missed. Family and friends are welcomed at the WALTER J. ZALEWSKI FUNERAL HOME, 216 44th Street, Lawrenceville, on Monday, January 3, 2022 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. with a Funeral Service at 7:30 p.m.

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IRENE M. "EA" JAKUBOWSKI



Age 98, of Pgh., formerly of Everson on Wed. Dec. 29, 2021. Beloved daughter of the late Francis and Martha Jakubowksi. Sister of Cecelia Whitman and the late Gertrude Long and Teresa Wolak. Eight nieces and nephews, eleven great-nieces and nephews and thirteen great-great-nieces and nephews. She was employed at Westinghouse Bettis Atomic for 47 years where she was a Technical

Atomic for 4/ years where she was a Technical Illustrator working on the submarine "Nautilus". She was very involved in the Pilot Club, Polish Art League, and the Polish Cultural Council. She also volunteered for WQED and Brighton Heights Citizens Assoc. Friends received 2-4 and 6-8 pm Mon., Jan 3rd at the THOMAS P. KUNSAK FUNERAL HOME, INC., 3552 California Ave. at Davis Ave., where a blessing service will be held on Tues. at 11 am.

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MINISTER CLARENCE MICHAEL WILLIAM **BENJAMIN JIGGETTS**



on December 24, 2021, sadly and unexpectedly. Son of Daisy Benjamin and the late Julius R. Jiggetts III; brother of Darcell, Candace, and Ollie; also survived by a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, and nieces. Family will receive friends on Wednesday, January 5, 2022, and Thursday, January 6, 2022, from 4-8 p.m. in the SAMUEL J. JONES FUNERAL JUNES 2444 Wello Avenue HOME, 2644 Wylie Avenue,

Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Home Going Services will be January 7, 2022, at 11 a.m. Calvary Baptist Church, 2629 Wylie Ave., Pgh., PA 15219. Interment Homewood Cemetery.

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THOMAS L. JENSEN



Formerly of Bethel Park, PA, passed away on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at the age of 84. The family welcomes your thoughts and prayers at this time but services will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to remember Tom may make donations to CareFirst Hospice and Palliative Care, 3805 Meads Creek Road, Painted Post, NY 14870 in his memory.



Condolences, words of comfort, and a full obituary may be expressed in Tom's book of memories at www.sullivansfuneralhome.com.

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MARY C. (GARRITANO) JONES



On Thursday, December 30, 2021, Mary C. (Garritano) Jones, age 82, of Whitehall, formerly of Overbrook. formerly of Overbrook.
Beloved wife of the late
Donald R. Jones, Sr.; mother
of Laurie A. Jones, Michael D.
Jones, Donald R. (Amy) Jones,
Jr. and D. Scott (Candace)
Jr. grandmother of Jr. and D. Scott (Calidace) Jones; grandmother of Danielle (Corey) Mihna, and Sarah, Kate and Brady Jones; sister of Clara Paolicelli and Vera (Richard) Fitzharris; also

Vera (Richard) Fitzharris; also survived by nieces and nephews. Mary enjoyed spending time outdoors, especially taking walks and tending to her garden. She loved music, particularly classic rock, and went to a lot of concerts throughout her lifetime. But her favorite thing in the world was spending time with her grandchildren. Friends received Monday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the GRIFFITH FUNERAL HOME, INC., 5636 Brownsville Road, (at 6th St.) South Park Twp. (412) 655-4600. Funeral prayer Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home, with a Mass of Christian Burial in Our Lady of Hope Parish - Nativity Church at 10 a.m. Condolences may be offered for the family at www.GriffithFH.com

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PATRICIA ANN (MOORE) KEANE



Age 79, of Wilmington, NC, formerly of Stowe Twp., PA passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 29, 2021. Beloved wife of 34 years to the late William H. Keane. Dear mother of Kimberly (Kevin) Massie, Daniel (Kelli) Eckler and Glen Eckler. Loving grandmother of Alexis (Jesse) Matthews, Alexis (Jesse) Matthews, Porsche (Jesse) Marano, Patrick Eckler and Megan (Darr) Skidmore. Great-

(Darr) Skidmore. Great-grandmother of Luca Marano. Sister of Chuck (Becky) Moore, Sonny Moore and Joyce Baker. Also survived by numerous nieces, nephews and other family members. Family and friends are welcome for visitation on Friday, January 7, 2022 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm until 7:00 pm. At the Kennedy Township location of the ANTHONY M. MUSMANNO FUNERAL HOME, INC., 941 McCoy Road McKees Rocks, (Kennedy Township) PA 15136. A funeral service will be conducted in the Musmanno Chapel at 7:00 pm. Interment in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies is scheduled on Monday, January 10, 2022 at 1:30 pm. Memorial contributions may be donated to the Alzheimer's donated the Alzheimer's

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GARY E. KELLY

Of North Huntingdon, age 70, died on Tuesday, December Of North Huntingdon, age 70, died on luesday, December 28, 2021. Dear father of Amber Kelly of Wilkins Twp. and Daniel Patrick Kelly of IL. Grandfather of Anthony Kelly-Guercio of Wilkins Twp. and James Kelly of IL. Brother of Robert (Rosalyn) Kelly of FL, the late Daniel Kelly and the late Carol (late John) Kracsun. Uncle of Erik (Kelly) Liddell and Doug Liddell. Gary was a longtime Turtle Creek resident and worked as a systems designer in the cable industry. He enjoyed gardening and spending his time engaged with his friends. A Memorial Service will be held at a later date Arrangements with PATRICK T. LANGAN ELINEPAR date. Arrangements with PATRICK T. LANIGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, INC., TURTLE CREK / MONROEVILLE CHAPEL, 1111 Monroeville Ave., Turtle

Creek, 412-823-9350. Send condolences post-gazette.com/gb

IRENE G. KICINSKI

On Tuesday, December 28, 2021, of Pittsburgh. Loving wife On Tuesday, December 28, 2021, of Pittsburgh. Loving wife of the late Chester W. Kicinski; beloved mother of Kristina (Steve) Shabkie, Tom (Sandy) Kicinski, Patty Kicinski, Gary (Susan) Kicinski and John (Kim) Kicinski; grandmother of Jason and Josh (Maria) Kicinski, Michael (Kelley Haderlie) and Mark (Melissa) Thompson, Jeffrey Kicinski and Leah (Todd) Rodzik and N. Jake and Nicole "Colzy" Kicinski and Blake and Steve Hart; great-grandmother of Carter, Cooper and Gianna Kicinski, Sophia Thompson, Kaden Kicinski and Mason and Cole Kicinski and Everley and Maddyn Hart. Irene enjoyed decorating her house and shopping. Friends will be received at the JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME, INC., 412-881-4100, 4201 Brownsville Road, Brentwood 15227, on Sunday, January 2, 2022, from 2-4 and 6-8 pm. Funeral Sunday, January 2, 2022, from 2-4 and 6-8 pm. Funeral Prayer on Monday morning at 11:00 am. Mass of Christian Burial in Blessed Trinity Parish at St. Albert the Great Church at 12:00 pm. If desired, family suggests contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org. Please send condolences to www.johnfslater.com. Send condolences post-gazette.com/gb

HAZEL M. (ARNOLD) KNIGHT



Age 87, of Kennedy Twp., formerly of Ingram passed away on Tuesday, December 28, 2021. Beloved wife of 66 years of Thomas J. Knight. Loving mother of Michael (Laura) Knight, Linda (Jeff) Klink, Karen Elko, and Thomas (Becky) Knight. Grandmother of David Klink, Jennifer Heffernan, Claire and Jared Elko and Charlotte Knight. Sister of David Arnold (Janet), Eileen Maple and the late Peter Arnold. Also survived

by many nieces and nephews. Hazel was born in Ruislip, England. She met her husband, Tom, while he was stationed in the service in England and traveled for over 17 years with the Air Force until retiring and moving to Ingram and then Kennedy Twp. Hazel was a skilled seamstress and was well-known for her special baking and desserts. She will be dearly missed by all who knew her. Visitation SUNDAY ONLY, 1-3 and 6-8 pm at the SCHEPNER-MCDERMOTT FUNERAL HOME, INC., 165 Noble Ave., Crafton. Due to COVID, masks are highly recommended. Mass of Christian Burial 10:30 am Monday at Ascension Catholic Church (Park 15:205) where Monday at Ascension Catholic Church (Pgh., 15205) where Hazel was a longtime member. **EVERYONE PLEASE MEET** AT CHURCH. A private family interment will follow in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Hazel's name to the St. Vincent de Paul Society c/o St. Philip Parish, 115 Berry St., Pgh., 15205 or Brother's Brother Foundation, 1200 Galveston Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15233. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date.

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THOMAS W. KILLMEYER



Age 76, of Shaler Twp., on n. 1, 2022. Husband of Linda Weider Killmeyer; father of Thomas W., Jr. and Michael R. Killmeyer; grandfather of Sunny Killmeyer; son of the late Walker S. and Lillian Killmeyer; brother of Nellie Campbell and the late Katherine Iellimo, Howard Killmeyer, Gloria Schmiedlin

Killmeyer, Gloria Schmiedlin (surviving Red), and June Kirby. Also many nieces, nephews, and friends who loved him dearly. Thomas was a Veteran of the U.S. Air Force and a member of the Allison Park Church. No visitation, Service and Interment Private. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at a later date. Arr. by **NEELY FUNERAL HOME**. Please visit us at: neelyfuneralhome.com

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RICHARD "DICK" KIRSCHNER



Richard "Dick" Kirschner, 82, of Center Twp., passed 82, of Center Twp., passed away on Wednesday, December 29, 2021. He was born on January 4, 1939, in New Florence, PA, a son of the late Robert and Hazel (Sutter) Kirschner. Dick was a graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. He worked as a mechanical engineer for Bayer Corporation - Hennecke Machinery Division until his

mechanical engineer for Bayer Corporation - Hennecke Machinery Division until his retirement in 2001. He was a member of the Loyalhanna Masonic Lodge 275, the Highland Area VFW, Monaca Turners, and the Aliquippa Elks. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, John Kirschner. He is survived by his wife of 24 years, Irene McGee; a daughter, Helene Klemanski and her husband, Richard; and a granddaughter, Hayden Klemanski. He will be greatly missed by his extended family and many friends. Aside from by his extended family and many friends. Aside from spending time with his family and friends, Dick loved to travel and spend time at his cabin in Tionesta, PA. Dick will be remembered as someone who was always willing to lend a hand and usually had the tools needed to do the job. He may no longer be physically here with us but will always be present in life's most wonderful moments. Friends will be received on Sunday from 4 to 7pm and on Monday from 10 until the time of Blessing Service at 11am in DARROCH CREMATION AND FUNERAL TRIBUTES, INC., 2640 Mill Street, Aliquippa www.darrochfuneralhome.com. Interment will be held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Masonic Charities of Repopulying or to St. may be made to Masonic Charities of Pennsylvania or to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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CARL JAMES KONENKAMP

Carl James Konenkamp, 81, died on December 26, 2021. Born on September 28, 1940, in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to Charles and Margaret Konenkamp. Beloved husband of Nancy Konenkamp. Father of Curt (Christy) Konenkamp and Brian Konenkamp. Pap of Cameron and Joey Konenkamp. Brother-in-law to Herb and Don Reinheimer. Preceded in death by his sister, Charlene Konenkamp. Memorial visitation will be on Saturday, January 8, from 2:00 until time of service at 4:00PM at A.H. PETERS FUNERAL HOME, 32000 Schoophor Schoenherr Road, in Warren, Michigan.

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DONALD H. KUMPF



On Wednesday, December 29, 2021. Beloved husband of 29, 2021. Beloved husband of Charlene (Spratt) Kumpf. Loving father of Julie (Sean) Nangle, Robert and Donald Kumpf. Brother of Robert (Nancy) Kumpf and the late Patricia Weikel and Diane Mountain. Brother-in-law of Susan Stein. Grandfather of Haley, Brendan, Declan, and Tori. Also survived by nieces and nephews. Arrangements have been entrusted to the SZAFRANSKI - EBERLEIN FUNERAL HOME, INC., where family and friends will be received on Sunday from 2-6 pm at 101 Third St., Carnegie. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Raphael the Archangel Parish, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church on Monday at 10 am.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church on Monday at 10 am. www.szafranski-eberleinfuneralhome.com

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MICHAEL CHARLES LAKO



Age 36, December Saturday, 2021, of Beloved on Age 36, 011 Saturday, December 25, 2021, of Pleasant Hills. Beloved husband of Nicole (Smith) Lako; loving father of Violette and Francine Lako; cherished son of Michael E. and Carol (Kruly) Lako; brother of George (Astrid) Lako, Joanne (Jonathan) Roithner and Joseph (Chi) Lako. Michael was a former UPS employee with Local 926 Teamsters, was a very proud retiree of

KML Carpenter Union, Local 432 and was a dedicated employee of MBM Contracting, Inc. He was a longtime member of the Pittsburgh Slovakian Dance Group, President of Leaf 161 of the National Slovak Society and was Auditor of St. Michael's Branch 2 of The First Catholic Slovak Union. Friends will be received at the First Catholic Slovak Union. Friends will be received at the JOHN F. SLATER FUNERAL HOME, INC., 412-881-4100, 4201 Brownsville Road, Brentwood 15227, on Sunday, January 2, 2022, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. and Monday, January 3, 2022, from 6-8 p.m. Celebration of Life will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, in the John F. Slater Funeral Home Chapel at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Mike's name to ALS Association, Western Pennsylvania Chapter, 416 Lincoln Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15209, www.cure4als.org. Please send condolences to:

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JONATHAN GEORGE LEVY



On Tuesday, December 7, 2021, Jonathan George Levy of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania passed away at the age of 22. Jonathan was born on February 2, 1999, to Philip E. Levy and Debra A. Levy (née Schwartzberg) at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York, New York. Jonathan was a student at the University of Arizona, studying digital media and communications. He was a talented writer with a passion

talented Writer With a passion for comedy and a loving son, grandson, brother, nephew and friend to many. Jonathan will be remembered for his infectious smile and his kind and compassionate spirit. Jonathan is survived by his parents, Philip and Debra; his brothers, Jason and Andrew; his grandparents, Arlene and Kenneth Eskind and Malvina Levy; and several cousins, aunts and uncles. His dogs Nala, Phineas and Archie will also miss him and his hugs dearly. Funeral services were held on Friday, December 10, 2021, at Temple Emanuel of South Hills followed by Interment at MT Temple Emanuel of South Hills, followed by Interment at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery in Mt. Lebanon, Pennsylvania. Memorials or donations may be made to the Temple Emanuel (General Fund) or The Friendship Circle. Arrangements entrusted to RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC., family owned and

operated. www.schugar.com. Send condolences post-gazette.com/gb

DOUGLAS J. LADESIC

Age 57, of Ohio, formerly of Pittsburgh, passed away after battling cancer and sickness on Friday, December 31, 2021 Son of the late Raymond C. and Anita L. (larussi) Ladesic son of the late Raymond C. and Anita L. (laruss) Ladesic. Brother of Jeffrey L. (Connie) Ladesic of Ohio. Godson of J. R. Fobes of Pittsburgh, PA. Doug leaves behind many uncles, aunts, cousins and friends. He was a member of the American Turner Club. The Family will receive visitors Thursday, 9am-12pm, at **O'BRIEN'S**, 3724 California at Cooper Aves., N.S. Pgh., PA 15212. Interment to follow in Christ Our Redeemer Cemetery, 204 Cemetery Lane, Pgh., PA 15237

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REV. DR. HAROLD T. LEWIS



Rev. Dr. Harold T. Lewis was born on February 21 1947, passed away on December 31, 2021 at the age of 74. He served as rector of Calvary Episcopal Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from 1997 until his retirement in 2012. Upon his retirement, a member of the search committee reflected on Dr. Lewis's impact, "He has definitely strengthened the position of Calvary, not only in the diocese but in the national Episcopal Church and even in the Anglican Communion." He was an active chronicles of the African

position of Calvary, not only in the diocese but in the national Episcopal Church and even in the Anglican Communion." He was an active chronicler of the African American struggle in the Episcopal Church and has participated on numerous church and seminary boards including the Office of Black Ministries as director from 1983 to 1994. He has served on the Standing Commission on World Mission of the Episcopal Church where he pressed to have African American missionaries recognized and celebrated alongside white missionaries. Ordained in December 1971, Dr. Lewis has ministered to parishes in England, Washington, DC, New Haven, Connecticut, Brooklyn, New York, and Cleveland Heights, Ohio; and as a missionary in Honduras and Zaire. He served as headmaster of St. Mark's School in Brooklyn; adjunct professor at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary; and also taught at George Mercer School of Theology, New York Theological Seminary, and General Theological Seminary. In Pittsburgh, Dr. Lewis served on the boards of the Urban League and the Metro-Urban Institute of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. Nationally, he was a member of the Episcopal Church Foundations Fellows' Forum and served on the board of Seabury-Western Theological Seminary. Dr. Lewis served on the Board of Trustees at Yale Divinity School and was instrumental in that institution's South African divestment. By appointment of the Archbishop of Canterbury, he has chaired and served on the Advisory Council for the Anglican Observer to the United Nations. Among Dr. Lewis's many publications are Yet With a Steady Beat: the African American Struggle for Recognition in the Episcopal Church; Christian Social Witness; Elijah's Mantle: Pilgrimage, Politics and Proclamation; the hymnal, Lift Every Voice and Sing; and The Recent Unpleasantness. He has also contributed chapters to a number of books, written articles, hymns and poetry for a variety of publications. In 2007 on behalf of Calvary, Dr. Lewis hosted Bishop Desmond Tutu during his Pittsburgh visit when he received a Měllon Únivérsity. Dr. Lewis earnéd a BA at McGill University in Montreal, Canada; an Mbiv at Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University; and a Ph.D. at University of Birmingham, England. He also studied at St. John's College at Cambridge University in England, and earned numerous honorary degrees from various institutions. He was married to Claudette Richards Lewis, for more than 51 years; and they have one son, Justin Craig Lewis and a son-in-law, Roland Tactay. There will be no visitation. Funeral Wednesday, January 5, 2022, a Service of Thanksgiving will be held at 11:00AM in Calvary Episcopal Church, 315 Shady Avenue, Pgh., PA 15206. (Masks are required for those wishing to attend). Arrangements by JOHN A. FREYVOGEL SONS, INC.

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ELAINE D. LYNCH



76 of Aspinwall passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 26, 2021. She was preceded in death by her beloved son, Jack Davis; her parents, Edward and Ellen (Davis) Hood; her former husband, John T. Lynch; and her step sons, John Lynch and Tom Lynch (surviving wife, Vicki). She is surviving by her step children, D'Amore (Terry) Patricia Lynch (Amy) Gardini (Alex), Kay Michael (Amy), Maureen

Maureen Gardini (Alex), Kay Lynch (CJ), Colleen Harshman (John); her grandchildren, Lindsay, Ian, Max, Cassie, Matthew, Mead, Mike, Michael, Patrick, Isabella, Clayton, Chloe, Cullen, and Delia; and her great-grandson, Isaac. No Visitation. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, January 15, 2022, at 1:30 p.m. at the Aspinwall Presbyterian Church, Center Ave. at Third St. Arrangements by WEDDELL-AJAK FUNERAL HOME, Aspinwall

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MARGUERITE ULRICH McGREGOR



Age 82, passed away peacefully at her home in Santa Fe, New Mexico, on November 30, 2021. She was born and raised in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, graduated from Edgewood High School in 1957, and Chatham College in 1980. Her professional career spanned the worlds of marketing, television production, nonprofit development, and political consulting, but her passion was for the many community groups that benefited from her wisdom, leadership, and organizationa

Each community that Margie became a part of was enriched and inspired by her efforts to give back. She was a gubernatorial appointee to both the Pennsylvania Commission for Women, and the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, where she served as chair for six years. Margie was a cofounder of Pennsylvania's first publicly funded program for sexual assault victims, the Center for Victims of Violent Crime (renamed the Rape Crisis Center) and served on the Parenthood, the Allegheny County United Way, Planned Parenthood, the ACLU, the Persad Center, and many other nonprofit organizations in Pittsburgh. After Margie retired to Santa Fe in 2004, the Renesan Institute for Lifelong Learning

Santa Fe in 2004, the Renesan Institute for Lifelong Learning became the focus of her volunteer work.

Margie will be remembered by her friends and family: for her warmth, grace, and humor; as a powerful woman who never exhibited fear when taking up a fight for others; as a dedicated and reliable activist and volunteer; a sharp dresser; a dog lover; a solver of crossword puzzles; an aficionado of opera and white wine; and an avid reader.

aficionado of opera and white wine; and an avid reader. She is survived by her three children: Gretchen McGregor Venkatesh of Castro Valley, CA; Mark Ulrich McGregor of San Ramon, CA; and Katherine Ulrich of Santa Fe; as well as her granddaughter, Mirabai Grace Venkatesh. Marguerite was also a caring stepmother to James Russell McGregor, Jr., of Ligonier, PA, and Michelle McGregor Smith of Ft. Lauderdale, Ft.; and step-grandmother to James "Jake" McGregor, Ill, Samantha McGregor, and Morrigan McGregor Smith. She was predeceased by her beloved partner, Charles West, and ex-husband, James Russell McGregor, Sr.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be

ex-husband, James Russell McGregor, Sr.
In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in honor of Margie to Renesan Institute of Lifelong Learning in Santa Fe, NM; and in Pennsylvania, to the Persad Center, Planned Parenthood, and the Pennsylvania Humanities Council. A Celebration of Life will be held virtually on Sunday, June 26, 2022. Please contact BERARDINELLI FAMILY FUNERAL HOME, Santa Fe, NM, (website or 505-984-8600) for details.

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MARGARET MARGUS



Margaret Catherine Margus of Boca Raton, FL, 97, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 26 from natural causes. She is survived by her causes. She is survived by her niece, Michele Rothert and nephew, Brad Margus (Victoria), sister-in-law, Ruth Margus, and great-nephews who include Colton, Jarrett, Quinn and Cade Margus as well as Jason Wolter (Amelia).

Quinn and Cade Margus as well as Jason Wolter (Amelia). She was predeceased by her father, Albert, mother, Mayme, siblings, Ruth, Gloria and Albert Margus, and niece, Lynn Wolter. Born on April 7, 1924, Margie grew up on the North Side of Pittsburgh, PA where she graduated from Perry High School. She studied accounting at Duff's Business College and attended Florence Utt Switchboard School. Her employers included the Screw and Bolt Corporation of America, the Pittsburgh Bag and Burlap Company, the JED Products Company, the Morris Paper Company and Woodville State Hospital. After studying drama at the Pittsburgh Playhouse in Oakland, Margie acted in plays at the Beverly Hills Playhouse. Margie will always be remembered for her love of acting and her forward thinking about living a healthy lifestyle. Even at an advanced age, with youthful exuberance, she continued making new friends in her Boca Bayou community, enjoyed travel, embraced new technologies, and truly marched to her own beat. No memorial service is currently planned. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to the A-T Children's Project, 6810 N. State Road 7, Suite 125, Coconut Creek, FL 33073 (or on-line at atcp.org).

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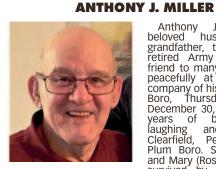
MARY ELIZABETH "BETTY" MCGUIRE



Elizabeth Marv "Betty" McGuire, age 95, of Allison Park, passed peacefully at home on Tuesday, Dec. 28, 2021, surrounded by her six children. Born on Dec. 21, 1926, in Pittsburgh, Betty was the daughter of the late Anna G. and Christopher W. Winter, Sr. Betty was a longtime member of the St. Ursula's Christian Mothers, and an avid bridge player for more than 50 years. Betty and her husband, Jim, established the annual family vacation to Chautauqua Lake, NY, when their

annual family vacation to Chautauqua Lake, NY, when their children were young. Since then, trips to the lake have become a cherished tradition for their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Betty was a devoted and caring mother to Betty Ann (Bob) Kossler, Barb (late Rick) Faccenda, Marylou (Bill) Nemeth, Patty (Mike) Cooknick, Jim McGuire and John (Laurie) McGuire. She was a wonderful grandma to 14 grandchildren, and loving "Nana" to 11 great-grandchildren, all of whom will miss her dearly. In addition to her parents, Betty was preceded in death by her beloved husband, James L. "Jim" McGuire, Jr., on Oct. 23, 2002; and her siblings, Harold Winter, Dorothy (Edward) Cooper, and Christopher W. (Eleanor) Winter, Jr. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial donations be made in Betty's honor to the Greater Pittsburgh Community Food Bank or to Little Sisters of the Poor. Because of COVID, services will be private and for immediate family only at St. Ursula's Catholic Church. Arrangements are entrusted to NEELY FUNERAL HOME, Glenshaw. Please visit us at neelyfuneralhome.com

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Anthony Joseph Miller, beloved husband, father, grandfather, teacher, coach, retired Army enlisted, and friend to many, passed away peacefully at home in the company of his family in Plum Boro, Thursday afternoon, December 30, 2021, after 90 years of blessed living, laughing and loving in laughing and loving in Clearfield, Penn Hills and Plum Boro. Son of Michael

and Mary (Rosselli) Miller and Survived by younger sister Virginia Evanko. Beloved husband of Carol (Bernard) Miller for 57 years. Son of Michael Miller and Mary (Rosselli) Miller; for 57 years. Son of Michael Miller and Mary (Rosselli) Miller; children, Linette (Brett) Coddington, Denise (Eric) Stegman, David (Mary Jean) Miller; and grandchildren, Kelson (Margaret) Coddington, Morgan (David) Eberhart, Fallon and Garion Coddington, Ashlynn and Megan Miller, and Sydney Stegman. Friends received, Monday 2-8 p.m. at SOXMAN FUNERAL HOMES, LTD./ROTH CHAPEL, 7450 Saltsburg Road (at Universal Road), Penn Hills. Mass of Christian Burial, Tuesday 10 a.m. in St. Januarius Church Holy Family Parish.

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JOHN RAY MUELLER



Age 75, of South Park, on Friday, December 31, 2021. Beloved husband of 52 years to Beverly A. (Antonelli) Mueller, son of the late Frank and Park E. (Corbin) Mueller. and Pearl E. (Corbin) Mueller; loving father of John A. (late Teri-Sue) Mueller and Dawn Raymie Henderson) Ferrelli; dear grandfather of Archer and "grandgirls" Gianna and Leilani; brother-in-law of Luanne Schipani (late Schipani Anthony Anthony), Anthony (Susan) Antonelli, Alice (Mike) Muetzel, beloved uncle of Toni, Dominic



and many other nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews who loved him deeply. John was a US Steel retiree, served in the U.S. Army as a radar repairman. He loved his family and was so proud of his kida and

and Was so proud of his kids and grandson, Archer. John was preceded in death by nine siblings. He spent his last years watching TV and watching Gunsmoke over and over again. Friends welcome 1-4, 6-8p.m., TUESDAY, FREYVOGEL-SLATER FUNERAL DIRECTORS (412-835-1860), 142 FOR COURT BY THE PROPERTY AND COURT BY THE PROPERTY BY TH 112 Fort Couch Rd., Bethel Park 15241 (opposite Macy's South Hills Village). Funeral Service 11:00a.m. WEDNESDAY, Grace Lutheran Church, 6810 Hilldale Dr., Pgh., PA, 15236. Burial to follow in Bethel Cemetery, Bethel Park.

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MARION H. McNALLY

Marion H. McNally (nee Heard), age 74, died Saturday, December 25, 2021. She is the daughter of the late Marion Underwood Heard and Donald B. Heard and is survived by Underwood Heard and Donald B. Heard and is survived by her sister, Elsie Heard McAdoo (McKinley), her nephew, Colin C. McAdoo, her niece, Marion M Krock (Brian), and her longtime companion, Theodore Pforr. Contributions in Marion's memory may be made to The Winchester Thurston School, 555 Morewood Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Condolences may be left at www.mccabebrothers.com.

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KEVIN JOHN McGUIRK



Age 36, of Carnegie, unexpectedly on Wednesday, December 29, 2021. Beloved son of Donald E. and Diana McGuirk; brother of Eric (Daunyele Gayton-Borello) Borello, Rachel (Jason) Borelló, Rachél (Jason)
Schulte, and Dawn Schafer;
grandson of Marjorie Allan,
the late Arthur Schafer and
the late Jack and June
McGuirk; great-grandson of
Lucille Osborne; uncle of
Bodhi, Kenzi, Jackson, Adam,
Orlando, Alaya and Mila.
Kevin was a sensitive, caring, generous and helpful individual
and will be dearly missed by his family and friends. Relatives
and friends received Wednesday. January 5, 2022. from 3

and will be dearly missed by his family and friends. Relatives and friends received Wednesday, January 5, 2022, from 3 p.m. until time of funeral service 7:30 p.m. at SCHEPNER-MCDERMOTT FUNERAL HOME, INC., 165 Noble Avenue, Crafton, PA 15205. Due to Covid, family requests that masks be worn. In lieu of flowers, donations in Kevin's memory may be made to the Animal Friends, 562 Camp Horne Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 or (www.thinkingoutsidethecage.org).

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PAUL D. O'BRIEN, JR.



On December 29, 2021, Paul D. O'Brien, Jr., age 64, of Pittsburgh, passed away peacefully in his sleep. Son of the late Paul D. O'Brien, Sr. and Katharine Graham; husband of Catherine husband of Catherine (Ziccardi) O'Brien; father of Harley O'Brien; brother of Dawn, Judy, and Kara O'Brien; brother-in-law of John Ziccardi; and uncle of Brittany (Dave) Sullivan, Jordan Papale, and Michael Arnold.

Paul worked for ZOLL LifeVest, enjoyed lazy fishing and was a voracious reader. He also loved spending time with his family, especially his son. As per Paul's wishes, no services will be held. Arrangements by LAWRENCE T. MILLER FUNERAL HOME, INC., Bellevue. Send condolences post-gazette.com/gb

CATHERINE O'SHEA



Of Stowe Twp., on Sunday, December 26, 2021, age 86, passed peacefully surrounded by her loving family and caregivers, joined her husband and three sons in Heaven. Wife of the late Robert O'Shea; loving mother of Bob (Brad Evans), Daniel (Jenifer), Brian, Richard and the late Michael (surviving spouse, Nancy), David spouse, Nancy), (surviving spouse, Beverly Erwin) and William; dear grandmother of Madalyn, Daniel, Michael, Shawn and Ryan. Special thanks to Gallagher Hospice and to Brad, Sue, JoZita and Carolyn, the carocivers who worked tirelegals, and legislative gives the control of the carocivers who worked tirelegals.

caregivers who worked tirelessly and lovingly to give mom the best possible care. Visitation for friends and family of Richard O'Shea 2-4 pm ONLY and 5-8 pm for all others Sunday January 2, 2022, in SANVITO FUNERAL HOME, 1650 Broadway Ave., McKees Rocks, Stowe Twp. Mass of Christian Burial Monday, January 3 at 10 am at St Malachy Church, Archangel Gabriel Parish, 343 Forest Grove Rd., Kennedy Twp. Interment is private. Send condolences post-gazette.com/gb

FRANK J. PASTOR, JR.



Twp., 2021, Shaler December 31, 2021, died peacefully at home with family. Frank was born on July 2, 1946, in Duquesne, PA, son of the late Frank J., Sr. and Ann Staiger Pastor. Frank was Ann Stalger Pastor. Frank was a veteran of the US Army and served during the Vietnam War. Prior to his retirement, Frank was a Correctional Officer at the Allegheny County Jail for 33 years. Frank's favorite things were watching sports the

Frank's favorite things were watching sports, the company of his grandchildren and spending time with family in Ligonier, PA. Frank is survived by his wife of 18 years, Lynda Connelly Pastor; his son, Jason Pastor (Sarah), daughter, Tiffany Pastor (Ryan), and step-daughter, Shannon Bednarick. Survived also by grandchildren, Kain and Damien Stellitano, Ethan, Tristan and Mia Pastor; brother, Richard Pastor, Ronald Pastor (Donna), Allen Pastor, and Keith Pastor; sisters, Patti Peters (Gus) and Rhoda Zepp. Frank was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Pastor (Lynne) and son, Todd Pastor (Tracy). Interment was Private. Arrangements made by PERMAN FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES, INC., Shaler Twp. Leave condolences at www.permanfuneralhome.com

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STEVE M. PETRILLA, JR.

Age 83, of Robinson Township, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 29, 2021. Loving longtime companion of Rose M. Esposito. Dear father of M. Timothy (Linda) Petrilla, Tammy Petrilla; step-father of Rose (Ron) Chulack and the late John and Michelle Esposito. Grandfather of T.J. (Kara) Petrilla and Angela (Drew) Mateya. Step-grandfather of Michael, John, Carmen, Joshua, Casey, Nikki, Jessica, and Alexia and predeceased in death by Garrett. Greatgrandfather of Bradden, Talen, Luca, Kyla, and Madeline and seven step-great-grandchildren. Brother of Sandy Shooster. Seven Step-great-grandchindren. Brother of Saldy Shooster. Steve was an avid Penguins fan, he also loved to hunt and fish. Family and friends are welcome for Visitation on Monday, January 3, 2022, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., at the Kennedy Township location of the ANTHONY M. MUSMANNO FUENRAL HOME, INC., 941 McCoy Road, McKees Rocks, PA 15136. A Blessing Service will be conducted in the Musmanno Chapel following Visitation at 6:00 pm. Interment will be private. 6:00 pm. Interment will be private.

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KENNETH W. PUCKETT

Age 87, of Bethel Park, passed away on Friday, December 24, 2021. Beloved husband of 67 years to Doris P. Puckett; loving father of Leatha A. Banks (Jan), Robert D. Puckett (Solange), Charles E. Puckett (Julie) and the late Thomas W. Puckett; brother of Adrian Puckett (Sheila), Phyllis Powers (Thomas) and Linda West (Steve); proud grandfather of Megan Jackson (Billy), Lauren Finnerty Nathan Puckett, Katie Puckett, and Rachel Puckett; great-grandfather of Luke, Wyatt, and Ellie Jackson. Ken was a former FBI agent and scrap-metals broker. He loved his family and will be dearly scrap-metals broker. He loved his family and will be dearly missed. Funeral services were held on Thursday, December 30, 2021, by PAUL HENNEY CREMATION & FUNERAL TRIBUTES, Bethel Park. www.henneyfuneralhome.com Send condolences post-gazette.com/gb

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WILLIAM RAPPORT

Age 97, on Saturday, December 25, 2021. Beloved husband of 73 years to the late Betty Rapport. Beloved father of Joseph A.M. (Eleanor C.) Rapport of Pleasant Hills and Deborah Fae M. (Charles J.) Drummond of Churchill. Preceded in death by one brother and one sister. Grandfather of Aaron J. (Miranda) Rapport, Sarah F. Rapport and Joanna M. Drummond. Great-grandfather of Frances T. and James D. Rapport. Also survived by nieces and nephews. The family wants to express their gratitude to UPMC Seneca Manor and the Bridges Hospice for their excellent care and compassion. Services and Interment Private. Contributions may be made to the UPMC Benevolent Care Fund, c/o Debbie Panei, Director of Development, 200 Lothrop St., Forbes Tower Suite 10072, Pittsburgh, PA 15213 (412.854.3524) or PaneiD@upmc.edu or to the Squirrel Hill Community Food Pantry, 828 Hazelwood Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15217. Arrangements entrusted to RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC., family owned and operated.

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ELEANOR I. RATTIE

Age 96, of Mt. Lebanon, on Thursday, December 23, 2021. Wife of the late Michael J. Rattie; mother of Michelle Lloyd-Leary (Dennis Leary) and the late Michael J. Rattie (surviving Audrey Kappel); grandmother of Kristen Marshall, Jennifer Adam and Michael Kappel; also survived by seven great-grandchildren and many wonderful friends whom she dearly loved. There will be no visitation. Mass of Christian Burial will be offered in Our Lady of Grace Church, St. Michael the Archangel Parish, on Monday, January 3rd at 10:00 am. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Blind & Vision Rehabilitation Services of Pittsburgh, 1816 Locust Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

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EDWARD J. REITH



Of Bentleyville, on Wednesday December 29, 2021, age 69, beloved husband for 48 years of nusband for 48 years of Debra L. (Donolo) Reith; loving father of Malinda Ann "Mindy" Schleifstein and Kimberly Hooper (Kris); son of the late Howard and Ruth Reith; brother of Ricki Eggers and the late Howard Reith, Sandy Hurt and Tommy Poith: Sandy Hurt and Tommy Reith; brother-in-law of Erika Reith; grandfather of Trey, Skylar, Izzie, Brooklyn, Vayda and

dianni; also several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins. Ed was a dedicated, hard working man who loved his wife and family and will be missed by everyone who loved and knew him. He was a welder for 46 years with Walter Long Manufacturers in Finleyville. Arrangements handled privately by DAVID J. HENNEY FUNERAL HOME, Library, PA.

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DAVID PAUL RENNEBECK



Age 67, of McCandless Twp., was tragically taken away from us on December 27, 2021. He was the son of Mary Rose (Sokol) and Herman Rennebeck, devoted husband and preceded in death by Laurieann (Muick) Rennebeck; proud father to Lisa (Brian) Hohmann, Michael (Beth) Dailey, John Dlacich, Joe Dlacich, Sharlene (John) McCombs and David R



(Amanda) Rennebeck; the most amazing Pap to Olivia and Elijah Hohmann, Declan and Madeline Dailey, Ethan and Mallaurie McCombs and Gretta Rennebeck; brother to Jacquelyn (the late Bill) Clinefelter, Helen (the late Al) Hunt, William (Antoinette) Rennebeck William (Antoinette) Rennebeck Catherine (the late Richard) Macik Patricia (the late Bob) Vignale, Mary Ann (Norman) Arlet, Kelly (Dave) vey" was also a cherished uncle, cousin

Wojtasak. Uncle "Davey" was and friend to countless others.

David was a Sergeant in the USMC and later retired from the 1058 Laborers Union. He was a labor superintendent for many of the road and bridge construction projects in the Pittsburgh area, working for SJ Groves, Dick Corporation, JA Jones and Traylor Brothers, Trumbull, Kiewit Corporation and CPS Construction Group. A true Pittsburgher that loved the Steelers and Penguins, spending time with his family and Steelers and Penguins, spending time with his family and friends as well as spoiling his grandkids. He was an avid

friends as well as spoiling his grandkids. He was an avid hunter who enjoyed a long ride on his Harley, a good cigar, a nice fire and the company of the "guardians of the park". The loving patriarch of the Rennebeck family, his wisdom and guidance will be greatly missed. We know mom is waiting for you in her ball gown, enjoy your next dance. We love you Pap.

Friends received Wednesday and Thursday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME**, **INC.**, 806 Perry Hwy., North Hills. Services in St. John's Lutheran Church of Highland Friday 10 a.m. Everyone please meet at church. Family suggests memorial donations be made, in lieu of flowers, to the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy. Please go to devlinfuneralhome.com to view this tribute or make an devlinfuneralhome.com to view this tribute or make an online condolence.

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WILLIAM R. RICKENBACH "RICH" "RICK



Of Bethel Park, peacefully at home on Friday, December 31, 2021, age 83, beloved husband of Kathryn and the late Carol, loving father of Deborah Stephens, Scott (Angela) and Tim Rickenbach, stepfather of Heidi Magill (Stephen) and Tim Moore (Stephanie), brother of (Stephanie), brother EdnaMay Rickenbach, grandfather of Adam, Erin, Brendan, Lauren and Emily. Rickenbach Rick was a proud math teacher for 35 years at Bethel

Park High School, an avid hunter and fisherman. He was a member of the Bethel Park Historical Society, Bethel Park Gold Card Club, Library Sportsmen's Club and Bethel Park Outdoorsmen Assoc. Visitation Sunday, 1-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the **DAVID J. HENNEY FUNERAL HOME**, 6364 Library Road, PT 892 Library Europa Society, Manday 21 11:00 a.m. in Fig. (RT 88), Library, Funeral Service Monday at 11:00 a.m. in First Bethel United Methodist Church. EVERYONE PLEASE MEET AT CHURCH. PLEASE WEAR MASKS AT THE FUNERAL HOME AND CHURCH. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to First Bethel United Methodist Church, 5901 Library Road, Bethel Park, PA 15102 or Bethel Park Outdoorsmen Assoc., P.O. Box 132, Bethel Park, PA 15102.

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JAN I. SAVKO



74, of McKeesport away unexpectedly December 22, passed 2021. Daughter of Thomas Hall, Jr. and the late Helen Irene Such Hall. She was the Irene Such Hall. She was the loving mother of Daryl J. (Jen) Savko and Carrie (Michael) Pierce; cherished nana of Arielle, Alexa, Jason (Fallon), Kayleigh, Ryan, and Zane; great-grandmother Reagan; dear sister of Thomas Hall III.

dear sister or fromas Hall III, Patricia Nickles, Linda Hall III, Patricia Nickles, Linda Hall Seifert, and Kristin Dinder; also survived by many nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 1:00 p.m. at PITTSBURGH CREMATION & FUNERAL CARE, 3287 Washington Rd., McMurray, PA 15317, 724-260-5546. Please view and sign the family's online guestbook at: pittsburghcremation.com



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ROBERT H. "BOBBY" SCHAFERS, JR.



Age formerly Oakdale formerly of Kennedy Township, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, at Citizen's Care. Bobby was born on March 12, 1962, in McKees Rocks to the late Robert H. and Anna Mae (Tinker) Schafers. Beloved stepson of Jenny Irene Schafers; cherished brother of Nancy Schafers. Carol Kennedy of Nancy Schafers, Carol Hufnagel (Nicholas), Mary Lou

Hufnagel (Nicholas), Mary Lou Barone (Gary), William Schafers (Suzanne) and Deborah Schafers; well-loved uncle of Jeffrey Hufnagel, Michael Schafers, and Kelly Schafers; loving nephew of Suzanne Temple (Brady) and many cousins. Bobby was a member of St. Malachy where he made his First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Bobby loved music, calendars, celebrating holidays especially Christmas, and socializing with friends and family. He was a bright spark in the world who loved life. He will be deeply missed by many. Visitation Sunday, (Jan. 2, 2022) from 1-5 PM at Copeland's Coraopolis, 867 Fifth Ave. Where prayers will be recited at on Monday 9:30 AM followed by Mass at 10 AM at Most Sacred Monday 9:30 AM followed by Mass at 10 AM at Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, St. Joseph Church. Burial will follow in Coraopolis Cemetery. Family suggests donations in his name to Partner's for Quality Inc., 250 Clever Rd., McKees Rocks, PA 15136 The family wishes to extend their thanks and appreciation to Citizens Care for their loving attention given to Robert over the years to Robert over the years.

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JOANNE A. SCHAUB



Age 90, of Longwood at

Age 90, of Longwood at Oakmont passed away on Sunday, December 26, 2021. Beloved wife of 67 years to Dr. David Schaub; loving mother of Robert (Donna) Schaub of Corapolis, PA, Carol (Mark) Carroll of St. Louis, MO, Diane Schaub of Houston, TX, William (Ann) Schaub of Lombard, IL, and the late David T. Schaub; grandmother of Graham, Katie, George, Emily, Alyssa, and Abby; great-grandmother of Graham Jr. and Eli. Joanne loved to golf, play bridge, travel, and knit. She attended Mercy Hospital's School of Nursing in Pittsburgh where she became employed as a Nursing Supervisor. Visitation will be private. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, December 30, 2021, at 10 a.m., in Holy Family Parish (St. Irenaeus Church), 387 Maryland Ave., Oakmont, PA 15139. Interment will follow at Our Lady of Hope Cemetery in Tarentum. Services entrusted to ENGLISH FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, INC., 378 Maryland Ave., Oakmont, PA 15139. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Humane Animal INC., 378 Maryland Ave., Oakmont, PA 15139. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Humane Animal Rescue of Pittsburgh at https://humaneanimalrescue.org/donate/. Send condolences post-gazette.com/gb

JOHN M. SCHECK



Age 78, of Fox Chase, Cheswick, passed away Thursday, December 2, 2021, at Shadyside Hospital. He was born December 7, 1942, to the late John and Elizabeth (Thomas) Scheck. John lived most of his life in Fox Chapel. He was a Mechanical Engineer for Ralph A. Hiller Co. for 45 years. John was a reservist in the US Army and a member of Mt. St. Peter Roman Catholic Church, New Kensington. He graduated in

1960 from Plum High School and earned a Mechanical Engineering degree from Penn State University.

John was an outdoorsman and avid hunter. John loved

showing his dogs and took many top honors in competitions. John was a quiet, but generous man with a dry sense of humor which was appreciated by many.

A special thank you to Mary Bauer (Cousin), Lori Matz, #1 Nurse and the wonderful caregivers from Home Instead,

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Survivors include his wife of 49 years, Cheryl L. "Sandy (Burket) Scheck; and aunt, Annie Evans of Springdale.

Services and entombment in Greenwood Memorial Park Mausoleum, Lower Burrell on December 9, 2021, were private. Memorial donations may be made in John's name to Animal Protectors of Allegheny Valley, 730 Church St., New Kensington, PA 15068. Arrangements by **DUSTER FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 347 E. 10th Ave., Tarentum, 724-224-1526. VISIT: dusterfh.com.

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THOMAS S. SENKEWITZ



Of Forest Hills, age 79, passed away peacefully at home on Friday, December 31, 2021. Beloved husband of years of Mary Lou and) Senkewitz. Loving (Bolland) Senkewitz. Loving father of Jill Sherwood (Scott Tomasello) of Cranberry Twp. and Lori Senkewitz of Plum. Brother of James Senkewitz (Donna) of Churchill and Robert Senkewitz (Chris) of Australia. Uncle of Dawn, Emma, and Laura. Preceded

in death by his parents, Thomas, Sr. and Emma (Kubasak) Senkewitz. Tom worked at Thomas, Sr. and Emma (Kubasak) Senkewitz. Tom worked at Westinghouse for over 40 years and loved model trains, classic cars, and stamp collecting. He enjoyed reading Clive Cussler books, watching NASCAR, and was a faithful member of Riverside Community Church. Friends received at WOLFE MEMORIAL, LLC, FOREST HILLS CHAPEL, 3604 Greensburg Pike, Pittsburgh, PA 15221, on Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. A funeral service will be held in the funeral home chapel on Monday at 10:00 a.m. The funeral will be streamed on Zoom and the link can be found at www.wolfepgh.com. Burial in William Penn Cemetery, Churchill. Gifts in Tom's memory may be given to Riverside Community Church, 401 Allegheny Ave., Oakmont, PA 15139, www.riversideconnect.org. www.riversideconnect.org. Send condolences post-gazette.com/gb

JOAN L. SCHEINHOLTZ



On Friday, December 31, 2021. Beloved wife for 61 years of the late Leonard L. Scheinholtz. Loving mother of Stuart (Joanne) Scheinholtz of Tiburon, CA, Nancy Scheinholtz of San Mateo, Scheinholtz of San Mateu, CA, and Barry (Debby) Scheinholtz of Berkeley Heights, NJ. Sister of the late Arnold Libenson, Jerome (Harriette) Libenson, and Robert (Nona) Libenson. Sister-in-law of Maxine Adoring Sister-in-law Libenson. Adoring

Libenson. Adoring grandmother of Max (Francisca Espina) Freeborn, Miles Freeborn, Sarah (fiance Matt Shanes) Scheinholtz, Eli Scheinholtz, and Jack Williams. Also survived by many loving extended family members and friends. Joan grew up in Wilkes-Barre, PA and moved to New York City after graduating from William Smith College. She met the love of her life, Len, in New York, and they realized their fate when they exchanged identical Valentines Day cards (Valentine Schmalentine - as long as you're healthy!) They married and moved to Pittsburgh shortly thereafter to the new suburb of Mount Lebanon, where they raised three (brilliant!) children. Joan was a Docent at the Carnegie Museum of Art where she led tours for many years and established lifelong friendships. Joan was an avid traveler, both with Len and her friends. She was a global adventurer with particular interest in arts, culture and cuisine. She dispensed sound advice free of charge. Joan was a friend to all and will be deeply missed. of charge. Joan was a friend to all and will be deeply missed. Services will be held at Temple Emanuel of South Hills, 1250 Bower Hill Road, Mt. Lebanon 15243, on Sunday, January 2, 2022, at 11:00 AM. Visitation one half hour prior to services (10:30 am - 11:00 am). Interment Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, Temple Emanuel Section. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Planned Parenthood, the Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, or a charity of your choice. Arrangements entrusted to **RALPH SCHUGAR CHAPEL, INC.**

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RAYMOND JOSEPH SEISS

Age 82, of Munhall, passed peacefully on Tuesday, December 28, 2021. Preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Helen Seiss; and brothers, Daniel and Henry Bernard Seiss. Survived by his siblings, Robert Seiss and Mary Jane Kolesar; as well as many nieces and nephews. Raymond enjoyed traveling and was an avid bowler. He was an Army Veteran, and worked at Mesta Machine, and as a security guard for numerous businesses. After retirement Raymond enjoyed keeping busy by working at Kennywood Raymond enjoyed keeping busy by working at Kennywood Park. Friends will be received on Tuesday from 2-7 p.m. in the **R.V. ANDERSON FUNERAL HOME**, 315 E. Tenth Ave. 15120. A Blessing Service will be held following Visitation at 7 p.m. in the Funeral Home.

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KATHLEEN BEATRICE RAHAL FARNHAM SHORT



Kathleen Beatrice Rahal Farnham Short sailed to the Great Beyond on December Great Beyond on December 30, 2021. Born in beautiful Exeter, Devon, Eng., on August 20, 1925, she enjoyed a long life filled with family and friends. During World War 2, Kathleen defended her island home against the Nazis, a proud member of the British Women's Auxiliary Air Force enlisting at the age of

British Women's Auxiliary Air Force, enlisting at the age of 17, in the Signals Division of Fighter Command. She met her American soldier husband Maurice at a dance in Devon and later immigrated to Brooklyn, N.Y. as a War Bride. Maurice and Kathleen raised two sons and traveled the world together. Kay loved the sea, church, tea and beer. Kathleen is survived by her son, Gregory, daughter-in-law, Kathy, four grandchildren, Rachel (Jen), Erin (Andy), Vanessa (Okan), and Dylan (Kathryn); seven great-grandchildren, her sister, Muriel, her sister-in-law, Doreen and many loving nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be at Calvary Episcopal Church in the Spring; burial at The Cemetery of the Alleghenies and in England. See The Social Voice Project on YouTube: Kathleen Short In Her Own Words. Professional services trusted D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY LTD., Lawrenceville. www.dalessandroltd.com. CREMATORY LTD., Lawrenceville. www.dalessandroltd.com. Send condolences post-gazette.com/gb

JOAN MCSWIGAN STANDISH

Joan McSwigan Standish passed peacefully, Monday, December 27, 2021, at Westminster Canterbury of the Blue Ridge in Charlottesville, VA. Born a twin, October 18, 1928, to Ridge in Charlottesville, VA. Born a twin, October 18, 1928, to Kathryn Bowler McSwigan and Andrew Brady McSwigan of Pittsburgh, PA, she graduated from the Ellis School and Carnegie Tech (now Carnegie Mellon). On October 9, 1954, Joan was married to Robert Nevin Standish, Jr. of Sewickley, PA. They were married 51 years prior to Bob's death in 2006 and resided in Sewickley, PA until their move to Keswick, VA. In 1982, Joan was a lifelong gardener and horticulture enthusiast. She was a member of the Garden Club of Allegheny County, the Trowel and Error Garden Club, Sewickley, PA and Keswick Garden Club. In her early years of marriage, she and Bob traveled extensively and she accompanied him on many a duck hunt, or overseas grouse hunts. She even successfully took up Skeet competitively as hunts. She even successfully took up Skeet competitively as Bob was quite an accomplished shot. Joan was active philanthropically with the Sewickley Child Health Association and Sewickley Valley Hospital, as well as a trained docent at pnilanthropically with the Sewickley Child Health Association and Sewickley Valley Hospital, as well as a trained docent at Phipps Conservatory in Pittsburgh, and she was an accredited judge of flower arranging and horticulture. A woman of deep faith, she was a member of St. James Catholic Church in Sewickley, later Grace Episcopal Church, Cismont, VA. For the last 15 years of her life, she regularly attended First Presbyterian Church, Charlottesville, VA with her daughter and family. Joan and Bob were former members of the Allegheny Country Club, Rolling Rock Club, Sewickley Heights Gun Club, Farmington Country Club and the Keswick Club. Joan is survived by her only child, Elizabeth Standish Sackson of Keswick; and her husband of 33 years, Mark; four grandchildren, Nevin (Emily), Stewart (Audrey), Nathaniel and Eleanor. She was predeceased by her sister, Kathryn, but is survived by two sisters, Marjorie Friday and Jean McCague (her twin) and a brother, Andrew McSwigan (June) all of Pittsburgh. While living at Westminster Canterbury of the Blue Ridge, after Bob's 2006 death, Joan found fulfillment in many pursuits, including French language classes, water color and oil classes, Bible Study and flower arranging for the enjoyment of her neighbors. An artistic soul, Joan was continually creating on some level and often sketches or thoughts have been found on the backs of envelopes or trucked into magazines. She some level and often sketches or thoughts have been found on the backs of envelopes or tucked into magazines. She was also accomplished in needlecraft, creating many a piece of crewelwork, needlepoint, or baby sweater. She was a lady of style and substance, having a lifelong interest in fashion after years of modeling with her twin. She could pinpoint a well-made garment from a distance and passed this skill to hear daughter. well-finder garment from a distance and passed this skill to her daughter. Joan was devoted to the preservation of the environment from early days, believing in conservation, recycling and repurposing when it wasn't at all fashionable. In her leisure, she enjoyed Broadway musicals and classic films. Her sense of humor was sharp, but always found a laugh among those who knew her. Burial will be held privately for family and a memorial service will be held at 10 am Eriday January 21, 2022 at Westminster. Cartachury 10 a.m. Friday, January 21, 2022, at Westminster-Canterbury of the Blue Ridge. The family respectfully asks that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to the Hospice of the Piedmont, 675 Peter Jefferson Parkway, Charlottesville, VA 22911 or hopva.org. A debt of gratitude is also extended to the caring staff of Health Care 3 at WCBR who lovingly cared for Joan over the last three months of her life.Condolences may be sent to the family at waw, billandwood come.

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ANNA MARIE (SKERCZAK) SLUSAR



Age 90, of Franklin, PA, formerly of Kennedy Twp., passed on Wednesday, December 29, 2021. Beloved wife of the late Mitchell; loving mother of James Slusar (wife Mary Kay) and Terri Hale (husband Brian); grandmother of Leslie Slusar, Robert Slusar, Jacob Hale and Lauren Hale,

Jacob Hale and Lauren Hale; sister of the late John Skerczak, Mary Moroz, Peter (Ben) Skerczak and Michael Skerczak. Family and friends are invited for visitation at McDermott Funeral Home, Inc., 334 Forest Grove Road, Kennedy Twp., Monday 10:00 AM until the time of the Funeral Service at 11:00 AM. Interment to follow in St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church Cemetery. Please be prepared to adhere to all CDC guidelines, including wearing a mask.



DOROTHY ANN STANIK



Dorothy Ann Stanik, of Cheswick, formerly of Oakmont, age 97, passed away peacefully on December 27, 2021. She was born on June 25, 1924. She was the beloved wife of the lets Budolab L. Stanik and the was the beloved wife of the late Rudolph J. Stanik and the loving mother of Linda (John) Kratsas of Oakmont, and Jeffrey Stanik of Cheswick, grandmother of John Michael Kratsas and Pam Woods of Penn Hills and Christopher N.

Penn Hills and Christopher N. (Marjorie) Kratsas of Las Vegas, Nevada: great-grandmother of Tessa and Nika Kratsas. Sister of the late Joseph and Fred Vukovich. Dorothy was a graduate of Oakmont High School and briefly worked at Gulf Research Company. She was a loving and caring individual who will be remembered for her kindness, wit, and compassion. She took pride in caring for her family and was a wonderful cook. Dorothy enjoyed playing golf and cards, and entertaining. Visitation, blessing service and burial in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Verona will be private for the family. Memorial contributions may be made in her name to Rosebrook Personal Care Home, 723 South Pike Road Sarver, PA 16055 or the Oakmont Carnegie Library, 700 Allegheny PA 16055 or the Oakmont Carnegie Library, 700 Allegheny River Boulevard Oakmont, PA 15139. Arrangements entrusted to BURKET-TRUBY FUNERAL HOME CREMATION & ALTERNATIVE SERVICES INC., Oakmont Send condolences post-gazette.com/gb

MR. TAMAS SZILAGYI



Mr. Tamas Szilagyi, 89, formerly of The Kiski School in Saltsburg, PA, passed away on Thursday, December 23, 2021, in Ligonier, PA. Tamas played soccer for the played soccer Hungarian Junior National Soccer Team and graduated from Budapest Teachers College. He later served as a lieutenant in the Hungarian

lieutenant in the Hungarian National Army and eventually became a Freedom Fighter for his homeland of Hungary during the 1956 Hungarian Revolution in Budapest, Hungary against the invading Russian Military. After this tumultuous and chaotic time, to create a safer life, Tamas escaped from his homeland and the occupying Russian forces. He eventually made his way to the USA Tamas became an American citizen through his the occupying Russian forces. He eventually made his way to the USA. Tamas became an American citizen through his service dedicated to the United Sates Army, where he also became an active member of the United States National Military Soccer Team. In 1962, Tamas and his wife Brigitta came to the USA and met up with his uncle, Reverend Kalman Csia in Ligonier, PA. From there they moved on to The Kiski School in Saltsburg, PA and Tamas became a teacher and coach at Kiski and Brigitta worked in library for Kiski. For next five decades they shared their lives with the students, faculty, and alumni at Kiski. During his time as a teacher at Kiski, Tamas taught: Russian History, Modern European History, German, Political Philosophy and, Global Studies. In addition to his parents, Tamas was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Brigitta Johanna (Rischer) Szilagyi, who passed away on September 24, 2019. Tamas is survived death by his beloved wife, Brigitta Johanna (Rischer) Szilagyi, who passed away on September 24, 2019. Tamas is survived by his son, Steven T. Szilagyi (Kiski '88); his daughter-in-law, Tara M. Szilagyi; his granddaughter, Caroline "Carlin" Szilagyi, his grandson, Thomas "Zander" Szilagyi (Kiski '21) and his cousin, Kalman Jr. and wife, Becky Csia. At the request of Tamas, there will be no public viewing or burial service. A Special Memorial and "Celebration of Life" will take place during Alumni Reunion Weekend at The Kiski School in Saltsburg, PA on Saturday, June 4, 2022. Arrangements have been entrusted to CURRAN FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES, Saltsburg. PA. In lieu of flowers, it has been asked that memorial contributions be made in Tamas's memory to the: Brigitta and Tamas Szilagyi Scholarship Fund at The Kiski School, 1888 Brett Lane, Saltsburg, PA 15681. For a more detailed obituary, or to send an online condolence to the family, please visit www.curranfuneralhome.com.

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PATRICIA J. "PATTY" VUCICH

Of Whitehall, died peacefully in her sleep on December 27 2021, in Spring, TX. Born May 18, 1932, in Monessen, PA, to Samuel Johnston (d. 1994) and Susan Balas Johnston (d. Saintel Johnston (d. 1994) and Susan Balas Johnston (d. 1945), stepdaughter to Eleanore R. Johnston (d. 2011). Married to Peter J. Vucich, who preceded her in death, for 55 years. Survived by children, Molly Isenhower (Alan), Susan Pato (Andy), Mari Moore (Chris), Peter Vucich, Jr. (Tiffany) and Stephen Vucich; grandchildren, Caitlyn Moore Ruiz (Jonathan) and Lauren Moore (Ian Mayton), Matthew Isenhower (April), Andrew Isenhower, and William Isenhower (Loigh Ann); great grandchildren, Estalle Ruiz Jack and (Leigh Ann); great-grandchildren, Estelle Ruiz, Jack and Elizabeth Isenhower, Aurora, Autumn and Leilani Isenhower. Elizabeth Isenhower, Aurora, Autumn and Leilani Isenhower. Patty was a devout Episcopalian and retired Registered Nurse who loved to read, enjoyed baking and sewing but loved being with family and friends most of all. She was much loved and will be greatly missed. Visitation will be held at **JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 301 Curry Hollow Rd., Pleasant Hills on Saturday, January 8, 2022, from 12:00 PM until time of services at 2:00 PM. The family respectfully requests that masks be worn. A Celebration of Life will be held following the service, with location to be



KATHLEEN WILSON



Peacefully on December 21, 2021. Viewing of Ms. Wilson's remains is scheduled for January 4, 2022, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the HOUSE OF LAW FUNERAL HOME, located at 9406 Frankstown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15235. Phone: 412-241-4943. On January 5, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Gavin B.J. Walton will conduct funeral services for Ms. funeral services for Ms.
Wilson at Grace Memorial
Presbyterian Church, located
at 1000 Bryn Mawr Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Phone:

412-681-0229 Burial to follow at Restland Memorial Park Cemetery

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CLASSIFIED OBITUARIES

DONALD L. WATSON



Age 74, of West Mifflin, formerly of Charleroi, passed away surrounded by his loving family on December 30, 2021. Visitation will be 30, 2021. Visitation will be held on Monday, January 3, 2022, 2:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-8:00 p.m. and Tuesday, January 4, 2022, 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the JEFFERSON MEMORIAL FUNERAL FUNERAL HOME INC. 301. Curry **FUNERAL** 301 Curry

MEMORIAL HOME, INC., 301 Curry Hollow Rd., Pleasant Hills 15236. A Chapel Service will be held after visitation on Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. at Jefferson Memorial Funeral Home Chapel. Condolences may be shared at:

Www.jeffersonmemorial com www.jeffersonmemorial.com

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FRANK WILLIAM WATSON

Age 53, of Avalon, passed away on Thursday, December 23, 2021. Son of Patricia (Swarzmeier) and the late Edward Watson. He is survived by his children, David, Andrew, and Kayla Watson; his ex-wife and mother of his children, Lynn Watson; his brother, Ed Watson (Lori); his sister, Judy Brudnok (Joe); and many nieces and nephews. Frank was a 1986 graduate of Northgate High School. He worked over 30 years in the sanitation industry at BFI and Vogel Disposal. Frank enjoyed camping with friends and was a long-time member of the Allegheny Rifle Club. A memorial service will be planned in the Spring or Summer of 2022. Arrangements entrusted to SCHELLHAAS FUNERAL HOME, INC. (WEST VIEW). Please offer condolences at www.schellhaasfh.com.

MARY (RONEY) WERBANETH



Mary Roney Werbaneth, age 96, of Franklin Park, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 28, 2021.

Mary was born in Crafton, A, to Francis and Margaret (Sullivan) Roney, and lived her entire life in the Greater

entire life in the Greater Pittsburgh area. After graduating from Carnegie Tech with a bachelor's degree shortly after World War II, Mary worked for a decade assisting her father run his business, The Colonial Press, publishers of The Pittsburgh Catholic, among other local clients of note, before she met her future husband, Louis A. Werbaneth, Jr. (Lou) at a Pittsburgh Catholic Club event. Mary and Lou were married on November 22, 1956, and eventually settled in the North Hills, where they raised their four children. children.

Mary was an active member of the Delta Gamma sorority, starting from her Carnegie Tech days through to the end of her life. She and Lou were founding members of the Wildwood Golf Club, in 1960, where they frequently played wildwood golf clud, it i 1900, where they frequently played golf and cards over decades up until very recent years. Mary especially enjoyed playing bridge and pinochle and had an active group of card-playing friends at Wildwood, although whether the emphasis was on cards or on conversation and lunch is a matter of debate. An avid reader, Mary loved cowboy stories, thrillers, and the latest mysteries, and was a loyal member of the local Delta Gamma book club, where the emphasis was on the books and on the luncheons. She was also a great supporter of our Pittsburgh sports teams, enjoying for decades the season tickets our family had for the Steelers and for Pitt football. And Mom enjoyed sneaking in an occasional Pirate game, starting with the Forbes Field games she attended with her father, and then, later on, with her husband and sons at Forbes Field, Three Rivers Stadium, and PNC Park. Hockey at The Iglica also figured.

and PNC Park. Hockey at The Igloo also figured.

Mary enjoyed traveling, notably driving across the country with her parents and her sister Pat circa 1939 to see the Southern California members of the Roney family who had southern California members of the Roney family who had relocated there from Pittsburgh before the War, and where they had established a successful branch, or to visit Western mountains, preferring those visits to be in summer. Above all, her favorite place to stay was her beloved Hilton Head Island, where she and Lou purchased a second home in 1972, a home she kept until the mid-2000s.

Mary remained active in clubs and associations that were

important to her throughout her life, both with and without her husband Lou, including membership in The Duquesne Club, The Pittsburgh Athletic Association, and The Wildwood Golf Club.

Mom is dearly missed by her four sons, seven grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. She is survived by her son, Paul of Franklin Park, PA, granddaughter, Akiko (Nick) Barton and great-grandsons, Nolan and Loic of Richmond, CA, along with granddaughter, Saori (Brian) Bainum and great-grandsons, Edison and Marcus of Tokyo, Japan; by her son, Greg (Evelyn) of Coppell, TX, and granddaughters, Katherine (San Francisco), Elizabeth (Seattle), and Laura (Atlanta); by her son, Bill (Mary) of Long Valley, NJ, grandsons, Nicholas and Alexander; and by her son, Peter, of Franklin Park, PA. Mary is also survived by her stepbrother, Fr. Colman Studeny, OFM Cap; sister-in-law, Roberta Werbaneth; and three nieces and two nephews. In addition to her parents and her husband, Lou, she was preceded in death by her in-laws, Louis and Catherine Werbaneth; sister, Patricia (Roney) Wettach and her husband, Robert Wettach; brother-in-law, John (Jack) Werbaneth; and stepmother, Germaine Studeny Roney.

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Mary received great care from the Visiting Angels organization in the last years of her life, and, in her final six months, from Heartland Hospice. Our family is grateful for their retaining the students. their attentive support.

Friends will be received on Monday, January 3, 2022, from 6-8 PM at **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME**, **INC.**, 806 Perry Hwy., Ross Twp. A Mass of Christian Burial will be in Sts. John and Paul Church, 2586 Wexford Bayne Rd., Sewickley, PA 15143, on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at 10 AM.

Donations in Many's memory can be made to:

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Heartland Home Health Care and Hospice 750 Holiday Drive Suite 110, Building 9 Pittsburgh PA 15220

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SUZANNE GLAUSSER WIDDOES

Age 73, formerly of Pittsburgh, PA, passed away in Tampa, FL in December 2021. For the full obituary please see: www.floridamortuary.com Send condolences post-gazette.com/gb

JAMES M. WILHERE



Age 72, of Robinson Township, peacefully on Tuesday, December 28, 2021. Beloved husband of 41 years to Claire (Reigle) Wilhere. Son of the late Charles and Rita Wilhere of Oakwood and son-in-law to the late Harry and Clara Reigle of Oakwood. Brother of Mary Lou (Bernie) Chorazewicz, Thomas (Michelle) Chorazewicz, Thomas (Michelle) Wilhere, Linda Wilhere, Susanne Wilhere, Nancy (John) Urbanek, the late

(John) Urbanek, the late Frances (surviving spouse Vic) Mamich and Charles (surviving spouse Paula) Wilhere; also survived by many nieces, nephews and great-nephews. Relatives and friends received Monday from 4-8 PM at SCHEPNER-MCDERMOTT FUNERAL HOME, INC., 165 Noble Avenue, Crafton. Funeral Prayer Tuesday 9:00 AM at the funeral home followed by Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM in St. Philip Catholic Church, 50 W. Crafton Ave., Crafton. www.schepnermcdermottfh.com Send condolences post-gazette.com/gb

MARYELLEN (FAIRLEY) WOLCZANSKI



Of McCandless Twp., on Jodnesday December 29, Wednesday, December 29, 2021. Born August 17, 1946, 2021. Born August 17, 1946, in Pgh., PA. Daughter of the late William and Dorothy Fairley; wife of the late Anthony H. Wolczanski; loving mother of Amy M. Kantenwein (Robert); beloved sister of Kathy Glaser (the late Glen), Audrey Janosco (Mike), Jimmy Fairley (Regina), and the late Pat Fairley (Mildred) and Judy Zack-Eynon; proud grandmother of Ryan and

(IVIIII red) and Judy Zack-Eynon; proud grandmother of Ryan and Meghan Kantenwein. Friends received Tuesday 5-8 p.m. at **DEVLIN FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 806 Perry Hwy., North Hills. Mass of Christian Burial in St. Aidan Parish, St. Alexis Church Wednesday 10 a.m.

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ELLIE WYMARD



Ellie Wymard, born January 20, 1937, in Braddock, PA, passed away age 84, on Tuesday, December 28, 2021, Tuesday, Decémber 28, 2021, from complications from a severe stroke suffered two weeks earlier. She was married to Joe Wymard, her husband of 56 years who predeceased her in 2020. She is survived by her son, Josh T. of Dallas, TX and grandsons, Tom, Jake and Beau, and son, Peter C. (Bonnie) of Gibsonia, PA and grandchildren,

Peter C. (Bonnie) of Gibsonia, PA and grandchildren, Elizabeth, Jack, Gus and Mary. She was predeceased by her parents, Peter J. and Eleanor Buntag (nee Barrett) and by her sister, Marie B. Grigassy. Ellie was born and raised in Braddock and Squirrel Hill and attended Mount Mercy Academy. She subsequently graduated from what is now Carlow University and completed her Ph.D. in American Literature at the University of Pittsburgh. Upon completion of her Ph.D., Ellie returned to Carlow where she created and taught some of the first Women's Studies courses in the nation. Throughout her nearly fifty-year career at Carlow, she held positions as both the Chair of the Women's Studies and English Departments, and at the time of her retirement she was the director of Carlow's Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing program, a residency program which was held in Was the director of Carlow's Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing program, a residency program which was held in both Pittsburgh and Dublin, Ireland. An accomplished author, Ellie published four books, the latest being Talking Steel Towns: The Women and Men of America's Steel Valley (Carnegie Mellon University Press). She appeared on radio and television shows throughout the United States and spoke before professional and general interest groups on topics related to her books, and her critical essays on women writers were published in numerous journals in both the LIS and Europe During her tenure at Carlow Ellia the US and Europe. During her tenure at Carlow, Ellie developed the Madwomen in the Attic poetry workshops, the Women's Studies program, the Marie Torre Lecture Series, the Honors Program, and the Focus on Women Lecture Series. Ellie was named a finalist for the Athena Award, an award given to an exceptional individual who has achieved the highest level of professional excellence and contributed time and energy to improve the quality of life for others in the community, and actively assisted others—particularly women—in realizing their full leadership potential. Ellie was also awarded the Carlow Woman of Spirit potential. Ellie was also awarded the Carlow Woman of Spirit Award, an award given to outstanding women, who as leaders in the community exemplify the Carlow University mission. In 2012, she was awarded an honorary Doctorate of Humanities by Carlow University. In addition to spending time with her family, reading and writing, Ellie enjoyed her vacation times in both Chatham, MA and Vero Beach, FL. There will be no public visitation at this time. All are welcome to attend a Mass of Christian Burial that will be held on Tuesday, January 4, 2022, at St. Paul Cathedral in Oakland at 10:00AM. Interment will follow at Homewood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that gifts in Ellie's memory be made to Carlow University, or to the Pittsburgh Symphony. Arrangements by JOHN A. FREYVOGEL SONS, INC. (freyvogelfuneralhome.com) Pittsburgh Symphony. Arrangements by JOHI FREYVOGEL SONS, INC. (freyvogelfuneralhome.com) Send condolences post-gazette.com/gb

ANTHONY R. ZORZI

Of Overbrook, on Wednesday, December 29, 2021. Beloved brother of Mary Jo Damer, Frank Aiello, Louise Bucci, Michael Aiello, Denise Ross, and the late Jean Mazzei. Also many nieces and nephews. Family and friends will be received at the FRANK F. DeBOR FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES, INC., 1065 Brookline Blvd., 412-561-0380 Sunday only 1-5 p.m. Blessing Service Monday, 10 am. Send condolences post-gazette.com/gb

In Memoriam

LORRAINE FRANCES (DELSO) LAGONA

January 2, 1925 ~ May 5, 2005



An old year is gone. A new one is here. We always feel you very near. Though time goes quickly by, our memories of you will never die. Happy Birthday and Happy New Year, Mom! Greatly missed by son, Bruce; daughter, Carol; family and friends.

BETTY NACKRELLI

May 29, 1947 - January 3, 2020



We have not heard your voice in two years, but our hearts have conversations with you everyday. Love and Miss you Lots.

JOE RUDZKI



It's been 10 years since you've been gone, but a day doesn't go by without us thinking of you. Today, as always, we lovingly remember you for being a trilliking of you. lodaly, as always, we lovingly remember you for being a great son, brother, nephew, uncle and friend. Joe was a straight shooter who was fiercely loyal to friends and family. He had an adventurous spirit adventurous spirit never being afraid to try new things and explore new places. His personality always made him the life of the party and he was generous to those he loved. He continues to inspire us over day by following his

loved. He continues to inspire us every day by following his example to live life to the fullest and challenge our perceived limits. We miss you terribly and wish we had more time with you. So, today, instead of crying because you're gone, we choose to smile and be grateful for all the great memories. In your own words, Joe, "Be Well." Love- Mom, Dad, Jack, langet one lill. NEWS, ANALYSIS, EDITORIALS, LETTERS • Dittsburgh Post-Gazette • SUNDAY, JANUARY 2, 2022



State Rep. Ed Gainey in Homewood on Friday, May 21, 2021

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ED GAINEY, IN HIS OWN WO

On Monday, Ed Gainey will take the oath of office and become the 61st mayor of Pittsburgh and the first Black person to serve as chief executive. Before that inauguration, he sat down with Post-Gazette editorial writer Brandon McGinley to discuss his plans and hopes for the city. The following transcript of that conversation has been edited for length.

Post-Gazette: Let's start with something on everybody's mind. You enter the mayor's office in the dead of winter. Is there any hope for improving snow clearance, especially in farther-flung neighborhoods?

Ed Gainey: Absolutely. That's a big issue, and when we spoke with Public Works, that was one of the things we

talked about. Do we have enough salt? How do we remove the rule that only a certain amount of salt can be dropped? I believe the people that do things every single day know what it takes to make sure the streets have the proper salt on them. We want to ensure that we have enough salt for the winter, and that we're giving a certain amount of control back to the ones that are on the front lines. They're seeing the streets those hills — as they're plowing them. The director of Public Works said we have enough salt for the winter, and we're just looking to make sure that the patterns are running correctly to ensure that the streets are plowed and the salt is on the ground.

PG: What else would be on your wish list for improving the basic services provided to city residents?

EG: One of the things that inspires us all is a city that's clean. That's from Downtown to the neighborhoods, making sure that we clean up Downtown, making sure that the lots are manicured and that we're doing something with vacant properties, not just leaving them there to be eyesores. When you walk out of your home, you want to see a beautiful neighborhood. So I've been laser-focused on how we clean up this city. We've been talking to Public Works about what we can get accomplished. We're also talking with the Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership to see how we can come together to ensure we're doing what's correct to

clean this city up.

PG: You made "public health" a rhetorical cornerstone of your campaign. How can the mayor's office, specifically, enact a comprehensive public health plan?

EG: First of all, we want to bring somebody on to [build] a public health plan that deals with how we eliminate violence and how we create more peace in the streets. Our public safety units play a critical role, but I also believe that this is a public health issue. We need to talk about how we eliminate institutional barriers. We need to talk about how we eliminate poverty. And we need to talk about how we improve education, housing and equity, in order to really build a city that's less violent. I will be bringing somebody in to work with our stakeholders to create a plan. To me, violence is a pandemic, just like COVID. If [public safety] was the only solution, we wouldn't be having this conversation today. We need a public health plan to address how we properly invest in eliminating the issues that cause violence.

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VIEWPOINTS: 2022

VIEW ONE The good news in 2022 will be the economy

By Dean Baker

This is probably a minority position, but I feel very confident in saying that 2022 will be a very good year for the economy. We are looking at a situation where we have low unemployment, falling inflation and rising real wages. It is likely to be the best economy we have seen in many decades.

In recent weeks, inflation has been front and center in people's minds as the media have given us endless stories about higher prices for gasoline, milk and other items. Many have been convinced that inflation will only get higher, outstripping wages and leaving most workers worse off. This is not going to be the case.

We now see inflation driven by

supply chain problems associated with reopening. This is demonstrated by the fact that we see big jumps in inflation almost everywhere. The United Kingdom, Germany, Spain and many other countries have all seen a rise in prices similar to what we see in the United States.

The reason this matters is because we will get through these supply chain problems. When we do, inflation will slow, and in many cases, be reversed.

We are already seeing this story in some cases. The price of gasoline has risen by almost 50 percent over the last year. This was the result of a surge in oil prices following a pandemic plunge. Oil producers who had shut down in the pandemic were surprised by the economy's rapid growth. They are now catching up, and the world price of oil has fallen by 20 percent from its November peaks. Gas prices will soon follow oil prices down.

There is a similar story with cars. New- and used-car prices have soared in the last year primarily because a worldwide shortage of semiconductors forced auto manufacturers to cut back production. Several manufacturers are back up to capacity now, and the

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VIEW TWO 2022 will remake or break our democracy

By Craig Holman

Across the nation, civic groups, faith leaders and alarmed citizens are staging hundreds of candlelight vigils and marches in support of voting rights and contacting Congress to mark one year since the ransacking of the U.S.

Capitol. Originally, the Stop the Steal movement sought to reverse the 2020 election results and organized the Jan. 6 attack. But the insurrection isn't over: It was a dress rehearsal for what's coming next. The movement still thrives and is redoubling its efforts at the state level for another effort to subvert our democratic system of government.

Here are a few things we can ex-



Crowds arrive for the "Stop the Steal" rally on Jan. 6 in Washington.

pect in the year ahead:

• State-level Republicans will continue to pass more voter-suppression laws and take steps allowing them to throw out election results they don't like.

Already, the Stop the Steal movement is taking over offices that supervise elections; obstructing mail-in balloting; limiting the number, hours and availability of election polls; imposing harsher voter ID requirements;

expanding voter roll purges; and securing partisan oversight over final election tallies.

According to the Brennan Center, so far 19 states have enacted 33 laws to make it harder for Americans to vote, and we can expect more. Many of these anti-voting laws are quite extreme, and all of them will disproportionately affect minorities and low-income

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Public must know why Jim Rogers died needlessly

im Rogers' death was unnecessary and, thus, tragic. And a needless death at the hands of people who should protect us is especially tragic.

The community and Mr. Rogers' family need, and deserve, to know what happened. Justice and the Police Bureau's credibility demand an-

Here's some of what we know so

On the morning of Wednesday, Oct. 13, Mr. Rogers, then homeless, found a discarded bike on the sidewalk, along Harriet Street in Bloomfield. Someone apparently wanted to give the bike away, and he took it for a spin. That triggered a call to the po-

Almost 24 hours later, the 51-yearold Black man was dead at UPMC Mercy hospital after multiple zaps with a Taser. He was transported in a squad car instead of an ambulance. One could question how much urgency officers felt in trying to save him or even in treating him with minimal dignity.

Given the intense public interest and institutional importance of this case, the investigation has been frustratingly slow. The public and the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office are still waiting for the county medical examiner's report.

It took the Bureau of Police more than two months to announce disciplinary action against nine officers. More troubling, details about the incident and the discipline, including the officers' names, came to light only because of an illicit leak of a Critical Incident Review Board docu-

On a more hopeful note, reports about the comprehensive nature of the internal document suggest the bureau is willing to examine itself openly and honestly. That so many officers failed Mr. Rogers is appalling; that the bureau diligently uncovered those failures is encouraging.

Tasers themselves are not necessarily the problem. They are meant to be non-lethal alternatives to firearms. But officers must know how and when to use them.

We support the bureau's recommended reforms, including calling EMS personnel to the scene of every Taser deployment and requiring a supervisor to medically assess every useof-force incident. It's surprising these policies were not already in place.

Real accountability, however, can't happen without transparency. On that front, the bureau fell short.

It should not have taken a leak for details of the bureau's report to come to light. The public's knowledge of this information will not undermine the county's ongoing investigation. Concealing it will only arouse suspicions that may be entirely unwarranted. The people can't assess, or influence, how the bureau fixes the problem without knowing where it failed and who was responsible.

If the mayor and DA really believe a systemic failure led to Mr. Rogers' tragic and needless death, they should be pressing for transparency, not whining about leaks.

The public must know how, and why, Jim Rogers died.

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Letters to the editor

Never abolish the Medals of Honor

I must make a strong objection to Mr. Bernard Aber's intemperate suggestion that Medals of Honor be abolished (Dec. 26 letter, "No Medals of Honor.)

As a combat Vietnam veteran myself, and former minority chair of the Pennsylvania House Military and Veterans Committee, I had the privilege of meeting five recipients of this, our nation's highest military decoration, the Medal of Honor. To a man, they were humbled by it, deflecting their courageous deeds to others who had died in battle. Not one of them lobbied for it or bragged about it but talked about their duty to our nation under the worst of circumstances.

Indeed. most of their compatriots who received the Medal of Honor were awarded it posthumously, having died in its earning. Men like Sgt. Leonard Funk from Braddock Hills who swept away a German officer's tommy gun thrust in his belly to rally his men and defeat the enemy. Or Capt. Micheal Estocin of Turtle Creek who repeatedly returned his fighter to draw missiles away from his fellow pilots. These are no "ordinary" heroes, if there be such a thing, who simply served their country with honor. No. These men were gifted with extraordinary courage and selflessness, who demonstrated it in a profound way, often changing the course of battle, and de-

serve to be recognized as such. A quiet visit to the Hall of Valor in the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial in Oakland would surely disabuse anyone of the foolish notion of removing this honor from men and women like these. By the way, I've never met a combat veteran who favored such an idea.

TOM MICHLOVIC Edgewood

The writer is co-founder of the Medal of Honor Scholarship.

Jail deaths

The Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board has the statutory responsibility of providing oversight of the health and safekeeping of the residents and investigating allegations of inadequate conditions at the Allegheny County Jail. Since April 2020, there have been 11 deaths of jail residents. This tragic number far exceeds the average number of deaths in a jail the size of the ACJ, according to the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Statistics

The board and the public receive very limited information from the county when an investigation of a death occurs. Board members have many other responsibilities and do not have the time or expertise to conduct investigations of deaths at the jail.

The oversight board on two occasions, including last month, has voted to hire a liaison who may have the responsibility to interview staff and residents and review charts when someone dies at the jail. The county needs to move forward and approve the contract for this position to give the board the ability to conduct an independent investigation of these deaths and fulfill its statutory responsibilities. County politics should not get in the way of the board saving lives at jail.

JOHN KENSTOWICZ Morningside

The wrong photo

What a poor choice for a front page picture on Saturday, Dec. 25, a depiction of the 1925 painting "Ice on the Allegheny." Very depressing! How could you completely ignore the "reason for the season'

J.R. MCNIFF South Park

Still, as well-meaning as the initiatives such as Brother Andre's Cafe and VaultArt are. they remain as programs offered by the human service system for people with disabilities. In a way, they are segregated efforts to showcase the skills of people with disabilities and are novelties that, in a way, allow non-disabled people to feel better about disability.

I say this not as a putdown to these types of efforts, but more as a wakeup call for all of us to the true goal of the disability inclusion agenda, which is everyday opportunities to participate in community rather than have programs designed to showcase talent or skills.

A truly inclusive society makes room for all of us to find and display what we offer to the world.

AL CONDELUCI McKees Rocks

A better idea

Your Dec. 12 editorial, "Enhancing the potential of people with disabilities," was thoughtful with its historical review of the horrendous and devaluing treatment of people with disabilities as carried out by the eugenics movement in Germany and in the United States. You are also correct in reminding the reader that the values base of our collective humanity should carry the day.

Vaccines work

Years ago, I served as an informal caregiver to an older woman who had used a wheelchair for most of her life due to contracting polio. She used to cry and say, "I have a disease they now have a vaccine to prevent." Others of her generation who contracted polio didn't even live to cry.

KATHY IREY White Oak

Blocking news coverage would undermine freedom

Fifty years ago, the Nixon administration took The New York Times to court to stop the publication of the Pentagon Papers — a classified, multi-volume report about the role of the United States in Indochina, a history that led to the Vietnam War.

The Times and Washington Post possessed tens of thousands of pages of classified documents that painted a clear-eyed picture of the war in southeast Asia as futile and unwin-

As anti-war protests mounted, the Nixon White House feared unfettered access to documents that contradicted the administration's portraval of the war would aggravate national discontent.

The Nixon administration asked the U.S. Supreme Court to sanction prior restraint against The New York Times in the name of national security. Fortunately, the Nixon administration did not prevail. The high court handed down a landmark decision in favor of The New York Times and, by extension, the American media and people.

The Supreme Court rejected the principle of prior restraint as an unconstitutional affront to the First Amendment that undermined the media's ability to hold the government and powerful institutions accountable.

The court agreed with the Times that the right of American citizens to know what the government was doing in southeast Asia superseded the Nixon administration's right to conceal it.

Project Veritas is a conservative group that mounts undercover sting operations against liberal groups and media companies it identifies as liberal or progressive. It has been the target of critical investigative reporting by The New York Times.

James O'Keefe, the group's founder, was already suing the Times for defamation when documents prepared by Benjamin Barr, a lawyer for Project Veritas, were obtained by the newspaper. The internal documents are presumed to be embarrassing and possibly damaging to Project Veritas and Mr.

Mr. O'Keefe doesn't want the information published and has used the discredited Nixon playbook to

Alarmingly, Mr. O'Keefe persuaded Judge Charles Wood of the state Supreme Court in Westchester County, New York, to ignore First Amendment precedent and stop the Times from publishing the documents. Project Veritas argued publishing them violated the sanctity of attorney-client privilege.

Two weeks ago, Judge Wood ordered the Times not to publish the disputed material. Judge Wood also ordered the Times to destroy or return the material along with all existing copies.

This is a brazen attempt to hobble the ability of the press to gather information declared off-limits by institutions and the government. If successful, the case would, in effect, reverse the judgment against the Nixon White House a half century

The Times appealed Judge Wood's unconstitutional order and obtained some relief from the Appellate Division of New York State Supreme Court on Tuesday.

The Times no longer has to return or destroy the disputed material but still can't publish it, at least not yet. A hearing on Jan. 14 before the appellate division will consider arguments concerning the Times' right to publish the documents it obtained le-

gally.
The Times wants Judge Wood's stay against publishing the material about Project Veritas vacated immediately. If not, provocateurs like Mr. O'Keefe will have the ability to dictate how they are covered.

This dangerous infringement on the First Amendment would undermine freedoms for all Americans and make the search for truth even more

A case for Wilkinsburg schools

In addition to some wild presumptions, the Dec. 23 letter "Slow Down" presents some serious inaccuracies regarding the proposed takeover of Wilkinsburg by the City of Pittsburgh. Slowing down won't get us anywhere; what we need is to speed up the fact-finding processes.

Wilkinsburg School District's outstanding long-term debt is \$21 million, not \$28 million, \$3 million of which is earning interest while we await architect plans for the Kelly Primary school building. (Turner Intermediate was completely updated in 2019 for \$14 million.) Approximately \$4.2 million will be reimbursed by the Department of Education over 20 years, bringing the effective debt to around \$17 million – a fraction of the average for Allegheny County districts. The annual debt service is around \$1.2 million, roughly 4% of our total budget. We have an \$8 million fund balance. The total school district long-term debt in the U.S. is around \$500 billion.

It's wholly inaccurate to



describe the former Wilkinsburg High School as "crumbling." It's as solid as a rock and will become something great.

In the presumption category, the prediction that gentrification will drive people from homes, and rents through the roof, is indefensible. Wilkinsburg contains an enormous inventory of housing stock in a wide price range. If we had Pittsburgh's property tax rate, those homes would belong to owners across the income spectrum.

An upcoming analysis by the consulting firm PFM will produce projections for the financial impact of annexation on the Pittsburgh Public Schools' budgets. Let's wait for expert opinion before disseminating inaccurate information, however well-intentioned.

ED DONOVAN President

Wilkinsburg school board

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Sunday Perspectives

Against the current

KEITH C. BURRIS

Resolutions to keep together

t is New Year's resolution time again, and, as I find I regard many things these days, I am of several minds.

If you fail to give up smoking for the umpteenth time, you may emerge from the resolution process in worse shape psychologically than when you began.

The same goes for weight loss, which is almost as tough.

In individualistic America we don't think of resolutions, or selfimprovement, as a team sport. But, actually, it takes a team to get a Hollywood actor in shape for a film. Why wouldn't it take a team for Harriet to lose weight or Harry to quit the cigs?

Except that most of us do not have access to a team.

The older I get the more I think that all people crave community support groups of some kind. Most people join gyms, causes, church discussion groups, churches themselves, not so much for fitness, justice, enlightenment, or God, but to not be alone. And to not have to face their "issues," or struggle to improve, alone.

And that's not an indictment. That's OK. That's humanity.

People want to be heard when they speak, recognized for who they feel they really are.

There is an epidemic of loneliness in this country, and that (along with the total lack of manners and restraint), helps to explain much of the rage and mutual demonization that occurs on social media. But not just on social media.

Where is the shame in admitting that you can't defeat nicotine, or sugar, or pasta, or hooch, or porn, or loneliness alone?

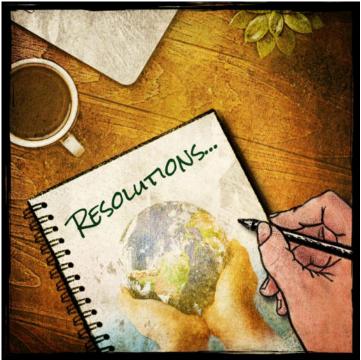
There is none.

We need each other, and we need safe places where we can find each other.

In fashionable and academic circles, the American penchant for self-improvement has itself long been looked down upon as shallow and bourgeois.

But I think it is a healthy impulse, and I think it is one of the distinctly good things in the

American psyche and ethos. It's easy to make fun of Nor-



Jennifer Kundrach/Post-Gazette

man Vincent Peale and Dale Carnegie but, really, both were sound as far as they went. "Think positively" and "speak clearly" are not bad places to start if one is seeking self-improvement. The trick is not to stop there but to keep going.

Self-improvement gets a bad

rap. Show me a great teacher, film director or dancer who does not want to get even better. That's what makes him or her great.

Pablo Casals was never satisfied with his work. He was striving, and working, until the day

The same was true of Matisse.

"Think of your comfort zone," says a friend of mine, "as the center of a circle of needs and wants. Then think of a small dot outside the circle. That's where you want

Self-improvement, squared, is enlightenment, which is what life

My first resolution this year has to do with taking and making time, mostly to listen, really listen — to people, and to music

(long form and serious not just familiar).

Second, to read more serious texts: I'm talking Chekhov as well as The Guardian. The

Psalms as well as The Atlantic. The country should study selfimprovement, too — perfecting

The Founders expected this of

When I was a kid in the 1960s and 1970s, someone who suggested the republic could be improved might well be called un-American, a Godless hippie or, in the Nixonian construction, "a little pink" (as in red or commie). But deploring the state of the nation is a universal sport now, enjoyed equally by the far right and left, both of whom really seem to hate the country. The far right hates its pluralism and re-invention. The far left hates anyone who thinks differently from

But what if the country is really OK, essentially sound and prosperous but could still be improved and perfected?

I have three thoughts.

We should resolve to:

· Restore the art of compromise in professional politics.

Joe Manchin and Joe Biden, for example, need to salvage some version of Build Back Better in order to at least progress toward ending child poverty and reducing use of fossil fuels. The president must accept that he can't do it all, but maybe he can fund fewer programs longer term. Mr. Manchin needs to serve the poor of his state and accept his victory with grace.

And Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez and Mike Kelly, or Bob Latta, ought to try working on a bill together.

Compromise is not a dirty word. It is how we move forward.

· Second, we should start talking seriously about a year of national service, broadly defined, for all Americans. This could help to create the common ground, the essential unity, we now lack.

· Third, we should resolve this vear to take actual steps to help save the Earth.

We need immediate, tangible and local action:

How about banning plastic bottles and bags? It should start in our cities

How about a ban on any new concentrated animal feeding operations that will dump into Lake

How about forcing current concentrated animal feeding operations to process their waste?

Being more in touch with nature, in our great national and local parks, and laying down our phones and laptops would help Americans wake to the imperative — help to open our eyes to what is happening around us.

It's hard to miss fire and floods. But we are missing them.

So, I say, every American should reduce his or her screen time by 10 hours a week and spend those 10 hours in the open air and among the trees instead.

It would change us.

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National perspective

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New year, new start for Kamala Harris?

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Vice President Kamala Harris

honoring the passengers and

crew of United Airlines Flight

93 at the Flight 93 National

Memorial near Shanksville,

Pa., on Sept. 11, 2021.

speaks during a ceremony

ast year should have been one of triumph for the vice president. She was a pathfinder as the first female, black and Asian occupant of the office. Her ascendancy wiped away the memories of her faltering 2020 presidential campaign, which ended before the election year even began. She was second-incommand to a man who had held the position before, who understood its frustrations and, just as important, understood its poten-

And the whole enterprise turned out to be a bit of a dud.

She didn't accomplish much, she didn't burnish her image and she didn't carve out achievements on her own. But in fairness, one of the reasons she didn't stand out was because she was in a position where the job description calls for a political figure to stand aside.

But her role, and the role of the vice presidency more broadly, are works in progress, and, as Mr. Biden's association with Barack Obama demonstrated, a relationship as potentially important as the one between the only two people directly elected by the public isn't set in the first year but can develop as their term advances.

Mr. Biden knows, for example, that Ms. Harris can't be a legislative closer the way he was; her relationships in the Senate are slim, the result of having, literally, one-ninth the time in the chamber than he had before moving to the vice president's mansion on Massachusetts Avenue. But he wasn't a historic figure the way she is.

– overlooked by And so far – most commentators — she has sailed though the difficult waters of executive branch politics far better than some of her predecessors.

Gerald R. Ford, who held the position briefly under a Watergate-besieged Richard M. Nixon, essentially dumped his vice president. former Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York, in his first year. Bill Clinton and Al Gore grew estranged in their second term, and Dick Cheney was less influential in the second term than he had been in the first, in part a reaction to talk that he had molded an "imperial vice presidency" after the 2001 terrorist attacks.

By contrast, Ronald Reagan grew in respect for George H.W. Bush as time progressed, and Mr.

Obama declared Mr. Biden "the best vice president America ever had," which might have been a presidential fib but a tactful one delivered in the nostalgic low of their last eight days in office.

Mr. Biden surely would deliver a similarly tactful public assessment of his vice president but privately likely would be inclined to think that the final verdict on Ms. Harris has not yet

been sealed. "She's had missteps and there's talk about staff problems, but by all appearances she still has a lot of access to Biden and is involved in a lot of public advocacy," said Joel Goldstein, a Saint Louis University Law School expert on the vice presidency. "There's no reason why she can't have a successful vice presidency. It comes down to what she learns and how she helps the president solve his problems.'

The vice presidency is, to be sure, an awkward position, and most of the 48 men who preceded her were in the same gloomy situation, although Ms. Harris by virtue of her identity as a visible minority has been a special target of enmity.

Lyndon Johnson chafed in the job—so less powerful, so less interesting, so less rewarding than being Senate majority leader — and may actually have been clinically depressed during the 1961-1963 period; his top aide had to push him — to cajole a stubborn, embittered man — to deliver a speech on civil rights at Gettysburg that may have been his finest vice-presidential moment. Hubert H. Humphrey was an ebullient and effective sena-

tor but a sullen and humiliated vice president; Walter F. Mondale once told me that the position, which he believed his mentor never should have accepted. crushed Mr. Humphrey's spirit and wounded him psychologically

forever. The activist vice president is a modern concoction, created by Mr. Mondale under Jimmy Carter (1977-1981) and Al Gore under Bill

Clinton (1993-2001). Dan Quayle, who served under Mr. Bush, doesn't fit this model, and personal loyalty and political help were the principal assets taken to the office by Mr. Bush and Mr. Biden, although Mr. Obama's understudy did push the president on gay rights and pushed back on the mission to kill Osama bin Laden. (He prevailed on the first, was overruled on the second.)

Mr. Mondale, who had witnessed Mr. Humphrey's despair and had studied how forlorn Mr. Rockefeller had been as Mr. Ford's vice president, accepted the position from Mr. Carter only after lengthy negotiations assuring he would have unlimited access to the president and to all the information that Mr. Carter received. He also won a promise to have a regularly scheduled Monday lunch when the two both were in town.

"He wanted a substantive role and not a ceremonial role," Richard Moe, who was Mr. Mondale's chief of staff and who drafted the 11-page memo setting out the Minnesotan's hopes for the office. said in an interview, "It worked because Carter thought the vice presidency as it was conceived was a wasted asset."

Indeed, Mr. Carter actually went further, offering Mr. Mondale an office in the West Wing and telling his staff members they should regard a request for information from Mr. Mondale as a request from him. Mr. Biden had a similar arrangement with Barack Obama, although Karine Prémont, deputy director of the Center for United States Studies at the l'Université du Québec at Montréal, argues that the appointment of Mr. Biden, with his soothing temperament and easy Capitol Hill relationships, was a reaction to the aggressive vice presidency of Mr. Chenev.

Mr. Biden almost certainly had politics in mind when he chose Ms. Harris; her selection was a signal of his commitment to diversity, and, following the California senator's aggressive debate challenge to Mr. Biden for his views on busing, of his instinct for forgiveness. But he also almost certainly had the Biden model for the vice presidency in mind.

His prescription for the job: Be supportive but not aggressive, confident but also compliant, dutiful but not demanding.

So the truth may be that Mr. Biden has exactly the vice president he wants, the vice president he needs – and the vice president

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My take **RUTH ANN DAILEY**

Scofflaw plagues county libraries

o those of you who live around Pittsburgh and have been hankering to read "The Adventures of Gil Blas of Santillane" in recent months, I apologize. It is my fault, and mine alone, that this classic novel has not been available to you.

Well, it might also be partly the fault of the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, and I prefer, for the sake of maintaining an excellent self-image, to share the

I mean, why would they expect me to behave when they've removed the penalty for my offense? My repeated offense, I must confess.

Remember when the Pittsburgh Parking Authority, early in the pandemic, suspended parking fines? Remember how Downtown suddenly looked like it was being run by an irresponsible teenage valet, with cars parked willy-nilly, next to hydrants, in intersections?

No fines? No rules.

Also—no revenue.

I was so shocked by what I saw Downtown that I wrote a column excoriating the administration for its deci-

Well, now I'm the scofflaw! I have become what I have beheld!

Or something like that.

But not the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh. In deciding to end fines for overdue books, the CLP is definitely not imitating the Peduto administration's ill-considered and destructive

approach to parking.
By contrast, CLP conducted a pilot program, gathered data, assessed the data and made a thoughtful, gamechanging decision.

Which I, admittedly, have not responded to very well.

The Wall Street Journal could also share a little bit of blame for my ongoing situation. Its excellent crossword puzzle contained the word "Blas" twice in rapid succession early this year, clued with "Gil __," seeming to imply that this was something an American citizen should know.

But I'd never heard of it. I had to look it up and then track down the book. According to the database maintained by the Allegheny County Library Association and the CLP, I borrowed the system's only copy of "Gil Blas" on June

They also know I've never returned

When my kids were little, we made frequent trips to the lovely Shaler Public Library, but these were often impromptu; we weren't organized enough to avoid regular fines for overdue books.

We paid fines so often, in fact, that my middle child, Aaron, misunderstood for years how libraries work. When I'd announce a library trip, he'd respond with excitement, "Oh goody! We're going to rent some new books.

These days I'm not renting "Gil

Blas." It's free! The Carnegie system conducted its 2019 fine-free pilot program at three of its 19 locations "in part to eliminate barriers that might have kept people away from the library," said Suzanne Thinnes, CLP manager of communications.

They found that both circulation of materials and the number of active patrons increased.

When the pandemic hit, they ended fines everywhere, she said. "Our board took a look at the data from the pilot and the data from 2020 and voted unanimously in October to eliminate overdue fines.

Unlike Pittsburgh's disastrous parking free-for-all, which devastated revenue for both the city and private garage operators, the removal of library fines doesn't cause a balance sheet problem. During 2019, the last full year in which the Carnegie system collected fines, they constituted less than 1% of the budget.

The CLP is one of the county's 46 systems — its largest, with 19 branches but funding happens at the local level, said Amy Anderson, the county association's new CEO. Smaller libraries have to assess fines and budgets independently, and many have started that

Removing fines may not be harmful to libraries, but clearly it has been harmful to me. Without the specter of punishment, apparently, I am too lazy to play fair.

In six months I've read the first page of "Gil Blas" twice. The book does still seem like a worthy undertaking. The library system apparently agrees because it has auto-renewed it for me nine times.

"Gil Blas" is now due on Jan. 16, 2022. I hereby resolve to begin the New Year with a clean slate.

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Small town is a feeling in the Strip District

Middle of somewhere

SALENA ZITO

hether a small town is doing well or struggling to stay afloat, one of the most consistent reminders that a sense of civic pride and hope is flourishing or remains part of the town's DNA is that cheerful welcome sign that greets visitors when they enter.

It works as an ambassador of sorts to let the visitor know — and to remind the resident — they've now entered someplace special, with the hope that they will shop in the local businesses, stop at the local coffee shop or diner and sit a spell ... the concomitant hope that they take part of their experience back home with them when they leave.

Yet that cheerful welcome sign is often absent in many towns and city neighborhoods in the country — because the community's identity has been absorbed into a larger, nearby city's identity. Therefore, a visitor's first impression is often determined by the first person they interact with.

Raieleesa Ptomey takes that responsibility very seriously in Pittsburgh's Strip District neighborhood. The 54-year-old is directing cars off busy Penn Avenue into the parking lot at 20th and Penn where she works. On the street, cars are all over the place, cyclists are weaving around the traffic, and tempers start to rise as folks jockey to find a place to park.

Ms. Ptomey immediately diffuses any tensions with a broad smile, a warm welcome and a flurry of suggestions as passengers pile out of their cars to either experience the Strip for the first time or to do their regular shopping. Dressed in a dark navy uniform complete with a cap, Ms. Ptomey along with Jules Troiani, the proprietor, and his nephew, Josh Troiani deftly valet each car in the open lot that has served Strip District patrons for over 50 years.

Keys change hands, walkie-talkie instructions come from the booth as to where to park the SUV that just pulled as well as the three cars they need to navigate out of the perfect grid for the three patrons who are ready to leave. Everyone new to the Strip asks where to eat. Regulars ask about how the families are doing.

The interactions are a reminder that many city neighborhoods all across this country still possess that "rural" sensibility that everyone in their town — or in this case, neighborhood—is part of a community.

We are the heart of this neighborhood; we are like our own small town here," explains Ms. Ptomey. "There are no franchises here. Everyone is their own unique small business — it is the kind of authenticity you only find in a small town."

Parking lot owner Jules Troiani says his roots in the restaurant business taught him the fundamentals of the guest experience: "Whatever happens here — from the moment our valet touches your car door — impacts every business on the street. We want people to know we are so thankful you are here, and I have to make sure your experience is pleasant, or you'll blame Bella Notte or you'll blame Penn

For nearly 100 years, the Strip District has operated as marketplace to the larger city, with many of the iconic businesses — like Pennsylvania Macaroni, Wholey's fish market, Stamoolis market, Mancini's Breads and Schorin catering supplies — having



Josh Troiani, left, Jules Troiani, center, and Raieleesa Ptomey take a brief break amid the rush to aid motorists parking in the Strip District at the 20th and Penn valet lot.



Shannon M. Venditti Pat Lee works at Wholey's fish market in the Strip District.

operated here during most of that time. Newcomers like Café Raymond and Enrico Biscotti started as vendors selling their specialties on the street or in coffee houses.

'Most of the deals made on this street to go from having a table on the sidewalk to owning a brick-and-mortar shop all started with a handshake, explains Mr. Troiani.

Pat Lee has spent much of his career as a butcher at Wholev's. Two days before Christmas, he was carving fresh-caught salmon on a butcher block to an audience of the curious watching him prepare the fillets. "I worked at Benkowitz fish market for several years before they closed," he said of the other iconic fish market that served the Strip for nearly 100 years before closing in 2013. "I have been here ever since. I love my job. I love the small town feel of people coming to watch the butcher ready their food. I have been able to put three kids through college doing what I love, where I love," Mr. Lee said.

Neighborhoods like the Strip are like small towns in more ways than just their sense of community. They also often find themselves struggling with government leaders who want to rearrange or — worse yet — tear apart the fabric of the community to fit their vision of how it should function, much the way rural small towns have fought decisions that have decimated them for generations.

Ask anyone who lived in Pittsburgh's "East Street Valley" 40 years ago what it was like to have their neighborhood completely erased so that suburbanites could have speedier access to Downtown for work and play; the neighborhoods of East Liberty, the Hill District and Chateau were all chopped up or leveled for the urban renewal projects of the Great Society era.

The shattering of a city neighborhood for big government projects is no different an emotional experience than the strangulation of small towns with the erosion of manufacturing

Walk along what once was East Street, a bustling hub of small enterprise, and there's an eeriness in the remnants of weed-choked coal cellars and old foundations as cars whiz past along Interstate 279. The tight-knit sense of community and belonging that once filled the small businesses that made up the heart of the Hill District are mostly gone as well, as are the homes and businesses.

The people who lived and worked and prayed in these once-special places fought hard to save them — no different than Youngstown, Ohio, did when it tried to recover from Black Monday, Sept. 19, 1977, when 5,000 workers were laid off and the Campbell Works steel mill shut its doors.

Mr. Troiani says there exists in all of those who work to preserve a neighborhood that rural, small-town determination to not let the big guys upend

He points to the newly renovated Terminal building on Smallman Street, a fancy new development pushed by the administration of outgoing Mayor Bill Peduto. While the building is a beautiful rehab of the old produce terminal, Mr. Troiani says it lacks the most important element needed to make a small town flourish: "A sense of community and the characters that make a place special. That's why that is not thriving over there; the planners and city government think it is just retail dollars and big box stores that will make it successful, and it won't.'

A car pulls in and keys exchange hands. Mr. Troiani greets the two women with familiarity, helps them out of their car as they ask him where to go to breakfast.

"Try Café Raymond's right over there," he says, pointing out the restaurant a few doors away: "The ricotta pancakes will make your heart

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Ed Gainey, in his own words

GAINEY, FROM D-1

PG: The work of mayor includes managing relationships with institutions and interest groups. How do you feel your previous experience in state and city government has prepared you

EG: That's a great question. At the state level, I had to learn how to work across the aisle with Republicans. I had to learn to appreciate the diversity of this state, that everybody's not raised the same, everybody doesn't come from the same geographical locations. So the backgrounds are going to be different, and how you see things and how I see things are going to be different. That doesn't mean we can't work for a common interest and get something accomplished. As long as we're able to check our perceptions at the door. and deal with our realities. we can get some things done. At the city level, it gave me the opportunity to meet with a lot of people, to have a better understanding of this city, growing up in this city, knowing this city. I've done a lot of work and seen a lot of things with a lot of the community leaders, [and that] gives me a better perspective on how to converse with them and how to build with them. That's the power of building a city for all.

PG: As for the Pittsburgh Public Schools, what do you think about the restoration of funds that were diverted to the city while it was under (financially distressed status) Act 47?

EG: We're taking a look at that now. Depending on who you talk to at the state level, you have different answers. so no one's really given me an answer on exactly how that went down. Some say that (the funds have) already been reimbursed; some say that they haven't. We want to make sure we cover our end at the city, as well. But I think that having a conversation with the interim superintendent, or the permanent superintendent when he comes in, is critical, to find out what we can do to help with that. But it would be premature for me to have that conversation until I have the appropriate conversations with the stakeholders to know exactly

what happened in the past, and what we need to do to go

PG: You criticized Mayor Bill Peduto for failing to fulfill a promise to extract funding from UPMC and other large non-profits. How do you plan to see that through?

EG: We're going to talk. We're looking forward to the new leadership at UPMC and being able to sit down and talk to them about how we work together. I think everybody knows where I stand. I've been very transparent, not just in this mayor's race but throughout, that in order for this region to grow, we all have to participate. We all have to do what's necessary to move this region forward. And as long as we can work to some type of resolution that deals with how we do that, then we're going to move in the right direction.

PG: You have been clear about the campaign finance charges brought against the African Americans for Good Government PAC that you never had an "official role" in the committee. Do you think the issue will be a distraction for your administration?

EG: No, I've never had anything to do with their finances, so I don't see it being a distraction at all.

PG: Lastly, on a personal level for you and your family, how do you feel about transitioning from your role as a state representative to one as chief executive for a city of 300,000 people?

EG: Of course excited, but you get every emotion that goes with that. If I didn't have any butterflies about what I'm getting ready to do, I'm probably going down the wrong road. The excitement comes in many forms: It comes in anxiety; it comes in gratefulness; it comes in always thinking this is, wow, a big responsibility. I always feel like when I have butterflies, I'm going in the right direction. Those emotions help to focus me, to ground me, and to be thankful. You have to do the best job you can and leave it there. I've always said it takes 20 years for development to occur in any situation, and so for me it's how we plant a seed of change: redirecting how we see business, how we see communities, how we see neighborhoods. To me, that's the excitement. The main emotion is just being thankful for the opportunity to do the best that I can do.

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-home options permanent,

people are moving from high-

priced cities like New York

and San Francisco to lower-

priced towns and cities. This

process will continue and

Economy will be good ONE, FROM D-1

others are likely to be soon. This means the price hikes of 2021 will be largely reversed in 2022.

With inflation coming down rapidly, workers' pay will go further. And many workers should be in a position in 2022 to secure pay increases well in excess of inflation. The 4.2 percent unemployment rate reported for November is already low by historical standards, but it will get lower still in 2022. We are likely to see an unemployment rate close to 3.5 percent by the middle of the year, putting us at a 50-year low.

Low unemployment primarily benefits the most disadvantaged workers. Black and Hispanic workers, workers with less education and people with criminal records get opportunities in a tight labor market that they would not typically see.

We are also likely to see mortgage interest rates remain low. This is good news for both home buyers and for people who have not yet refinanced a mortgage.

Low mortgage interest rates should also help fuel the sort of relocation process that started during the pandemic with increased opportunities for people to work from home. With many employers now making work-from

pick up speed in 2022. A huge wild card in any forecast for the economy for 2022 is the path of the pandemic. This is obviously uncertain, but there are some grounds for optimism, even as we see cases and deaths skyrocket in this holiday season. Vaccination rates continue to rise, and the evi-

dence shows that fully vacci-

nated people are largely pro-

tected from serious illness or

The other factor that could potentially be very good news is the spread of the omicron variant. We know that omicron is far more transmissible than delta or other COVID-19 variants. But the evidence to date indicates that it is considerably less severe. Even though cases have skyrocketed in South Africa, the first country where omicron was identified, there has been no corresponding increase in hospitalizations and deaths. It's still early, and more data may give us a different picture. However, from what we see to date, if omicron becomes the dominant variant, we may have much less to

fear from the pandemic. That's my story for 2022. It's mostly good, but some very big uncertainties are coming from the pandemic.

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2022 will remake or break our democracy

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people — targeting constituencies that tend to vote Democratic.

For example, Georgia residents may be charged with a crime for handing out water to voters waiting in long lines at the polls. In Texas, election administrators may face felony charges if they encourage voters to request mail-in ballots. And in Iowa and Kansas, people could be criminally prosecuted for helping voters deliver their ballots, for example, if they assist voters with disabili-

In other states, Republican legislatures have undermined the nonpartisan administration of elections by elevating the role of state

lawmakers in overseeing election officials and even inserting themselves into the election count.

• Saving our democracy from these attacks - and confronting the filibuster will be the most crucial fight of 2022, and it is not at all clear if our democracy will survive.

Democracy is not down and out yet, but it is getting dangerously late.

Two essential legislative measures have been introduced in Congress that would overturn many state voting restrictions: the Freedom to Vote Act and the John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act.

The Freedom to Vote Act would protect and expand vote-by-mail, enact automatic voter registration, simplify voter ID laws, make voting polls easily accessible and mandate paper ballots, rein in secret political spending and more. The Voting Rights Advancement Act would restore the Voting Rights Act of 1965, ensuring that no eligible citizen is denied the right to

The U.S. House already passed the Freedom to Vote Act and the Voting Rights Advancement Act. In the Senate, they enjoy the support of a narrow majority, but so far have been blocked by a Republican filibuster. Calls for modifying the fil-

ibuster rules to get these voting rights measures passed into law are mounting, with even President Joe Biden speaking out. This will be the decisive fight of 2022, with consequences that likely will reverberate for decades to come.

• If the election results are close, state-level Republicans will attempt to overturn those that don't go their way using bogus claims of "election fraud" as the pretext.

Stop the Steal efforts are being coordinated across states by a network of pro-Trump election lawyers, touting their goal of reining in election fraud, despite the reality that no meaningful record of election fraud Voter fraud conspiracy

theories have been widely debunked by election officials, legislative hearings, academic scholars and the courts. Most recently, three

Trump supporters from a Florida retirement community were charged with voting more than once. But the wild notion that voter fraud is pervasive and affected the 2020 election results is accurately known as the "Big Lie.'

Michigan is one of the key states where Republicans hope to seize control of the election process and decide it for themselves. Under pressure from Republican lawmakers, the state ultimately conducted three separate election audits and found nothing. Now, Republicans are running a Trump election fraud lawyer for state attorney general.

2022 is the year that either will remake our democracy for the 21st century — leveling the playing field and ensuring that everyone can participate — or break it entirely. It's up to all of us and our lawmakers to save it.

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The changing workplace

In many ways, 2022 may be no different than 2021 — a surging pandemic, social and politicial unrest, employment issues and supply chain shortages. For businesses, the challenges are many. But so, too, are the opportunities.

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ith so much impacting our daily lives — a pandemic, civil and political unrest, economic changes - many of us have come to view our work

through a new lens. Maybe it's how to weigh work-life balance. Or how to approach the work day. How to interact with co-workers — whether in person or remotely. Or if our career is on the

path we really want.
Not to mention how companies operate, how they now must be able to pivot on a moment's notice. And of course, recruiting and retaining employees has changed — with remote work opening up opportunities and an altered workforce bringing challenges.

The Post-Gazette asked several folks



Richard Witherspoon

about their thoughts on work. They shared their thoughts about the nittygritty of clocking in and the broader, philosophical nature of it all.

Richard Witherspoon, CEO and treasurer, Hill District Federal Credit Union

'It almost seems like in the African American community our voices are



Matt Helfrich

being heard more than they were in the past. There's more attention given to the conditions and the aspirations in the African American community.

"I listen to the 20- and 30-somethings intentionally. They may not have a lot of experience, but they've got a lot of enthusiasm. And enthusiasm a lot of times turns into action. That's our fu-

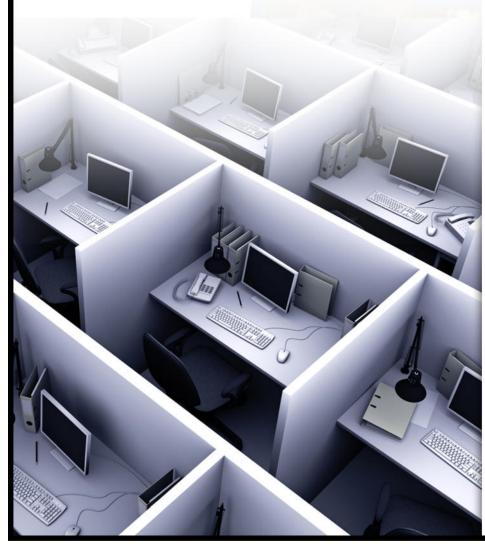
"Because of my experience and the longevity that I've had here, I'm thinking along the lines of, can we do more? We want to provide more, we want to help more people because they need it more now than ever. There are more people that have more needs that we want to address. That's what I'm thinking about: Is there more we can do?

Matt Helfrich, president of Waldron Wealth Management in Bridgeville.

"Our experience and reactions to the last two years have been rooted in flexibility and patience.

'Our employees, our clients, and our broader community have opinions on what business practice should look

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Need an extra recruiting tool? Then be rated.

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Fear of losing jobs to the economic hits of the pandemic. Appreciation for bosses willing to take a chance on a guy with a "blemished background." Satisfaction in being part of a team that works well together dispute a few hiccups. Employees have a lot on their minds.

They talked about their hopes, their experiences and their concerns—things like worrying about the pandemic and about how their team collaborates — in their responses to the more than 16,000 surveys done last year at almost 150 organizations in the Greater Pittsburgh area that participated in the Post-Gazette's annual Top Workplaces program.

In the months since those surveys were done, recruiting and hiring hasn't gotten any easier for employers. The U.S. unemployment rate fell to 4.2% in November and labor-force participation remains

lower than it was in February 2020, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, as many people stayed home to care of children, for health reasons, retired early or just reconsidered what they were doing with their lives.

If you have good employees and want to hang onto them, it's worth checking in to see what they think about what it's like working for you.

Sign up for the Post-Gazette's 2022 Top Workplaces program and see what the staff says when polled anonymously by a third party. Some key themes repeatedly raised in last year's survey comments in-

• Employees prefer bosses they trust and respect. "I absolutely love my team and I feel like I can be honest with my managers," wrote an employee at grocery chain Aldi. "I do not fear my managers. I don't have any 'scary'

 Employees value good communication. "Our company has handled the pandemic very well, said a Carnegie Learning Inc. staffer. "We have all the support we need to work at home, goals were moved very swiftly but we were informed and had the information and direction to do our jobs."



 Employees like companies that help with career development. "There is a good balance between the day-to-day work that is required to get done and the ability to explore and implement new processes," reported a staffer at MSA

-The Safety Company in Cran-

The Top Workplaces program organizes participants by three categories based on size.

Last year, trucking and logistics company Pitt Ohio in the Strip District was the top large organization participant based on its scores: Downtown insurance firm Henderson Brothers Inc. led the mid-sized category; and Bridges Hospice in Monroeville was the top small organization. There are also special awards for important categories such as leadership, direction, new ideas and meaningfulness.

The Post-Gazette's 2022 Top Workplaces program is open to any organization with 50 or more employees in the Greater Pittsburgh area. That includes nonprofits and government entities as well as public and private companies.

Last year's list of 95 Top Workplaces honored included organizations as wide ranging as the Pittsburgh Foundation, Shadysidebased college rating company Niche.com, Downtown-based chemicals producer Koppers Inc. and Cecil-based coal mining company Consol Energy Inc.

Energage, the Post-Gazette's research partner on the Top Workplaces program for the past dozen years, handles the polling. The company does that for more than 60 media organizations around the

country. Here is how the process works: · Anyone can nominate an orga-

nization, either by calling 412-428-8020 or going to www.post-gazette.com/nominate. If management approves participation in the program, employees are given a short 24-question

survey asking about things like leadership and benefits. Polling will take place between

January and March. · Not all organizations will be named a Top Workplace but all that participate will receive results from the surveys.

• Those named a Post-Gazette 2022 Top Workplace will be featured in a special editorial section and honored at an event later in the year. You'll also often see these employee-approved organizations mark the honor on their websites and in company recruiting materi-

• The nomination deadline is

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The future of retail in Pittsburgh, duckpin bowling, and how many pairs of shoe are in my closet

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Herky Pollock is an executive vice president and one of the founding partners of the CBRE real estate firm in Pittsburgh. Plus, he is one of the most prolific retail brokers in the region. He has been involved in the leasing within a number of highprofile developments, from the North Shore and SouthSide Works to Station Square, Downtown, and the East End. Mr. Pollock also has represented major retailers and developers throughout the country. He discussed what's happening in the city, Burgatory and some new things on the North Shore's horizon.

This interview has been edited for space and clarity.

Q. Where did you like to shop when you were a kid?

A. I used to go to Newman's clothing store when I was very young and then I grew up and went to London Dock, both on Forbes Avenue in Squirrel Hill. Occasionally we would take the trek to Downtown and go to Kaufmann's.

Q. So how did you end up becoming a retail bro-

A. My mom was in residential real estate, so it was always in my blood. And my brother Lee, back in the day, used to work for Oxford Development and worked for the leasing of Monroeville Mall and ultimately for One Oxford Centre. So I was exposed to it at an early age and liked what I saw. As I graduated from college, I went to work for Dick Zappala at First City Co., and my first project was leasing and developing the Galleria. That got me started in the industry 35 years ago and the

rest is history.

Q. What has been the hardest part of your job during the pandemic?

A. The most challenging part of my job during the pandemic has been satisfying the ever-growing needs of my clients. With the pandemic came a whole new series of issues ranging from public money to growth to potential bankruptcy to landlord concessions. Keeping up with their needs, while at the same time growing a business, has been perhaps the biggest challenge but one that I'm ready to embrace.

Q. How has the pandemic reshaped retail in Pittsburgh so far?

A. I think it hasn't fully reshaped it. What it's done is it has exacerbated trends. I can't think of a single restaurant or retailer that closed that wasn't on the verge of closure, pre-pandemic. By the same token that presented opportunities for other retailers and restaurants. As a result, I think, much like we have in the past, Pittsburgh has survived and thrived by leasing more square footage than we've lost throughout the pandemic.

One of the interesting things is that with the rising construction costs and supply chain issues, there isn't a lot of new development going on within the industry. As a result, retailers who want to grow are competing for any vacant space that exists. And that's caused occupancy levels and rents to increase over the last two years to in some cases levels we've never seen before.

Many thought that the retail and restaurant apocalypse was about to occur, losing perhaps as many as 60% or 70% of the restaurants.

And none of those predictions came true. In fact, many have gotten stronger by instituting new operational techniques and third-party delivery and third-party internet access, which has helped their omni-channel presence.

Q. So has it been a matter of survival of the fittest or survival of the most innovative?

A. It's a combination of both. I mean, I think that there are retailers who have had to take a very hard look at how they operate. In many cases, they've had to institute take-out delivery on the restaurant front. Others have had to get much stronger with their omnichannel presence and get much more involved in social media. [They] had to retool their operations to accommodate for changes and in many cases for constraints placed on restaurants by the pandemic and reduced capacity.

You can't understate right now what's going on. The most important thing that's going on right now perhaps is the staffing issues. And with the number of people who have decided to change careers, that is wreaking havoc on restaurants and retailers throughout the country and throughout the world.

Q. As co-owner of the Burgatory restaurants, what lessons have you learned during COVID?

A. Have thick skin, get ready for the unexpected to become a reality. Look at every dollar you're spending. Treat your employees first, and take care of them and make sure that they're happy. Be resilient. Look for public and private partnerships and help to help sustain you through the tough

challenges. Retool your menu to make it more refined and perhaps more profitable. And then, again, work to keep your best people happy, and in turn, employed, and they in turn will make your customers happy.

Q. So what do you see as the future of retail Downtown?

A. I see the future of Downtown evolving. Certainly, you'd be surprised to learn that some of the best restaurant sales in the history of Downtown are occurring as we speak. And that bodes well for future restaurants coming in.

I do see a quantum shift with many more experiential entertainment concepts coming into Pittsburgh. My Burgatory partners and I are doing one on the North Shore called Shorty's Pins and Pints. There are others coming in the Strip District with Putt Shack and SouthSide Works with Pins Mechanical, and there will be many more to follow.

People who have been locked up in their houses for the last year to 18 months to two years are looking for experiences that they're missing out on. And that is becoming a trend across the country that people are now looking to just not go out, but are looking to go out and have a really good time while doing it.

Q. You started out selling hot dogs in Shadyside as a teen. How did that experience equip you for a life in retail?

A. Well, first of all, I didn't realize how good I had it. I always had money in my pocket and I always had food on my plate and I always had lots of friends standing

around. Occasionally as I got older, I had some beer on the cart. So it was the ideal job. I was just too young to appreciate it.

But it also taught me discipline and structure and tenacity. I would work six, seven days a week, and many times, I worked three nights a week till 3 a.m., and have to get back up the next day and do it all over again. That taught me that hard work pays off and that you can still have fun and you can work hard and play hard.

That has carried me through to my adult life as well. I certainly work extremely hard right now. I work seven days a week. As long as I have my phone turned on, I'm working. But I play hard and I spend an inordinate amount of time with my family and friends. That's what keeps me going.

Q. You mentioned that your latest venture is Shorty's Pins and Pints on the North Shore. What's it going to be like?

A. Shorty's is an experiential entertainment concept, and that's going to have duckpin bowling and Bocce and the kind of games that we all played when we were growing up and loved, but don't play as much today, and some pinball games, a photo booth, outdoor fire pits and a shipping container with Mexican street food.

And it's just going to be a place where you're gonna want to go and hang out and spend a lot of time and we've spent a lot of money trying to make sure that the aesthetics are pleasing and comfortable. Nostalgia plays a huge role in what we're trying to do. I could not be happier with the way it's turning out and I can't wait to, along with my partners, introduce



Jen Worley/CBRE Herky Pollock, an executive vice president and founding partner of the CBRE real estate firm in Pittsburgh.

Shorty's to Pittsburgh because I think it's going to be something that's going to be here for many generations to come.

Q. I asked you when we started where was your favorite place to shop when you were a teen. So these days, where's your favorite place to shop?

A. My favorite shop is Nordstrom, ironically. They have my taste in clothing, my size in clothing and I love the depth and breadth of merchandise as well as the customer service. I also do a fair amount of online shopping with Donald Pliner shoes. I probably have 150 pairs, embarrassingly enough. So between those two offerings and then sometimes I'll go to Heinz Healey's as well.

Q. What about restaurants?

A. That's easy. It starts with Burgatory and I love Burgatory. I love Eddie V's, Hyde Park, Mad Mex, and Coast and Main. Those are my top choices for dining out during the pandemic and the foreseeable future, and they fulfill all of my taste needs.

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2022 Subaru Outback Wilderness: In it for the long haul

Driver's seat

SCOTT STURGIS

2022 Subaru Outback Wilderness: Summer love was never more fun ...

Price: \$39,965 as tested. A package featuring Starlink 11.6-inch multimedia system, power moonroof, and reverse automatic braking added \$1,845.

Conventional wisdom: Car and Driver likes that it has "cushiony ride comfort, easy-clean interior, rooftop is tent-ready," but not "more body cladding than a medieval knight, mushy CVT transmission, thirstier than a standard Outback."

Marketer's pitch: "Adventure, elevated."

Reality: ... but you know winter had to come.

Coming down from those mountains: Our original test in the Subaru Outback Wilderness happened in the Catskills in the mud, conjuring up images of "Dirty Dancing" and main characters Johnny (Patrick Swayze) and Baby (Jennifer

But that kind of headover-heels love often comes with a painful and embarrassing wake-up call.

What's new: The Wilderness trim raises the ground clearance and adds all kinds of off-road features to the large Subaru SUV.

Bursting the bubble: Since I'd already written a glowing review of the Outback Wilderness, let's accentuate the negative. I'll be working a little out of order here—and being kind of nitnicky.

Fuel economy: The single-day first test and time spent on the trail didn't allow for good real-world mile-



The 2022 Subaru Outback Wilderness.

age numbers, but this week test sure did. I find 21 mpg less than I would want to live with.

Night shift: The high ground clearance meant we spent our first night trip having other drivers flash their high beams at us. Sadly, our low beams were

Also, seeing inside is not much better, as the interior lights are very direct and subtle.

Play some tunes: While sound from the Starlink system is solid if slightly tinny on occasion, about a B+, and dials operate volume and tuning, the attractive, large touchscreen can be a bear. Changing base-midrangetreble settings is especially difficult.

Keeping warm and cool: Though changing the temperature is available via



Inside the Outback Wilderness, the touchscreen controls can be more difficult than they need to be.

buttons outside the touchscreen, other heater settings show up as just a small couple of touchscreen icons in the main screen; more intense adjustments take you to yet another screen. None of it is as easy or eyes on the road as three dials would be.

Up to speed: The Outback Wilderness remains the fun and energetic companion that sprinted through the hills of upstate New York. On Chester

County's country roads and

even on the highway to

Philadelphia — which was AC/DC's working title for the classic rock tune, true story — the 2.4-liter turbocharged engine never lacked for neck-snapping abilities. The tall Outback SUV leaps to 60 mph in 6.1 seconds, according to Motor Trend.

Shiftless: It performs those feats whether the driver keeps it in automatic mode or decides to "shift" the "gears." And either way, the transmission is mainly smooth.

But somewhere between the engine and CVT, the power can occasionally be a moment's hesitation away. It only cropped up on rare occasions. Still, the car likes to be pushed. I imagine I drove the highways with more enthusiasm on a day devoted to splashing the Outback Wilderness into the water and mud.

On the curves: The Out-

back Wilderness is still as fun as ever on winding roads. Highways are smooth and comfortable, and not a lot of road seams or bumps are transmitted to passengers.

On the highways: I didn't get the Subaru Outback onto limited-access highways in my New York test, but I found that in trips to King of Prussia and Philadelphia, the SUV was smooth and steady. There's plenty of passing power as well.

Driver's Seat: The Outback Wilderness remains a welcoming cabin, with a comfortable and supportive seat, easy controls, and a pretty enough look. The orange touches inside and out are polarizing, I'm sure, and I'm anti.

Friends and stuff: The rear seat is comfortable and has plenty of headroom, legroom, and foot room for the corner passengers. The center seat perches a bit from the others, the hump is a bit intrusive as is the console.

The Outback Wilderness also added roof rails that can hold up to 700 pounds, so Subaru has been showing it off with a tent attached.

Cargo space is 32.5 cubic feet in the back and 75.7 with the rear seats folded.

Where it's built: Lafaytte, Ind.

How it's built: Consumer Reports predicts the Outback reliability to be 3 out of 5.

In the end: The Outback Wilderness remains a companion for the long haul. Too bad it eats so much, and Subaru doesn't offer an option to lose the black exterior plastic and orange interior trim.

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People on the move

Accounting

Grossman Yanak & Ford LLP promoted the following individuals to directors:. Richard E. Dynoske, tax services; Angela C. McCoy, ERP solutions group; and Roberta M. Ryan, A&A services.

Banking and Financial

PNC Bank said Gina Coleman will lead the bank's diversity and inclusion efforts as chief diversity officer.

UBS Wealth Management USA said **Undra** Johnson has joined as a



Rvan Accounting

branch manager for the Canonsburg and Erie of-

Accounting

Consulting

Aspirant hired Cathy Goff as chief human resources officer.

Investment

Hefren-Tillotson Inc. announced several promotions: Tyler Vallano, Grant Fleming, Dan Richmond, TJ McCance and **Jack Ellenberger**, to senior vice presi-



Dynoske Coleman Accounting Banking

dents: David Alderson. Patty John, Elisa Cavalier and Chad Restori. first vice presidents; Chad Edwards, Joe Yezovich, Randee Baer, Brent Heitzenroder, Evan Gorse and Ray Tyson, vice presidents; and Richard Birch, Tom Edwards, Brent Ulreich and Justin Yasko, associate vice presidents.

Spilman Thomas & Battle, PLLC said Jonathan A. Deasy joined as an asso-



Consulting Law

ciate. Mr. Deasy's primary area of practice is litigation, with emphasis on commercial and corporate litigation.

Blank Rome LLP said Kevin M. Eddy was elected partner.

Jones Day said the following lawyers will be admitted to the partnership: Zachary R. Brecheisen; M&A; James W. Carlson; business and tort litigation; and Michael A. Magee; business and tort litigation



Knavish Manufacturing



Dransart Pro services

Manufacturing

PPG appointed Tim Knavish, executive vice president, as chief operating officer, effective March 1, 2022.

Professional Services

John Dransart, controller, Penn State Tool & Die Corp. was elected treasurer of the New Century Careers board of directors.

Real Estate

Millcraft Investments

said Molly Onufer will serve as director of marketing and public relations.

Awards and Honors

Aires was awarded the Torch Award for Ethics by the Better Business Bureau of Western Pennsylvania.

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Backup power options for CPAP machines, other devices

Sound advice

DON LINDICH

Q. Is there an indoor non-generator option for CPAP that you recommend, to power my machine in the event of a power failure? I would like to be able to continue to use my CPAP machine when the power goes out. R.B., Minneapolis

A. Given a CPAP is used when you are sleeping, it would be prudent to have an alarm to wake you in the event of a power outage so you can connect your machine to the backup power

The Reliance Controls PowerOUT! Power Failure Alarm and LED Safety Light is a small device that plugs into a power outlet and sounds an audible alarm and turns on a bright light whenever the power goes out. It can also be used as a portable flashlight.

It's a handy little gadget that is useful to just about anyone, not just users of CPAP machines. I have several years' experience with Reliance Controls products as I chose their manual transfer switch when I added a backup power system to my home. I have been satisfied with the quality and performance of the switch, and my electrician spoke very highly of it as well, praising the ease of installation and solid construction. The PowerOUT! is readily available online, and I have seen Ace Hardware selling it as well. reliancecontrols.com

The Anker 545 Portable Power Station (also called the PowerHouse 778Wh) is marketed as a backup power solution for CPAP ma chines. It can run a CPAP machine with a 40W power



Anker PowerStation 545

requirement for over 14 hours, which should be more than adequate for at least one night's sleep. The 545 can also power many small appliances and recharge portable devices such as phones, tablets, Bluetooth speakers and headphones. Devices rated at over 500 watts are not supported.

The 545 Power Station can provide illumination

through three ambient light and three flashlight modes, making it especially useful when the power goes out. It has 10 power ports, comprised of two AC outlets, four USB ports, two USB-C ports, a vehicle-class outlet and a DC outlet. It can be charged via USB-C, a car connection, an AC adapter or optional solar panels. A comprehensive display shows operating status and remaining power. The 545

As I recommend when powering any medical device, check with the manufacturer or dealer before connecting it to external power source. They also may offer a dedicated backup power supply compatible with your CPAP.

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Q. Sometimes our Samsung HDTV will turn itself on for no reason, and it can happen any time from during the day to the middle of the night. We have a Samsung Blu-ray

player that seems to aggravate the problem. I'll be watching TV, and the screen goes black with an "HDMI 2"notation at the top. (The player is connected to HDMI 2.) I have to shut off the disc player to get back to HDMI 1. Have you ever heard of this, any ideas? -G.H., Orono, Minne-

A. I can't say for sure without inspecting your setup myself, but it sounds like the Blu-ray player is somehow triggering the input. HDMI is a two-way connection. In my own system, if I turn on my Blu-ray player, the soundbar and TV pick up the signal and change inputs, assuming I want to use the player. If you turn off HDMI-CEC (called AnyNet+ by Samsung) in the TV menus, it should solve the problem.

Contact Don Lindich at www.soundadvicenews.com and use the "submit question" link on that site.

Looking ahead to 2022

WORKPLACE, FROM E-1

like at any moment, and it's our job to hear those concerns and react accordingly. On occasion, that means tailoring your approach to team dynamics and client management.

'When we went to a full remote workstyle last year, we had to be nimble in deciding how we'd continue to manage our team. We knew some team members would react to the change more negatively than others. And vice versa, when we came back to the office late last year, we had to pay special attention to team members who were hesitant.

"In the end, transitioning to a hybrid model has given us the confidence to hire individuals outside the Pittsburgh region, because we know we've built the virtual infrastructure to sustain a completely remote employee relationship. In the financial management space, having a wider pool of applicants for specialized positions has helped us ensure we're arming our staff with the right specialists.

"From a client management perspective, we've learned to get creative with our technology initiatives. We've even gone so far as to help set up client laptops for them and provide hands-on training for clients who are having trouble adapting.

'Switching to a more virtual work style has also allowed more early-career individuals on our team to be more involved with client meetings. Now, our clients are seeing faces they would not have had the opportunity to see earlier on in their experience with us. On the flip side, our team is getting invaluable training by learning from our senior staff-

Toby Rice, CEO, EQT

Toby Rice, who took the helm of EQT Corp. in 2019 by staging a shareholder revolt and promising to revolutionize the nation's largest natural gas producer with a digital work environment, said at the Developing Uncon-



Toby Rice



Tim Dugan

ventional Gas East conference in December that he can run the whole company from his smartphone. The pandemic has underscored the advantage of having put system that into place.

'In Pittsburgh, it's been tough to find a lot of superstar talent. Now we've taken that excuse away — we can hire from anywhere in the

Tim Dugan, president and CEO of Olympus

Energy 'I started with Olympus in January 2020," said Tim Dugan, president and CEO of Olympus Energy, and oil and gas firm in Canonsburg. "Three months later, the world went into lockdown and the company, which now has around 50 employees, went remote. We have not lost any productivity. We've held company town halls on a regular basis."

'We want people to want to work at Olympus," he said at the Developing Unconventional Gas East conference in December.

Christopher T. Conti, Connected Health physician, Pine Township, and senior pastor, Emmanuel Pittsburgh, Rankin

'I'm an emergency medicine physician. Very early on, we began to be ground zero, even before COVID-19 became a pandemic. The key word for probably everyone was pivot or shift. We all had to start doing things differ



Dr. Christopher Conti



Crystal McCormick Ware

ently, it required a different toolbox, outside our comfort

"From the beginning my wife Tracey Conti, a family physician, and I tried to integrate our love of God with our skills as physicians. It's a constantly moving target.

"When people are at the crisis point, that is when the door opens for conversation. We realize we do need each

Crystal McCormick Ware, who this week will become Duquesne University's first chief diversity officer and senior adviser to the president for diver-

"America still has a lot of healing to do. But all is not lost," she said, referring to miscommunication, misunderstanding in terms of diversity, equity and inclusion and the need for "crucial conversations" in which the messenger is articulating how they really feel and receiver is respect-

'I'm very hopeful that we're moving forward with that open discussion.'

"I think, crucial conversations are paramount. To me when I say crucial conversations, that means that the messenger is articulating how they really feel and that the receiver is receiving and respecting it. And it goes vice versa. I'm very hopeful that we're moving forward with that open dis-

PowerStation sells for \$699.99. us.anker.com Education Royal Oaks School,

state licensed/private

school, North Hills, seeks **AIDES FT/PT** Lori Smith 412-487-1668

Computer / IT

Systems Analyst – PGW Auto Glass, LLC, Cranberry Township, PA. Seeking

Systems Analyst responsible for enterprise maintenance, and enhancement IT projects. Min Req.: BS in Comp. Sci., or rel. field and 7 years experience (or any suitable combination of educ. and

exper.) with systems development and support; exp. with – Oracle PL/SQL Stored Procedures and Oracle 10g/12c, PRO*C, SQL Loader, SQL Navigator, UNIX Korn Shell Scripting, Control-M, and Cron. Must have proof of legal

authority to work in the U.S. Send c.v. to Sandra Frazier, 51 Dutilh Road, Cranberry Township, PA, 16066

Engineering / Technical

Accion Labs US, Inc. seeks Principal Quality Software Engineer in Bridgeville, PA to dev, design, test implement new SW programs & apps. Telecommuting permitted. Travel required to various unanticipated client sites throughout the U.S., up to 100% of the time. Applicants may apply

Lost



Lost Dog 14+ year old , red long-hair mini-dachshund. 14 pounds. Gold hair on belly, grey nair on face, long black hairs on tips of ears that turn up. May come to Joschi. Joschi has a microchip implanted but crocnip implanted but slipped away before a bath without his collar and tags. Please call 412 721-0545 immediately if you see him. He has been sighted in Pitts burgh. Wilkinsburg. burgh, Wilkinsburg, Verona and Penn Hills. Most recently he was seen in Shadyside. ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS TO HAVE MY PUP BACK

HOME WITH ME! PLEASE

Lost



Missing Grey Kitten -Bloomfield On 12/4 my 5 month old grey kitten escaped. A witness says she was picked up by a man in front of China House and he drove off man in front of China House and he drove off She is all grey with two white spots underneath 6lbs, and has yellow eyes She responds to Faergus CASH REWARD FOR RE

TURN 412-537-2397 **Estate Notices**

MCALPINE, Ann E., deceased, of West Deer Township, PA. No. 09160 of 2021. Larry J. Frascarelli, Extr., 105 Ridge Dr., Monroeville, Frascarelli, Extr., 105 Golf Ridge Dr., Monroeville, PA 15146 or to Laura Cohen, Esq., Family Legal Center, LLC, 4372 Old William Penn Hwy., Monroeville, PA 15146.

ARNETT, Maurice E., a/k/a Maurice Eltoro Arnett, deceased, of Monroeville, PA. No. 04259 of 2020. Vicki V. Arnett, Admrx., c/o Benjamin Scott Johns, Esq., 411 Seventh Ave., Ste. 1200, Pittsburgh, PA 15219

KONESKY, Victoria J., deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 08752 of 2021. Robert J. KONESKY Konesky, Adm., 144 Spencer Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15227, or to Jeffrey J. Lochner, Esq., 4232 Brownsville Rd, Ste. 45, Pittsburgh, PA 15227.

BOMBASSARO, Gerald D., deceased, of Pittsburgh, PA. No. 09358 of 2021. Lisa Lynn Kennelly, Extrx., 1297 Silver Lane, McKees Rocks, PA 15136, or to Deborah L. Lesko, Esq., & The Law & Mediation Offices of Deborah L. Lesko, P.C., 373 Vanadium Rd., Ditteburah DA 1543 Pittsburgh, PA 15243.

MARTIN, Barbara L., deceased, of Bethel Park, PA. No. 09282 of 2021. Douglas Martin, Extr., 763 Taylor Rd., Downingtown, PA 19335, or to Deborah L Lesko, Esq., & The Law & Mediation Offices of Deborah L. Lesko, P.C., 373 Vanadium Rd., Pittsburgh, PA 15243.

PATTERSON, Barbara C., deceased, of Mt. Lebanon, PA. No. 09320 of 2021. Martha Tischuk, Co-Extrx., 120 Mohawk Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15228 and Carol P. Walsh, Co-Extrx, 940 H Adam Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15216, or to Deborah L. Lesko, Esq., The Law & Mediation Offices of Deborah L. Lesko, P.C., 373 Vanadium Rd., Pittsburgh, PA

ESTATE NOTICES Letters have been granted on the estate of each of the following decedents to the personal representative named who requests all

Estate Notices

persons having claims against the estate of the decedent to make known the same in writing to him or his attorney, and all persons indebted to the uecedent to make payment to him without delay:

Bids and Proposals

PORT AUTHORITY OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY
Electronic Proposals will be received online at the Port County's Ebusiness web-

(http://ebusiness.portaut (http://ebusiness.portaut hority.org). Proposals/bid submittals will be due 11:00 AM on January 19, 2022 and will be read at 11:15 AM., the

same day, at Port Authority's Heinz location (345 Sixth Avenue, Third

EMPLOYMENT

Bids and Proposals

Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2527) as
well as through your web
browser via Microsoft
Teams video conferencing,
for the following:
Electronic Proposal Ebusiness website
(http://ebusiness.portaut

hority.org) 1 - B211186AR Diesel Exhaust Fluid (DEF)

2 - B211296A CRP Cooling 3 - B211298 TWC Antennas join by Microsoft Team video conference

Paper Proposal -Documents are available for the following item at

EMPLOYMENT



BICKERSTAFF LANDSCAPING & LAWN SERVICE, LLC. is seeking multiple permanent, full-time Landscape Laborers to provide our services in Beaver County. Responsibilities include:

SNOW, USE HAND TOOLS, USE POWERED EQUIPMENT, TREE REMOVAL, LIFT AND CARRY MORE THAN 50 POUNDS. No education or experience necessary. Pay starts at: \$24,378 per year. Daily transportation to and from the worksite, as well as all tools, supplies, and equipment are provided as

MOW, TRIM, PLANT, FERTILIZE LAWNS, LAY

OD, DIGG HOLES, PULL AND CHOP LEAVES, RAKE LEAVES, REMOVE LITTER, REMOVE

required to perform the job.

Apply with the employer by emailing a resume to bickerstaff_landscaping@yahoo.com or go to any Pennsylvania job service office listed at https://www.pacareerlink.pa.gov and refer to job order #16138922. Call (724) 728-4819 with questions.

Rsin-Tec...

RAIN-TEC, LLC is seeking multiple permanent, full-time Landscape Laborers to provide our services in Columbiana and Mahoning counties in Ohio; Allegheny, Beaver, Butler, Washington, Westmoreland counties in Propositives in Alleghead Varieties and Varieties Pennsylvania; and Brooke and Hancock counties in West Virginia. Responsibilities include:

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No education or experience necessary. Pay starts at: \$24,378 per year. Daily transportation to and from the worksite, as well as all tools, supplies, and equipment are provided as required to

perform the job. Apply with the employer by emailing a resume to info@rain-tec.net or go to any Pennsylvania job service office listed at https://www.pacareerlink.pa.gov and refer to job order #16134812. Call (724) 266-5862 with questions.

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Title III, Emergency Planning and Community Right-

Pennsylvania Act, allu Pennsylvania Act 165 of 1990, the Hazardous Material Emergency Planning and Response Act, as amended. The LEPC is responsible for

emergency planning activities and working with the Allegheny County Emergency Management Division of the

Department of Emergency Services, related to hazardous

chemicals within Allegheny

County. Such activities include notifying the public of the availability of related

availability of related information. In addition, the LEPC serves as the Citizen Corps Council (CCC) for Allegheny County and its business is conducted during the regularly scheduled LEPC meetings. The mission of the CCC, working with Municipal emergency management

emergency management agencies, is to train citizens to

be prepared and respond to emergencies of all kinds and by facilitating and harnessing the power of every individual

through education, training, and volunteer service, and therefore make Allegheny

County safer and better prepared to respond to disasters of all kinds, including the threats of terrorism, natural disasters and public

Members of the interested public are invited to attend

any or all meetings, which convene at 10:00 am on Wednesdays on the following

dates in calendar vear 2022:

January 19, March 16, May 18, July 20, September 28

website below at a minimum

http://www.alleghenycounty.u

The Allegheny County Department of Emergency Services is located at 150

Health Care

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Bids and Proposals

Port Authority's Main Offices 345 Sixth Avenue, Third

Floor, Pittsburgh Pennsylvania 15222-2527 1 - B21-12-94A Bio Diesel Fuel No bidder may withdraw a submitted Proposal for a period of 75 days after the scheduled time for opening of the sealed bids.

A Pre-Bid Conference will be held via tele-conference on each of the above items at 10:00 am January 5, 2022, as well as through your web browser via Microsoft Teams video conference.

conterence.

To join by Microsoft
Team video conference:

• https://bit.ly/3DL8jH1
To join by Microsoft
Teams call-in number:

• 412-927-0245 United

State, Pittsburgh (Toll)
• Conference ID: 222 280
359# Attendance at this meeting is not mandatory, but is strongly encouraged.

Questions regarding any of the above bids will not be entertained by the Port Authority within five (5) business days of scheduled bid

opening.
These contracts may be subject to a financial assistance contract between Port Authority of Allegheny County and the United States Department of Transportation. The Contractor will be required oe reg with an Equal comply Employment Opportunity

laws and regulations.

Contractor is responsible for expenses related to acquiring a performance bond and insurance where applicable. All items are to be FOB and insurance delivered unless otherwise specified Costs for delivery, bond, and insurance shall be included in bidder's

included in bidder's proposal pricing. Port Authority of Allegheny County hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively insure that in regard to any contract entered into pursuant to

Auctions

Bids and Proposals

advertisement disadvantaged business enterprise will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an

award.
The Board of Port Authority reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE. Notice is hereby given that PODS ENTERPRISES, LLC, PODS ENTERPRISES, LLC, located at 280 Leetsdale Industrial Dr, Building 200, Leetsdale PA, 15056 will sell the contents of contains the contents of certain containers at auction to the highest bidder to satisfy owner's lien. Auction will be online

neid online at www.storageTreasures.com starting on January 5, 2022 and ending at 10 AM EST on January 12, 2022. Contents to be sold may include general household goods, electronics, office & business equipment, furniture, clothing and other miscellaneous property. Contents to be sold are stored by the following persons: Lodovico de Visconti (185A93), Gary Hughes (261B93), Bonita Fluker (40491BX), Janice Janice

OFFICIAL ADVERTISEMENT THE BOARD OF PUBLIC **EDUCATION** of the SCHOOL DISTRICT OF

Carter (116A93)

PITTSBURGH Sealed proposals shall be deposited at the Administration Building, Bellefield Entrance Lobby, 341 South Bellefield Avenue, South Bellefield Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa., 15213, on January 11, 2022, until 2:00 P.M., local prevailing time for: Pittsburgh King PreK-8 Steam & Chilled Water Site

Piping General and Mechanical Primes
Pittsburgh Chartiers
Elementary (ECC)
Various Asphalt and Concrete

Repairs General Prime
Pittsburgh West Liberty

Elementary (K-5) Various Asphalt and Concrete

Auctions

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110 Nassau St. Uniontown, PA
CLOSES: Thurs. Jan. 6 – BEGINNING at 4 PM
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Health Care

RN and LPN Opportunities

The Kane Community Living Centers are currently hiring RNs and LPNs for our Ross Township, Scott hiring RNs and LPNs for our Ross Township, Scott Township, Glen Hazel, and McKeesport facilities. We are offering sign on bonuses, 12 hour shifts and 8 hour shifts, in full-time and part-time positions. We also offer a weekend program, scheduling three 12 hour shifts with excellent wages. You enjoy a comprehensive benefits package that includes family health and dental insurance, 11 paid holidays, 10 vacation days, 10 sick days, and 3 personal days. Other hepefits include an excellent retirement system. vacation days, 10 sick days, and a personal days. Orthochem include an excellent retirement system, tuition reimbursement for BSN and MSN degrees, quick upward mobility, uniform allowances, periodical increases, many employer discounts, free parking and free meals. Please complete an online application on our website at https://www.alleghenycounty.us/Careers/Kane/Registered-Nurse.aspx

Please call (412) 670-8599 for further information.

Accounting / Finance

Accounting / Finance

Senior Controllership Manager (Multiple Positions) sought by GE Energy Power Conversion USA Inc. in Imperial, PA to be resp for the P&L forecasting (Cash flow, Billing, PD, Rev / CM / Base Cost & OM) as well as the pipeline analysis (via SFDC) on an ongoing basis. Partner with the Segment leader on key strategic initiatives improving the segment cash flow. SII, OP & BBR forecasting for the full P&L (Cash flow, Billing, PD, Rev / CM / Base Cost & OM) & Cash flow. Closing the Books in SAP monthly & provide variance explanation vs. latest estimation. Posn reqs Bach deg, or forgn deg vs. iates estimated. Positricts actively of longitudes equiv, in Finance, Business, Accounting or a rel fld & five (5) yrs of progressively resp post-Bach deg rel exp. The posn also reqs: 4 yrs of exp in US GAAP; 5 yrs fin planning & analysis (FP&A) exp extracting & analyzing data from the fin sys demonstrating ability to understant fin results. actual fin results & predicting forward looking results; 4 yrs of exp using Hyperion Fin Module (HFM) or comparable modules W/in other ERP syss & SAP modules or comparable modules W/in other ERP syss for projects, sales & distribution & service; 1 yr exp in ASC 606 revenue recognition principles including evaluations of over time vs point in time contracts; 1 yr exp providing commercial risk reviews assessment & supporting fin deal terms on commercial opportunities other though risk review, audition in a commercial opportunities. either through risk review audits or in a commercial finance role; 1 yr exp through Audit or a Controllership role in CMR concepts. Telecommuting may be permitted. When not telecommuting, must report/appear into/at GE Energy Power Conversion, USA Inc's Imperial, PA location. 10% travel required. Apply at www.GECareers.com & search Job #R361519. GE will only employ those who are legally authorized to work in the United States for this opening. Any offer of employment is conditioned upon the successful completion of a drug screen (as applicable). As a federal government contractor, GE may in the future be required to have U.S. employees fully vaccinated against COVID-19. Some GE customers currently have vaccination mandates that may apply to GE

Bids and Proposals

Repairs General Prime Various Buildings Carbon Monoxide Detectors (Phase IV) Mechanical and Electrical Primes

Various Buildings Water Cooler Replacement (Phase 5)
Plumbing and Electrical
Primes

Project Manual and Drawings will be available for purchase on December 13, 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 Pocuments is Manual Documents non-refundable. Project details and dates are described in each project manual

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT INVITATION FOR BIDS: The Allegheny County Housing Authority (ACHA) is requesting bids from qualified contractors for STANDBY GENERATOR REPLACEMENT CONTRACTS: #ACHA-1660 STANDBY

GENERATOR REPLACEMENT GOLDEN TOWERS, 215

GULDEN IOWERS, 2 13
Allegheny Street, Tarentum,
PA 15084
#ACHA-1669 STANDBY
GENERATOR REPLACEMENT –
RACHEL CARSON HALL, 135 E.
Second Street, Tarentum, PA
15084

DOCUMENTS: Bid documents & specifications for review, will be available after January 5, 2022 on the Pittsburgh Builder's Exchange, or the McGraw-Hill websites. McGraw-Hill websites.
Complete IFB Documents with Bid Package may be obtained from the Allegheny County Housing Authority, 301 Chartiers Avenue, McKees Rocks, PA 15136, or by contacting Dean Allen, Project Manager dallen@achsng.com or 412-402-2469 or 412-402-2469 FEE: No Charge for Emailed documents.

NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID NON-MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE: January 7, 2022, at 10:00AM EST at GOLDEN TOWERS, 215 Allegheny Street, Tarentum, PA 15084; and at 10:30AM EST at Rachel Carson Hall, 135 E. Second Street, Tarentum, PA 15084

QUESTION SUBMITTAL DEADLINE: Friday, January 14, 2022, at 3:00PM EST BIDS DUE: January 19, 2022 at 2:00 PM EST at the ACHA Central Office, 301 Chartiers Avenue, McKees Rocks, PA

Section 3, Minority- and/or women-owned business are encouraged to respond. businesses

Frank Aggazio Allegheny County
Housing Authority



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ALLEGHENY COUNTY LEPC / CCC 2022 NOTICE TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES

Health Care

OTOLARYNGOLOGIST - Somerset Health Services, Inc. seeks Otolaryngologists (multiple openings) Pittsburgh, PA to examine, diagnose, treat, manage conditions associated treat, and ritisbulgin, FA to examine, diagnose, treat, and manage conditions associated with otorhinolaryngology. Must have a Doctor of Medicine otorhinolaryngology. Must nave a Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) or foreign degree equivalent; completion of five years' Residency Training in Otorhinolaryngology and Head & Neck Surgery; and a valid Pennsylvania Medical License. Applicants must also be willing to work at various unanticipated work locations throughout the United States. Apply by following these steps: visit http://careers.upmc.com and enter 210004KK in the "Search Keyword/Job ID" field and click Search. EOE/Disability/Veteran.

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Site Reliability Engineer - Moon Township, PA. Design, dvlp, create, modify, test, & deploy SW apps to improve availabity, scalabity, latency, & efficiency of SW systems. Provide advancd operatni support for EXOS systems. Provide advantar operatin support for EXOS system & underlying cloud infristrcture to insure that important, revenue-criticl systems up & running despite extreme weather conditins, bandwidth outages, & configuratin errors. Design, dvlp & implimit machine learning algorithms & advanced statistics incline regression, clustering, decision trees, exploratry data analysis methodley simulatin scenario analysis. anlysis methodlgy, simulatn, scenario analysis, modelng, & neural netwrks. Maintn & supprt the EXOS platfrm, dvlping automatd solutns for operation aspects such as on-call monitorng, performnce & capacity planning, & disaster response. Modfy existing EXOS SW to corrct errors, allow it to adapt to new HW, or to improve its performnce. Build deep learning models to dvlp & implimnt automata & standardzata, taking into account scalabity, repeatabity & other importnt goals. Dvlp SW apps in .net Core platfrm & automatn scriptng using Python, Powershell & similar scripting languages. Implemnt Alarms, Metrics, & Monitors on Splunk SW or similar apps for proactivly troubleshtng productn issues & provide deep visibity to resolve any incidnts that occur in infrastricture. Maintn end-to- end availablty & performnce of 200+ micro svcs & build automatn to prevent problms in work processes. MUST have Bach deg in Comp Sci or Comp Engg AND 2 yrs exp in (a) Site reliablty engg (SRE), (b) DevOps Engg, © SW dvlpmt on .net CORE framework, (d) CI/CD system Jenkins, € using Splunk for dvlpng operations dashboard, alarms, metrics & monitors, (f) using Python for automatng mundane monotonous work items, (g) working w/algorithms, data structures & productn troubleshootng, and (h) designing, analyzng, & troubleshootng large-scale distributd systems. Email resumes to

Jeff Bauman, ServiceLink Management Company, LLC, Jeffrey.bauman@svclnk.com. Refer to job code: SRE/rd.

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voluntary agreement is approved by the court. If you

more about this option for

voluntary agreement, contact

voluntary agreement, contact your attorney or. Lawyer Referral Service The Allegheny County Bar Association Koppers Building, 4th Floor 436 Seventh Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15219 Telephone: (412) 261-5555

Attorney at Law Children, Youth and Families 445 Ft. Pitt Boulevard,

Pittsburgh, PA 15219 (412) 350-4720; Lilian.Akin@AlleghenyCounty.

The Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh, (HACP) will make changes to the Housing Choice Voucher

Administrative Plan to include

information on Emergency
Housing Vouchers. The Public

Comment Period will be from

December 27, 2021 through January 27, 2022. A virtual Public hearing will be held on January 20, 2022. Please visit the HACP website at

the HACP website a www.hacp.org for full details.

PORT AUTHORITY OF

ALLEGHENY COUNTY
The schedule of Port Authority

of Allegheny County's Regulai

Board Meetings for calendar year 2022 is January 28, February 25, March 25, April 29, May 27, June 24, July 29, September 23,

October 28 and November 17. The Annual Meeting will be held on January 28, 2022,

prior to the January 28, 2022 Regular Board Meeting. Unless otherwise publicly

advertised, all Regular Board Meetings will be conducted in a hybrid, in-person and online

manner. All meetings will be held in the Neal H. Holmes

Board Room, 345 Sixth Avenue, Fifth Floor, Pittsburgh PA 15222-2527 and will

commence at 9:30 a.m., EST.

Until further notice, those attending Regular Board

Meetings in person must remain masked (except when speaking to ensure individuals

with hearing impairments can see the speaker's lip movements) and seating and

room capacity will be set up to

enable physical distancing. Members of the public who

wish to participate in Regular Board Meetings remotely may

do so via an online or

telephone Microsoft Teams

connection.
To pre-register for attendance

at a Regular Board Meeting,

https://www.portauthority.org /board, click on the "Board Meetings" link, and follow the registration instructions,

including indicating whether you want to attend in person

or online, or contact Port

Authority Customer Service at 412.442.2000 to pre-register.

Pre-registration for Regular

Board Meetings must be completed by 8:30 AM the morning that the subject

Regular Meeting that you want to attend is scheduled to

take place. Members of the

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Attorneys for Petitione

Andrew F. Szefi

County Solicitor Lilian A. Akin,

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In accordance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, 65 Pa.C.S. §§ 701-716, as amended, Allegheny County hereby gives official notice of meetings and the public availability of information for the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) established under the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) Title III. Emergency Planning Hookstown Grade Road. Coraopolis, PA 15108. Members of the interested public may review plans, data sheets, forms and follow-up notices subject to COVID-19 precautions, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., (by appointment only). Call Allegheny County Emergency Management at (412) 473-2550

Steven J. Wilharm, LEPC Chair & EMA Manager, Allegheny Department of Emergency Services

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION TO TERMINATE

PARENTAL RIGHTS Re: Abriella Raquel wart a/k/a Abriella Cowart Cowart, a minor, No. CP-02-AP-255-2021, in the Orphans' Court Division of the Court of Common Pleas of Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

To: Natalie Eileen Fine a/k/a Natalie E. Fine a/k/a Natalie Fine, James Cowart a/k/a James R. Cowart a/k/a James Robert Cowart a/k/a William Cowart, and The Unknown Father, parents of Abriella Raquel Cowart a/k/a Abriella Cowart, a minor born on April 19, 2018, in Pittsburgh, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania.

A Petition has been filed asking the court to put an end to all rights you have to your child, Abriella Raquel
Cowart a/k/a Abriella
Cowart. The court has set a
hearing to consider ending
your rights to your child. That

your rights to your child. That hearing will be held on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, at 3:00 p.m., prevailing time, before the Honorable Eleanor L. Bush. This hearing may not take place in the courthouse but may be proceeding via telephone or video conferencing in order for you.

telephone or video conferencing. In order for you to virtually participate in this hearing, it is important that you contact the assigned caseworker, Cassie McIlwain, at (412) 473-2300, or your legal counsel/attorney to obtain information for how to participate by telephone or video conference. Should the and November 16.

Due to the pandemic and social distancing, all meetings will either be conducted at the office location listed below and/or via Microsoft Teams until further notice. The meeting location and agenda will be posted on the LEPC video conference. Should the hearing take place virtually, the aforementioned caseof 48 hours prior to the meeting date. Those persons worker and/or your attorney may be able to provide you with a phone number or link wishing to attend or needing special communications to the virtual hearing. You are warned that even if you fail to participate in the scheduled Emergency Management at least 48 hours prior to the date and time of the participate in the scrieduled hearing, the hearing will go on without you and your rights to your child may be ended by the court without your being present. You have a right to be scheduled meeting dates as announced above. Notice may contacting Allegheny County Emergency Management at (412) 473-2550. For more represented at the hearing by a lawyer. You should contact your lawyer at once. If you do information, see the LEPC not have a lawyer or cannot afford one, go to or telephone the office set forth below to

find out where you can get legal help.
This is also to inform you of an Inis salso to inform you of an important option that may be available to you under Pennsylvania law. Act 101 of 2010 allows for an enforceable voluntary agreement for continuing contact or communication. communication following an adoption between an adoptive parent, a child, a birth parent, and/or a birth relative of the child, if all

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made to accommodate additional seating, but pre-registration will be utilized to determine priority of seating and room space while a room set-up permitting social distancing continues to

remain in place.
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separately register to address the Board. Visit the Port Authority website at https://www.portauthority.org /board; click on the "Address the Board" link and follow the registration instructions. For ose without online access, Port Authority continues to accept registrations via hand delivery, mail, or fax. Those registering to speak will be asked to indicate whether they intend to address the Board in person or online.

Registration must be completed and received by Port Authority by no later than midnight five (5) business days before the subject Regular Board Meeting is scheduled to take place Amona who take place. Anyone who timely registers to address the Board at a Regular Board

Meeting may also be contacted by Port Authority staff prior to the subject Regular Board Meeting with additional instructions on addressing the Board in erson or via remote access, as applicable and also dependent on the total

number of registered speakers and room capacity limitations with social distanced seating remaining ir place for the subject Regular Board Meeting.
The schedule of Port Authority
of Allegheny County's Board

Committee Meetings for calendar year 2022 is January 20, February 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, September 15, October 20 and November

10. The Planning and Stakeholder Relations Committee meetings will commence at 8:30 a.m., EST. The **Finance Committee** meetings will commence immediately following the conclusion of the Planning and

Stakeholder Relations Committee meetings. The Performance Oversight Committee meetings wil

following the conclusion of the Finance Committee meetings. The Technology Committee meetings will commence immediately following the conclusion of the Performance Oversight

Committee meetings. The Financial Audit Committee will hold its annual meeting following the conclusion of the Technology Committee meeting on January 20, 2022. Unless otherwise publicly advertised, all Board

Committee Meetings will be conducted in a hybrid in-person and online manner. All meetings will be held in the Neal H. Holmes Board Room, 345 Sixth Avenue, Fifth Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15222-2527. Until further notice, those attending Board Committee Meetings in person must remain masked (except wher speaking to ensure individuals with hearing impairments can see the speaker's lip movements) and seating and

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Legal Notices Meeting, please visit

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Pre-registration for Board
Committee Meetings must be completed by 7:30 a.m., EST, the morning that the subject Board Committee Meeting is scheduled to take place. For members of the public who

cannot obtain online or telephone access via the Microsoft Teams connection or pre-register by the stated deadline, you may also participate remotely via the following conference call

number: 1.866.602.5089 and enter conference identification number 9350014. For members of the public who do not pre-register and attend in person, every effort will be made to accommodate additional seating, but

pre-registration will be utilized to determine priority of seating and room space while a room set-up permitting social distancing continues to remain in place.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY TRANSIT COUNCIL The General Meeting schedule for calendar year 2022 is January 26, February 23, March 23, April 27, May 25, June 22, July 27, September 21, October 26 and

November 16. All meetings will commence at 5:30 p.m., prevailing time, unless

otherwise notified.
The Executive Committee
Weeting schedule for calendar year 2022 is January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, September 7, October 6 and November 2. All

meetings will commence at 12:00 p.m., prevailing time, unless otherwise notified. For more information regarding Allegheny County Transit Council meetings,

please contact Port Authority's liaison to ACTC, Government Affairs Liaison Curtis Conrad, at 412.566.5327 or via e-mail at CConrad@PortAuthority.org Diane Williamson Assistant Secretary

NOTICE OF ZONING HEARING
The Mt. Oliver Borough Zoning
Hearing Board has scheduled

the following public hearing on at 6:30 PM. 150 Brownsville Road: 240 Hays Ave. – Appeal by Rite

Aid of Pennsylvania, Inc. of Zoning Permit issued on October 29, 2021 approving fence.

2022 BOROUGH OF BALDWIN MEETING **SCHEDULE** Council Agenda Meetings 2nd Tuesdays @ 7:30pm: January 11

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December 13
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Zoning Hearing Board

3rd Thursdays @7:30: January 20 February 17 March 17 April 21 May 19 June 16 July 21 August 18 September 15 October 20 November 17

December 15 Community Events Advisory Committee 4:30pm: January 31 February 28 March 21 May 23

June 27

July 25 September 26

October 24

November 28
Please contact the Borough
Offices for deadlines to submit materials to the Council, Boards and Commissions and for any changes to the Scheduled Meeting Dates

NOTICE of Date of Monthly Meeting of The Policemen's Relief and Pension Fund of the City of Pittsburgh, PA for the Pursuant to the requirements

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of Act #175 of 1974 known as the Sunshine Law, the meetings of the Board of Managers of the Policemen's Relief and Pension Fund of the City of Pittsburgh for the calendar year 2022 will be held the Second Thursday of each month. All meetings will be held in the office of The Fund, 414 Grant Street Room 922, Pittsburgh, PA. 15219 at 1:00 P.M.

POLICEMEN'S RELIEF AND PENSION FUND OF THE CITY OF PITTSBURGH Paul F. Dugan, Secretary-Treasurer

PUBLIC NOTICE NORTH ALLEGHENY SCHOOL DISTRICT 2022-2023 PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Notice is hereby given by the Board of School Directors of the North Allegheny School District that a proposed preliminary budget for the amount of funds that will be required by the School District in its several departments for the following fiscal year will be the following fiscal year will be presented for adoption at the presented for adoption at the meeting of the Board to be held in the Board Room at the North Allegheny Central Administrative Offices, 200 Hillvue Lane, Town of McCandless, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania, on Wodneday January 24, 2023 Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. At this time and place, a formal poll of votes will be taken, and the budget will be adopted as presented. Upon adoption, official copies will be filed with the Department of Education in

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available for public inspection beginning January 6, 2022, to all persons who may interest themselves, on the District website Printed copies will also be available for review at the Northland Public Library, the municipal buildings in Woods Borough, Park Borough, Bradford Frankini Park Borough,
Marshall Township, and the
Town of McCandless, the
North Allegheny Central
Administrative Offices, and
each of the twelve school
buildings of the North
Allegheny School District
By Order of the Board

By Order of the Board North Allegheny School District Kelly A. Caldwell, Secretary

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Versatile actor is Performer of the Year

By Christopher Rawson Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

ometimes the obvious has to wait. But not forever. Jeffrey Howell, Pittsburgh's longtime, surprisingly varied and often great stage actor, is at last Post-Gazette Performer of the Year, joining the 40 performers named over

This award in live theater compensates for coming late in Howell's career by covering not just one year but two — 2020 and 2021. Given annually since 1984, it was in

2020 when COVID-19 closed live theater. So to an Alabama native who has had a steady professional career since moving here in 1980.

That year, Howell and his wife, Jane, a musician, had finished their training down South and were looking for a new home. While visiting her parents in McKeesport, he contacted a few theaters, secured some immediate auditions, and they are still here.

"I've never stopped working," he told the Post-Gazette several years ago.

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Above: Jeffrey Howell bows on the opening night of his 25th and final season as Bob Cratchit in Pittsburgh CLO's "A Musical Christmas Carol" in December 2019.

Top: Howell performs with Christine Laitta in Pittsburgh Public Theater's production of "Barefoot in the Park" in August in the Allegheny Overlook Pop-Up Park. (Michael Henninger)

Live or online, theaters proved innovative in 2020-21

By Sharon Eberson & Christopher Rawson Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The season of ho ho ho and versions of "A Christmas Carol" is at a close, but the hourglass does not run out on best-of lists until we show our appreciation for Pitts-

burgh theater. Amid COVID-19, local companies have forged ahead online. with offerings such as Pittsburgh CLO's CLOse Ups and PICT Classic Theatre's webinars. We will focus on the best of online and in-person productions, along with some extraordinary measures taken and innovations made during the toughest two years in memory.

Quantum's leap

The consummate local production of 2020-21, on screen or in person, was Quantum Theatre's daring online presentation of "Far Away." The dystopian Caryl Churchill play, co-directed by Karla Boos and filmmaker Joe Seamans, featured the top-notch trio of former PG Performer of the Year Lisa

Velton Smith, her husband, Andrew Smith, and Ingrid Sonnichsen in a harrowing tale that could easily be a best-of "Twilight Zone" episode. Kudos, too, to Quantum for opening the gates to gathering with "The Current War," a world premiere musical by Fox Chapel's Michael Mitnick about George Westinghouse and Thomas Edison, staged under a tent in Westinghouse Park. Quantum's epic journey to producing "An Odyssey" in Schenley Park included audio quests for pandemic hikers and paid off in an innovative version of Homer's ancient poem, set in and around the ice rink.

City Theatre's drive

In the most trying of times, City Theatre was a change leader in local theater. The company created the 2020 Drive-In Arts Festival in Hazelwood and made the job of artistic director a trio, with Clare Drobot and Monteze Freeland joining Marc Masterson. The South Side theater also commissioned "Homegrown Stories" for a virtual audience, in partnership with



Quantum Theatre

Andrew Smith and Lisa Velton Smith starred in the dystopian "Far Away," a Quantum Theatre play directed by Karla Boos and Joe Seamans and filmed for online viewing.

Point Park's Pittsburgh Playhouse, as well as short solo works performed outdoors at the North Side's City of Asylum.

Significant full productions included reimagining Jill Sobule's autobiographical "F*ck7thGrade," a story-driven, drive-in concert that was filmed for an online audience. An all-virtual brand-new holiday show titled "Claws Out: A Holiday Drag Musical," by and starring Shua Potter and Freeland, was a delightful Christmas gift in 2020. And when City came back in person, it was with an ambitious community-based theatrical event, "The Rivers Don't Know," presented at the Playhouse and featuring local immigrants and refugees telling resonant true stories. It was fitting that City brought the curtain down on 2021 by joining Pittsburgh CLO to present Matt Schatz's musical salute to the wacky world of theater-making, "An Untitled New Play by Justin Timberlake."

Public PlayTime

Pittsburgh Public Theater led the way to the world of Zooming, fighting through the grief of closing "American Son" on the eve of opening night. We can thank the Public's PlayTime series of works, some classic, some recent and some commissions by local writers, for weekly theatrical entertainment featuring local and national artists. As we stepped cautiously outside, the Public brought a delightful "Barefoot in the Park' to venues in Downtown and Point

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Versatile actor Jeffrey Howell is Performer of the Year

HOWELL, FROM F-1

Sometimes the jobs piled up. The skilled dependable actor has had several sequences of a dozen acting jobs in just that many months, adding TV and film to his regular appearances in just about every professional theater here.

It's a remarkable record of versatility built on comic chops, dramatic feeling and a golden singing voice. The leader of one major local theater declared recently that few American cities are stronger than Pittsburgh in skilled character actors, with Howell among them. Lead roles come irregularly, but character actors get

Howell's biggest success this year was as an apparent comic eccentric who deepens into a lead — Victor Velasco in Neil Simon's "Barefoot in the Park," which was ambitiously staged by Pittsburgh Public Theater in August, outdoors Downtown in the Allegheny Overlook Pop-Up Park. In a role that could be played just for rumbling comedy, Howell took it further, conveying the emotion beneath the playwright craft.

Also last summer, he played the title role in "The Wizard of Oz," staged by Pittsburgh CLO, also outdoors, at Heinz Field. Among all the Pittsburgh theaters where he's worked, he has most credits at the CLO, with several shows most summers, but especially as Bob Cratchit, Scrooge's beleaguered clerk, in the annual revival of "The Musical Christmas Carol."

No regular Pittsburgh theatergoer can have missed him. Quick memory comes up with his Cogsworth in the CLO's "Beauty and the Beast," one of the raunchy old men in the Public's "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," the Italian father in "Light in the Piazza" for Front Porch Theatricals and a particularly sweet Captain Von Trapp in "The Sound of Music" at Pittsburgh Musical Theater. The list could go on and on

Naming Howell Performer of the Year now is particularly timely because at the end of 2019 he retired from 25 years of playing



Cynthia Harding, left, Jeffrey Howell, Joshua Grosso, Becki Toth and Lindsay Bayer in Front Porch Theatrical's 2015 production of "The Light in the Piazza."

Cratchit. "I've loved every minute of it," he said, "but I really look forward to watching it with my granddaugh-

He remains Cratchit in the video shot in 2018 by WQED-TV. More notoriously, he remains vivid for generations of actors as a great backstage cutup, horsing around with other actors, especially the kids sharing the Dickens world.

Others of note

Among other distinguished performances in 2020-21, we could begin at the very start, pre-COVID-19 panic, with the wizard trio of Martin Giles, Helena Ruoti and John Shepard (all previous Performers of the Year) in Teresa Rebeck's "Downstairs" at City Theatre. And we could end with Lara Hayhurst's remarkable double as a querulous playwright and posturing male pop star in Matt Schatz's "An Untitled New Play by Justin Timber-lake," a City Theatre-CLO a City Theatre-CLO collaboration.



Jerreme Rodriguez, left, Quinn Patrick Shannon and Drew Leigh Wiliams perform in Quantum Theatre's "The Current War" at Westinghouse Park in June.

Along the way there was Sam Tsoutsouvas playing Walt Whitman in and Walt" for Kinetic Theatre, turning Donald Steven Olson's play about meetings with Oscar Wilde into a revelation about a great American poet. Sam Lothard excelled in Mark Clayton Southers' play about Cyril Wecht, turned into a movie with David Whalen and Dr. Wecht

Most unusual was Jerreme Rodriguez as the hapless victim in "The Current War" at Quantum Theatre in Westinghouse Park — a remarkable supporting role that turns out to be the emotional pivot of Michael Mitnick's musical. And how about this: Last month the younger Rodriguez replaced Howell as the CLO's Bob Cratchit.

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Live or online, Pittsburgh theater's best on stage in 2020-21

THEATER, FROM F-1

Perhaps the company's biggest achievement was a reading of "The Importance of Being Earnest" in March 2020, by actors seen from the shoulders up, in those then unfamiliar "Brady Bunch"-like boxes. We didn't know at the time that Zoom would be the pandemic wave in live entertainment, but it was a comfort to know that theater could be open with the click of a few keys.

Barebones' 'Tragedy'

Patrick Jordan's barebones productions has been shuttered all this time, but he is in the midst of renovating his Braddock blackbox to include HVAC safety measures. He also deserves a heap of recognition for creating the online variety show of more than 200 episodes, 'Alone Together Pittsburgh." He also took a play that seems made for TV -Will Eno's winking comedy 'Tragedy: a tragedy" — and directed it for the screen in May 2021.

Kinetic at City

Andrew Paul's Kinetic Theatre found a new home in City's Hamburg Studio Theatre for the U.S. premiere of "Oscar & Walt," an intimate portrayal of an imagined meeting between a voung Oscar Wilde, during his American tour, and the great American poet Walt Whitman (a never better Sam Tsoutsouvas).

2 companies, 1 stage

Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre's Open Air stage was put to good use by others, including Pittsburgh Playwrights Theater Company, producing the out-of-this



Kristi Jan Hoover photos

Danielle Obisie-Orlu and Max Pavel perform in the City Theatre production of "The Rivers Don't Know" at Point Park University's Pittsburgh Playhouse in September.

-world "hypersensitive," an ode to Black Girl Magic by Vanessa German and friends. The stage did double duty when it was moved from Flagstaff Hill to Heinz Field, where Pittsburgh CLO celebrated its 75th summer with "The Wizard of Oz" and a concert featuring Norm Lewis, Robert Fairchild and Joe Serafini. The "Oz" production, seen in the Steelers' home at sunset, was a return to CLO's roots at Pitt Stadium and included Drew Leigh Williams as (the first woman?) Cowardly Lion.

PICT 'As You Like It'

Alan Stanford's PICT Classic Theatre came back to live theater with the Bard's gender-swap comedy at the Fred Rogers Studio in Oakland. The large cast included a mix of veterans -Ken Bolden, Martin Giles, James FitzGerald, Jerreme Rodriguez — and relative newcomers such as Zoe Abuyuan and Gabe DeRose.

Other notables

· Life is a cabaret: Singing couples were featured in Pittsburgh Musical Theater's Artist Spotlight cabarets, under the West End Canopy. For fall 2021, CLO and the Pittsburgh Cultural Trust's Kara Spotlight Series gave us consecutive weekends of cabarets by Allan Snyder, Billy Mason, Caroline Nicolian, Christine Laitta and Drew Leigh Williams. And Tony- and Emmy-nominated Brandon Victor Dixon reopened the Trust Cabaret Series in November 2021.

· Little Lake Theater in North Strabane is taking a step forward for community theater, teaming with the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf to produce a play in both spoken English and American Sign

Language. • City of Asylum portal: Not one production but the home of many, The Show Must Go On(line) is a shared virtual channel created "to connect regional artists and audiences during this time

of crisis." · Back to those "Christmas Carols": Pittsburgh Musical Theater's "A Lyrical Christmas Carol" turned 30 in its first year at PMT's Gargaro Theater, with direction by its original Tiny Tim, Quinn Patrick Shannon.



Julianne Avolio in "An Untitled New Play by Justin Timberlake," a collaboration of City Theatre and Pittsburgh CLO.

You also could listen to PICT's audio version of the Dickens classic on Broadway on Demand, or stream Scott P. Calhoon's solo performance of "One Christmas

Carol" for Prime Stage. Finally, for spectacle and a stage and screen star, it was hard to beat Pittsburgh CLO's "A Musical Christmas Carol," with Richard Thomas as Scrooge. To welcome back audiences, the Byham Theater was decked out in Christmas trees representing 75 years of CLO musicals—a very merry way to usher in a brighter year ahead.

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Great shows you may have missed

By Bethonie Butler The Washington Post

We're at the end of another tough and chaotic year, and it seems particularly important now to find joy wherever and however we can. Here are some of the hidden gems you may have missed amid 2021's well-rounded TV slate.

Only Murders in the Building

Longtime comedy collaborators Steve Martin and Martin Short team up with actress-pop star Selena Gomez in this delightfully macabre comedy about three truecrime obsessives who start a podcast to investigate a grisly murder in their storied New York apartment building. The show, written by Martin and John Hoffman, has more to offer than its intriguing whodunit, unpacking the closely held vulnerabilities of its protagonists: a washed-up actor (Martin), a disgraced Broadway director (Short) and their mysterious young neighbor (Gomez). (Hulu)

Jean-Xavier de Lestrade, the director behind awardwinning documentaries ("Murder on a Sunday Morning," "The Staircase") offers a fictionalized recounting of a true-crime story that gripped France a decade ago — the murder of 18-year-old Laetitia Perrais (played here by Marie Colomb). The critically acclaimed miniseries contextualizes the grim crime within larger tragedies, including misogynistic violence and repeated failures in the country's child welfare system. (HBO Max)

'Harlem'

Meagan Good leads this drama about four friends navigating careers and relationships in a rapidly gentrifying Harlem. The series, from "Girls Trip" co-writer Tracy Oliver, may follow a formula with its successful, contemplative protagonist (Good's character is a professor of anthropology at Columbia



Craig Blankenhorn/Hulu Selena Gomez, Martin Short and Steve Martin play a trio of neighbors in Hulu's "Only Murders in the Building.'

University) and dynamic friend group, but it's a triedand-true one that is only getting more representative of what sex (and life) in the city looks like. (Amazon Prime)

'Starstruck'

New Zealand-bred comedian Rose Matafeo created, cowrote and stars in this charming rom-com about a millennial woman who is shocked and amused to discover she had a one-night stand with a famous movie star (Nikesh Patel) and might actually like him. (HBO Max)

'Indefensible'

Comedian and "Daily Show" alum Jena Friedman highlights disparities and other pitfalls of our criminal justice system while examining murder cases in this thoughtful and incisive documentary series. Friedman told Vulture the show came together after she riffed on the true-crime genre in a pre-pandemic set on "Conan," where she joked that "true crime is kind of feminist—it's the only time the entertainment industrv will take a chance on an unknown female lead." (Sundance TV and AMC Plus)

'The Underground Railroad'

Oscar-winning director Barry Jenkins ("Moonlight") examines the haunting legacy of American slavery through the vivid and surreal lens of Colson Whitehead's 2016 novel. The Emmy-nominated series follows Cora (Thuso Mbedu) after her escape from a Georgia plantation. The violence of slavery and the elusiveness of freedom are depicted in brutal, uncompromising detail, but the show is as intentional about depicting the strength and resolve of Black people. (Amazon Prime)

'Loki'

Watch and re-watch "WandaVision" (it's that good), but Marvel buffs shouldn't sleep on this Tom Hiddleston-led series, which adds a little depth to the fan-favorite villain and offers a trove of clues about where the Marvel Cinematic Universe is headed next. Come for Loki's dark humor and high jinks; stay for a scene-stealing performance by Jonathan Majors ("Lovecraft Country"). (Disney Plus)

'The Sex Lives of College Girls'

Mindy Kaling co-created this comforting and funny series about voung women navigating the newfound freedom (and hot, chaotic messiness) of college. What the show lacks in novelty, it makes up for in insight. "The cheekily titled series works as well as it does because of its central observation: College, despite all its loudly proclaimed opportunities for self-cultivation, often just feels like high school, with higher stakes and far fewer safety nets," Washington Post TV critic Inkoo Kang has written. (HBO Max)

'Yellowjackets'

This Showtime series, like Olivia Rodrigo, knows how brutal it can be to a be a teenage girl. "Yellowjackets" follows the survivors of a 1996 plane crash that killed several members of a high school soccer team. Starring Christina Ricci, Juliette Lewis, Ella Purnell and Melanie Lynskey, the show is part coming-of-age drama and part survival thriller, which has worked well in cult favorites including "Heathers" and "Jennifer's Body" (that film's director, Karyn Kusama, helms the "Yellowjackets" pilot). (Show-

TV highlights

SUNDAY 8 p.m. on DSC **Dirty Jobs**

One of Discovery Networks' most iconic hosts returns in a rehoot of the 2005-13 series that earned him legions of fans as Mike Rowe hosts this revived celebration of the essential workers who make civilized life possible.

8 p.m. on WPXI Kenan

Kenan (Kenan Thompson) signs up with an online matchmaking site for which he may not quite be ready. Meanwhile, former father-in-law Rick (Don Johnson) has an interesting date of his own.

TUESDAY 8 p.m. on WTAE Judge Steve Harvey

Steve Harvey gets to play judge, jury and star of this unconventional new unscripted courtroom comedy. His honor plays by his own rules, basing his rulings on his own life experiences and good old common sense.

WEDNESDAY 8 p.m. on KDKA

The Amazing Race The two-hour season premiere opens as 11 new globetrotting teams leave their homes and travel to London, where they must find actor-surrogates playing Queen Elizabeth and Prime

Minister Boris Johnson "having

a nosh" together. **THURSDAY** 8 p.m. on DSC **BattleBots**

More than 60 teams from around the globe descend upon Las Vegas to compete for the Giant Nut, the biggest prize in the sport of robot fighting, as this hit unscripted series returns for Season 6.

FRIDAY 9 p.m. on WQED

Stars on Stage From Westport **Country Playhouse**

Three of the brightest stars from the world of Broadway are showcased in this new trio of music specials. The first onehour concert spotlights Gavin Creel, who earned a Tony Award for his lively performance in the recent blockbuster revival of "Hello, Dolly!" with Bette Midler.

SATURDAY 9 p.m. on A&E **BTK: Confession of a Serial** Killer



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Buying here



The Swissvale Schoolhouse Condominiums building was built in the early 1900s as the Longfellow School and converted to apartments in the 1980s. In 2016, they became condos.



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The house on Barclay Avenue in Forest Hills sold in a month for \$22,500 over its \$140,000 asking price.



Ron Pudlowski

The house on Brentview Road in Baldwin Borough that features a tiki bar was under contract in a little over a week.

A look at suburban sales and listings in 2021

By Lizabeth Gray Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

hile many Pittsburgh houses sold in 2021, Buying Here properties in the suburbs and outlying counties were slower to sell, especially the unique, expensive ones, some of which remain on the market. But lower-priced homes, especially ones with traditional style, usually sold quickly for close to asking price in this hot pandemic-fueled market.

Western Pennsylvania is home to many Foursquares, sturdy houses mostly built in the early 1900s with four equal-sized rooms on each floor. One on South Harrison Avenue in Bellevue had the added bonus of stylish updates by owners Megan and Gabriel DiCostanzo. They took down a wall that separated the fover from the living room, which features a decorative fireplace and built-in bookshelves. The house was listed in May for \$289,900 and sold in June for \$300,000.

A little local history can help sell an older home. The **Swissvale Schoolhouse Con**dominiums started life 120 years ago as the Longfellow School. Converted to apartments in the 1980s, the stately brick building got a makeover in 2016 from the Mon Valley Initiative and Swissvale Economic Development Corp. Laurie Longenecker's corner condominium has two bedrooms, one bath and tall windows that highlight its open floor plan and her artwork. The condo was on the market for \$208,600 in May but has been removed from the market.

When you have a wonderful house in a beautiful setting, why would you want to leave? The answer is to build another. Still, owner Adam Slade wants to sell his 9,000square-foot-home at 1635 Pegher Lane in Franklin Park first. On the market for \$5,499,000 in October, this grand lady is built of reclaimed stone with six bedrooms, 61/2 bathrooms looking out upon a lake and 19 acres of rolling hills. The great room with its cathedral ceiling and wood-burning fireplace is but a sample of the attention to detail, the desire to create more than a house, to create an experience, that Slade poured into the home. A gracious house that seems to be holding court lakeside.

The two-story, red-brick Colonial on Barclay Avenue in **Forest Hills** had a lot going for it: hardwood floors, a lovely sunroom, a kitchen with lots of cabinet space and a fenced-in backyard with a brick patio. Listed at \$140,000 in mid-February, the property sold a month later for \$162,500.

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Robin DeNoma Photography

The house at 1635 Pegher Lane in Franklin Park sits alone on the shore of a 6-acre manmade lake.



Eileen Allan/Berkshire Hathaway

The house on Circle Street in Perry Township was used to film the movie "The Silence of the Lambs."



Watson family

The house on Quigley Lane by Conneaut Lake was built in the late 1800s or early 1900s.

Best buys: A look at suburban sales and listings in 2021

BUYING, FROM F-4

With so many movies and TV shows filming in Western Pennsylvania, we knew there would be interest in a house that appears in the movie "The Silence of the Lambs." The house on Circle Street in Perry Township is a beautiful Queen Anne with four bedrooms and one bathroom. But would someone pay \$298,500 to live in a place that fictional serial killer Buffalo Bill called home?

The answer is yes, with a twist. Chris Rowan, a 39year-old art director and prop stylist from New Jersey paid nearly \$300,000 for the house but doesn't live there. Instead, he's offering tours or overnight stays for up to four people for \$595 per night at Buffalo Bill's House. He's added a few things: a 6-foot Hannibal Lecter animatronic figure that delivers lines from the movie and a basement workshop for Bill.

A few weeks ago, we wrote about a **Baldwin Borough** house with a beach house feel and a tiki bar. The house on



The Lardin House Inn on McClellandtown Road in Masontown has been a home and a business.

Brentview Road was listed in December for \$279,900 and little over a week later was under contract. The three-bedroom, two-bath house also features an outdoor entertaining area complete with an outdoor kitchen.

Most of us know Conneaut Lake as a favorite

summer spot and amuse-rage. Clad in cedar shingles ment park, but did you know it's also Pennsylvania's largest natural lake? Four generations of Sheree Watson's family have enjoyed the fivebedroom, three-bath house on Quigley Lane with a private dock and potential

rental space over the ga-

and boasting vaulted ceilings and hardwood floors, the century-old house was listed in June for \$987,000. After some updates and touch-ups, it has been relisted for \$1.4 million.

More than a house, the Lardin House Inn is and has been a home, a business



riverfront living.

and a witness to several centuries of the country's history. Popular as a wedding venue, the home features many period architectural details, stylish and elegant. The four-bedroom, 3½-bath house at 1892 McClellandtown Road near Masontown was on the market in May for \$599,900 and remains active, listed with Compass Pennsylvania LLC.

Have you ever felt the urge to live along the river? To look out in the morning and see barges slowly glide by but still be within a rea-

sonably short drive to a major city? The house at 3333 Rainbow Run Road (MLS No. 1515694) in **Forward** is still available. On the market for \$225,000 in October, the property includes two riverfront parcels accessed by a trail that leads to the river's edge and the aluminum boat dock. To the rear of the house is a large wooded area that brings the property to a total of nearly four acres.

Lizabeth Gray: lgray@post-gazette.com.

Horoscope: Georgia Nicols, Jan. 2, 2022

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

Moon Alert: There are no restrictions to shopping or important decisions today. The new moon is exact in Capricorn at 1:33 p.m. to-

Happy Birthday: You are a hardworking, dedicated person. You are also warm and generous to others. You are particularly caring and giving to loved ones. Good news! This is a powerful year for you! Expect recognition and possibly a promotion or an award, because your efforts will be noticed and acknowledged by others, especially people in power.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): This is the best day all year to think about your life direction. Are you headed where you want to go? It's also the perfect day to think about how you can improve your relationship with authority figures. Tonight: Imagine goals. This week: Make future plans.

TAURUS (April 20-May **20):** Today's new moon is the perfect day to think about what travel you might take this year to enrich your life. What further education will improve your job or enhance your world? Tonight: Learn new things. This week: Goodwill and positive inspiration!

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The new moon occurring at the beginning of the year is the perfect time for you to think about how to get out of debt and organize your finances and your relationship with the wealth of others. Tonight: Help someone. This week: You feel en-

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Today's new moon is the perfect opportunity to think about how you can improve your closest relationships. After all, there's always room for improvement. What are a few things you might do? Tonight: Listen. This week: Cooperation with others is rewarding.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Use today's new moon to think about how to get better organized. Not only can you get better organized in your day-to-day world, but also you can get better organized in your approach to how to improve your health. Tonight: Work. This week: Get in touch with what moti-

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept.

22): As this year begins, consider the balance you have in your life between work and play. (We are more work-oriented than people in Europe but less work-oriented than people in Japan.) Tonight: Socialize! This week: You are creative!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Today's new moon makes today a great day to think about how you can improve your home so you like it better and it functions better. Likewise, how can you improve your relations with family members? Tonight: Family discussions. This week: Harmony at home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Human beings are gregarious creatures. We need to be seen and to see others. We also need to talk to each other. This stimulation is necessary. Today's new moon is the perfect opportunity to think about your style of communicating with others. Tonight: Make plans. This week: A sense of togetherness

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The new moon today is a great chance to think about your money scene. What are your earnings? What are your expenditures? How does your financial report card look? Meanwhile, are you taking care of what you own? Or do your possessions own you? Tonight: Tidy up. This week: You feel hopeful!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Today the new moon is in your sign. The next new moon in your sign will be Dec. 23. These are two of the best days of the year to take a realistic look in the mirror and ask yourself what you can do to improve

the image you offer to your world. Tonight: Be friendly. This week: Confident and uplifting!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): This is the perfect day for some quiet time if you can find a way to give yourself this treat. Meditation, yoga, a walk or time spent alone will give you a chance to ground yourself and sort out some priorities. Tonight: Solitude. This week: It's easy to relate to others.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The new moon today is a perfect time to think about the friends that you have. Do you hang out with quality people? Do your friends have vour back? Friendships are important. Studies indicate good friendships can actually promote your health. Tonight: Share goals. This week: Socialize with friends!

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Don't unload on relatives not doing business with stepson

By Amy Dickinson Tribune Content Agency

Dear Amy: I have been married to "Bev" for 14 years. She is wonderful. It is a second marriage for both of us.

Her son, "Cliff," is like a son to me, and I love him very much. The problem is that my wife's family, who all live locally, seem to think of Cliff as something other than being immediate family. Cliff is a real estate agent. He is part-owner of a company and a real estate broker.

Cliff works extremely hard to make a living, and yet he has several family members who will not use his services. His first cousin refused to use him while buying and selling numerous houses, to the tune of approximately \$225,000 in lost revenue for Cliff. Cliff has a wife and two children and certainly could use the money.

The same exact thing happened five years ago, and my wife did not talk to her sister or niece for almost three years because of it. They are very snobbish and don't include us in their gatherings.

I am fed up with it and want to unload on the bunch of them, including the parents who I think are partly to blame for this whole situation.

As it stands right now, I do not want any of them in my house at all. However, I feel if I did unload, it would mean that my wife would end up losing whatever relationship she now has with her sister and niece. What do you think I should do?

- Furious Stepdad **Dear Furious**: I believe vour choice to frame this business situation as "lost revenue" is a little misleading. In my opinion,

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this is not lost revenue (because he never had the revenue to start with), but potential income.

This makes a difference, because you seem to see this as business that was taken from "Cliff" vs. business that was not offered to him.

Your loyalty toward him is laudable, but before you choose to unload, you should carefully consider the consequences. First of all, acting out would not benefit him, and it might actually hurt him.

If this family of snobbish locals chooses to retaliate, they could badmouth his business. which relies strongly on good referrals and great reviews. Furthermore, your choice to unload would likely damage your wife's relationship with her family further.

Cliff will have to build up his business through other means, and there might be more positive ways you can help aside from punishing these family members. If your wife wants to completely break with her kin, she should make that move on her own, and you should support her.

Dear Amy: Is it ever right to give unsolicited advice to a loved one if you say in advance that they are free to take your advice, or not?

For instance, is it right to offer said advice in a case where you see the train wreck coming and you would never forgive yourself if you did not try to avert it?

- Asking for a Friend Dear Asking: A few words about advice: Anyone is always free to "take or not take" advice, solic-

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ited or otherwise. Keep that very much in mind.

I have a quote scrawled on a Post-It note over my desk: "Unsolicited advice is always self-serving." For instance, your desire to warn someone away from a speeding train allays your own anxiety; it might also give you some "told you so" satisfaction later.

Unsolicited advice can also negatively affect your relationship with the person to whom you're offering it, because it seems intrusive and personal. That having been said, if you see a train bearing down on a loved one, yes, you should warn them. Just don't expect them to necessarily heed your warn-

You can offer up your advice by essentially asking the other person to invite it. For instance, "I have a point of view regarding your personal situation. May I share it with you?" If the other person says, "Yes, go ahead," they're more likely to hear what you say.

Dear Amy: "Tired and Taxed" said his wife had hidden many of her financial assets while continuing to accept his financial support for the running of the household.

Thank you for suggesting that he call a lawyer. Some forensic accounting is called for, and her response to the idea of a 'post-nup" could give him an important clue concerning the future of their marriage.

- Supportive Husband Dear Supportive: I agree.

Email Amy Dickinson at askamy@amydickinson.com or send a letter to Ask Amy, P.O. Box 194, Freeville, NY 13068.

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Robert Gallagher to Kerry Paul Zhang, 112 Washington Pl Apt 18E, \$123,750.

Zhenyun Tang to Xingman Li and Yibo Wang, 3345 Parkview Ave., \$290,000.

6th Ward Harold Blumenfeld to Hudson Smallman , industrial site, 2929 Smallman St.,

\$2,800,000.

7th Ward Noah Jordan to Elizabeth Oczypok, 5406 Aiken Pl, \$509,000. Devendra Singh Chaplot to Ronald and Susan Elaine Ehrentraut 5 Bayard Road Apt 214, \$180,000. Israel Perlov to Frederick Layton and Lauren Ever-

ett, 5850 Centre Ave. Apt 415, \$195,000.

National Builders & Acceptance Corp. to RP2ALL LLC, 322 Amber St., \$518,916.

Zachary Liss to Brandon Berry, 260 42nd St. Apt 2, \$227,500. David Farkas to Sydney Joseph and Andrea Adams, 4108 Foster St., \$414,000. Jonathan Knowton to Amanda Lenore Hovest, 4215 Post St., \$250,000.

10th Ward

5515 Butler Street Development L.P. to Dominick Anthony Motto and Ashley Rader, 5557 Berlin Way, \$597,770. 5515 Butler Street Development L.P. to Mark and Robin Exler, 5581 Berlin Way, \$634,900. 5515 Butler Street Development L.P. to Eric An drew Benzino, 5583 Berlin Way, \$482,923. Stanley Pittler to Cassandra and Heidi Smith 5416 Camelia St. \$393,000, F & O. Realty LP. to Greypond LLC, 4918 Dearborn St., \$36,900. RD Real Estate Debt Fund II LP. to Herbert Gary Greene and Robyn Jane Bottoni, 5229 Duncan St.

11th Ward

Robert Reintgen to Monarch Properties Fresno LLC, 725 Chislett St., \$310,000. Anita Swamy to Kathryn Kulla, 844 Heberton St., \$175,000. Zachary Grant to Charles and Caroline Doud, 1014 N Euclid Ave., \$735,000. Patrick Ward III to David Stem and Zelda Dahl, 1416 N Euclid Ave., \$770,000.

12th Ward

Larry Ruffin to GEB Investment Partners LLC, property, Aubum St., \$45,000. Ernest Ruffin to GEB Investment Partners LLC, property, Aubum St., \$40,500. Larry Ruffin to GEB Investment Partners LLC, 122 Auburn St., \$70,000, Estate of Robert Ruffin to GEB Investment Partners LLC, 132 Aubum St., \$40,500. Mike Barlow to GEB Investment Partners LLC. Unknown Address, \$40,500. David Ray to Brouman Holdings L.P., industrial site, 6501 Hamil-ton Ave., \$160,000. James Williams Jr. to Adem Erkam Kose, 7216 Hilliards St., by sheriff's deed \$7,000.

13th Ward

William Griffin to Guy Alphonse, 1037 Lawndale St., \$25,000. Allen Gauge & Tool Co. to Alpha 5 L.P., industrial site, 421 N Braddock Ave., \$12,000. Allen Gauge & Tool Co. to Alpha 5 L.P., industrial site, 421 N Braddock Ave., \$100,000.

14th Ward

Steven Fink to Henry Evan Wade Greeley and Deenah Farrell, 6324 Alderson St., \$480,000. John Buss Jr. to Faisal Jawdat and Aleecia McDonald, 1296 Denniston St., \$775,000. Joel Svensson to Bradley and Debra Wilson, 7726 Forbes Ave., \$338,000. Kenneth Ward to Kenneth Ward III. 1131 Goodman St., \$160,000, National Builders & Acceptance Corp. to RP2ALL LLC, 582 Peebles St., \$4,240,792. Frank Morabito to Wolfpack Investment Group LLC, 1226 Pocono St., \$125,000. Michelle Scott to Patricia McClure, 1246 Pocono St., \$160,000. Etoile LLC to Bonnie Butts trustee, 126 Richland Ln, \$910,000. Roy Frye to Gregory Mirles and Maranda Dynda, 6580 Rosemoor St., \$362,000. Neal Scoratow to RP2ALL LLC, 575 S Braddock Ave., \$2,952,299.

15th Ward

Jennifer Louise Valentino to Benjamin Korman and Katherine Caringola, 10 Denmarsh St., \$191,000. Lillian Carter to Benjamin Lee, 38 Exeter St., \$250,000. Estate of James Deasy to Helen Deasy, 707-709 Exeter St., \$57,400, Shirley Riemann to Mathew Austin Newmeyer, 4858 Giddings St., \$7,000. Charles Christen Jr. to Mat thew David Ricks and Riley Paul Kimball, 5019 Lytle St., \$135,000. Jirapom Rittymanee to Matthew Austin Newmeyer, property, Nansen St., \$2,000. Frances Hoffman trustee to Ethan Swanson and Gabrielle Perez, 4242 Stanley St., \$237,000.

16th Ward

Dale Edward Greives to Nathan Maxwell Offutt, 2904 Devlin St., \$86,000. Hajjah Holdings LLC to Adam and Tiffany Abrahms. ings LLC to Adam and Irriany Abrahms, 2812 Edwards Way, \$115,000. RE 360 Construction LLC to Tara Douglass, 1222 Eleanor St., \$155,000. Hajjah Holdings LLC to Adam and Tiffany Abrahms, 2709 Josephine St., \$215,000. RE 360 SS Partners 10 LP. to Adam and Tiffany Abrahms, 2828,0240. Josephine St., \$215,000. 2838-2840 Josephine St., \$295,000. James Orkwis to Collaque Properties LLC, 2406 Leticoe St., \$33,000. John Merriman to LNR Renovations Crew LLC. 2840 Mary St., \$110,000. Brian Young to Xin Jin and Shanyue Zhao, 2120 Spring St., \$202,500.

17th Ward

Drew Ziccardi to Stoopkids LLC, industrial site, 428 Bingham St., \$390,000. Estate of Mary Kay Halsac to Cassiopeia Investment Group II Ltd., 1819 Harcum Way, \$200,000. Brian Fisher to James Sheldon, 63 S 14th St., \$175,000. Brian Liddy to Evan Krieger, 1922 St. Paul St., \$335,000. RE 360 SS Partners 6 L.P. to Adam and Tiffany Abrahms, 1403 Sarah St., \$75,000. Benjamin Cohen to 2020 Sarah Street LLC, 2020 Sarah St., \$280,000, William Jav O'Brien Jr. to Harry and Marianne Neel, 1806 Wharton St., \$75,000.

18th Ward

Peter Anthony Otero to Brendon and Kari Rawlings, 14 Beltzhoover Ave., \$199,900. PGH City Holdings LLC to Colin Dawson and Arielle Emi Cepeda, 69 Beltzhoover Ave., \$211.500.

19th Ward

Wissam El-Kassis to Julian Pikras, 705 Brookline Blvd., \$275,800, James Hartline browline Bwd., \$273,800. Jaines riadine to Emily Perry, 1215 Creedmoor Ave., \$167,500. Michael Stein to DLM Investments LLC, 142 E Sycamore St., \$210,000. Mark Jennings to Jose Castro and Delmy Reyes, 1840 Fair Acres Ave., \$27,500. Grace Caracci to All Money In Investing LLC, 1623, Sellowfield, Ave. vesting LLC, 1623 Fallowfield Ave., \$80,000. Dustyn Pastors to Adam Polinak, 154 Gaskell St., \$225,000. George Dawson to Diversified Residential Homes 2 LLC. 2928 Knowlson Ave., \$215,000. Michael

Reesor to Barr Property Development Inc., 115 Olympia St., \$250,000. Douglas Patterson trste to SFR 3 030 LLC, 1818 Plainview Ave. \$100,000. Frin Remaley to William Carper Jr. and Eleanor Hagerman, 1538 Tonapah Ave., \$149,900. Maurice Nemberg to Paul William and Kathleen Gail Kibbe, 106 Whitworth St., \$158,500.

Real estate transfers

20th Ward

Brandon Bonwell to Stephen Ray Shick, 1401 Jeffers St., \$150,000. Estate of Carolyn Shiring to Donald Jackson, 226 Steuben St., \$22,140. Quentin Trisler to Strategic Developments LLC, 142 Violet Way, \$45,756. Jerome Steck III to Green Calk Capital LLC, 504. Withman St. Oak Capital LLC, 504 Wittman St., \$20,000

21st Ward

Cardello Family Partn. to Allegheny County Sanitary Authority, office building, 401 N Point Drive, \$2,432,300.

23rd Ward

East Allegheny Community Council Inc. to David Stacy, property, Tripoli St., \$8,241.

24th Ward

Sharyn Kuebbing to Community Reinvestment Partners LLC, 1135 Brabec St., \$12,000. William Kolicius to Gregory Andrew Powell, 1001 Haslage Ave., \$42,000. Hannah Dobbs to Solar System Coopera tive, 19 Solar St., \$19,680. Jonathan Mar tin to Solar System Cooperative, 21 Solar St., \$34,686. Katharyn Gaslowitz to Solar System Cooperative, 25 Solar St., System \$62,484.

25th Ward

Jackson Baker to Robert Najim and Christine Warden, 1433 Federal St., \$482,000. TS Real Estate Group LLC to TM Real Estate Group LLC, property, 17 Lane Way, \$1,107. Brian Rose to Peter Lennon and Wayne Savage, 1430 Sandusky St. \$245,000.

26th Ward

SFR3 LLC to Travis Wanner, 105 Dunlap St., \$55,000. Real Estate Solutions TR LLC to Craig and Josephine Ege, 131 Marshall Ave., \$432,500. ANR Properties LLC to CL45 MW REO 1 LLC, 4617 Mt. Troy Road Ext. by sheriff's deed \$6,932. Douglas Ext., by sherriff's deed \$6,932. Douglas Costa to Peny Hilltop Fam LLC, property, Perrysville Ave., \$13,500. Joshua Fischer to Ryan Dunbar, 361.6 Perrysville Ave., \$325,000. Charles O'Neill to Patrick McGhen and Kimberly Auth, 166 Van Buren St., \$267,500, James Wally to Silver Rock perties PA1 LLC, 239 Watson Blvd.,

27th Ward

Big B Rowland 3787 LLC to Hygher Hyghts Realty LLC, commercial property, 2650 California Ave., \$150,000, J & K Real Estate Property LLC to Wendell and Janet Martin, institutional site, 3527 California Ave., \$175,000. Homes4Comfort LLC to William and Neela Manley trustee, 3538 Fleming Ave., \$236,000. Brian Miller to Thomas and Mindy Barr, 3741 Hiawatha St., \$188,200. Paul Vloek to Anthem Properties LLC, 3816 Wealth St., \$133,000.

28th Ward

Frieda Antignani to HQLT Rentals LLC, 1012 Idlewood Ave., \$55,000. Matthew Coleman to Marie Griffin, 88 Martera PI, \$275,000. Clint Skillen to Mohamad Arafah and Huda Alsamsam, 1566 Obey St., \$43,000. John Daly to Daly Ventures LLC, Unknown Address, \$34,440.

29th Ward

Barry Stolar to Diversified Residential Homes 2 LLC, 212 Nuzum Ave., \$153,000. Brenton Barefoot to Three Rivers Homes LLC, 241-243 Spencer Ave... \$74,500.

30th Ward

Valley Vestitures Inc. to Trevon Angulo, 211Charles St., \$110,000.

31st Ward

George Luke Bell Jr. to Marigold Properties LLC, 5048 Delehanty St., \$71,709. George Luke Bell Jr. to Marigold Properties LLC, 5131 Delford St., \$69,618. George Luke Bell Jr. to Marigold Properties LLC, 1208 Elwell St., \$63,099. Gabriel Kooreman to Diversified Residential Homes 2 LLC, 923 Lindberg Ave., \$162,000.

32nd Ward

Roots Property Solutions Inc. to Michael and Lesley Boscarino, 1588 Brookline Blvd \$240,000

Aspinwal

Daniel Hido to Christopher Sheridan and Kirsten Victoria Clemens, 119 Fourth St., \$340,000. Melissa Tenenini Whalen to Laura Seifert, 918 Center Ave., \$266,000. Ronald Briney to George and Gwen Dakis, 134 W Eighth St., \$295,000.

Protestant Episcopal Diocese Pittsburgh Board T to 336 S Home LLC, institutional site, 336 S Home Ave., \$250,000. Bram Partners LP. to James and Carly Helt, 1011 Sedalia Ave., \$206,186. **Baldwin Borough**

Joseph Frankert to Anthony Weisenburger, 5666 Fifth St., \$57,000, Brian Jon Bodnar to Michael Pischke and Katherine Lucas, 5391 Hacienda Drive, \$219,900. Joan Schmidt to South Hills Real Estate LLC. 5225 Ranchview Drive, \$140,000. Sara Obringer to Matthew Robert and Leslie Ann Skirving, 3740 Willett Road, \$190,000.

Justin Ackerman to Joseph Stephen Cappeta and Elizabeth Wasserman, 252 Hi-lands Ave., \$570,000. Unity Properties LLC to Anthony and Alanna Jantzi, 7530 Perrys-ville Ave., \$339,900.

Brenda Spradlin to Carl Nelson, 628 Ark-

wood Drive, \$161,500. Leisa Esposito to Serena Rounds, 5313 Chestnut St., \$175,000. K & M Residential LLC to Eric Daniel Yobbi and Emily Grace Gelman, 988 Copsewood Drive, \$275,000. NVR Inc. to Michael Chase Rohbeck and Ross John Rohibeck III, 2439 Demare Drive, \$495,005. Neil Larimer to Nicholas and Rebecca Byt-ner, 5647 Glen Hill Drive, \$324,999. Joseph Marecic to Arny Blosel, 5811 Glen Hill Drive, \$365,000. Margaret Ziefel to Mi-chael and Marina Mezhinsky, 6136 Kings School Read, \$230,100. Heather Pavia to School Road, \$230,100. Heather Pavia to ET Inc., 5493 Library Road Apt 14, \$177,000. Patrick Herward to Kaitlyn Wall, 1155 Logan Road, \$235,000. Anthony Konopka to David Broderick and Ronica Craig, 2730 Mesta St., \$102,500. FC Bethel LLC to Mark and Sally Ruby, property, 2505 N Lightwood Ave., \$1,892. James Forsyth to Yog Prasad Nepal and Leela Chauhan, 253 Palomino Drive, \$610,000. CDH Homemaker to George \$610,000. CDH Homemaker to George and Tiffany Keenan, 558 Rolling Green Drive, \$320,000. Rosemary Cipollone to David Seymour Stucker Jr., 2300 Sylvania Drive, \$255,000. William Slade to Kuang Yen and Chia Pin Yu, 5217 Texas Ave., \$251,000.

Brackenridge

Braddock

Brentwood

Chapel West Property Management LLC to Brackenridge Holdings LLC, 1064 Third Ave., \$61,131. Burt Hromy to Charles and Tammy Lynes, 722 Kentucky St., \$55,000. Chapel West Property Management LLC to Brackenridge Holdings LLC, 712 Laurel Ln, \$52,029. Leah Schellinger to Brian Michael Shumaker and Amber Kiersten Lang 920. Shumaker and Amber Kiersten Lang, 920 Morgan St., \$145,000. Penn Crest 2 LLC to Robert Gion, 804 Ohio St., \$120,000. James Schafer to Bethani Decroo, 1132 Pacific Ave., \$90,000.

Matthew Carmona to Peachtree Assoc. LLC, 505 Camp Ave., \$11,000.

Glassport

Michael Milos to FHT Realty LLC, 724 Ohio

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Estate of Robert Rock to Joy Dunwoodie,

Gary Chabala to Kathleen Marie Bernhardt, 324 St. Clair St., \$142,900.

115 Kaplan Ave., \$111,000, Gary Wilson

to Aaron Edward Johnson, 109 Sceneridge Ave., \$245,000. Richard Dillard Jr. to

Vinchenzo Volpe, 3241 Villawood Ave.,

\$174,000.

Bridgeville

Robert Sorchilla to Christopher Ruppenthal and Amanda Hanbury, 329 Seventh Ave., \$215,000. Ryan Jospeh Curtin to Danielle Christine Shuster, 524 Flynn Ave., \$212,000. Charles Kovach to Lodha Prop erties LLC, 790 Highland Ave., \$135,000. Michael Ciaramello to John Austin and Lori Cook, 146 Mountain Drive, \$227,000.

Castle Shannon

Donald Bitters trste to Davolis Construction LLC, 931 Baldwin St., \$143,500. Justin McAninch to Daniel Scott and Gretchen Fitzgerald, 1031 Hastie Road, \$215,000. Earl Buettner to Pittsburgh Property Group LLC, 3547 Library Road, \$35,000. Phillip Blose to Diversified Residential Homes 2 LLC, 3109 May St., \$180,000. James Vollberg to ZMJ Holdings LLC, 1435 Orr Drive, \$143,330. Earl Martin Jr. to H & P Partners LLC, office building, 918 Park Ave., \$475,000. Joseph Michael Geronimo to Abby Koval, 102 Saxonwald Ln, \$157,000. Rella LLC to Samuel Abbott III and Judith Abbott, 3376 Sycamore Drive, \$220,000. David Lorenzini to Donald Paul McFarland, 3250-3256 Waverly St., \$425,000.

Ashok Mundra trste to Lucas Spieler and Jessica Slater-Spieler, 230 Fairview Ave. \$34,000. Karl Kutz to Duque Management Group LLC, 115 Parkway Ave., \$97,000.

Ryan Cooper to Patrick James Briney, 121 S Atlantic Ave., \$187,000. William Paterson to Zachary Aretz, 1105 Gary Ave., \$96,000. Dwight Solomon to Inversiones Yale 2020 LLC, 213 Halcomb Ave., \$23,000. West PA Holdings LLC to

Guillaume Mnacko, 243 Massachusetts Ave., \$34,000. Kirk Yogan to Jake Bartko, 334 Mitchell Ave., \$7,200. Estate of Helen Maksin to Peter and Michele Collura, 552 Thompson Ave., \$57,500. Collier Michael Kielman to Michael Anthony and Alyshia Ciaramello, 258 Ewing Road, \$325,000. Scott Harris to Karen Lynn Behling, 625 Hilton Cir. \$260,000, Marie

Harbin trustee to Francis Gruden III and Patti Gruden, 5 Summer Drive, \$181,000. Matthew Mastarone to Rege Anthony Molyneaux, 4009 Thoms Run Road, \$850,000. NVR Inc. to Michael Alan and Lauren Marie Flick, 1226 Trailside Drive, \$474,970. Sheetz Inc. to CSP Investments Inc., service station or oil storage site, 1297 Washington Pike, \$1,400,000. Coraopolis Charles Dawson to Graebel Relocation Services Worldwide In, 1888 Cliff St., \$170,000. Graebel Relocation Services Worldwide In to Matthew Richard and Carla

Jean Stevens Bloodgood, 1888 Cliff St., \$170,000. Estate of Joseph Bruzzese to Bonifera LLC, 618 School St., by sheriff's deed \$55,000.

Estate of Raymond Neal Dodson to Michael Szabo, 576 Broadhead Ave., \$125,000. Kathleen Rumski to Ryan Socol, 88 Kingston Ave., \$110,000. Emily Katelyn Farmer to Patricia Cortese, 63 Parke St., \$167,500. Chartiers Columbian Assn. to BDG Enterprises LLC, recreational facility,

10 W Crafton Ave., \$70,000.

Alyssa Opsatnik to Diversified Residential

Homes 2 LLC, 985 Glenhayes Drive, \$215,000. Dormont James Paulick to Anthony Judice, 3040 Earlsmere Ave., \$405,000. Conor McCaskey to Jack and Svetlana Skalican, 3225

Gaylord Ave., \$325,000.

Dravosburg William Blake to Carol Bowman, 214 Fifth

St., \$85,000. East McKeesport

Geannine Robertson to Saverio Marra, property, Larimer Ave., \$1,725. Richard Stevenson to Daniel Thomas Raible, 1152 Park Ave., \$40,000. Richard Stevenson to Daniel Thomas Raible, 1154 Park Ave., \$40,000

Annette Dabbs to Rvan and Emily Ochman. 414 Maple Ln, \$589,000. Charles Jacobs to Eric and Teresa Dusch, 321 Woodland Road, \$1,050,000.

Elizabeth Borough Joshua Joel Dibernardo to Brandon Brown

Ave., \$154,900. Elizabeth Township Edward Gronlund to Andrew Stokan, 2410 Canterbury Drive, \$141,000. Jeffrey Rhodes to Darian and Christine West, 439 Riddes to Darial and Chistine West, 439 Cedar Drive, \$333,999. Estate of Darrell Railingshafer to Genevieve Senovich, 834 Everglade Drive, \$185,000. Estate of Robert Roberts to Mitchell Kelly and Rachel Bales, 328 Lincoln Hall Road, \$170,000. Pandor Properties LLC to Alexandra Ann

and Amanda Bartholomew, 228 Center

\$170,000

Chapel West Property Management LLC to Etna Post LLC, institutional site, 335 Butler St., \$139,728. Christopher locco to Douglas Hall Jr., 47-49 Kittanning St.,

Bengtson, 1208 Summerset St.,

Findlay

Nicholas Mauro to Max and Carolyne Feldman, property, Flaugherty Run Road, \$222,500. Douglas Sleva to Amber Peck, 123 Robert St., \$287,000. Maronda Foun-dation to Youthtowne LLC, real estate, 152 Youthtowne Road, \$1,000,000. Forest Hills

452 Pacific Ave., \$235,150. George Schultz trustee to K & S Taishoku LLC, 148

Maria Trupiano to Andrew Ernst and Brittany Prugh, 7004 Grant St., \$159,000.

Ley Jr. and Meredith Ward Ley, 101 Spring-

Baylor Long to Michael and Jennifer Logan,

Aaron Morris to W Carson and Courtney Lynn Gordon, 104 Shannon Drive, \$700,000. John Mendeloff to Michael Paul

Franklin Park

house Ln, \$657,525.

Fox Chapel

Clayton Dennis Rask to Zacariah Paul Norman, 1589 Amdt Road, \$260,000. Andrew Giallonardo to Nihar Raiul Sheth and Nistha Baxi, 1902 Georgetown Drive, \$320,500. Hui Wang to Joshua and Chelsey Honhold, 1606 Heritage Drive, \$485,000. Roman Kharkovski to Yangwen Zhang and Liangya Pi, 1559 King Charles Drive, \$430,000. Brian Deklever to James and Rosemary Davis, 2587 Matterhorn Drive, \$370,000. Shawn Marek to Katie Boris, 2277 Meadow Road, \$400,000. Michael Papp to JJT Holdings LLC, property, Nicholson Road, \$11,000. Jeffrey Bolinger to John Robinson and Allison Kuipers, 2468 Wedgewood Drive. \$670.888.

Ave., \$24,000.

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Green Tree

Douglas Randolph to Achieva Support, 235 Arla Drive, \$163,959. Adam Stout to Curtis Taylor Neishloss, 1 McMonagle Ave., \$323,111. Estate of Hampton Todd to James Lee McKinstry, 106 Reed Drive, \$245,000.

Hampton

David Smith to Kathleen Oswald, 3134 Cheltenham Ct, \$36,765. George Chapman to Mark Verosky and Emma Crane, 3365 Cramlington Drive, \$301,000. Steven Goodman to Jeffrey and Melissa Parton 3248 Hometon Oklo Price Berkey, 3248 Hampton Oaks Drive, Berkey, 3248 Hampton Oaks Drive, \$715,000. Michael Bosley to Olivia Swier-gol, 4333 Hemlock Cir, \$202,000. Chaoyuan Kuang to John Szymusiak and Elizabeth Sensenig, 3861 Oakbrook Ct, \$575,000. Jeffrey Berkey to Brian and Lyndsey Vanluik, 4262 Old New England Road, \$550,000. Debra Alderman to Ryan Fazio, 4039 Old Route 8, \$100,500. Law-rence Zang to David and Angela Hotovec, 3031 Wildwood Road Ext., \$200,000. Estate of Paul Henninger to Paula Henninger, 2872 Woodland Cir, \$175,000.

Harmar

Gary Smeltzer to Camaplan, 515 Terrace Drive, \$14,000.

Harrison

Jeffrey Pogas to Michael Boehler and Woodrow Gillespie, 1521 First St., \$87,000. Anh Ngoc Thi Tran to Thong Nguyen and Susan Thao Tran, 2127 Adams St., \$18,000. Brian Faltot to Clarence and Susan Madigan, 303 McWilliams Drive, \$189,900. Deborah Martinka to Phillip John and Michelle Martinka, 303-305 Oak St., \$82,000. Quentin Beere to Tyrone Woody, 68-70 Walnut St., \$11,000.

Havsville

Mary Ann Karcher to Steven and Barbara Porter trustee, 46 South Ave., \$105,000. Estate of Florence Westehoff to Rose Ann Schoedel, 74 South Ave., \$19,876.

NVR Inc. to Serpil and Abdulkadir Erturk, 4021 Johns Ct, \$272,795. Joy Kealey to Edward and Karina Chavez, 6 Margaret St., Edward and Kanna Chawez, 6 Margaret St., \$220,000. Lalkeview Loan Servicing ILC to Mangesh Khedikar Inc., 408 McDade Ln, \$35,101. Rita HeiryYost to Wesley and Amanda Mincey, 2010 Mohican Ct, \$400,000. Richmont Estates LP. to NVR Inc., condominium property, 3001-3009 Olivtre Drive, \$232,500.

Kathryn Potts to Gary Borneman, 1417 Collins Ave., \$127,500. Doriesue Marie Walker to Ryan and Barbara Broley, 1201 Decker St., \$144,000.

Patricia Derzipilski to Scott Allen Chappell and Donna May McGinnis, 174 Connie Park Drive, \$237,113. Jalit Tuchinda trustee to Pele Kennedy LLC, institutional site, 596 Pine Hollow Road, \$500,000. Matthew Hensler to Brandon Lohr, 105 Starling Drive, \$231,700. Christopher Lepore to Rachid Seabron, 30 Williams Drive, \$375.000.

James Janaszek to Peter and Helen Cafarelli, 115 Eckert St., \$220,000.

Benoit Raybaud to Suresh Babu and Sravanthi Durisheti, 628 Chilliwack Ln, \$671,100. Mary Hawley to Jeffrey Lape and Sharon Camhi, 619 Edison Drive, \$365,000. Kristy Graciano-Sosso to Rich ard Phelps III and Alessi Phelps, 424 McKean Drive, \$810,000. Helen Krause Ranzinger trustee to Millvale Sportsmen's Club, property, State Gamelands Road, \$200,000. Joann Demarco to Millvale Sportsmen's Club, agricultural land, 4124 State Gamelands Road, \$560,000.

Jack Dickson trustee to Jack Dickson II, 907 Amaryllis Drive, \$120,000. Michael Kuna to Kyle and Mary Sidebotham, 1140 Avon Ct, \$319,900. Nigel Blackmore to David and Janet Haser, 9495 Babcock Blvd., \$690,000. Michael Leap to Thomas and Michelle Hosack, 894 Beacon Ln, \$415,000. E. Frederick Graf III to David Usher and Vail Weller, 9780 Brant Ave., \$325,000. Laurie Dennis to Angelica Singh, 10091 Bristol Ct, \$350,000. Estate of Paul Zeller to Arthur and Carol Wooley, 1800 Foxcroft Ln Apt 1004, \$175,000. Kevin Rogers to Michael Paravati and Christina Gorski. 928 Meadow Crest Drive. \$415,000. Anthony Martrano to Andrew and Elizabeth Creighton, 1237 Regency Drive. \$351.000. John Ciganek to Ashlev Reasey, 9813 Three Degree Road, \$230,000.

McKees Rocks

Allegheny County Redevelopment Authority to B24 Group LLC, 330 Bell Ave., \$8,000. RP Schneider LLC to PGH Investors Group LLC, 755 Frederick St. Fmt, \$70,000. Estate of Irvin Cross to Westburgh Holdings LLC. 1206 Holmes St., \$25,000.

McKeesport

Adalgisa Pillera to Cuong To and Tram Nguyen, 41.5 30th St., \$74,000. Jan Soltis to VB One LLC, 423 Archer St., \$66,000. John Price to Alayna Tolbert, 517 Chauncey Cir, \$175,000. Louise Malego to Joffre Munoz and Nancy Matheus, 2094 Ripple Road, \$2,000. Riverview Development LLC to FHT Realty LLC, 2603 Riverview St., \$20,000.

Estate of James Hughes to Tri-Cog Land Bank, 252 Azalea Drive, by sheriff's deed \$38,191, William Maurizio Jr. to Nikhil Rao \$35,19.1 William Madrizo Jr. to Nikrili Mac and Shilpa Nagarkar, 184 Blue Grass Cir, \$245,000. Hari Thiruvengada to Zewdu and Kerry-Ann Beru, 124 Coventry Ct, \$355,000. Stephen Paul Pink to Jaison and Dauntay Jones, 136 Donley Drive, \$250,000. Estate of William Melnichak to Derian Palmar and Julia Levies Storff 1376. Darian Palmer and Julia Louise Skoff, 1376 Foxwood Drive, \$220,000. Maplecrest LLC to NVR Inc., property, Unknown Address, \$83,300. Theresa Mary Litzinger to Kaitlyn Delancey, 4805 Lolly Drive, \$192,500. Dominic Spinazzola to Jason Anthony Miller and Kristyn Kinner, 2022 McKinney Road. \$125,000. Paul Starke trste to James and Reina Gardner, 205 McMasters Drive, \$138,000. CBL Monroeville 2 LLC to Pittsburgh PA VA 2021 LLC, commercial property, Unknown Address, \$3,457,500. Richard Rubin to Albert Rizzo III, 4910 Point Circle Drive, \$166,000.

Moon

Cynthia Vasbinder to Craig Burton and Lauren Grable, greenhouse, Brodhead Road, \$25,000. Alan Bacher to Michael and Kelly Evans, 1605 Craig Ct, \$500,000. Carter Spruill to Tenyle Hardy-Commodore, 1776 Hassam Road, \$349,900. Ian Rabinek to Timothy James and Alyssa Brooke Kawiecki, 202 Lytton Road, \$285,000. Stephanie Lattanzio to Joseph Jezewski, 107 Philomena Drive, \$225,000. Jamie Port to Janet Lipman, 7129 Sanlin Drive, \$75,000. Orlando Guitierrez to Sharon Kouvaras, 5022 Stags Leap Ln, \$415,000. Benjamin Faccini to Charles Beech Properties 200 LLC, 413 W End Ave., \$30,000.

Mt. Lebanon

Alan Rosenthal to BGRS LLC, 38 Carleton Drive, \$400,000. BGRS LLC to Chad and Racheal Willis, 38 Carleton Drive, \$400,000. Arnold Lay to Kathleen Russell, 187 Morrison Drive Apt 12, \$107,000. Matthew Raetsch to Craig Anderson and Madison Boron, 825 N Meadowcroft Ave., \$479,825. Eric Perelman to Alex Ryan and Si Cai Platz, 977 Osage Road, \$1,190,000. Roger Glover to Donald and Shane Thomas McFarland, 520 Washington Road Apt 405, \$112,500.

Mt. Oliver

Knight West LLC to Mt. Oliver Properties Group LLC, commercial property, School Way, \$19,434.

Robert Colasante to Atlas Estates LLC, 4001 Center Ave., \$115,000. Law1 Capital Real Estate LLC to William Robert Ludt and Gabrielle Marie Fellows, 266 Cherry Way, \$195,000. GCHA Properties Inc. to NUC RE LLC, 118 Emerson St., \$213,000. George Luke Bell Jr. to Marigold Properties LLC, 1810 Maple St., \$36,162. Jayson Kraft to Gary Bray, 3703 Sunset Drive, \$199,000. Daniel Grib to Anderson Street Management LLC, 247 W Schwab Ave., \$10,000. Cheryl Bartko to William McCal lum and Shannon Sewchok, 4458 Woodhill Drive, \$115,000. Bruce Ostrom to Hanna Kruk, 3477 York St., \$120,000.

North Braddock

Howard Rittko to Brittanie Azeez, 1178 Grandview Ave., \$87,000.

Leonard Sapp Jr. to Elizabeth Lepore, 2640 Birchwood Ln, \$204,900. Kevin Locante to Robert and Lindsay McBain, 111 Briar Path, \$275,000. Yam Investments YS LLC to Jagr Koteles, 4310 Center St., \$255,000. Brent Dragisich to Jesse James and Marisa Lynn Smarsh, 111 Commo-dore Drive, \$436,000. Eric Townsend to Ulysses Amold Robinson III and Ronelle Shavonne Robinson, 215 Heritage Drive, \$405,000. NVR Inc. to Kevin Van Libeek Johansen and Kira Unger Douglas, 145 Horseshoe Drive, \$442,805. Entech Princeton Place LLC to Maronda Homes LLC, property, 304 Regent Ct, \$76,260. Russell Zorey to Ryan and Heather Vanarsdale, 133 Springhill Drive, \$395,000.

North Versailles

Levy Yakubov to Central Ave Management LLC, 171 Central Ave., \$78,474. Jeffrey Beatty to John Robert and Carol Heinecke trste, 215 Kline Ave., \$4,500. Realty Deveopment Eastland Inc. to Amazon.com Services LLC, industrial site, 2900 Maryland Ave., \$9,000,000.

O'Hara

Michelle Rua to Matthew William Reitz, 706 Edgewood Ave., \$180,000. James McDonald to Sharon Goldstein, 309 Oxbridge Ct, \$550,000. Srinivas Kidambi to Sarah Kelleher, 100 Vista Cir Apt 311, \$480,000.

Oakdale

Kellie Ann Kenneweg to Denise Brown, 67 Fayette Ave., \$93,000.

Estate of Donald Blewitt to ENL Property Management LLC, 422 Third St., \$150,000. Dominion Financial Services LLC to Daniel and Maggie Kratt, 401 Maryland Ave., \$379,000.

Ohio

Estate of Charles Bender to Prime Deck Builders LLC, 110 Deer Valley Drive, \$280,000.

Paul Haley to John and Lara Carpenter, 420 McKown St., \$839,000.

Penn Hills

Thomas Gebler Jr. to Paulette Stewart, 102 Agate Drive, \$266,397. Dana Wilkerson to O'Neills Investments LLC, 11659 Althea Road, \$68,000. Sylvester Doolittle to Triple Alpha Heights LLC, 120 Bryant Drive, \$75,000. Issa John Kharouf to Owen Macklin, 419 Bryant Drive, \$165,000. Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad Co. to CSI Construction Co. Inc., property, Unknown Address, \$48,500. Lonnie Glover to Times Square REO LLC, 221 Dorothy Drive, by sheriff's deed \$85,000. Walter Szymoniak Jr. to Brittney Delancey, 234 Dorothy Drive, \$1.45,000. Estate of Russell Wright to Kenneth Wright and Carolyn Dixon, 1840 Funston Ave., \$39,000. Robert Payne to Robert Woodson, 11516 Gardrein Drive, \$143,000. Staci Rullo to Triple Alpha Heights LLC, 342 Long Road, \$72,500. Michael Jeffrey Trabbold to Ronald Johnson, 114 Macfarlane Drive, \$80,000. Ryan Retone to Mahonena Thon, 412 Macfarlane Drive, \$100,000. John Rupert to Dillon Kuhn-Chelednik, 1511 Nash Ave., \$139,590. Richard Mast Jr. to Richard Mast Jr., 2707 Orlando Pl, \$53,922. Mast Jr., 2707 Orlatilot 11, \$35,925. Francis Rohland to Dustin Steele and Hania Sabol, 551 Pennview Drive, \$92,000. Estate of Florence Boyt to Frank Dozier II and Sarah Marshall, 2733 Reiter Road, \$135,000. Estate of John Bliss to Jeffrey Reitz, 203 Rose Ave., \$114,500. Rodney Crickel to Pitz Mas Briston, 5827 Salts. Griebel to Rita Mae Briston, 5837 Salts burg Road, \$150,000. Roger Lee Caris to Mark and Courtney Marie Ridley, 116 Tre ona Drive, \$195,000, Yoram Filstein to Triple Alpha Heights LLC, 9254 Vantine St., \$80,000. Howard Anderson to Tyler Rivers and Amara Sikalias, 6023 Verona Road, 413,200. Donald Phillips trste to Todd Jackson and Camille White-Jackson, 724 Veronica Drive, \$48,000. Joseph Murdy to Adam and Tiffany Sozynski, 392 Whittier Data \$65,000 Drive, \$65,000.

Shobhit Gaur to Jonathon and Michelle King, 919 Black Oak Ct, \$637,500. NVR Inc. to Ryan Edward Ek and Gina Nicole Falvo, 500 Cambridge Ct, \$657,085. Rosemarie Caprino Swain to Stephen and Marisa Mandel, 2031 Condor Ln, \$830,000. Adam Scott Kanter to William and Stella Jones, 552 Macleod Drive, \$3,300,000. Ralph Mancuso Jr. to Eric Brian and Linda Schueler, property, Old State Road, \$12,915. Ralph Macuso Jr. to Eric Brian and Linda Schueler, 1740 Old State Road, \$150,000. Estate of Clarajane Stauffer Becker to Hutton St. 17 LLC, 12400 Peny Highway, \$1,000,000.

Pitcaim

Gary Agate to Candace Foster, 569 Fourth St., \$153,500.

Pleasant Hills

Robert Burak to Bishnu and Prabina Khadka, 327 Challen Drive, \$336,000. Central Penn Capital Management LLC to Michael Shoats and Kaylee Naden, 272 Coleen Drive, \$235,000. Dewey Chillcott Jr. to Kenneth Drombosky and Rachel Zadnik, 140 Crestview Drive, \$295,000. Estate of Harry Story to Joshua Aaron Busko, 223 Hillock Ln, \$217,000. Estate of Neal Lutz to Benjamin Gillis and Annie Borowski, 204 Parkview Drive, \$230,000.

Diana Murphy to Christopher and Cynthia Murphy, 8 Aloha Road, \$150,000. Shawn Bowes to Andrew and Dina Pirollo, 148 Cherrywood Drive, \$349,900. Estate of Clair Matthews to Travis Matthews, 4945 Havana Drive, \$110,331. Daniel Jordan to Jessica Bonzo, 127 LeBeouf Drive, \$99.500. Peeush Goval to Tony Wang and \$99,500. Peeusir Golgai to trily Wartig gray VuHsuan Lai, 209 Olivia Drive, \$379,000. Showcase Properties Inc. to Devon Bank, 1.12 Parkview Drive, \$717,837. Devon Bank to Shoaib and Sara Latif Ali, 1.12 Parkview Drive, \$717,837. Estate of Jaca-lyn Watto to Kimberly Layne, 102 Rampart Ct. \$138,000. Alicha Marcae to Tuter and Ct, \$135,000. Alisha Mance to Tyler and Carly McAfee, 23 River Road, \$172,500. Sean Troy to Scioto Properties SP-16 LLC, 407 Vale Drive, \$227,000.

Port Vue

Pittsburgh Acquisitions LLC to Pitt Vision LLC, 1817-1823 Tacoma Ave., \$200,000. Grace Thompson to Certified Investment Properties LLC, 1615 Trimble Ave., \$15,000. John Parker to Michael Andrew Mesko Jr., 923 Woodland Ave., \$120,000.

Estate of Alfred Portogallo to Tri-Cog Land Bank, 36 Chartiers Ave., by sheriff's deed

\$13,070.

George Farkas to Daniel and Katie For-

Real estate transfers

rester, 5 Charlemma Ct, \$224,900. Michael Zawojski to Khrystyna Kutsar, 129 Villa Drive, \$72,618.

Richard Maleski trste to Mark Sibenac and Elizabeth Albright, 408 Lenox Ct, \$660,000. Gary Molitor to Garrick Servello and Stephanie Biersdorff, 713 Rockwood Drive, \$320,000. Keystone Cash Home Buyers LLC to Marcellino Manilla, 646 Westland Drive, \$172,500. Christopher Gibbs to Joshua and Alisa Williams, 702 Westwood Drive, \$250,000.

Todd Lancaster to Robert and Jeanne Arbroud Landaster to Robert and Jeannie Ave ster, 133 Cole Drive, \$401,500. Andrea Dimarzio to Louis William Jander IV, 906 Countryside Drive, \$172,500. Montour Schl District Bd Schl Directors to Craft PGH LLC, institutional site, 1 Forest Grove Road, \$11,100.000. Strates Grove Road, \$1,100,000, Stephen Simpson to Kamal and Shayla Hodgson, 113 Nottingham Drive, \$428,500. David Budjanec to Nancy Powell, 143 Nottingham Drive, \$365,000. Michael Bodek to Odiljon Kakharov and Laila Al Arabi, 306 Summer Drive, \$330,000 Estate of Nina Louise Napoleone to Bryan and Rebecca Champine. 328 Trotwood Drive, \$285,000. Carolyn Kerr to Lindsay Ann Mobrey, 713 Windvue Drive. \$245,000.

Robert Buck trustee to Gerard and Lana Mazur, commercial property, 3333 Bab-cock Blvd., \$400,000. Norman Hammerle to Aleksandr Deianov and Nataliia Deianova, 5900 Babcock Blvd. Apt 21, \$67,500. Dennis Stanko to Catherine Korenich, 310 Cedar Drive, \$350,000. Brian Channer to Mitchell and Tracey Swain, 106 County Ln, \$369,900. Joseph Thompson to Randolph and Aisha Lamp, 138 Drood Ln, \$375,200. Robert Buck frustee to Aaron Joseph Harsch and Katherine Mayumi Colpitts, 20 E Orchard Ave., \$190,000. Rohit Sunny Bhimanathi to Berset and \$756 Mei Mexico. 202 Electrons 1986 Perset and \$756 Mei Mexico. nard and Zifei Wei Manion, 202 Eirose Drive, \$285,000. James William Yagusic to Daniel and Beth Sapino Hosek, Unknown Address, \$85,000. Estate of George Zalar to Megan and Kimberly Hollyfield, 103 Orchard Sq, \$180,000. DKRK L.P. to CL45 MW REO 1 LLC, office building, 7703 Perry Highway, by sheriff's deed \$210,000. Blase Nasiadka to Andrew Mitchell and Aubree Held, 5311 Perrysville Ave., \$238,000. Carly Ann Forese to Lauren Simmons, 115 Pinewood Ct, \$205,000. Craig Lee Hartle to John Nimpfer and Jada Lyn Ferris, 18 Winter Ave., \$319,000.

Rosslyn Farms

David Kowcheck to Matthew Philip and Beth Ann Cardello, 19 Priscilla Ln, \$690,000.

Eileen Kane trustee to Level Properties LLC, 528 Carothers Ave., \$89,000, Mary Parks to David Conkey and Amanda Jones, 150 Foxcroft Road, \$210,000. Mary Kathleen Friedel to Kato P Budster LLC, 2160 Green-tree Road Apt 504W, \$127,500. Thomas Liadis to Frank and Leila D'Amico, 2120 Greentree Road Apt 806E, \$155,000. Ehland Properties LLC to George and Joan Dawson, 1241 Meadowlark Drive, \$310,000. Diane Hillen to 415 Noblestown Road LLC, restaurant, 415 Noblestown Road, \$69,500. Donna Guido to Widad Salim Lako, 241 Segar Road, \$245,000. William Quinn to Laura Kathryn Ouinn, 1647 Wise Road, \$150,000.

Sewickley

Mileen Jurcak to Sewickley Chestnut Property LLC, 350-352 Chestnut St., \$451,500.

Raymond Baumann to Kenneth Klaja, 1100 Burchfield Road, \$180,000, Richard Celender to Kevin Firmani and Beth Vrbanic, 207 Elfinwild Road, \$294,900. Dommark Properties LLC to Alaina Roberts. Dortmark Properties LLC to Alaina Robotes, property, 410 Friday Road, \$50,000. Dornmark Properties LLC to Jacob Haverkost, condominium property, 412 Friday Road, \$50,000. June Buzzelli to Matthew and Chelsea Cooper, 1509 Madsen Drive, \$305,000. Matthew Kerr to Douglas Andionand Taylor Branchings, 223 Maydand rio and Taylor Brandtonies, 223 Maryland Drive, \$251,000. Gary Ilgenfritz to Brooklyn Nicole Dilello, 1811 Mt. Royal Blvd., \$256,000. William Connelly III to John and Therese McKolanis, property, Northview Drive, \$40,000. Trevor Sleight to Daniel Francis and Eileen Mary Gilman, 810 Wible Run Road, \$211,000.

South Fayette Monique Renee Canty to Jeffrey Patrick and Patricia Sharpe, 2467 Brook Ledge Road Apt 24B, \$90,000. Thomas Waigand to Xiaowei Liang, 2467 Brook Ledge Road Apt 32B, \$90,000. Nathaniel Macadams to Sagar and Sejal Ukani, 3111 Deerfield Ridge Drive, \$725,000. A. Richard Nemberg trustee to Theresa Gaugler, property, Unknown Address, \$59,487. Newbury Vil-lage Partners L.P. to Apex Newbury LLC, property, Oakridge Road, \$3,750,000. MG Real Estate Inc. to Joshua Streiner and Chelsey Lewis, 6287 Springhouse PI, \$159,000. Estate of Arthur Kunst to Nancy Ryan, 8514 Sundial Ln, \$260,000. Michael Boehm to Matthew L Georgetti LLC, 5050 Thoms Run Road, \$55,000.

South Park

Ronald Lupish to Tyler Blaze Albitz, 1035 Broughton Road, \$135,000. Matthew Gragzyk to Andrew Horvath, 1081 Broughton Road, \$110,000, NVR Inc. to Lauren Moran Yaquinto, 216 Crescent PI, \$278,740. NVR Inc. to Meagan Elizabeth Trotta, 218 Crescent Pl. \$296,980, Estate of James Dayton to Mary Clayton, 1467 Greenbriar Ct, \$295,000. Jacob Kennedy to Damudar and Dhana Rijal, 6567 Quaker Drive, \$265,000, Mero South Park Ventures LLC to NVR Inc., property, 5001-5005 Summit Drive, \$130,971. James Pellow III to Donald Shelpman Jr. and Theresa Shelpman, 2240 Watchfield Drive, \$400,000.

Springdale Township

Alycia Swope to Ian Brower, 832 Isobel St., \$20,121.

Stowe

Melissa Simmons to Erica Lynn Anderson, 445 Phillips Ave., \$173,000. Lamarbo Management LLC to Jessica McKown, 1218 Woodward Ave., \$66,000.

Robert Williams to IJB Rentals LLC, 7604-7606 Cheyenne St., \$88,000. Tyrone Scott to Derael Jeffries, 7345 Denniston Ave., \$65,000. Anthony Marckisotto to David and Yehudit Dvir, 68 Lilmont Drive, \$130,500. William Hanchey to Keith and Cordella Berry, 1918 Monroe St., \$10,000. Tarentum

Estate of Patricia Sadecky to David Marinelli, 166 Cedar St., \$3,500. Stacy Leigh Flatt to Christie Ewing, 615 E Third

Ave., \$48,000, Jeffrey Gentile to Jamie Mengel, 700 N Ormond St., \$29,469. Trafford Jay Scarcelli to Pitt Vision LLC, Unknown Address, \$124,000.

Turtle Creek

Chapel West Property Management LLC to Locust Street Holdings LLC, 623 Locust St., \$39,360, Chapel West Property Management LLC to Locust Street Holdings LLC, 901 Locust St., \$77,736. Chapel West Property Management LLC to Locust Street Holdings LLC, 913 Locust \$45,018. David Morrison to ENZO \tures LLC, 829 Maple Ave., \$140,000.

Upper St. Clair

Estate of Lawrence Orlowski to Stephen and Kathleen Huff, 644 Aljo Drive, \$160,000. Paul Malnati to Kumar Subra-manyam, 1413 Diamond Ct, \$670,000. Estate of Albert Brunwasser to Dhan and Prawina Rai, 634 Fort Couch Road,

\$300,000. John Buleza to Jeremy Bennett and Kaleena Stollar, 2429 Giant Oaks Drive, \$370,000. Michael Tindale to Joel Robert and Charissa Lauren Moses, 1482 Jenkins Drive, \$410,000. Ljubomir Cvetk-ovic to David Winkler and Cortney Honey cutt. 1341 Rose Cir. \$387.500. Estate of cutt, 1341 rose Ur, \$367,300. Estate of Andrew Krugh to Douglas and Luike Garda, 115 Sandhurst Road, \$270,000. Jiva Sutreja to Timothy and Megan Watson, 1765 Taper Drive, \$462,400. Damon Hoffmann to Lan-Fong Chen, 1775 Waterford Ct, \$850,000.

Estate of Sonja Lee Smith to Joseph and Laura Tamburrino, 616 Third St., \$125,000.

\$439.000.

Evans City

Jefferson

Lancaster

Marion

Middlesex

Winfield

Carroll

Charleroi

\$27,000.

Chartiers

Cross Creek

\$90,000.

Donegal

Donora

Fallowfield

North Charleroi

North Strabane

Peters

\$235,000.

Washington

West Finley

\$36,000.

West Pike Run

Highland Ave., \$10,000.

Union

Fairview Township

Dean Hirschy to Dwight and Kae Kirkwood, property, 120 Second St., \$159,527.

James Mahood to Jeremy and Brittany Goodman, 2238 Chicora Road, \$260,000.

NVR Inc. to Mark Alan and Megan Elizabeth Bushey, 210 Bengal Fox Ct, \$549,350. Newman Holdings LLC to NVR Inc., prop-erty, Blacktail Deer, \$6,120. Coy Ross-man to James and Jordan Baust, 171 Rylie

Drive, \$280,050. Seneca Trail LLC to NVR Inc., property, Sarjean Way, \$91,595.

William Rodgers to Scott Michael and Jen-niffer Lynn Sprawl, 158 Becker Road, \$375,000. William Jordan to Wells Fargo

trustee, property, Rt 356, by sheriff's deed \$30,000.

Arden Development Partners to NVR Inc., property, 225 Arden Drive, \$86,935. Caro-line Hewlett to Kevin and Lisa Renee Gil-liam, 125 Swain Hill Road, \$570,000.

Estate of Susan Hermann to Robert and Patricia Beran, property, 220 Murrin Road 1804, \$41,482.

Estate of William Gregory Love to Alexandra

Lawrence Martin III to Ashley Martin, 1008 Blackhawk Drive, \$557,500. James Belliveau to Zero Pittsburgh Rd LLC, commer-

cial property, Pittsburgh Road, \$319,000.

Dennis McCann to Jason Edward and Linda Maria Valant, 156 W Cruikshank, \$594,000.

Charles Shaffer II to Christopher Noel and

Jonathan Show, 509 Elm St., \$199,900. Janet McKight to D V Enter Inc., property, 155 Etna Road 3323, \$95,000. Estate of

Yessayi Madirossian to Ronald Lightner, 225 Stoughton Beach 3449, \$13,625.

Brian Plyler to David and Heather Lubarsky, 1045 Winfield Road, \$309,900.

Brandi Leigh Costa Peny to Alexander and Lacey Mielke, 104 Caroline Ave., \$123,000. Burt Ruth to George and Maura Marinkovich, 24 Sevich Aly, \$220,000.

McConnell Trails LLC to NVR Inc., condominium property, 260-266 Frances Ln, \$226,600. Andrew Sluciak trustee to Den-

nis Sluciak, 49 Grudevich Road, \$1,100,000. Zachary Bombatch to Francis and Carolyn Kusler, 1504 Network Drive, \$651,000.

Brian Short to Zachery Hyde, 226 Lookout Ave., \$79,000. Jason Mendicino to Byron O Rivera Vasquez and Ericka Marroquin,

recreational facility, 323 Meadow Ave.

Brian Szupinka to Anthony and Sharon Calabrese, 113 Fourth St., \$227,900. Richard Diesel to Nicholas and Chantal Tenza, property, Gallatin Way, \$90,000. Burch Efaw to Colleen Glozzer, 226 Hart St., \$1,94,900. Jay Miller to Nancy Jean

Uhler, 305 Reed Ave., \$133,600. Alice Trefnoff to K & T Real Estate LLC, 738 Regent St., \$120,000.

Estate of Virginia Lee Reihner to Bryan and

Cheryl Zrimm, 952 Old Ridge Road,

 $\begin{array}{lll} \hbox{Muskingum} & \hbox{University to} & \hbox{NCHI Holdings} \\ \hbox{LLC}, 154-204 & \hbox{Gashel Road OG}, \$10,000. \end{array}$

Estate of Terrence Robert Butler to Seth

Albert Fox to Pikewood Energy Corp., 149

Crossridge Road OG, \$6,480. Michael An-

tonucci to Pikewood Energy Corp., 305 Kennedy Road, \$4,320.

Bernard Roy Homes LLC to Tyler and Jessica Holmes, 537 Conrad Ave., \$137,600.

Robert Klaus to Santos N Barahona

Kevin Michael Shanley to Patrick Donley and Sarah Sandstedt, 159 Alexander Ave., \$100,000. Pinehurst Land Partners LLC to

NVR Inc., property, Heather Drive, \$121,000. Pinehurst Land Partners LLC to

NVR Inc., property, 127-129 Heather Drive, \$363,000. David Zabkar to Todd and Au-

tumn Wagner, 206 Indian Ridge Ln, \$674,900.

271 Art Land LLC to NVR Inc., property, 346 Juniper Way, \$137,500. NVR Inc. to Daniel and Collette Cheplic, 350 Juniper

Way, \$637,074. Steve Mazza to Edward and Judith Symons, 101 Roscommon Pl,

Estate of Rosalie Brawdy to Jeremy Over-

Thomas Sonson to Matthew and Terene

Cain, 1058 E Maiden St., \$50,000. Clarence Jones to United Global Properties Inc.,

59 E Prospect Ave., \$10,000. Clarence Jones to United Global Properties Inc., 34

Marcia Guthrie to Three Rivers Royalty 2 LLC, 337 Burnsville Ridge Road OGM,

William Budner to Andrew Schreiber and

Megan Yanos, agricultural land, 79 Birch Road, \$365,000. Estate of Leonard Ste-phen Basey to Clayton and Donna Kus-

man, 246 Deems Park Road, \$25,000. Frank Sperandio to Three Rivers Royalty 2 LLC, 192 Richeyville Road OG, \$49,999.

Westmoreland County

Wells Fargo Bank NA to MSP Management

myer, 2157 Rankintown Road, \$50.000.

Castellanos, 6 Grove St., \$13,000

Ellison, 707 Orchard Ave., \$10,000.

Washington County

Slippery Rock Borough

Spurgeon, 507 Cherry St., \$180,000.

Versailles

Ciro Venturini to Brian Emmanuel Wankiiri, 4513 Third St., \$28,000.

Wall

Anthony Stabile to Jaime Casillas, 322 Wall Ave., \$25,000.

Ethel McManus to Erin Bedillion, 4768 Bayfield Road, \$197,500. Dennis Haramic to Bryan Almes, 2009 Conley Ln, \$585,000. Jeremy Bavolek to Vanessa Waisbrot, 25 Hemlock St., \$119,000. Estate of Francis Joseph Devlin to Sciulli Classic Homes & Contracting Inc., 204 Lawrence Ct, \$250,000. Sean Gublin to Alisha Mance, 428 Linden Drive, \$197,000. Dustin Fedu-nok to Joel Archibald II and Hannah Bauer, 51 Poma St., \$184,500. Patrick Carl Aresto to Taylor Cetti, 304 Poplar St., \$115,000. \$115,000.

West Homestead

Carmine Marcelli Jr. to James and Faith Sedlak, 3601 Pinewood Drive, \$155,000.

Marion Minoski to Naina Kala Sutar and Lila Kantha Kharel, 1022 Fidelity Drive, \$182,500. Eloise Keams to Samuel and Hannah Formica, 4100 Fleetwood Drive, \$130,000. David Yanichko to Justin and Carissa Yanichko, 105 Grant Avenue Ext., \$42,813. Atkins West Mifflin LLC to Doc-2027 Lebanon Church Road Mob LLC, in-2027 Lebarion Crurch Road Woo LLL, ristitutional site, 2025-2027 Lebanon Church Road, \$7,500,000. Eric Sipos to Eric Sipos and Annette Marie Romain, 6806 Madison Ave., \$18,525. Dwight Seabright to Arthur Holley and Marisa Duncan Holley, 411 Maple St., \$175,500. KB Reatly Holdings LLC to Okorie Uchendu, 4000 Markand Ave. \$139,900. Cody. 1400 Maryland Ave., \$139,900. Cody Dargo to Andrew Lipinski and Cally Costello, 100 Shara Drive, \$234,900. Jerome Lamonica to Brian Kuntz, 2636 Sunset Drive, \$206,000. Victoria Lynn trustee to Steven and Richelle McClain, 435 Victoria St., \$64.000.

West View

Gary Straub to Martin McGregor and Katherine Sulkowski, 135 Highland Ave., \$120,000. Jerome Smith to Glenn John Bafia and Kirk Richard Peterson, 215 Mont clair Ave., \$400,000. Linda Steigerwald to SFR3-040 LLC, 351 Ridgewood Ave., \$79,900. Estate of Madeline Ripley to Angelina Applin and Nina Kelly, 150 Waverly Ave. Apt 5, \$100,000.

White Oak

Estate of Vincent McKeeta Jr. to Jason Pratt and Rebecca Lustig, 2206 Cypress Drive. \$142.000.

Neil Lepore to Spencer Griffith and Paige Harlan, 5525 Baptist Road, \$170,000. Herbert Mays trste to Deepak Poudel, 4782 Beall Drive, \$225,000. Natalie Maietta to Thomas Geyer, 3004 Duncan Ln, \$217,500. Estate of William Penkrot to James Walsh, 5068 Grove Road, \$186,050. DLS Business Group LLC to Deborah Baumgart, 4723 Meadowgreen Drive, \$349,900. Bryan Riccobelli to Alyssa Kublack, 4748 Old Boston Road, Kublack, 4748 Old Boston Road, \$230,000. NVR Inc. to Michael Robert and Tammy Ann Stang, 172 Providence Way, \$381,010. NVR Inc. to John Perry and Shani Lynn Ballani, 176 Providence Way, \$405,155. Janice Patnik to Natalie Kaye Chadwick, 206 Shadowlawn Cirk 160,000. Leglis Smith treta to 1.8. Jahrlial \$160,000, Leslie Smith trste to J & Jahdiel LLC, 324 Streets Run Road, \$130,000. Bhagawath Pokhrel to Ajet and Mon Maya Subba, 1019 Vamer Road, \$243,000.

William Leet Neely IV to Diversified Residential Homes 2 LLC, 262 Kingston Drive, \$173,000. Christopher Murphy to Zackery and London Johnson, 106 Larchwood Drive, \$245,000.

Wilkinsburg

Neal Scoratow to RP2ALL LLC, 303 Peebles St., \$387,993. Robert Fountaine to Joshua Shelton, 1449 Sylvan Ter, \$128,000. Katherine Patterson to Bryce Peterson and Claire Madison, 725 Whitney Ave., \$30,414.

Butler County

Kimberly Phillips to Hartley Investment Properties L.P., 104 Chancellor Ct 3148, \$850,000. NVR Inc. to Brian Matthew and Justine Sicari, 309 Crest Lane, \$708,358. Gabriel's Crest Development LLC to NVR Inc., property, 349 Crest Ln 2332. \$160,000. Donald Nelson to Megan Ganter, 105 Four Wheel Drive 3011, \$355,000. NVR Inc. to Sunitha and Partha Gudipathi, 315 Helenium Drive 4129, \$308,885. Brandon Belich to Andrew and Deborah Hughes, 108 Hollyberry Ct 0910, \$809,900. Penn Acres LLC to Justin and Allison Lamperski, property, Summit Acres Drive, \$175,000.

Allegheny

Estate of Mildred Delost to Melissa Lykins Boksmati, property, 265 Sandy Point Road, \$215,000.

Buffalo

R & W Est LLC to NVR Inc., property, 118 Red Horse Drive 9656, \$65,000. Gerald Watts to First National Bank Of Pennsylvania, 557 S Pike Road 9203, by sheriff's deed \$70,000. Heritage Crossings Partners L.P. to Thomas and Cynthia Gaughan, 1091 Sandy Ridge Drive, \$374,750.

Butler Township

Michelle Nolan to Mae Fannie. 137 Dutchtown Road 7515, \$140,000. Mark Reeves to Madison Univerzagt, 210 Home Ave., \$175,000.

Donald Wolfe to Micah Nicholes, 753 Center Ave., \$16,800. Callery

Dorothy Caldwell to Scott Booth, 216 Main St. Ext., \$80,000. Center

Estate of Mary Ann Geagan to Michelle Garcia, 201 Central Drive, \$245,000. Erin Convery to Clara VanDeusen, 209 Ridge

Road 1226, \$228,000. Clay

Dumbar Haley to Brando Sobah, mobile home site, 119 Cooper Road, \$155,000. Connoquenessing Township

Edith Johnston to Kathleen Kriebel, 121 Hidden Meadows Cir, \$240,000. David Odoski to Douglas and Elizabeth Brink, 131 Le Donne In, \$615,000. Cranberry Scott Veres to Ellen and Carolyn Dent, 119 Bellwood Ct, \$195,000. Shawn Gilronan to Patrick Loughren, 103 Cedar Cir 4013, \$279,000. Vino Valadini to Mitchel Ehlers,

and Tara Christina Keinath, property, 411 Firefly Drive 1130, \$215,000. Andrew Sel-

Edythe Sanders to Daniel Magusiak and

Allegheny

Emily Fedoronko, 129 Welty Drive, \$250,000. Phillip Totora to Dawsen Rollin ger and Ronald James Rollinger Jr., 1460 White Cloud Road, \$175,000. Bell Kipp Lindenberg to Limestone Spring Acquisitions LLC, 127 Lindy Ln OG, \$61,452. 1203 Duthil Road Apt 2, \$123,500. Forest Edge L.P. Zero Out LLC to Michael Thomas

Derry Borough

vaggio to Mustafa and Ulkiar Akgoz, 404 Parkwood Drive 6374, \$160,000. Keith Hildum to John and Amber Genesevich, <RealSTATs>[™] 604 Redwood Court, \$570,000, Rochester Rd Investment Co. to Cayden Choe and Eunhee Kim, 441 Roebling Ct, \$432,990. Sanjeev Sharma to Bandon James and Brooke Morgan Niznik, 724 Seth Drive, \$467,000. John Collins to Alexander and Caitlin Morgan Bertucci, 102 Valley Forge, The Post-Gazette publishes

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Capital LLC, 120 W Owens Ave., \$26,000 (state deed transfer stamps indicate a value of \$84,877).

Derry Township

Richard Lee Rose to Brian Scott, 129 Sherman St., \$55,000.

East Huntingdon

David Eugene Brilhart estate trustee to Windy Heights Farms LLC, agricultural land, 1810-1814 Route 981, \$225,000.

Fairfield

DIGITAL TRANSPORT OF THE PROPERTY, 480 Ross Mountain Park Road, \$140,000. Greensburg Thomas Williams to Man Leung Kung and Tang Kili Cheung, 140 Alwine Ave., \$56,000. 229 South Maple Properties LLC to Joseph Clampa, 501 Bush Way, \$105,000. Timothy Mento to Michael and Julie Obney, 7 Glencove Road, \$419,900. Estate of Edith Burkley to Vitaemo Homes

LLC, 552 Hickory Drive, \$188,234. Michael Stewart to Joseph Ciampa, 111 Park Hempfield Estate of Mary Patricia Carlson to Mark and Mary Beth Carlson, 787 Linmore Drive, \$120,000. NB Development Co. L.P. to WCG Hempfield Heights LLC, 154-196 W Hills Drive, \$10,500,000.

Kim Perkins to Beverly Knox, 1930 Highland Ave., \$113,500. Belinda McWilliams to RGBVB LLC, 1814 Pennsylvania Ave.,

Jeannette

PJM L.P. to Jeannette Outreach Factory Inc., commercial property, 404 Clay Ave., \$235,607. Estate of Judith Beaumont to Randolph Alan Tuccarello, 908 Frank Ave., \$20,000. Kazi Management LLC to Melissa Little, 315 Harrison Ave., \$135,000. Shawn Gootz to Katherine Tan-yer, 409 Margaret St., \$60,000. William Brown to Bolt Investment Group LLC, 218 N Fourth St., \$5,500. Brenda Lee Curry to Joseph Lee and Tina Marie Pandolph, 102

Kono Morosky to James Esqueda, 800-802 Lincoln Ave., \$132,000.

Latrobe

Walker St., \$85,000.

Ligonier Township Harvey Childs III to Scott and Michele Wyland, 327 Cobblestone Ln, \$657,000. Alan Smith to Paul Kaufmann and Mary Zik, agri-

cultural land, 311 Wineland Road,

\$1.570,000 **Lower Burrell**

Estate of Lois Parkhill to Alva Russell and Laura Ann Jordan, 250 Florida Drive, \$120,000. Frank Caliguri to Bob and Cherie Jones, 364 Upper Braebum Road, \$49,900. Loyalhanna

James Shields to Patrick Bair, property, Rabbit Road, \$2,500.

Estate of Michael Hreno to George Hreno, 785 Crest Drive, \$185,608. Mt. Pleasant Borough

Estate of Dennis Emlyn Taylor to Thor and Crystal Hoffer, 703 Park Ave., \$175,000. Mt. Pleasant Township

Edward Cook Jr. to Joshua and Laura Miller. agricultural land, Neiderheiser Road, \$60,000. Murrysville

Verum Holdings LLC to Brian Edward Dulick

Jr., 3307 Hermar Ct, \$360,000. George

Harding Jr. to Jake Lane trustee, 5100 Scenic Drive, \$400,000. David Hood III to Diversified Residential Homes 2 LLC, 4676

Stewart Ct, \$287,500. New Kensington Terri Lou Stalev to Michael Musloe and Sharon McGuirk, 620 Fifth Street Ext., \$63,000. Johnny Davis to Michael and Tykia Andree, 1122 Parkview Drive,

Estate of Lillian Antal to James and Dorothy

\$276,000 North Belle Vernon

Allen, 137 Jean St., \$167,000. North Huntingdon Reverse Mortgage Solustions Inc. to Scott Miller, 1170 Cedar St., \$80,200. Michelle Fidei to William Morin, 3055 Harley Drive, \$195,000. James Harry Clark to James William Clark, car dealership or parking ga-rage or car wash, 1100 Main St., \$25,000. Jason Silliman to Lokdek LLC, car dealership or parking garage or car wash, 870 Main St., \$159,900. James Harry Clark to James William Clark, commercial property, 1100 Main St. Rear, \$175,000. RWS Land Co. Inc. to David and Cheryl Anna,

property, 9163 Riley Way, \$65,000. Penn Township

Anthony Christofano to Kimberly Zitkovich. property, 1000 Christofano Ln, \$25,000. Suncrest Homes Inc. to Thomas and Colleen Haley, 110 Royal Oaks Ct, \$605,790. Justin Urban to Joshua James and Lauren Brooke Rittenour, property, 733 State Route 130, \$45,000. Estate of Maryann Sabol to John Kinney, 1017 Trail Side Ct,

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Telling stories to know ourselves

By Bill O'Driscoll

In "The Story Paradox: How Our Love of Storytelling Builds Societies and Tears Them Down," Jonathan Gottschall argues that we

have a serious problem and it's probably not the one you're thinking. Rather, the trouble is in our genes and (therefore) in our culture. It's



Jonathan Gottschall

our insatiable appetite for stories, and how the stories that hold us together as a society are losing ground to the stories that rip us apart.

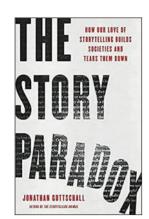
It's an often enthralling take on an important subject, and Gottschall goes a long way toward making his case, though some of his more provocative assertions are bound to draw ire.

Gottschall, who lives in Washington, Pa., is an English professor and scholar of story at Washington & Jefferson College. In his fine 2012 book, "The Storytelling Animal," he argued that stories are what make us human. In "Story Paradox," he offers the grimmer assessment that story is so powerful it could prove our undoing.

Calling story a drug that alters our mental state, he explores the neurobiology behind story's grip on us: the way our minds inhabit the narratives. We think we "tell stories," but really they tell us, he writes — mostly because once we've settled on a narrative about how the world works, we interpret everything we see to fit it, rather than amending the original story.

Some of this material will be familiar to readers of "The Storytelling Animal," but there's a lot of insightful stuff here, including why overt messaging in stories doesn't work as well as lessons implicit in the plot, and his interpretation of Christianity as a triumph of brilliant storytelling that improbably turned a tiny scorned cult into the world's biggest religion — "the most powerful kingdom of storytelling in history.'

Gottschall writes in the aphoristic, quippy style of much modern popular-science writing, and his cultural references range from Tol-



"THE STORY PARADOX: HOW **OUR LOVE OF STORYTELLING BUILDS SOCIETIES** AND TEARS THEM DOWN"

> By Jonathan Gottschall Basic Books (\$28)

stoy to cult-favorite movie "The Room." He also provides a smart take on conspiracy theories like QAnon and flat-Eartherism - briefly, that they simply offer better stories than boring old reality. That, he writes, is largely because the best stories are all about trouble - psychology's "negativity bias." And trouble, in our favorite novels, films, history texts, and political speeches, usually has villains behind it.

That's one thing when the villain is the Big Bad Wolf; it's another when it's our neighbors. And today, our warring modern "tribes" in their bespoke digital news silos tell such different stories that we can scarcely agree on what constitutes reality. Vaccines, anyone? Global warming?

But assuming storytelling is our fundamental problem, why can't we just tell more of the right kind of stories, the kind that gets everyone to treat each other and the planet better?

Negativity bias is one impediment. But while Gottschall repeatedly references Plato's desire to banish all the storytellers (whom he called "poets") so that rational wise men ("philosopher kings") can rule, Gottschall's real lodestar is evolutionary psychology. That line of thinking holds that human behavior was largely selected for and locked in based on what helped us survive when we were developing as a species, in small bands of huntergatherers, and hasn't really changed since.

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Taking this idea to its extreme, Gottschall argues that we don't even have free will: Rather, genetics, upbringing, and the culture where we are raised determine the stories we take to heart, and thus our beliefs and actions. People, he writes, are not ultimately responsible for the stories they believe. And he contends that's as true for contemporary American liberals and conservatives as it was for Confederates in the antebellum South, Nazis in 1930s Germany, and Hutus slaugh-tering Tutsis in 1990s

So what to do? Gottschall calls for more empathy for whomever it is we call "villains" in our own stories. He asks if we can't learn, in fact, to tell stories (including history) in a way we perhaps never have: without villains.

Rwanda.

Intriguing. But if we don't have free will, what's the use of asking us to change our ways? Especially about something he argues is so fundamental to human nature as the stories that captivate us? Or could solutions include stories in which the antagonist is deceitful storytelling itself?

"The Story Paradox" is an

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entertaining and useful guide to how storytelling operates in our culture. Whether Gottschall's concerns signal some approaching final chapter, or simply the latest episode of an openended series, is, one way or another, up to us.

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STEVE BECKER/ A REALISTIC ASSUMPTION

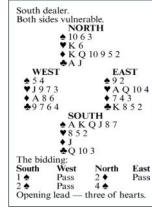
verybody plays to win, and it is a good idea to keep this in mind during the play of a hand. So, when West leads a low heart against your fourspade contract, it is best to assume that East has the ace and adapt your play accordingly.

The reason to place East with the ace is that virtually all players have learned in one way or another that leading away from an ace against a suit contract will prove to be a losing proposition in the great majority of deals. You should therefore play the six of hearts from dummy at trick one, dismissing the unlikely possibility of West's having the ace.

cashes the ace, but he is then at a dead end. Whatever he returns, the only other trick you can lose is the ace of diamonds. You don't lose a club trick because your clubs can eventually be discarded on dummy's diamonds.

played the king of hearts from dummy at trick

to a club, and in the fullness of time you go



The New York Times Crossword

TODAY: PEST CONTROL (0102)

Christina Iverson, of Ames, Iowa, is a crossword constructor with two young children. She has been making puzzles for The Times since 2019. Christina says she aims to make puzzles that are fun and accessible. "I try my hardest to stay away from obscure language — and squeeze in dad jokes whenever I can." This is her fourth Sunday and 10th

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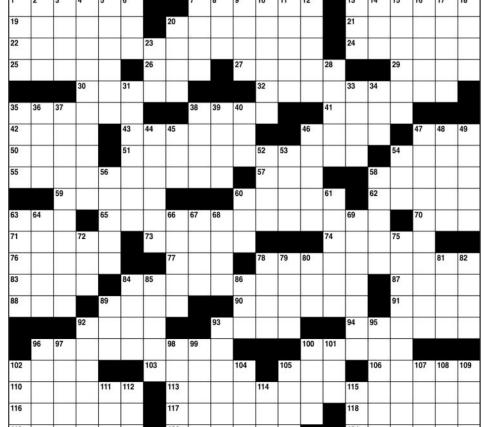
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odness Celebrating all that's good.

By Abby Mackey Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

oah Robbins' adoption story published one year ago today.

Splashed across the first edition of goodness was then-5-year-old Noah with his blazered hair, his adoptive parents' shining smiles and the Row House Cinemas marquee that read "Happy Adoption Day, Noah." It was the culmination of a four-year adoption journey for the Lawrenceville couple, 1,275 days in foster care for their son and a year of learning to care for a medically complicated child.

But among all of the formal agreements necessary to welcome Noah into their family, there was also a private one.

"When we first got custody of Noah, we were told he would never walk," Michaela Robbins, Noah's adoptive mother, said. "He said to us, 'I will walk. Find some-one who can make me walk. I know I can do it.'

Noah's aggressive form of arthrogyposis, called Escobar syndrome, caused joint contractures so severe that he "walked" on his knees. He was already "perfect" in the eyes of his new family, but recognizing the goal he'd set for himself, his parents sought to make walking a reality.

The pandemic worked in their favor as they consulted with specialists across several states without leaving their home. From behind a webcam, they eventually connected with one of the country's most experienced surgeons for this condition from Nemours Children's Health System in Delaware.

Noah spent six weeks in casts to straighten his bent legs as much as possible ahead of surgery. In May, his surgeon removed 2 inches from the centers of his thigh bones to accommodate his shortened tendons, resulting in far straighter limbs

"We really thought, OK, this kid will get his cast off. He'll be able to have a bath. All is good. We're so grateful," Mrs. Robbins said.

The Robbinses were told he'd progress through the stages of walking like a toddler: pulling up to stand, scooting, first steps and more. But on the day his casts were removed, about eight weeks after surgery, the physical therapist looked at the family and said, "I think he's ready."

'Get up'

"All right, Noah, get up," Dave Robbins, Noah's adoptive dad, remembers the physical therapist saying.

Dancing differently with Noah and Ava



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Dance instructor Sam Skobel, of Mt. Lebanon, and Noah Robbins, 6, of Lawrenceville, go over steps for his performance in an upcoming recital during his class at Cynthia's School of Dance in Ross.



Ava Allenberg, 12, of Banksville, dances with the help of Ms. Skobel.

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Just hours after Noah's reconstructed legs saw the light of day, the 6-year-old pushed himself up to a standing position and took a few assisted steps, far ahead of

"In my head I pictured it," Mr. Robbins said. "I thought I'd cry like a baby, but I didn't. I was in such

Mr. Robbins let those tears out in the coming days, but, in the meantime, Noah already set his sights on the next goal: The night after taking his first steps on his feet, not his knees — he said, "I want to learn how to dance'

Amazing Ava

 $\operatorname{Mr.}$ and $\operatorname{Mrs.}$ Robbins are fans of the PG's goodness section. They appreciate the spirit of the stories told

On July 9, just about two weeks after Noah voiced his desire to dance, Mrs. Robbins read "Meet Ross dancer Amazing Ava, the ballerina on wheels," the goodness story about 12-year-old Ava Allenberg, who dances from her wheelchair alongside Cynthia's School of Dance and Music instructor Sam

Mrs. Robbins Googled the studio and placed a call to owner, Cindy Zurchin, Ph.D., as fast as her fingers could dial. A meet-and-greet was scheduled soon after.

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Mom pens book to help kids undergoing plasma infusions like her daughter does

By Joshua Axelrod Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

elly Brennan wanted to prepare her daughter, Caroline, for the challenges ahead. Unfortunately, there wasn't much in the way of literature available to help a toddler understand what her new normal would look like.

It was around her second birthday when Caroline was diagnosed with juvenile dermatomyositis, a rare autoimmune disease

good parent

that has required her to receive plasma infusions at UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh every few weeks for basically half her life at this point. The 4-yearold's whole McCandless-based family has rallied around this brave girl, including her father, Kevin Culver; her 6-year-old sister, Lily; and Ms. Brennan, 34 and a former WTAE-TV reporter.

Caroline is now a veteran of the infusion process, but her mom was still distraught that there were no kid-friendly books out there for children going through similar medical routines on a regular basis.

"I couldn't find anything specifically talking about an infusion, having an IV in your body all day long and being confined to this one space as a little one who

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Former WTAE-TV reporter Kelly Brennan wrote a book about her daughter Caroline's medical procedures called "Caroline's Infusion Day.

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Dancing differently with Noah and Ava

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"Our main interest at first wasn't about how he'd move. It was really about meeting him and learning about him," Ms. Zurchin said. "As soon as he walked into the studio, we could see his personality is bigger than life. He's such an energetic cool, cool kid."

By September, Noah was a private student of Miss Sam's, just as Ava is.

'Isn't that the dream?'

Noah recently upgraded to a "big-boy wheelchair," which his mom describes as a "La-Z-Boy on wheels."

By mid-December, he decked out his black cushy ride featuring "Looney Toons" fenders with gold tinsel, likely to match the gold pants he chooses to wear several days per week. He parked it on the far side of Miss Sam's studio at Cynthia's School of Dance and Music in Ross at the beginning of his lesson.

He'll "always" use a wheelchair for longer distances, but in dance class, he uses a walker to practice his hip-hop routine to the 1976 Rose Royce tune "Car Wash.'

"I really like it," Noah said. "It's hard. It's hard to remember the dance."

Miss Sam asks him to pick out three colored circles that she lays on the ground to help him center his footwork. She has three, too, as they perform side by side.

Since the "Amazing Ava" story published, Noah is one of several differently abled students to seek instruction at Cynthia's school from Miss Sam, who is known for tailoring her teaching style to each of her dancers' sets of abilities.

'Isn't that the dream?" Miss Sam asked with tears

welling in her eyes. "Isn't the ideal world inclusion and everyone getting to dance? Isn't that perfect?'

The next act

As Noah finished his lesson, Ava waited for hers, a scheduling happenstance that crosses the families paths even further.

In a hot pink leotard, nude tights, soft pink ballet slippers and a flawless ballerina's bun, the girl gave a wide smile when referred to as "Ava, the dancer," a reaction made more meaningful by her communication challenges.

After wheeling her into the studio, Miss Sam assessed Ava's muscle tension one of her biggest mobility issues — as, hand in hand, they carried their arms through the air like any ballerinas would.

That original connection with Ava and Miss Sam inspired Ms. Zurchin, whose doctorate is in education, to write a book about dancers with different abilities called "Ava's First Dance Recital." A handful of publishers shot it down, but one company is interested, with more information coming in 2022.

"At the recital, kids came up and said, 'How's she going to dance? She's in a wheelchair," Ms. Zurchin said. "They need to be able to read a kids book that says this is dancing."

Next up might be a book about how a boy with a tracheostomy tube can sing because Noah will likely start voice lessons at Cynthia's by summertime.

"In some ways it's surprising, but in other ways, it's not because he's always been a performer," Mr. Rob-bins said. "Even the very first time we met him, it was like a little performance."

At home, Noah strives to climb up stairs and onto



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Ava Allenberg, 12, of Banksville, stretches her arms with the help of dance instructor Sam Skobel, of Mt. Lebanon, during her dance class at Cynthia's School of Dance in Ross.



Ms. Skobel watches Noah Robbins, 6, of Lawrenceville, joke and play with his reflection in the mirror during his dance class.

beds, small steps his parents and physical therapists support, knowing they're all leaps toward future independence. But those strides are impossible without confidence, which is something his dance studio targets by placing no boundaries on

the word "dancer." "The show goes on no matter what. It's the show of life," Ms. Zurchin said. "With these families, success is seeing them take that next step, that they could extend their arms, could hear that music, to stay with the rest of the group.

"Even if their feet aren't moving exactly the same, it's just reaching for more."

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Ex-reporter writes book to help kids cope with infusions

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wants to do nothing but get up and move around," Ms. Brennan told the Post-Gazette. "It was at that time that I thought, 'We need to have a book for this.

On Dec. 6, she released "Caroline's Infusion Day," a children's book walking kids through one of her daughter's regular hospital visits. Ms. Brennan wrote the rhyming story, while her 16-year-old niece Elleigh Culver did all the book's illustrations. Ideally, they would both like to get the book into hospitals and into the hands of parents with kids going through an ordeal similar to Caroline's

'I want the other families to know that they are seen, Ms. Brennan said. "It can be a very isolating journey and very heavy. But they are not

'The scariest point of our life'

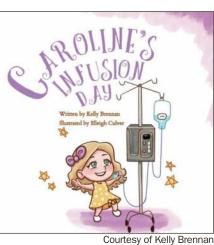
At first, no one could seem to figure out why Caroline was crying all the time. Ms. Brennan felt a sense of relief when Caroline was finally diagnosed but also said it "was the scariest point of our life" because juvenile dermatomyositis was so uncommon that the family didn't have anyone they could lean on for advice.

For the first two years of her treatment, Caroline was going in for infusions every four weeks. A routine quickly began to form where Ms. Brennan's family would come over to watch Lily, who would stand on a rock at the edge of their property and wave goodbye as her parents and



Andrew Rush/Post-Gazette

Kelly Brennan plays with her 4-year-old daughter, Caroline, in their McCandless home.



"Caroline's Infusion Day" is written by Kelly Brennan and illustrated by her 16-year-old niece, Elleigh Culver.



Ihor V.F./Courtesy of Courtney Brennan Kelly Brennan, left, used to work as a reporter for WTAE-TV while sister Courtney Brennan was a reporter for WPXI-TV.

sister drove to Children's Hospital.

Ms. Brennan and Mr. Culver would always arrive prepared with snacks, toys, other distractions and Band-Aids that Caroline loves handing out to other infusion patients. She receives an intravenous immunoglobulin treatment that used to keep her hospitalized for 14 hours. sometimes overnight. The family would pass the time by playing games, driving around the halls of Children's in a toy car and just generally keeping Caroline preoccu-

pied. On occasion, Ms. Brennan's older sister, Courtney Brennan, 39, of Lawrenceville and a former

WPXI-TV reporter and anchor, would watch Lily while the rest of the family was hospital-bound. Lily would spend the day playing with Courtney's son, Henry, and Courtney was always prepared with Caroline's favorite treats when it was time to head home.

These days, Caroline only has to go in once every six weeks for infusions that last just six to eight hours. She used to take eight medications a day but now only has to deal with one or two. Everyone can see how much stronger Caroline seems and for how much longer that resilience lasts

between treatments 'She's very inspiring," El-

leigh Culver, of Thornville, Ohio, said of Caroline. "She inspired this book. She's strong and honestly, I hope to be like her. I'm over a decade older than her, but I want to be like her and Kelly."

Sister act

Local news viewers probably remember the Brennan sisters from their reporting days. The Ross natives were the rare sibling duo to be working for rival news stations in their hometown.

In 2017, Kelly decided to step away from news reporting while still pregnant with Caroline. Courtney opted to leave her station in 2019. The two somehow

once again landed in the same industry and now are enjoying robust second careers as bloggers and social media influencers.

"I always laugh because I think it's really funny that we were in news together at the same and then decided to leave news and go into the digital space," Courtney

Kelly said she misses "the team that I worked with and that type of storytelling" but not so much the hustle and bustle of the news business. Finding a new professional path has given her "a great balance for the work and home life that I was trying to achieve," especially with how much extra care Caroline needs.

Courtney described her niece as "spunky and sassy," two qualities she believes have helped Caroline thrive despite the hardships she faces due to her illness. She is proud of Caroline for being so brave in the face of something she's too young to fully understand and of her sister for not only being a super mom but now also for the impact she's going to have with this book going forward.'

"Bravo to Kelly for being a relentless advocate for her daughter," Courtney said. "She knew something was wrong, she didn't know what, she couldn't get answers but she didn't stop. ... She saved her life. Even though it's been really difficult, I'm really happy that Caroline is doing so well and really proud of Kelly, a true mama bear who wouldn't stop because she knew something wasn't right.

Mom training at work

"Caroline's Infusion Day" was the culmination of everything Kelly has observed about her daughter's infusion experience that she hopes will also help both parents and their children with their own situations. She used her own "mom training" to make such a heavy subject as digestible as possible for the younger crowd.

"We had to break it down step by step," she said. "As much as I want it to be joyful and uplifting, it has to be honest. ... I find that I have to be honest but not go over the top with scaring the child. I was trying to find that balance of what to expect, how's it going to feel and what it will look like."

Elleigh took care of the aesthetics, which she managed to capture without ever actually attending one of Caroline's infusion days due to COVID-19 hospital restrictions. Her aunt would text her photos that she drew inspiration from for her illustrations that she said were "a bit of a middle ground" between realism and more cartoonish visuals. The young artist kept it "cutesy" with lots of bright colors, especially Caroline's yellow dress.

Working on "Caroline's Infusion Day" helped Elleigh realize that drawing could be more than a hobby for her. She now wants to pursue a career as a storyboard artist, and that inspiration came directly from her aunt and Caroline.

"I feel like I got closer to her and Caroline, and I'm so thankful for this experience," Elleigh said. "I truly got to understand more about the things [she and Kevin] do for Caroline and what Caroline through."

Courtney recalled going to Caroline's first few infusions with her and how scared and upset the little girl was. She went with Kelly and Caroline to a recent infusion and was struck by Caroline's sunny disposition as she drove her car around the hallways of Children's while still attached to her IVIG. To Courtney, Caroline's spirit and sassiness make her the perfect protagonist for a book that kids like her can hopefully relate to.

And her mom is certain that Caroline has a bright future ahead of her.

'I don't know why this is her journey," Kelly said. "I don't know that we'll ever know why. But I know that something great always comes out of something that's so challenging. There's a future for her that's built upon the strength and courage that she's building on the face of

"This disease will not limit her. She won't let it.'

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Rosie was a runner, but now her legacy is protecting other dogs

By Linda Wilson Fuoco Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

osie had some tough times, though many people stepped up to try to give her a better life. The pretty dog, who looked like a golden retriever mix, spent her first six years in a farm shed before being taken into the Animal Friends shelter in Ohio Township on Aug. 17. She spent several weeks in a foster home and then on Sept. 26 moved into what dog lovers call a "furever home."

Less than a week after she was adopted, Rosie bolted from her new home. Two weeks later she was hit and killed by a car.

Although the end of her short life was tragic, "Every step of the way in Rosie's life, she was loved," said Chris O'Donnell, the Armstrong County humane agent who came to Rosie's rescue last summer.

Rosie's life and legacy are the inspiration for the Rosie's Rule program launched by Animal Friends. The goal is to save the lives of dogs like Rosie scared, skittish and at high risk of running away — by outfitting them with GPS tracking collars.

Rosie took off from her new home in Bethel Park less than a week after she entered it. For two weeks she ran through the wooded areas of the Allegheny County's South Park. Hundreds of people volunteered to find her and reunite her with her adopter, Robert Fragasso.

He's a longtime Animal Friends board member who has been adopting dogs for decades. He generally owns three to five dogs at a time. None of them ever ran away from his home.

Mr. Fragasso took two weeks off from his financial advisory business, spending all of his waking hours looking for Rosie. He was helped by his adult daughters and many friends, including An-

good collar

imal Friends employees and volunteers. They printed up flyers and distributed them to businesses and residents who live near the park.

They stopped at barns and talked to horse owners who regularly ride through the park. They notified Allegheny County Police and parks personnel. Everyone was looking for Rosie, and many spotted her and called Mr. Fragasso to report her location.

The spooked dog ran away from everyone who

Mr. Fragasso even enlisted the aid of The Rexcuers, a group of volunteers who track and trap lost dogs.

"They've reunited 80 dogs and owners" in recent years, Mr. Fragasso said. "This was their first fail."

How Rosie's rescue came about

"A man has a dog locked up in a shed, and he's not feeding it," an anonymous telephone caller told Ms. O'Donnell last summer. She investigated the complaint and found Rosie in a shed by herself.

"I never had a chance to pet Rosie; she was shy and kept running away from Ms. O'Donnell said. The shed was full of dog feces, and Rosie apparently had little contact with people, but she was well fed and healthy.

Owner Richard Kammerdiner, 57, "clearly loved Rosie" but said he had health and mobility problems that were making it increasingly difficult to give Rosie the life she deserved, Ms. O'Donnell said.

Mr. Kammerdiner served in the Navy Seebees from 1982 to 1985, followed by 17 years in the Navy reserves. He receives SSI payments for his disabilities.

He agreed to give up Rosie



Rosie's story and legacy will save dogs in the future.

if the humane agent could find a home where she could have a better life. Animal Friends agreed to take in the

dog.

Here's another good thing that happened because of Rosie. Mr. Fragasso, a Vietnam veteran, contacted veterans groups "to get Mr. Kammerdiner the benefits and help he deserves," Ms. O'Donnell said.

Mr. Kammerdiner said volunteers of a nonprofit organization have contacted him and said they are looking into getting him a mobility scooter and perhaps a ramp to help him enter and leave his home. He's excited about that.

He's said he's sad, but not angry, about Rosie's death.

"It could have have happened here, at my home," he said in a telephone interview. In fact, Rosie had escaped from her shed multiple times and was gone for hours but always returned

Rosie spent about two weeks in the shelter before spending six weeks in the foster home provided by Carla Patarini, who works at Animal Friends and has volunteered for 10 years as a "foster mom."

Rosie was affectionate, appreciative and obedient while living with Ms. Patarini. She got along great with the other dogs in the house and never showed signs of being a "runner" or "bolter.'

When Mr. Fragasso inquired about adopting Rosie, Ms. Patarini took her to Bethel Park to meet Bob and his dogs. The meet-and-greet was a success.

At the annual AF Black Tie and Tails fundraiser on Sept. 25, Mr. Fragasso announced that he was adopting Rosie. He's been working from home during the COVID-19 pandemic, and Rosie followed him around the house, napping in his home office while he worked. She was "sweet and nice" and seemed happy and content, he said.

On Oct. 1 he took her to a professional groomer to be bathed and brushed. She enjoyed the attention and the pampering, Mr. Fragasso

When he drove back to Bethel Park, he pulled his car into the garage. He simultaneously pushed the button to bring down the electric garage door while opening the car door to let Rosie out. She



Rosie, right, naps with Sage at the home of Carla Patarini, who fostered Rosie before Robert Fragasso adopted the dog.

ran under the garage door and into the county park. She was wearing a halter and a collar with identification and leash attached.

'Fellow board member Jeff Gleason mentioned tracking collars, so I ordered one for Rosie," Mr. Fragasso said. The collar arrived three days after Rosie was killed. Her tracking collar is now worn by Duke, his 12year-old beagle.

Tracking collars have long been used by owners of hunting dogs, including the fox hounds in the Sewickley Hunt. Those collars have a wire antenna that sticks up alongside the dog's head. That's fine in the hunting field but not a good device for house pets that sleep in beds and lounge on couches. Plus, they can cost as much as \$500.

Inspired by Mr. Fragasso's situation, Animal Friends came up with a program they call Rosie's Rule.

Animal Friends research found the Fi Smart Dog Collar, which sells for \$149 on the company website. The antennas are contained inside the collar, with no antenna wire sticking up. A smart phone app is used to track the dog.

The company agreed to sell the collars to the shelter for \$100 each. Animal Friends started a fundraising campaign to buy the collars for shelter dogs who are fearful, shy and/or likely to

By mid-November, more than \$6,300 was donated to the Rosie's Rule program and 47 shelter dogs were wearing the collars. When the RRP dogs go to foster or adoptive homes, the collars go with them. Though the collars come in multiple colors, all of the Animal Friends collars are pink, in memory of Rosie.

Any dog owner can buy a tracking collar through the shelter and get the \$100 discounted price. The Orphans of the Storm shelter in Kittanning, where Ms. O'Donnell volunteers, will be using the collars. Other shelters and rescues are considering joining the campaign.

Rosie's legacy continues to benefit others. The Rexcuers organization, whose volunteers were out day and night looking for the dog. "refuse to take any money for their efforts," Mr. Fragasso said. His daughters Christine Robinette, Kathleen Fertig and Vicki Fragasso — bought a large trapping cage and donated it to The Rexcuers, he said.

"They call it Rosie's cage." Go to the Animal Friends thinkingoutsidethecage.org website to learn more, order a collar or make a donation.

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Students' design sense masks materials they used for 'Runway Repurposed' event

By Sandy Trozzo

hen tasked with coming up with a dress design that reuses everyday items, North Allegheny seniors Abby Rapp and Madison Krause only had to look at their own faces and those of their classmates.

Their strapless dress made from disposable black face masks won first place for best student design in The Salvation Army's Runway Repurposed event this

"We were going back and forth about things that we could use, and I said, Wouldn't it be funny if we did a mask?" Abby said.

Runway Repurposed was formerly the Garbage Bag Gala, which ran for a decade in the early 2000s with proceeds benefitting The Salvation Army's Family Caring Center, a homeless shelter that houses entire families.

North Allegheny's family and consumer science students entered the contest from 2017-19, and the event was canceled in 2020.

Teacher Elizabeth Gallagher, who is also the department chair for family and consumer science, said the students work on designs for the event during the class's "sustainability" unit. "We talk about reusing and repurposing material," such as "turning an article of clothing into something else, like a purse or handbag.'

The Runway Repurposed event allows them to do what she called "the unconventional material challenge using unconventional materials to create a runway design."

She said her class at North Allegheny Senior High School looked on social media for examples of un-conventional materials "to get them inspired." Students then had to draw sketches, bring in the materials and start working.

Then the fun started, Abby and Madison said.

'It was definitely a challenge," Madison said. "It obviously is very different than normal fabric, but we had to figure out how to use the machines that work with the masks. It was a lot of trial

'We had very, very little sewing experience before,"



Brandi Smith photos

Seniors Abby Rapp, left, and Madison Kraus designed a prize-winning dress made from 70 black face masks in North Allegheny Senior High School's family and consumer science class.

designed the dress made

Students Jaida Copeland and Brooke Demers-Pollard from Target bags, while Trinity Fitzgerald, Julia Berger and Jamey Simon designed a "birthday party dress" that used tissue paper. Abby said she took the

Seniors Brooke Demers-Pollard, left, and Jaida Copeland

show a dress made from Target bags they designed.

From left, juniors Julia Berger and Trinity Fitzgerald and senior

Jamey Simon designed a tissue paper "birthday party dress."

class because she wanted to go into fashion design. "I wasn't expecting to really be doing this much sewing at first, but it was part of the class," she said. "I'm more excited about doing this in

All middle school students in North Allegheny take FCS, and there are 15 different electives for students in grades nine through 12 focusing on food, child development, sports nutrition, fashion and interior design. A preschool at the senior high school is also run through the department.

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fashionably good

Abby added. "That was also part of the challenge. We never dealt with such a big

project. The dress consists of 70

masks. Ms. Gallagher said the students worked on their

projects for four weeks. 'What was really unique and interesting on it, they had these designs on paper, but, as they tried to bring them to life, they ran into challenges and had to pivot and try something new," she

Ten dresses were created, and three were entered into the contest. One of those, made from Target bags, did not win but received a lot of applause from those attending the gala.

'The Target dress was a really great dress that they really worked hard on," Ms. Gallagher said. "The audience clapped and cheered when they saw both of the dresses come down. They really had the command of the

Sewickley cellist is working to engage communities through music

By Jeremy Reynolds Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

hat's a talented cellist from Sewickley to do during the summer before her junior year at The Juilliard School?

Most folks probably wouldn't put "golf caddying" anywhere near the top of the list, but the Sewickley Heights Golf Club is nonetheless where cellist Elizabeth Edwards chose to spend some of her spare time over the break.

"One of the guys I caddy for was working on a fundraiser for KidsVoice," Ms. Edwards said in a phone interview in late November, explaining that she wound up performing at the event in September. That fundraiser raised about \$85,000 to support the charity, which advocates for kids in the community who've experienced neglect and trauma.

Such a performance is right up Ms. Edwards' alley. At Juilliard, she's a participant in the school's Community Engagement program, which forms interdisciplinary ensembles that create programs for nursing homes, hospitals, youth centers and more every other

She performs in a trio with two dancers.

"As a musician, community engagement should be part of every performance, not a special thing that you do sometimes," she said. "Classical music can have this air of being a status thing, but it shouldn't be like that. That's



Elizabeth Edwards is a junior at Juilliard and a participant in the school's Community Engagement program.

easy to say, but it's harder to put it into practice."

Through the Community Engagement program, she and her collaborators have developed audience-friendly programs to welcome listeners of all stripes and backgrounds. The performers emphasize audience interaction and work to "smash through that glass wall and connect," she said.

"It's so rewarding," she added. "There's a difference between playing on a stage where people buy tickets and these smaller community-based concerts; you get

to engage.' Ms. Edwards was born in England and holds dual citizenship. Her family is generally artistic — her father is an art teacher, and her three siblings all play string in-



Courtesy of Elizabeth Edwards

Ms. Edwards, left, and her collaborator Jade Diouf, a fellow Juilliard student, perform a community engagement program at Hassenfeld Children's Hospital in New York.

good engagement

struments as well. She picked up the cello at the mature age of 5 and began attending Juilliard's pre-college program in her junior year of high school.

While Ms. Edwards has long performed in community service capacities at nursing homes, she said that participating in Juilliard's program has convinced her that this will be a significant and necessary part of her career. She and her collaborators are currently working to teach middle school performers about opportunities to get involved and play in their own communities at hospitals and the like.

"I'd love to be able to come home and do this in Sewickley and really expand the program," she said, adding that she's intending to connect with Sewickley schools in the spring to discuss doing so.

She's also planning some community engagement concerts in the Pittsburgh area over the holiday break. "Any audience can enjoy

classical music depending on how you present it," she said. "I'm really grateful for Juilliard's program. As a school they provide a lot of exposure and opportunities for this, which I'm grateful for. They're trying new ways to connect.

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after brain surgery surprised on 'Ellen' show

By Abby Mackey Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

ne day after brain surgery, Bethel Park teacher K.D. Meucci went live on Facebook to read a book to her students from Benjamin Franklin Elementary School, just as she'd done nearly every week since 2019.

To her, keeping that appointment was about "peace of mind" for her students, to let them know she was OK. But the rest of the world saw that action a bit differently.

After local outlets picked up on the story, national ones caught on. People magazine, "Inside Edition," newspapers across the country and even a few in the United Kingdom spread the word. And then, "The Ellen Degeneres Show" called.

"It was wild," Ms. Meucci said. "I don't know how to navigate this stuff: I'm a teacher!"

In late October, the show's producers shipped Ms. Meucci a suitcase full of tech equipment to film a segment from her dining room.

Recorded on Oct. 28, the segment aired on Dec. 17, when guest host Howie Mandel surprised Ms. Meucci with offers from Ms. Degeneres, the show's D.J., tWitch, and himself to be videoed guest readers for her class.

"But that's not all," he said in his best infomercial host's voice. Inside a giant get well card was a \$25,000 check from children's digital library, Epic, for Ms. Meucci, and the company gave each student at Benjamin Franklin Elementary a one-year subscription to Epic Unlimited, providing access to more than 40,000 digital modia titles.

digital media titles.

"There was a lot of negativity about schools with the mask mandates, and I think the 'Ellen' show shined a positive light on education as a whole, and

good TV

Teacher who read to her students one day



Courtesy of K.D. Meucci

Bethel Park teacher K.D. Meucci, left, with her school's principal, Teresa Ader-Doumont, prepares for Ms. Meucci's segment on "The Ellen Degeneres Show." The teacher's story was recorded for the program in late October and aired in mid-December.



Michael Mei

Ms. Meucci reads to her students at Benjamin Franklin Elementary School in Bethel Park via Facebook Live just one day after undergoing brain surgery.

that is needed at this needed at this needed at this point in time," said Benjamin Franklin Elementary School Principal Teresa Ader-Doumont, who was present at Ms. Meucci's home for the filming. "I'm

just glad that K.D. directly benefitted from that, moreso that she's from Benjamin Franklin Elementary School."

But the next day, Ms. Meucci was transported to the hospital by ambulance and spent four days at Allegheny General Hospital to fight sepsis. Her health care team ran a slew of tests to determine the infection's source. Though ultimately determined to be a coincidental virus or a reaction to medication, the bright side — Ms. Meucci always

seems to find it — was that her MRI and lumbar puncture's results were "perfect."

"I've developed this 'the present is here, and we're going to enjoy it because I don't know what tomorrow's going to bring' perspective," she said.

The present for her includes preparing herself to return to the classroom after winter break. Knowing she takes 9,000 or 10,000 steps each day at school, she spent December working her way up to that number, sometimes even meeting some of her students at the track.

"She's one to get involved," Ms. Ader-Doumont said. "She goes beyond the walls of the classroom," such as showing up to students' sporting events, making home visits before the start of the school year or putting "Welcome to the Meucci crew" signs in their yards. "Little things like that are exceptional, but the ripple effect is boundless."

Often, those ripples are noticed privately, between teachers, students and families, but in December on national TV, the effects of Ms. Meucci's decision to "get involved," even after brain surgery, was out there for the world to see.

"Who would've thought that through this whole journey that people would find such a silver lining in this?" Ms. Meucci said. "I'm really glad I've been able to shine some hope into people's lives."

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random acts of kindess

Neighbors pitch in to help with holiday spirit

We always buy a 12-foot Christmas tree, which in recent years has been too heavy for me to handle by myself.

This year, when I arrived home with it on top of my SUV, I was getting ready to call a friend for help when my neighbor, John, came over to help me get it off the car.

While we were doing that, another neighbor, Elissa, stopped by to see if she could help. They wanted to take the tree in the house then, but I declined because I had to cut the trunk and remove some lower branches so it would fit in the holder.

In about two minutes, Elissa returned and said, "In an hour my husband and a friend will be here to help you." About an hour later, Aaron and Jared arrived, very quickly carried the tree inside and set it up. I can't thank them enough for their wonderful selfless act of thoughtfulness and caring for a neighbor.

GLENN BUSH Moon

One small kind act quickly paid forward

I was at Rite Aid in West Mifflin. I helped a young mother get laundry soap on sale

When I got to the checkout I told her to go ahead of me. When I went to check out, she insisted on paying for my items. I said, "Thanks, but you don't have to do that."

She wouldn't take no for an answer.

I was crying to think there are nice people in this world. I hope you know how much that meant to me.

Thank you from the bot-

tom of my heart. P.S. She made my Christmas.

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The Post-Gazette's Kevin Flowers coordinates Random Acts of Kindness. If someone has done you or someone else right, please tell him about it at kflowers@post-gazette.com. You also can write Random Acts of Kindness at the Post-Gazette, 358 North Shore Drive, Suite 300, Pittsburgh, PA 15212.



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good-sized checks

Ugly holiday sweaters raise a little cheer for animal sanctuary



Photos courtesy of GO Laurel Highlands

GO Laurel Highlands' Jared Bundy and Kristin Ecker, left, visit the Unity Township animal sanctuary operated by Animal Friends of Westmoreland to donate proceeds from its Pour Tour ugly holiday sweater sales to, at right, Animal Friends' Kelli Brisbane and Markus Galvan.

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or the beer-for-good files: This past holiday season, the GO Laurel Highlands visitors bureau sold a limited-edition "ugly holiday" sweater on its Laurel Highlands Pour Tour craft drinks trail. They planned to do something good with the

The group sold 51 sweaters, which brought in \$255, then collected an additional \$138 in donations. GO Laurel Highlands chipped in the balance to round out the



A sheep at the Unity
Township animal sanctuary
operated by Animal Friends
of Westmoreland.

amount to \$500, which they gave to Animal Friends of Westmoreland's animal shelter in Unity.

With volunteerism and donations both down dramatically due to the pandemic, the people who run shelter were most grateful.

During the current Shamrock Shuffle promotion, visitors to 17 stops on the Pour Tour by Feb. 7 earn a limited-edition green Irishthemed T-shirt.

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Farm repurposes its award to make sure kids have 'got milk'

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he American Dairy Association North East recently recognized the forward thinking of Maple Bottom Farm in Scottdale, Westmoreland County, and Dawson, Fayette County, with its Dairying for Tomorrow Award. That meant that farm owners Mike and Vickie Baker got to give the \$1,000 to a school district or a food bank of their choice.

The Bakers chose the Southmoreland School District, which is spending it on portable cooling equipment to keep milk cold for students.

"We hope to develop lifelong, loyal milk drinkers, and that usually starts in school," said Ms. Baker. She and her husband invite guests to their sunflower field in season, their Farmhouse B&B as well as take part in tours



Courtesy of American Dairy Association North East School nutrition director Vicki Capone from the Southmoreland School District accepts the \$1,000 check used to purchase portable milk cooling equipment from the American

of the dairy operation, where they process Golden Guernsey dairy

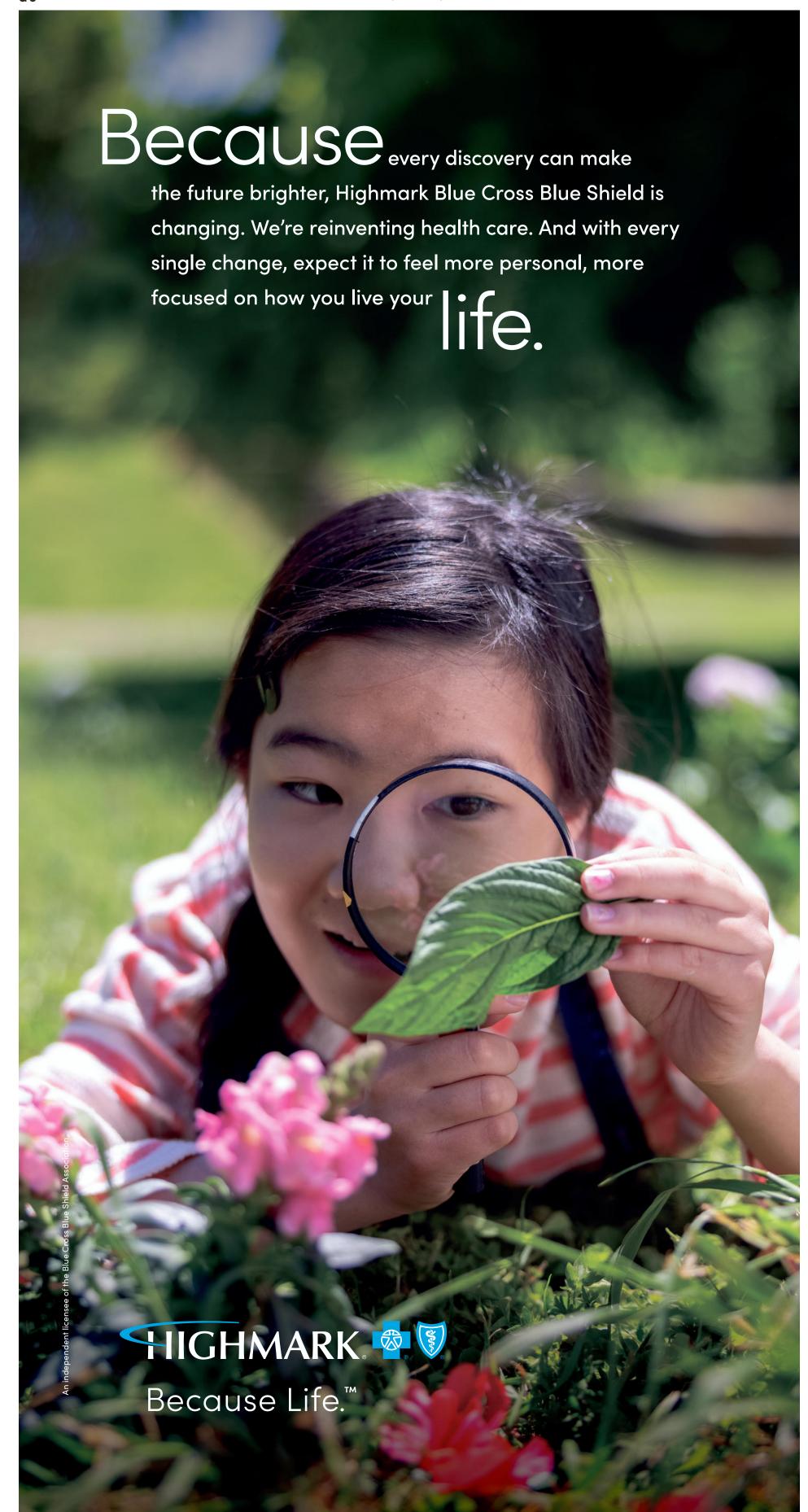
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Andr Guernsey dairy cows at Maple Bottom Farm in Dawson, Fayette County.



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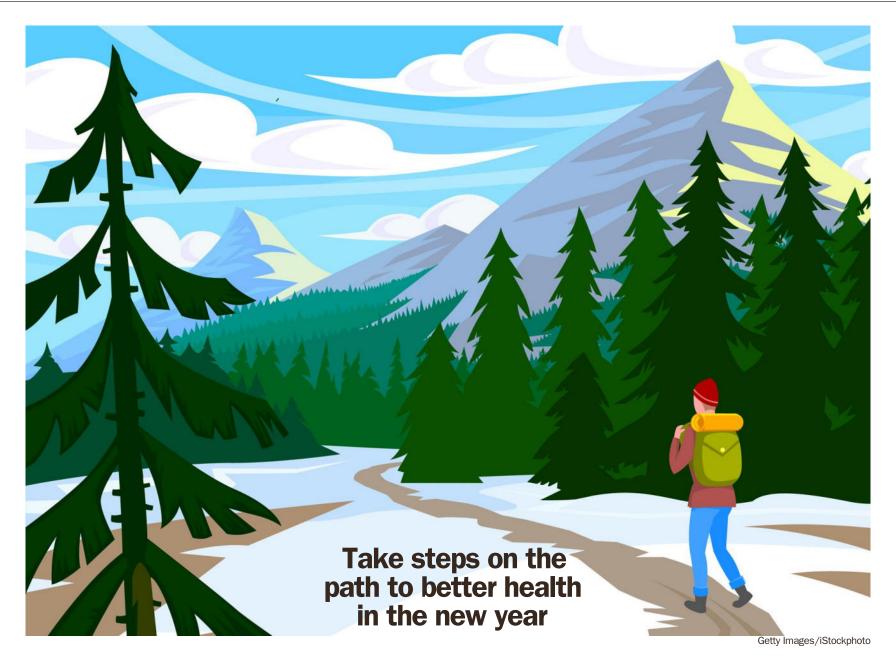
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Get outside, even in the winter

The simple advice I give my patients and fellow colleagues is there's rarely such a thing as bad weather, just bad gear. A little bit of preparation is key: Check the weather ahead of time and dress appropriately. That's the main thing.

It has some element of beauty to it, and people feel better when they're outside in general. Whether it's a sunny day or snowing, if you hear the birds chirping, if you see a squirrel in your path or you get some sun on your face, there's just enjoyment with it. We need more of that in our life. People should expect to feel the benefits of beauty, and with that comes improvements in their mood if done on a frequent enough basis, or improvements in their depression or anxiety. Blood pressure starts to come down: weight starts to come down. There are improvements in HbA1c, which is a measure of diabetic control, and a drop in triglycerides or total cholesterol.

And beyond all of that, a lot of us have lost connection with the outdoors, and it's good for us to reconnect because the planet needs us. There's some evidence that in spending time outdoors, people have a better opportunity for relation-ship with the outdoors that's meaningful to them, and that might make them want to do something about it. Protecting the environment is also a piece of the puzzle, not just using the outdoors for

Although we like to think of ourselves as apart from nature — that we have to go into nature — we are in fact part of nature. Human beings are a part of the animal kingdom, part of the fauna. And, frankly, we've evolved for millions of years outdoors. We weren't designed to be indoors 90% of the time, which is what most Americans do every day.

There's nothing more natural for humans to do than spend time outdoors.

Dr. Robert Zarr, pediatrician at Unity Health Care in Washington, D.C., and founder and medical director of Park Rx America, a community health initiative to prescribe time outside

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lipping the calendar page to a new year offers a symbolic blank slate — a perfect time to set positive change in motion. Diet plans, gyms and makers of exercise equipment have whole marketing strategies built around this moment. But research shows that the vast majority of New Year's resolutions fail.

After nearly two years of being battered by the shifting do's and don'ts of COVID-19 restrictions, many people are feeling that there is little we can really control. This doesn't feel like the right time to beat ourselves up with guilt-inducing resolutions. Instead, here are accessible tweaks to things you may be able to control to help make a fresh start in 2022.

"Using healthy lifestyle modifications, it's easier for people to maintain behavioral change," said Dr. Bruce Rabin, a retired University of Pittsburgh and UPMC immunopathologist whose work has focused on the connections between the mind and the body.

Many New Year's resolutions zero in on exercise, which Dr. Rabin also emphasizes for its positive effects on both physical and mental health.

For those who don't like workouts, start with walking. You don't need gadgets to tell you if you're doing it right, Dr. Rabin said—there's an old-fashioned test.

"If you're walking and you can whistle, walk a little faster," he said. "If you cannot hold a conversation, slow down."

But exercise isn't the only way to nudge your health forward.

We've gathered advice from several experts on small steps you can take to have a healthier life in 2022. Here's to a healthy reset.

'Eat the rainbow' to battle fatigue

"For chronic fatigue, we're looking at inflammation, which is the underlying cause for most chronic disease, especially fatigue, post-COVID syndrome and immune-related disorders," Dr. Lavanya Karri said. "We are trying to reduce the inflammation in the body, and that's how we use the diet. We call it the anti-inflammatory diet, the AI diet, a combination of good foods that that decrease inflammation.'

The Cliff's Notes version is to "eat the rainbow

'Some of the key principles for fatigue is cutting out a lot of refined carbohydrates like white flours and added sugars because these tend to affect blood sugars in an unhealthy way. That's standard healthy nutrition to support energy," Melissa Accardi said. 'But replacing it with healthier carbohydrates, and with the anti-inflammatory diet, there's a huge emphasis on good quality carbohydrates and good quality nutrition from a variety of colorful produce and whole grain.

'I tell all my patients to plan one type of fruit or vegetable from each color per week: reds, greens, purples and even browns and whites. We do want to plan around the rainbow, and that can include healthy carbohydrates like sweet potatoes, winter squashes, beans and legumes.'

-Dr. Lavanya Karri, family medicine specialist at AHN's Center for Complementary and Integrative Health - Melissa Accardi, integrative registered dietitian nutritionist at AHN's Center for Complementary and Integrative Health

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'Emotional Hygiene'

Emotional hygiene means cleaning up our act from negative or harmful emotions. We sometimes call these the destructive emotions: anger, jealousy and pride.

Emotional hygiene looks at these blocks to our natural love and compassion that goes out to others as well as ourselves.

How can we begin to reduce and eliminate anger, jealousy and

We have to recognize anger when it's early. Early signs include tension in the muscles or the neck, perhaps getting red in the face, breathing faster, even sweating.

Paying attention means mindfulness.

Imagine that your early anger becomes a cloud and the cloud drifts across the sky and it completely dissolves along with your early anger.

This is guaranteed not to work the first time or the second or the

But if you keep practicing, it will reduce the frequency or intensity of your anger; it has for me.

I can remember a time when I got really visibly upset and that was 1984. It's rare and it's not very

-Dr. Barry Kerzin, the personal physician to the Dalai Lama and founder of the Altruism in Medicine Institute on the North Side

A better wake-up helps with better sleep

We keep our biology in alignment by what time we wake up and being exposed to bright light in the morning. Sleeping in on the weekend — that's the equivalent of flying to California without the benefit of the sunshine. It makes you feel jet-lagged, and you can't really

It's not just the total amount we sleep, it's our circadian rhythms. You want to work on wind-down routines, avoiding bright light, avoiding the phone, and have a brisk wake-up the next morning.

If you are a person who has a hard time falling asleep at night and you nap during the day, you're using up your homeostatic sleep drive, or sleep pressure. If you go to bed and can't fall asleep, get up and do something not too stimulating.

Avoid caffeine after 6 o'clock, because caffeine has a long half-life of about six hours. Alcohol tends to help you fall asleep, but it can disrupt your sleep.

We all live very busy lives and people tend to sacrifice sleep. You have to make sleep a priority.

-Peter Franzen, director, Sleep and Behavioral Neuroscience Program at UPMC



"Sleeping in on the weekend — that's the equivalent of flying to California without the benefit of the sunshine. It makes you feel jetlagged, and you can't really catch up."

Peter Franzen

Growing along with adolescents

My parents used to say to me, "No matter how old you get, you'll always be my baby." What hap-pens is children grow up and we never grow with them. They're moving into a different area.

When your kid was younger, their whole entree into the world was based on you and your house, but you become less important to them as their friends become more important. You want to give them unconditional love that becomes a platform for them to move into adulthood.

There are challenges with compliance, with children, adolescents and young adults. First of all, it's expected: They're going to test limits, and they're going to test rules.
If there is problematic behavior,

you have to rule out things that might be happening psychologically. One of the things we do with parents is let them know that if you starting meeting children and adolescents where they are, a lot of these challenges become not so much of a challenge.

When you're talking about preteens and teenager, think about this: What do they like, what motivates them? And you say, "If you want to go to your friend's house later, how about we make sure the garbage is out?'

Make sure kids understand your household rules. Try developing a behavioral contract. I'd throw electronics into the contract as long as you know it is collateral that has meaning to them. You sit down with them and work together, but remember that you're still the parent. Make sure if there are two of you that you have a meeting with everybody in the household, because kids have a way of going back and forth between parents and caregivers. The point of the contract is to make it really clear and simple. Folks work better when they know the expectations.

The hardest thing for parents to do is to stay consistent. If there are consequences you've decided on, don't change it on the spur of the moment just because you don't like what they mumbled under their breath. Don't up the ante and say, "Now you can't go out for a week."

-Michael Barfield, child and adolescent program director of clinical services at UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital

The right kind of snack before bedtime

A healthy snack an hour before bedtime — a really high-quality snack that's a combination of fruit, vegetables or whole grain carbohydrates like whole wheat crackers or popcorn, plus a pro-



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"The hardest thing for parents to do is to stay consistent." Michael Barfield

tein like nut butter, nuts, seeds or low-fat dairy — can make you feel content when you go to sleep. If you're noticing stress affecting your sleep, having a magnesiumrich snack like a nut or seed can reduce stress and anxiety.

A combination snack of quality carbs and protein has a high satiety factor. This combination sits in the stomach much longer than a

highly processed, low-fiber, lowprotein snack like chips, baked goods or hard candy. Those types of snacks have a low nutrient density compounded with a low satiety factor, which makes them ideal candidates for over-consumption. Over-consumption of a low nutrient-dense snack prior to bed may affect quality of sleep, and will certainly affect how your body recovers from your day compared with a high-quality, nutrient-dense snack.

It all ties together because if we don't get enough sleep, our bodies may be less resilient to stress and cue our hunger hormones to make us more ravenous. This may result in a higher calorie intake than needed and unwanted weight gain.

Jeffrey Lucchino, director of sports nutrition at UPMC

Stress reduction toolkit

To reduce the adverse effects of stress on your health you have to decrease the way your brain responds to stress. Think of the letters of the word RELAX:

Reflection: Enjoying participation in spiritual or religious activities, or taking time to reflect on things that add meaning and joy to

If you find comfort in prayer, make an effort to pray each day, either at home, on your own or in a house of prayer.

Spirituality can be calming and relaxing. It may be listening to pleasing music, playing an instrument, reading a book you enjoy, going for a walk, spending time with friends, meditating, or seeing beautiful objects in nature. Reflect on your own spirituality and what you enjoy doing to relax and calm yourself. Try to increase the amount of time you spend in spiritual activities.

Expectations: Being high in optimism, seeing the glass as half-full rather than half-empty

Being optimistic is associated with less illness, including heart disease and depression, and more rapid recovery from disease.

To increase your optimism when things do not seem to be going well, remember all of the good things that you do and that you are a good person. At the end of each day, think about the good things you did and the people you have enjoyed being with.

Accept that sometimes you make mistakes.

Laughter: Having a sense of humor and being able to laugh at some things in life

Laughing helps to keep stress hormone levels low.

Acquaintances: Being socially active and spending time with people you enjoy

Individuals who enjoy interacting with others have less stress hormone elevation when stressed than individuals who are lonely. (Of course, there are people who are content without a social support system. This does not apply to them.) Having social support and interactions may contribute to one's sense of wellbeing — by adding meaning to life through being wanted and appreciated by others.



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To increase your social interactions, volunteer to help others or join a local club or group.

Xercise: Being physically active Many aspects of mental and physical health are enhanced when you are physically active. In addition to the benefits for weight management and heart health, the number of cells in the brain are increased and the telomeres — caps on the ends of chromosomes — are longer, suggesting less cellular aging.

—Dr. Bruce Rabin, retired $\stackrel{-}{\textit{University of Pittsburgh and UPMC}}$ immunopathologist whose work has focused on the connections between the mind and the body

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Refresh pandemic parenting with help from Mr. Rogers

There have been two predominant messages we've carried especially over the past two years.

The first: Not everything has to be perfect to be effective. Sometimes it's just coming alongside, being there to support, and being there that matters the most. It is not necessarily about the content of what is said or how we're saying it, but our presence and the safety and comfort we bring to children by being there through their difficulties.

The second: We rely a lot on what Fred Rogers used to talk about in terms of the "outsides of childhood changing." And right now, the outsides of childhood are changing. None of us expected to be in a global pandemic, and we certainly didn't expect to be in it two years later. But the core of what children need — that hasn't changed. That core is that children need to know that they're loved, that they're taken care of. That even though there's challenge and uncertainty and that we as grownups might not have all of the answers, that we're going to be there to figure out the answers together.

— Dana Winters, executive director of the Fred Rogers Center for Early Learning and Children's Media at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe



"Being able to be fully present for children means being on their level, and that means not just physically meeting them at eye level; if they're sitting down, we're sitting down — that shows we're engaged, that we're invested, but it also shows that we're on their level emotionally."

Dana Winters

Cultivate healthy self-confidence

Stress, anxiety, fear, jealousy, pride — these things are deeply seated.

Just as with any ingrained habit, changing the way we respond is going to require repeated application.

Within a few weeks, you'll begin to notice a softening of some of the hard edges.

The first step is self-compassion, or learning how to take good care of ourselves. That means learning how to be gentle and kind to ourselves.

Cultivating healthy self-confidence requires finding the balance between too little and too much self-confidence. Most of us either tell ourselves we're not good enough or that we're better than others and we know it all.

In that posture of having too much ego, we lose our friends. It's a lonely existence and we don't grow. It's something like solitary confinement.

But self-criticism is also damaging. Likely it was imposed upon us when we were little — we heard things like, "you're not very pretty," "you're not very smart," "you're not very agile" — we adopted it as our own attitude.

If we remember that it is not ours, it becomes easier to get rid of

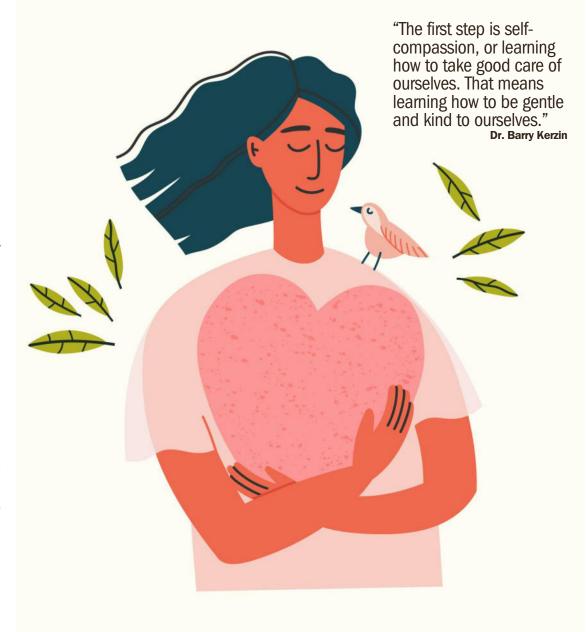
The goal is transforming it into its healthy opposite, which is patience, tolerance, love and compascien

— Dr. Barry Kerzin, the personal physician to the Dalai Lama andfounder of the Altruism in Medicine Institute on the North Side

Ditch the coffee jitters for tea

"Generally, with tea, people don't have that agitated feeling. When people drink coffee or higher amounts of caffeine and have that reaction, people previously blamed the caffeine. I think it's maybe something else that we don't know right now."

right now."
That "something else" may be



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Take breaks to accomplish moreSome patients are on the go, go,

amino acid, L-theanine, blocking

the behavioral effects of caffeine.

But regardless of the reason, it's

widely understood that tea-drink-

ers don't experience the jitters that

some java drinkers do while still

enjoying a pick-me-up and a host of

potential cardiovascular and anti-

on coffee just yet, take Dr. Liu's ad-

vice and listen to your body:

"When you start feeling agitated,

Eat (and 'cheat') with the

—Dr. Rui Hai Liu, professor of food science at Cornell University

Flavors and foods are kind of a

hobby. People just enjoy trying new things, trying different types

of flavors. There is science behind

these less healthy foods — like fast

food, sweets, higher-carb and

higher-fat foods — that do manipu-

late things in the brain to make you

meals per day for seven days, that

should be 21 meals, but if you do

80% of that, that's 17 healthy meals.

You have four meals to eat less

healthy. In terms of numbers, it

can give people more of a finite

thing to work towards, maybe just

some guidelines for people who

say, "I don't understand what 20%

"Having a piece of

chocolate or a

sometimes good

Abbey Bartkowski

Some people say, "I know myself

and I have to stay away from 'cheat meals.' " Other people do really

well with it; so, they have the two

pieces of chocolate at night after

dinner to curb their sweet tooth,

there are any studies on this partic-

ular diet. Eating foods that nourish

your body is a better way to look at it. "Healthy foods" are good for

you, full of vitamins and minerals

that make you feel full and ener-

gized. But having a piece of choco-

late or a craft beer can be good for

your soul. So you still have those,

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Abbey Bartkowski, registered

dietitian at Allegheny Health

just in the appropriate portions.

In terms of science, I'm not sure

and then they're done.

craft beer is

for your soul."

of my diet even looks like."

In a week if you have three

But if you aren't ready to give up

cancer benefits.

stop drinking."

80/20 principle

feel happier.

go. By the time they hit bed, their mind is still racing, though, physically, they're exhausted. They hardly get sleep for five to six hours, then they're off running, running, running.

They think, "I need more energy to be able to do more," and then we have to say, "Slow down: We need to take breaks."

Start with a 3- or 5-minute relaxation with reminders to do it periodically throughout the day, something like the 4-7-8 breathing technique [Inhale for a count of 4. Hold your breath for a count of 7. Exhale through your mouth for a count of 8.] from Dr. Andrew Weil [of Arizona State University.]

There are tons of videos online. With Google and YouTube, you don't have to spend a fortune.

— Dr. Lavanya Karri, family medicine specialist at AHN's Center for Complementary and Integrative Health

Cook your way to better eating habits

Taking a cooking class gives someone a lot of confidence in their relationship to food. For any person looking to change habits, cooking is key — you can prep ahead and meal plan a little more.

It makes going to the grocery store so much more fun.

Take an inventory of the food you have in your house. Start with your pantry and package up snacks into single servings so you're not tempted to overeat.

- Jeffrey Lucchino, director of sports nutrition at UPMC

Turn jealousy into admiration

When we get jealous we get more contracted, we feel more narrow, we get tighter — it makes things worse for us

It's just a matter of recognition
— we have to be on the alert, paying attention

We acknowledge it: Oh, I'm feeling jealous We can transform it to its oppo-

site: Admiration or appreciation.

Imagine a beautiful red Mercedes sports car that stops in front of a condo complex. One resident

of a condo complex. One resident might look out the window and react with jealousy, thinking, "She doesn't deserve it, I do." That person spends the night seething in rage, unable to sleep. Another neighbor opens the cur-

and sees the car, and thinks, "Oh, she's so fortunate! I'm going to go congratulate her."

That person runs outside

That person runs outside and says, "Oh, what a beautiful car!" That's transforming jealousy into admiration.

— Dr. Barry Kerzin, the personal physician to the Dalai Lama and founder of the Altruism in Medicine Institute on the North Side



"Some patients are on the go, go, go. By the time they hit bed, their mind is still racing, though, physically, they're exhausted."

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'Listen with your ears and your heart,' like Mr. Rogers said

"Being able to be fully present for children means being on their level, and that means not just physically — meeting them at eye level; if they're sitting down, we're sitting down — that shows we're engaged, that we're invested, but it also shows that we're on their level emotionally. If they are really excited about something, we want to share that excitement. If they're

feeling badly about something, we want to be there to be a part of the sadness, to show them that all of their feelings are OK."

But that advice doesn't only apply to kids.

"When we think about the importance of interactions in relationships, Fred Rogers didn't say 'human relationships are primary in all of living, but only until the age of 8.' All of these things apply throughout all of us as humans. Being able to connect with someone emotionally is the basis of every relationship.

"Fred talked very often about the importance of the conversations that occurred after the television program was turned off. That means that if we go back and watch these as adults, we are catching all those messages as well, and that was intentional."

— Dana Winters, executive director of the Fred Rogers Center for Early Learning and Children's Media at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe

Don't skip breakfast

You've heard it before, but when people don't eat breakfast it makes a big difference.

I coach high school cross-country and I saw some of the runners were always really tired. When I sent out an infographic of things to eat, it did help them, especially with athletics.

You want protein and carbohydrates, like toast with peanut butter or yogurt and granola. Eggs and toast make a great staple breakfast. They'll both help keep you full.

If you jump-start your metabolism in the morning, you'll stay fuller until lunchtime and you're more likely to make a good choice.

— Julia Denison, registered dietitian and clinical nutrition coordinator at Magee-Womens Hospital

When life hands you roadblocks — like a pandemic — envision the goal and journal it

Anytime that we can target a date, we can have a plan. Our ability to target into the future at times is futile.

I tell people to keep a dream journal. What would your dream be, or if you could take a step toward that dream, what would you do?

We have to keep those particular juices alive. It's good for people to dream and have something in front of them.

I don't always like the word "dreaming" because it has a fantasy about it. But "envisioning" means that this is within my field of vision, and I can accomplish this given the right circumstances.

I once heard a wise man say, "You can't think two thoughts at the same time." If you're thinking or imagining being in water, rocking back and forth slowly, and the warm water covering your body, you can't be thinking about your taxes due at the end of the month.

It gives the mind a break, and that's what's necessary now.

— Nancy Lardo, Ph.D., director and counselor at the Center for Counseling Arts in Wilkinsburg



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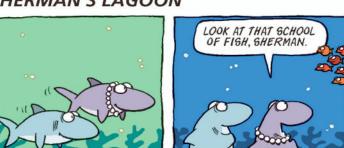




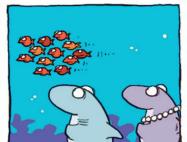




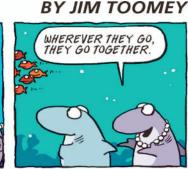
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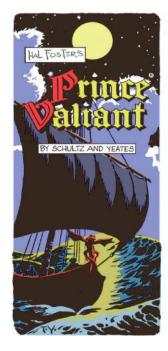








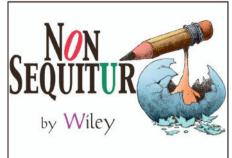














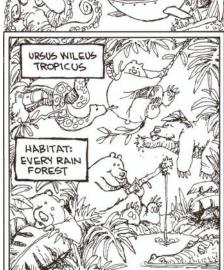
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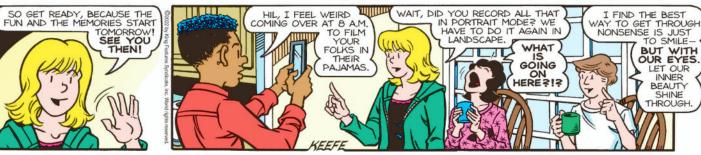












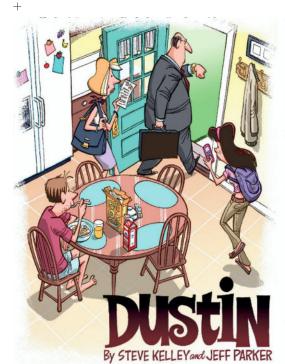


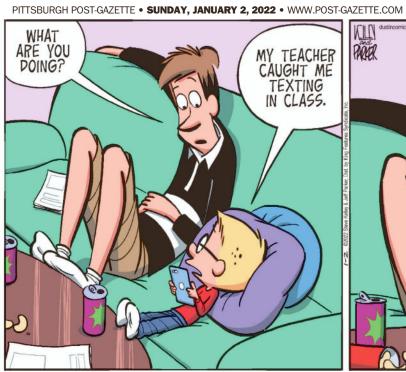
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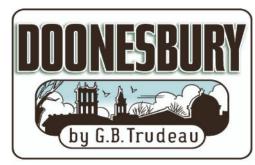








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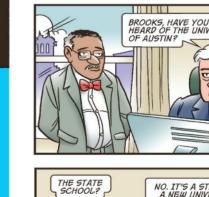


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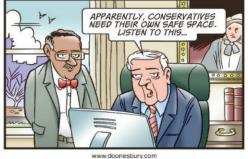




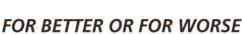








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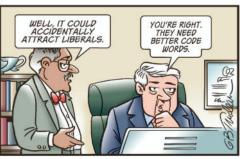






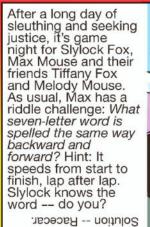




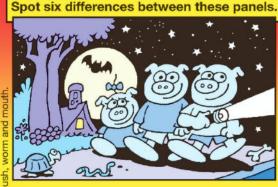


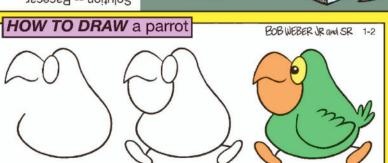
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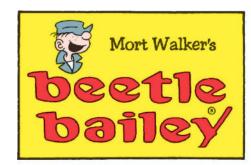
a) Eagles b) Crows

c) Parrots

Answer -- c) Parrots can grasp food with a foot and then move it up to their beak so they can nibble on it.



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